



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Natural Heritage Committee Annual Report

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: This is the required annual report of the Natural Heritage Committee (NHC) to the Board of Supervisors. The report covers the NHC's activities during 2020 and their plans for upcoming work in 2021.

ITEM TYPE: Consent Information Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Richardson, Walker, Filardo, McCulley, Rapp, Maliszewski, Biasioli

PRESENTER (S): N/A

LEGAL REVIEW: Not Required

REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey B. Richardson

BACKGROUND: The Natural Heritage Committee (NHC) is a public body appointed by the Board of Supervisors and is charged with maintaining the County's Biodiversity Assessment, advising the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission, and County staff on applying biodiversity information in land use decision-making, and supports biodiversity education in the County. The mission of the NHC is to maintain and restore the County's native biological diversity and provide a healthy environment for the citizens of Albemarle County. Members include local landowners and community members with interests in biodiversity conservation, farming and forestry, and conservation-oriented rural and urban development.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Natural Resources Stewardship - Thoughtfully protect and manage Albemarle County's ecosystems and natural resources in both the rural and development areas to safeguard the quality of life of current and future generations.

DISCUSSION: The annual report of the Natural Heritage Committee (NHC) to the Board of Supervisors is provided as Attachment A. The report covers the NHC's activities during 2020 and their plans for upcoming work in 2021.

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

This report is for information only. No action is necessary.

ATTACHMENTS:

A - Report - Natural Heritage Committee Annual Report