

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO.: D(7)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: MAY 20, 2008

**TITLE: Annual Report on National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
Stormwater Permit**

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES __ __ NO __X__
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Staff memo C. Draft LUO and Town Code amendments (additions to be distributed at meeting)	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: RANDY DODD, 918-7326

PURPOSE:

Carrboro's NPDES stormwater permit requires action on establishment of an illicit discharge detection and elimination program and regulations for fertilizer application by June 30, 2008. The purpose of this agenda item is to recommend steps to fulfill these requirements. A resolution accepting the staff recommendations and setting a public hearing date for consideration of amendment to the Land Use Ordinance is recommended for adoption.

INFORMATION:

The North Carolina Environmental Management Commission issued Carrboro a stormwater management permit effective July 1, 2005. The permit requires the Town to develop and implement a comprehensive stormwater management program that includes six minimum measures:

- (1) Public education and outreach on stormwater impacts,
- (2) Public involvement/participation,
- (3) Illicit discharge detection and elimination,
- (4) Construction site stormwater runoff control,
- (5) Post-construction stormwater management for new development and redevelopment, and
- (6) Pollution prevention/good housekeeping for municipal operations.

Carrboro has fulfilled requirements for Years 1 and 2 of its NPDES permit, and is nearing the end of Year 3. A memo elaborating on the current year's requirements and the recommended course of action identified by staff is attached (Attachments B and C.)

FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT:

Receiving this report from staff has no immediate fiscal impact. Implementation of the illicit discharge program will require at a minimum several hundred hours of staff effort in FY2008-2009, and ongoing effort for future years. Minimal or no fiscal impact is anticipated in FY 2008-2009; however it is anticipated that there could be a fiscal impact (anticipated to be < \$10k per year) for equipment and/or laboratory costs for monitoring of illicit discharges beginning in FY 2009-2010.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution (Attachment A) accepting the staff memo and setting a public hearing date.