

Letter of Intent

December 3, 2007

TO THE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION TRUST FUND

Intent

The goal of this letter of intent is to formally express Chatham County's commitment in supporting the development of a Farmland Protection Plan for the County.

Whereas, the Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund has made farmland preservation enterprise program initiative dollars available, and

Whereas, the grant application requires a letter of intent of matching funds, and

Whereas, the Conservation and Development Plan as well as a corresponding Strategic Land Use Plan set goals of

- Prime farmland conserved and protected to ensure agricultural lands remain in agriculture
- Increased proportion of land preserved as open space in areas under development
- Natural scenic areas preserved
- Agricultural enterprises in Chatham County are economically viable

Whereas, the County believes that the formation and implementation of a Farmland Protection Plan is a critical step in the preservation of farmland in Chatham County.

Now therefore be it hereby resolved that this letter declares Chatham County's intent to provide funds and resources to develop a Farmland Preservation Protection Plan for the County.

Attached is a budget and scope that describes the effort and resources that Chatham County will commit to this project. The proposed budget period is for one year. The total match provided by the County is \$14,572, which includes \$4,572 in staff costs, but does not include administrative costs or overhead.

Sincerely,