

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 1547

Short Title: Chapel Hill Open Space.

(Local)

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Sponsors: Representatives Insko and Hackney (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Local Government II.

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May 20, 2004

1                                   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL TO PURCHASE  
3       ADDITIONAL LAND FOR OPEN SPACE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

6 "**§ 160A-403. Counties or cities authorized to acquire and reconvey real property.**

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

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

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