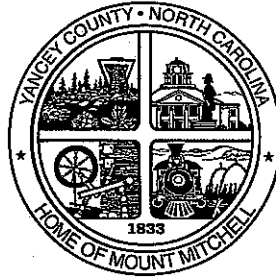


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### EDC PROJECT UPDATE

Yancey County Commissioners were notified by Little Leaf Farms that they have stopped moving forward with the project in Yancey County. This project has been in progress since December of 2018, many things have proved to be a challenge for this Greenhouse project over the last few years.

“We are disheartened to learn that Little Leaf Farms has backed out of the greenhouse project in Yancey County. We felt this would have been great for our citizens and economy alike.” said County Manager, Lynn Austin.

Little Leaf Farms said “Over the last few years, Little Leaf Farms has explored the feasibility of building a greenhouse in Yancey County. Through this process, we found that both potential sites would require extremely high site development costs while allowing for a suboptimal-size greenhouse. Given this learning, Little Leaf Farms will be discontinuing its pursuit of a greenhouse in Yancey County. Ultimately the combination of high site costs and smaller than desired greenhouse size made it unfeasible for us to move forward and meet our business needs. We greatly appreciate the support from the local, county, and state officials throughout this process. “

Yancey County Commissioners have been very attentive of the needs of Little Leaf Farms and have tried to provide those needs to make the project happen. We appreciate the State’s help in their contributions to the project as well.