



## Legislation Text

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### **TITLE**

### **APPROVE ONE (1) VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT (VAD) APPLICATION**

### **SPONSOR**

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### **BACKGROUND**

Voluntary Agricultural Districts (VAD) and Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural Districts (EVAD) were developed by the NC Department of Agriculture to encourage the preservation and protection of farmland from non-farm development.

During its May 15th, 2017 meeting the Guilford County Agricultural Advisory Board approved the following application:

1. **VAD Application #2017-02**, being 62.63 acres and comprised of one (1) Tax Parcel (#0101030) @ 62.63 acres, all owned by Bryant Sockwell of Elon, NC.

To date, approval of this application brings the total number of VAD and EVAD parcels to 364, totaling 15,918.25 acres enrolled. Of these totals, 334 parcels comprising 14,719.62 acres are enrolled in VAD and 30 parcels comprising 1198.63 acres are enrolled in the EVAD.

A copy of the NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services' VAD Program Brochure is attached for reference.

### **BUDGET IMPACT**

### **NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED**

### **REQUESTED ACTION**

Approve One (1) VAD Application (#2017-02).