

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(8)

**AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT
MEETING DATE: March 15, 2011**

TITLE: A Request to Approve Comments on the Town’s Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES _ NO <u>X</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Draft letter with comments on draft NPDES permit	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia McGuire – 918-7327 Randy Dodd – 918-7326

PURPOSE

In follow-up to a report on the status of the Town’s NPDES, Phase II stormwater permit, staff has compiled a list of possible comments that may, if the Board desires, be forwarded to the Division of Water Quality during the public comment period on the reissued permit.

INFORMATION

An update on the Town’s federal stormwater permit, administered by the State for the past five years, was provided on February 15th (http://www.townofcarrboro.org/BoA/Agendas/2011/02_15_2011_C6.pdf). The permit has currently expired and a new draft permit is open for public comment until March 18th. Staff have reviewed the draft permit and prepared a draft letter of possible comments that the Board of Aldermen may wish to have forwarded to the Division of Water Quality, Stormwater Permitting Unit (*Attachment B*).

FISCAL IMPACT

Costs that are anticipated under the new provisions included in the draft permit include, at a minimum, staff or consultant time associated with BMP inspections, recordkeeping and reporting.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution directing staff to submit comments on the draft NPDES permit to DWQ staff before the March 18th deadline (*Attachment A*).