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Board Unanimously Votes on Crooked Creek Solution

The Wake County Board of Commissioners has agreed to move forward with discussions regarding new options for the former Crooked Creek Golf Course property.

On Jan. 7, the board voted 4-3 to declare the land as surplus property and authorized staff to initiate a process to sell it.

Since that time, the county has been exploring options for the 143 acres of land. Staff have been engaged in preliminary conversations with both the Town of Fuquay-Varina and the Wake County Public School System to gauge their interest in the property.

Today's vote authorizes staff to move forward with these discussions and begin negotiations to convey the land to the town and/or school system at no cost.

"We are optimistic that, by working with our partners, we can achieve a positive outcome for everyone involved," said Jessica Holmes, chair of the Wake County Board of Commissioners. If an agreement with Fuquay-Varina is reached, the county would not expect the town to develop the property within any specific

timeframe. The county would expect Fuquay-Varina to establish its own maintenance schedule and standards.

Once negotiations are finalized, staff will bring the proposal to the Wake County Board of Commissioners for formal consideration. The Fuquay-Varina Board of Commissioners and the Wake County Board of Education must also agree to the terms.

Background

2015: The former Crooked Creek Golf Course, made up of 11 parcels located off Hilltop Needmore Road west of U.S. 401 and north of Fuquay-Varina within the Crooked Creek Subdivision, closed.

June 2018: The Wake County Board of Commissioners voted to purchase 10 of the parcels for \$4 million and close access to the public until future uses were determined.

The Wake County Public School System purchased one of the parcels to use for a future elementary school.

September 2018: Wake County officially bought the land. The county used Debt Service Fund reserves to acquire the property with the intent to reimburse those funds from a future limited obligation bond and not from the Parks, Greenways, Recreation and Open Space bond that recently passed.

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