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North Carolina Department of
Agriculture and Consumer Services

Mock Public Hearing

With special thanks to

Diane Wilson, Bolton & Menk, Inc.

*Lynn Lambert, Natural Resources Director & Conservation Education
Coordinator Harnett Soil and Water Conservation District*

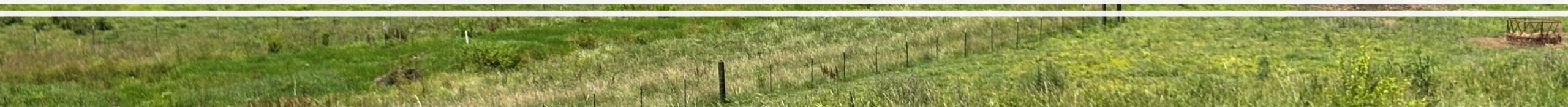
Lisa Childers, Cumberland County Extension Director

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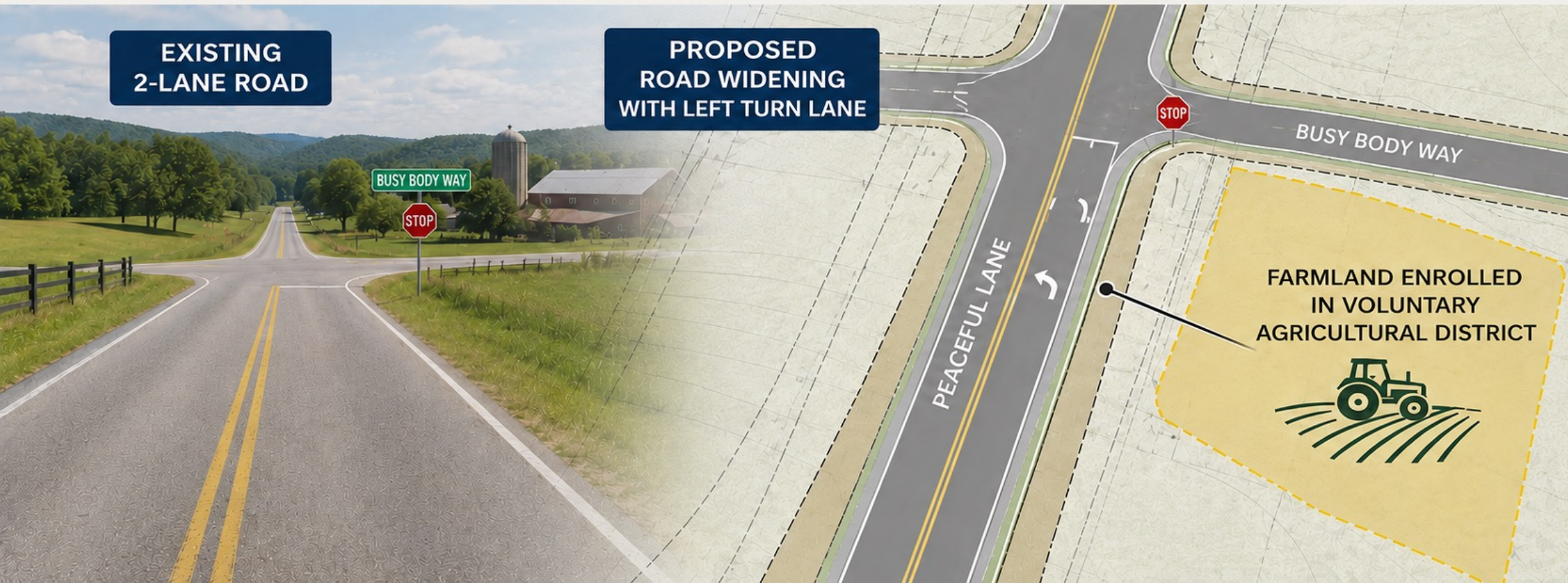




Welcome to Pine Valley County, NC



NCDOT proposes to **widen Peaceful Lane** to add a left turn lane at the intersection with Busy Body Way to help **reduce backups at the stop sign**. During **project design and mapping**, NCDOT identifies that one of the impacted parcels is farmland **enrolled in a Voluntary Agricultural District**. This serves as the trigger event for a public hearing.



Today is Friday, July 3rd 2026

Within 45 days—prior to August 17, 2026—the following must all be completed:

- issuance of the public hearing notice,
- conducting of the hearing,
- preparation of the report, and
- submission of that report to the condemning entity, NCDOT.

Pine Valley Soil & Water next steps:

- Notify Agricultural Advisory Board (AAB) Chair
- Notify County Manager & County Attorney (who may or may not choose to attend)

The Agricultural Advisory Board (AAB) works with required entities to schedule the public hearing

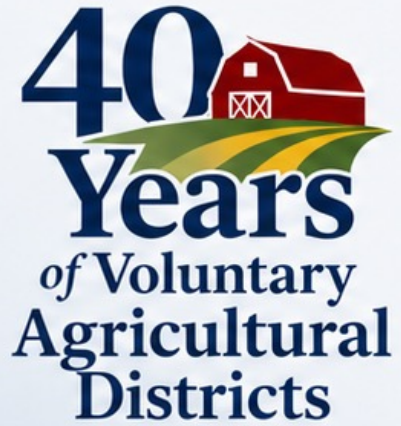
- **Within 10 days** of receipt of the notice from NCDOT regarding the need for a public hearing, the AAB shall **publish notices** that describe the proposed action in the **appropriate newspaper of Pine Valley County**.
- The public hearing should be held **within 10 days** of the meeting notice.
- **The public notices should include:**
 - Description of proposed acquisition,
 - Link to project webpage,
 - Case number/project number.

Today is
Wednesday,
July 22nd

Pine Valley
County
Government
Center, Board
of
Commissioners
Meeting Room

Room set up is
key.





Thank you to our cast. . .

Narrator: Loren Hendrickson, Wake SWCD Farmland Preservation Coordinator

NCDOT representative: Diane Wilson, Bolton & Menk, Inc.

Landowner: Joe Austin, NCDA&CS Farmland Preservation SE Field Representative

Pine Valley County, SWCD Director: Lynn Lambert, Harnett SWCD Natural Resources Director & Conservation Education Coordinator

Pine Valley County, Agricultural Advisory Board Chair: Dewitt Hardee, NC Grange, Agricultural Programs Coordinator

Pine Valley County Agricultural Advisory Board Members:

Rob Baldwin, NCDA&CS Farmland Preservation NW Field Representative

Bob Boylan, Director WCU Local Government Training Program

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