

**FORSYTH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2019AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 2A-2B

- SUBJECT:**
- A. PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY OF EVERGREEN FARM FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**
 - B. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ELIGIBILITY FOR AND NOMINATION OF EVERGREEN FARM FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

COUNTY MANAGER’S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:**

The National Register of Historic Places is a federal program administered by the National Park Service and is the nation's official list of historic buildings worthy of preservation. Listing on the Register is predominantly an honor and does not negatively affect the rights of private property owners. The nominated property, Evergreen Farm, comprises eight parcels of which five are completely or partially located within the zoning jurisdiction of Forsyth County. North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) owns one parcel in Forsyth County, as the Northern Beltway is proposed in this area. NCDOT has requested the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) delay the nomination to give NCDOT time to evaluate the potential impacts that the nomination would have on the alignment for the Winston-Salem Northern Beltway project (R-2247A). In response, the SHPO requested that the City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County proceed with review of Evergreen Farm, which allows the nomination to be heard before the October 2019 National Register Advisory Committee meeting.

ATTACHMENTS: YES NOSIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
COUNTY MANAGER

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ELIGIBILITY FOR AND NOMINATION OF
EVERGREEN FARM FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

WHEREAS from 1894 to 1947, Evergreen Farm was run as a private experimental farm by James Monroe “Ploughboy” Jarvis, who was a leader in North Carolina’s development and use of new agricultural practices;

WHEREAS Evergreen Farm is the site of development for Jarvis Golden Prolific, a seed corn that was planted across the southeast and Midwest;

WHEREAS Evergreen Farm meets National Register of Historic Places criteria for its potential to yield information important to the history of Jarvis’s management of the farm, and twentieth century farmsteads with the scientific character of Evergreen Farm as operated by a private individual are scarce;

WHEREAS the integrity of Evergreen Farm’s house yard, farmyard, and farm landscape remains largely intact, retaining the 1896 Jarvis house, associated outbuildings, and a well;

WHEREAS Evergreen Farm meets National Register of Historic Places criteria for events associated with the development of progressive and modernized agriculture in the late-nineteenth and twentieth centuries; and

WHEREAS on September 4, 2019, the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission unanimously found that Evergreen Farm met the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and recommended that it be listed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of Forsyth County, designated as a Certified Local Government, having reviewed and received through the local Historic Resources Commission public comment on the National Register nomination of Evergreen Farm, hereby finds that the said property meets the criteria and is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, and the Board supports the nomination for such listing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners, therefore, recommends that the above finding regarding Evergreen Farm be forwarded and submitted to the appropriate State and federal officials for consideration and listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Adopted this 26th day of September 2019.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the fifth floor of the Forsyth County Government Center, 201 N. Chestnut Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina at 2:00 p.m. on September 26, 2019 to consider the eligibility of the following property to the National Register of Historic Places: Evergreen Farm, 1532 Jonestown Road, Winston-Salem, NC; property consists of ±88 acres and is PIN's 6803-07-1093, 6803-06-1210, 6803-06-9250, 6803-16-1523, 6803-16-1703, 6803-17-3133, 6803-15-0098, 6803-16-3096, 6803-05-5796 as shown on the Forsyth County Tax Maps.

All persons interested in the proposed National Historic Place designation are invited to attend this public hearing and present their views.

FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Ashleigh M. Sloop, Clerk to the Board