

LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

Members of the Environmental Advisory Committee stated on October 10, 2019, the Henderson County Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) voted on the final version of the Low Impact Development Initiative. On October 14th, 2019, the Henderson County Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) submitted a letter to the Board of Commissioners presenting the Low Impact Development Initiative. The document can be included as an appendix with designer and engineering Request For Qualifications (RFQs) that are released by the County. This initiative is not an attempt to increase regulation or create statutory requirements. Rather it should act as a guidance document for both county staff and outside consultants to aid in the decision-making process in a cradle-to-grave approach.

Chris Berg, an appointed member of the Environmental Advisory Committee, introduced Phillip Ellis who provided the Board with a presentation outlining the Proposal for a Low Impact Development Initiative on behalf of the Environmental Advisory Committee. Vice-Chair McCall stated the information should be included in documentation the Board is reviewing as part of the 2045 Comprehensive Plan

EDNEYVILLE ELEMENTARY SEWER UPDATE

County Engineer, Marcus Jones, updated the Board on the status of the Edneyville Elementary Sewer project. He stated the preliminary engineering reports were complete and the project has now moved into a detailed rate study. The Board then directed staff to send a letter to the City of Hendersonville requesting clear answers to several questions the Board has regarding this project and the potential connection to the City of Hendersonville's existing sewer system. Questions such as, What the cost would be to connect to the current sewer system, would there be conditions involved, and if the City would agree to maintain the option that is chosen? Commissioner Edney added the letter that is sent to the City of Hendersonville also needs to be sent to the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) because they could also be an equal partner for the treatment, operation, and management for the option chosen.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN UPDATE

Assistant County Manager Amy Brantley provided the Board with the most current information available on the American Rescue Plan. The public comment period on the Interim Final Rule closed on July 16, 2021. The latest edition of Frequently Asked Questions provided by Treasury is from July 19, 2021.

2021.67 BUDGET AMENDMENT – HURRICANE ISAIAS

Jimmy Brissie, Emergency Services Director, stated during the fall of 2020 Hurricane Isaias struck North Carolina. The State of North Carolina operates a statewide search and rescue program for response to widespread events such as this storm. Henderson County serves as a resource to the State providing a "Type I" team of rescuers from partner Emergency Services agencies. As part of the response Henderson County sent personnel with equipment to assist our neighbors in Eastern North Carolina.

As part of the Statewide Mutual Aid agreement NC Emergency Management provides reimbursement for approved missions. Henderson County Emergency Management staff worked in conjunction with our partner agencies to compile the costs of the deployment which were submitted during the fall of 2020. The State provided reimbursement of \$21,499 to Henderson County for the costs of the deployment. These funds will be distributed to the deployed partner agencies and to reimburse the County for expenses incurred.

Motion:

Commissioner Edney made the motion the Board approve the budget amendments authorizing the receipt of funds as reimbursement for the Hurricane Isaias deployment and provide reimbursement to the partner agencies as approved in the State reimbursement package. All voted in favor and the motion carried 5-0.