

MEMORANDUM

TO: Town Council

FROM: Bill Bruce

DATE: December 30, 2020

RE: Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding between Guilford County and Oak Ridge Concerning Property Stewardship and Management of the Cascades Nature Preserve

Five years ago the Town entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Guilford County for stewardship and management of the Cascades Preserve. This renewed MOU confirms roles and responsibilities for each jurisdiction, and re-establishes strategic priorities for environmental stewardship, maintenance, public access, control of invasive species, and other topics of mutual interest. The renewed MOU is in substantially the same form as the MOU originally adopted in 2014, and continues for an additional five years the strong partnership established by the Town's Parks and Recreation Department and the Guilford County Parks Department.

The MOU does not obligate additional funding from the Town for management of the Cascades Preserve other than what is currently allocated in the Town's Parks and Recreation operational budget.

Requested action: Approve the revised Memorandum of Understanding with Guilford County.

