



## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 9

**DATE OF MEETING:** Monday, September 14, 2015

**REQUESTED BY:** Megan O'Hare, Senior Planner, Planning and Community Development

**SHORT TITLE:** Approval to Enter Into Contract Negotiation with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission for Partners for Green Growth Funding.

**BACKGROUND:** On August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Planning Staff was notified that Pender County had been selected to receive \$10,000 in Partners for Green Growth funding from the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) to use towards the incorporation of conservation methods into the update of the Pender County Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The purpose is to fund land use planning projects that address conservation of priority wildlife habitats. Pender County's proposal is to use funding to develop and incorporate a conservation component into the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, in conjunction with the overall Comprehensive Land Use Plan update. The funding amount is \$10,000. Pender County's proposal is to contribute in-kind match totaling \$3,500 of Staff time to develop an existing conditions inventory, site visits, and conservation data analysis, and \$6,500 of consultant time for conservation data analysis and conservation policy recommendation. This will result in cost reduction for the County of overall contracted services for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan update. Work must be completed within a year, and funds will be distributed as a reimbursement by September 16, 2016. Pender County funds are currently available within the FY 15-16 budget (653-404500 Contracted Services). In addition, Pender County is eligible for 40 hours of technical assistance from NC Wildlife Resources Commission as part of the funding.

**SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:** To grant approval for Staff to enter into contract negotiations with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission for Partners for Green Growth funding.