

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1448

Short Title: Hope Mills Master Plan Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Warner; Spears, Richardson, DeVane, Kinney, and McAllister.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 17, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN THE PREPARATION OF A
2 MASTER PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF HOPE MILLS IN CUMBERLAND
3 COUNTY.
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5 Whereas, the approximately 75-acre Hope Mills Historic District has been
6 listed on the National Register of Historic Places because it reflects important
7 associations with antebellum and New South-era textile mill economy and development
8 in North Carolina; and

9 Whereas, the Town of Hope Mills is inextricably linked to the history of the
10 Hope Mills Manufacturing Company and its predecessor, the Rockfish Manufacturing
11 Company, which established North Carolina's largest cotton mill of the 1840s and
12 1850s; and

13 Whereas, in the late 19th century, the Town of Hope Mills was a typical mill
14 village with four textile factories, and in the early 20th century the town began a
15 transformation with the development of a commercial district, a Masonic lodge, several
16 churches, and new residential areas; and

17 Whereas, the Hope Mills Historic District exemplifies the typical southern
18 mill village with rows of housing, a company store, and a bank dominated by the brick
19 mill; and

20 Whereas, the Hope Mills Historic District is likely to yield further
21 archaeological information about the town specifically and mill villages and textile
22 mills in general; and

1 Whereas, the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners is considering alternative
2 long-term uses of the Town Hall Building, a pivotal building in the Hope Mills Historic
3 District, which was originally the Hope Mills Manufacturing Company Store; and

4 Whereas, the Christ Episcopal Church, a contributing building in the Hope
5 Mills Historic District, is moving to a new location; and

6 Whereas, the former Hope Mills Manufacturing Company (most recently
7 Dixie Yarns) mill building, a centerpiece of the Hope Mills Historic District, is vacant;
8 and

9 Whereas, county transportation planners are looking at bypass alternatives for
10 Route #59, and the bridge replacement project is about to begin; and

11 Whereas, the Town of Hope Mills needs a Master Plan to provide guidelines
12 for the town's commercial revitalization efforts and to help preserve and interpret its
13 historic resources; Now, therefore,

14 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

15 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
16 Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and History, the sum of fifteen thousand
17 dollars (\$15,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year to assist the Town of Hope Mills in
18 Cumberland County in preparing a Master Plan.

19 Sec. 2. The activities associated with this appropriation shall be performed in
20 accordance with the standards and guidelines for such projects established by the
21 Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and History, and shall be
22 conducted under the professional guidance of that agency.

23 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.