

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(2)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: January 15, 2008

TITLE: Clean Water Management Trust Fund Mini Grant Project Results and 319 Grant Application for Watershed Restoration

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES _ NO <u>X</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Staff Memo C. Draft Memorandum of Agreement	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia McGuire – 918-7327 Randy Dodd – 918-7326

PURPOSE

In January 2007, the Board of Aldermen approved a grant application for Clean Water Management Trust Fund support of a geomorphic analysis of Bolin Creek. The study has been successfully completed. The purpose of this agenda item is to summarize key findings of the study and a pending grant proposal to secure funding for ongoing watershed restoration efforts. The town staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the resolution that authorizes the Town Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Chapel Hill to submit the application that has been prepared.

INFORMATION

Background information on the Town's cooperative Bolin Creek Watershed Restoration Team efforts with the Town of Chapel Hill and others is described in the attached staff memorandum (Attachment B). The principal effort to date is the Clean Water Management Trust funded Bolin Creek watershed wide study to identify restoration opportunities. An outcome of this study is a recommendation that the BCWRT submit a grant application to the NCDENR and EPA under Section 319 of the Federal Clean Water Act in support of a project that :

1. Continues the cooperation amongst all members of the BCWRT, with core support from the Towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, North Carolina State University (NCSU), and NCDENR.
2. Is administered by the Town of Chapel Hill
3. Includes four components: 1) restoration projects for a tributary to Mill Race in Chapel Hill and a tributary to Tanyard Branch at Baldwin Park (joint project on Chapel Hill/Carrboro municipal boundary); 2) completion of a comprehensive 9 step watershed restoration plan (a grant requirement); 3) an alternatives to instream mitigation analysis for Tanyard Branch subwatershed (downtown Chapel Hill and Northside neighborhood); 4) watershed monitoring to demonstrate measureable improvements from projects and improve baseline information.

Applications for the next cycle of 319 grant funding are due on February 11th. An application that seeks funds to pursue the above components is being prepared; Chapel Hill plans to submit the grant, with Carrboro participating through a joint Memorandum of Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT

At present, Carrboro's share of the match is expected to total approximately \$20,000 (cash and in kind). Current staff estimates show the Town providing in kind match in excess of this amount.

RECOMMENDATION

The town staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the resolution (*Attachment A*) that authorizes the Town Manager to support Chapel Hill's submittal of the application, and enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Chapel Hill.