GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1920

Short Title:	Pack Square Park Funds.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representatives Sherrill, Goforth (Primary Sponsors); and Fisher.	
Referred to:	Appropriations.	

May 15, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR PACK SQUARE PARK IN BUNCOMBE COUNTY.

Whereas, Buncombe County, the City of Asheville, and the Pack Square Conservancy, a nonprofit organization, have partnered to establish a new park in the City of Asheville; and

Whereas, the Pack Square Park has been in the making for over five years, with Buncombe County committing $2,000,000 to the project and the Conservancy committing $16,500,000 to the project; and

Whereas, once the park is constructed, maintenance will be handled by the Asheville Parks and Recreation Department; and

Whereas, the 6.5 acre park will have large open areas with landscaping, benches and walkways, an amphitheater fronting an outdoor performance stage, picnic facilities, and a visitor pavilion with amenities and multipurpose space; and

Whereas, Pack Square Park will not only enhance the beauty of the community but also increase recreational activity and social interaction of local citizens and tourists, provide new cultural opportunities, and improve the quality of life for area citizens; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to Buncombe County the sum of five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to support the Pack Square Park, a new park that will be constructed in the City of Asheville and will serve as a tourist destination for area residents and visitors.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.