GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2003

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HOUSE DRH70409-LB-300 (5/5)

Short Title: Chapel Hill Open Space. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Insko and Hackney (Primary Sponsors).

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL LAND FOR OPEN SPACE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 160A-403 reads as rewritten:

"§ 160A-403. Counties or cities authorized to acquire and reconvey real property.

Any county or city in the State may acquire by purchase, gift, grant, bequest, devise, lease, or otherwise, the fee or any lesser interest, development right, easement, covenant, or other contractual right of or to real property within its respective jurisdiction, when it finds that the acquisition is necessary to achieve the purposes of this Part. Additionally, when it finds that the acquisition is necessary to achieve the purposes of this Part, a city may acquire real property under the prior sentence if the property is beyond its jurisdiction. Any county or city may also acquire the fee to any property for the purpose of conveying or leasing the property back to its original owner or other person under covenants or other contractual arrangements that will limit the future use of the property in accordance with the purposes of this Part, but when this is done, the property may be conveyed back to its original owner but to no other person by private sale."

SECTION 2. This act applies to the Town of Chapel Hill only.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.