

GREENE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-002

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTAL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE EDUCATIONAL AND PLANNING INITIATIVES

WHEREAS, Sections 15.2-1427 and 15.2-1433 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as may be amended from time to time, enable a local governing body to adopt resolutions for the governance of the county; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Agricultural and Forestal Districts Act, specifically § 15.2-4304 of the Code of Virginia, Greene County has established an Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee ("the Committee") to advise the Board of Supervisors on the administration of the County's Agricultural and Forestal Districts; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of agricultural and forestal lands is a fundamental objective of the Greene County Comprehensive Plan and is vital to the County's economy, rural character, and environmental health; and

WHEREAS, effective and ongoing education for landowners is essential to promote voluntary participation in and ensure the long-term success of the Agricultural and Forestal District program, as well as to increase awareness of conservation tools, land use taxation incentives, and best management practices that support the protection of the County's agricultural soils, forest resources, and water quality; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Cooperative Extension, in partnership with state and federal agencies and local conservation organizations, serves as a key resource for providing such education and technical assistance to landowners;

WHEREAS, the forthcoming 2027/2028 review of the Greene County Comprehensive Plan, mandated by § 15.2-2223 of the Code of Virginia, requires the expert input of the Committee to ensure that strategies for agricultural and forestal preservation are robustly integrated into the County's long-range vision; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that directing the Committee to engage in these proactive educational and planning activities is necessary and serves the public interest by strengthening the County's commitment to its agricultural and forestal resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF GREENE that:

Section 1. Landowner Education Program

The Greene County Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee is hereby directed to collaborate with, review, and assist the Virginia Cooperative Extension Agency and other relevant partner agencies in the development and implementation of the first annual landowner education

program. The program shall focus on informing current and prospective participants about the benefits, requirements, and stewardship responsibilities associated with enrollment in the County's Agricultural and Forestal Districts, as well as increasing awareness of conservation tools, land use taxation incentives, and best management practices that support the long-term protection of Greene County's agricultural lands, forest resources, water quality, and soil health.

Section 2. Comprehensive Plan Review Preparation

The Greene County Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee is further directed to commence preparations for its substantive participation in the 2027/2028 Comprehensive Plan review process. These preparations shall include, but are not limited to, identifying key issues impacting agriculture and forestry, gathering relevant data, and formulating policy recommendations to ensure the goals of the Agricultural and Forestal Districts Act are effectively advanced in the updated Comprehensive Plan.

Section 3. Effective Date

This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

ADOPTED BY THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON MARCH 24, 2026.

Motion: [INSERT SUPERVISOR NAME]

Second: [INSERT SUPERVISOR NAME]

Votes:

- Durrer: _____
- Lamb: _____
- Goolsby: _____
- Hartung: _____
- Catalano: _____

Steve Catalano, Chair

Greene County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Cathy Schafrik, Clerk

Greene County Board of Supervisors