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## ATTACHMENT 3

**Orange County**  
**Housing and Community Development**

Date: March 24, 2006  
To: Orange County Board of Commissioners  
From: Tara L. Fikes  
Subject: Rogers Road Waterline Connection Program  
cc: John M. Link, Jr., County Manager

As requested, attached is a report of the Rogers Road Waterline Connection Program as of this date including a map of the project area. The program officially ended on December 31, 2004.

If you need additional information, please advise.

County of Orange  
**Assistance Policy**  
For the Rogers Road Waterline Connection Program  
*March 2006*

**Grant Assistance Program**

This program provided funds to connect residents of the Rogers Road community to the main water line installed in the vicinity of Rogers Road by the Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) under its agreement with Orange County. These connections were provided in the form of laterals from the water main to existing plumbing at each eligible dwelling unit. The associated OWASA availability and/or meter fees were included in the costs of connection. The County Commissioners provided funding for this purpose through appropriations in the County's General Fund. The grant program was available for eligible properties for which the pertinent application materials were received no later than December 31, 2004.

**Eligible Applicants**

Applicants for program funds had to prove that they own the property to be served. Non-profit organizations with properties in the Rogers Road area were eligible to apply for funding under this program. Parcels not platted for development as of January 1, 2002 were not eligible for this program.

- Applicants must not have any overdue loans or loans in default from the County of Orange.
- Applicants must have paid all outstanding property taxes.
- In the case of rental property, the investor-owner must provide written agreement to participate in the program.

The approved Assistance Policy for the Rogers Road Waterline Connection Program offered grants for waterline connections for households with incomes below 80% of the area median income. The income limits were based on the HUD published Median Income for a family of four in the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill Metropolitan Statistical Area. The income limits for FY 2003 were in effect during the term of the Rogers Road Waterline Connection Program.

**2003 Income Limits for the County of Orange**

Number in Household	30% of Median	50% of Median ("Very Low Income")	80% of Median ("Low Income")
1	\$14,950	\$24,950	<b>\$38,100</b>
2	\$17,100	\$28,500	<b>\$43,500</b>
3	\$19,250	\$32,100	<b>\$48,950</b>
4	\$21,400	\$35,650	<b>\$54,400</b>
5	\$23,100	\$38,500	<b>\$58,750</b>
6	\$24,800	\$41,350	<b>\$63,100</b>
7	\$26,500	\$44,200	<b>\$67,450</b>
8	\$28,250	\$47,050	<b>\$71,800</b>

The Housing and Community Development Department began taking applications for the grant program after February 5, 2002 by appointment only. A special Application Day was held in the community at Faith Tabernacle Church on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> in an effort to make it easier for residents to apply for the program. The following summarizes the implementation of this program as of December 31, 2004.

**Application Intake**

Total Applications Received: **51\***

\* Represents approximately 60% of the total number of habitable structures.

**Eligibility Analysis**

Eligible applicants (76%)	39
Ineligible applicants (24%)	12
<b>Total applicants</b>	<b>51</b>

**Additional Information**

Attached to this report is a map of the Rogers Road area as well as a map delineating the parcels connected to the Rogers Road Waterline.

The Housing and Community Development office is aware of approximately five (5) property owners that chose to pay the connection fees directly to OWASA. Only one of these property owners applied for the County grant program. There may be others that have also paid the connection fees directly to OWASA. Additionally, there were twelve (12) property owners that applied for the grant program with family incomes that exceed

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80% of the median income and were therefore ineligible for the grant program. Although some of them have paid the fees and associated plumbing costs themselves, concern was raised by a couple of owners that OWASA charges a \$365 finance fee to those that choose to utilize their payment plan. The argument is that not only did they have to pay the availability and meter fees without assistance but were also required to pay an additional fee for paying in installments.

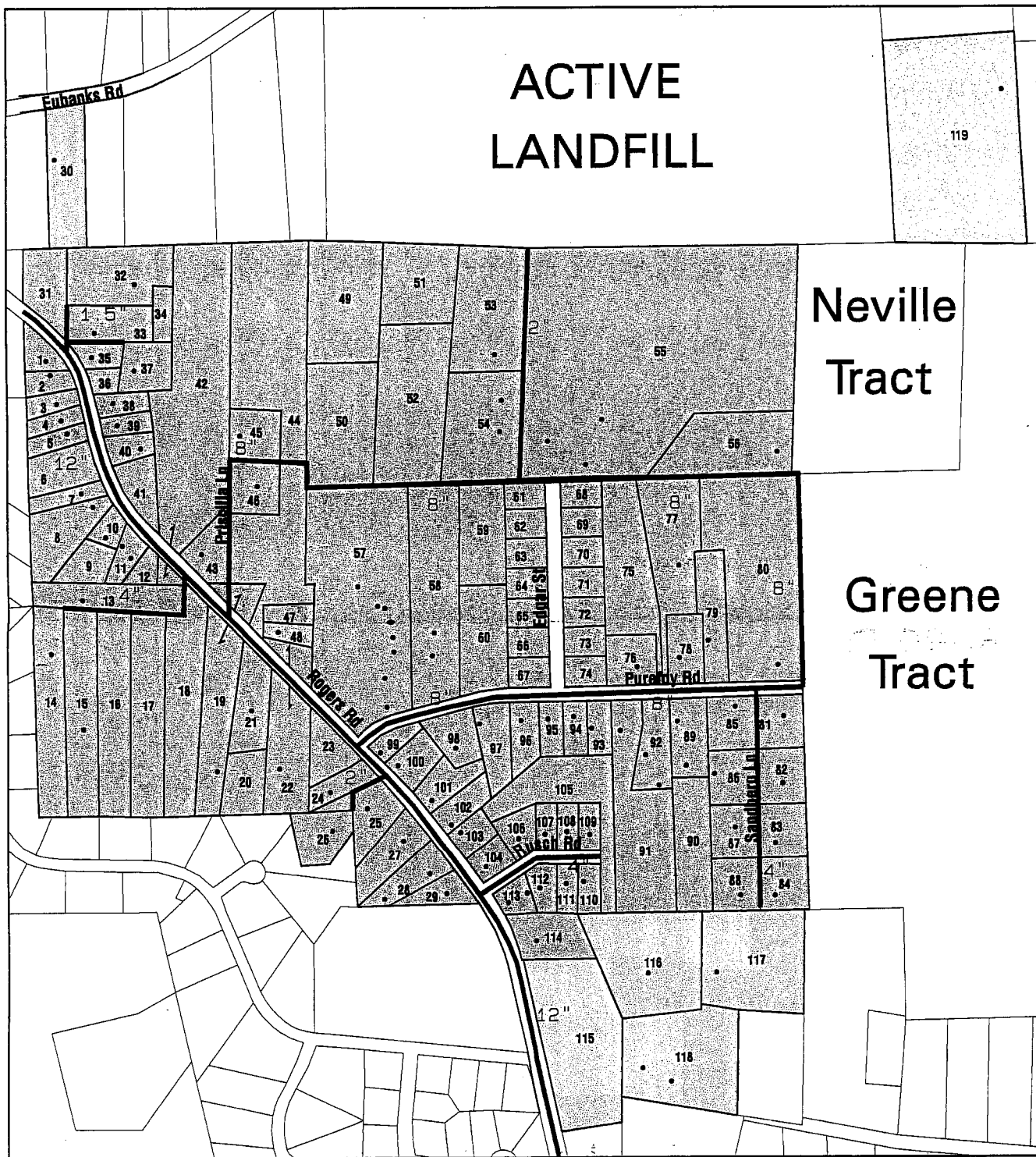
**Area Summary**

Received Water Connections via Assistance Program	39	
Ineligible for Water Connection Program	12	
Existing Structure – No Application	34	
Vacant Lots	29	
<b>Total Properties</b>		<b>114</b>

# Orange County Landfill Study Area






## Rogers Road Neighborhood Parcel Information Key Map

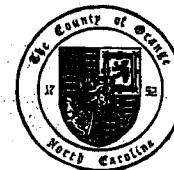
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


Scale: 1" = 400'

-  Rogers Road Waterline Project Service Area
-  Properties Peripheral To Rogers Road Community
-  Nunn Property
-  Habitable Structure
-  Hazen & Sawyer Proposed Waterline



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**Rogers Road Parcels  
With Water Connections**



-  **Unconnected Parcels**
-  **Connected: County paid fees**
-  **Connected: Owner paid fees**

