

APPENDIX A

Allocation Recommendation for Funds Appropriated for Turfgrass Research and Extension

In the closing days of its 2001 Regular Session, the General Assembly provided a special appropriation to the Board of Governors for \$600,000 for the purpose outlined in the special provision below:

House Bill 688

SECTION 2.(a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) for the 2001-02 fiscal year and the sum of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) for the 2002-03 fiscal year to be allocated to North Carolina State University. North Carolina State University must use all of the funds allocated to it under this section for the purpose of providing funds to the Center for Turfgrass Environmental Research and Education for research initiatives. The Center may receive proposals for research funding consideration from North Carolina State University and North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. The Industry Advisory Board of the Center shall review each proposal for research funding consideration submitted to the Center. The Industry Advisory Board must include representatives from North Carolina State University and North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. The funds allocated to the Center under this section may be used only for research and extension concerning the following:

- (1) Turfgrass production and maintenance.
- (2) The impact of turfgrass fertilizer on the environment.
- (3) Ways to reduce any adverse environmental impacts resulting from the use of turfgrass fertilizer and to promote environmental benefits.

In addition, a related reporting requirement was established:

SECTION 2.(c) The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina and the Commissioner of Agriculture shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and to the Fiscal Research Division of the Legislative Services Office by November 1, 2002, on the use of the funds allocated to the Center for Turfgrass Environmental Research and Education and the sharing of the research with the other constituent institutions.

It is recommended that the funds be allocated to North Carolina State University as outlined in the special provision.