



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO: 8.

DATE OF MEETING: October 15, 2012

REQUESTED BY: Ben Andrea, Planner II, Planning & Community Development

SHORT TITLE: Resolution Authorizing an Application to the Southeast Environmental Alliance Mini Grant Program for Funding to Create, Print, and Laminate 20 Educational Posters for Use by the Pender County Schools.

BACKGROUND: The Southeast Environmental Education Alliance Mini Grant Program provides small grants in support of programs and projects that support and advance environmental education and environmental literacy in the southeastern region, including North Carolina.

Planning Staff has been seeking funding for printing of a large poster that can be utilized by Pender County Schools, particularly for 8th Grade students and teachers. In North Carolina, the concepts of hydrology and non-point source pollution are required curriculum topics for 8th Grade science classes, and an educational poster showing the watersheds and hydrology in Pender County would provide teachers an opportunity for students to connect how actions undertaken in their watersheds affect the hydrologic system and surface water quality. By realizing that connection, students can become better stewards of the environment in which they live. Attached is a ledger-sheet size handout very similar to what the proposed posters will be.

Staff has obtained estimates for printing and laminating of 20 24"x36" posters, totaling \$666.04. Staff estimates a total of 10 hours to create the poster, which totals \$258.90 in-kind that will exceed the required 25% local match. The posters will be laminated so that they will be durable for use for several school years.

This school year, there are 651 8th Grade students and nine 8th Grade science teachers. Twenty posters will be sufficient for the current need and provide some extras for replacement or if the number of science classes increases in the future. School Staff are supportive of this proposal and have indicated these posters would be a valuable resource for them and their students.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To consider authorization of the approval of an application to the Southeast Environmental Alliance Mini Grant Program.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Respectfully recommend approval.



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RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that:

the Board hereby approves a resolution to authorize an application to the Southeast Environmental Alliance Mini Grant Program for funding to create, print, and laminate 20 educational posters for use by the Pender County Schools. The Chairman/County Manager is authorized to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

AMENDMENTS:

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____

APPROVED _____ DENIED _____ UNANIMOUS _____

YEA VOTES: Brown ___ Tate ___ Rivenbark ___ Ward ___ Williams ___

George R. Brown, Chairman 10/15/2012
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