

George Small

From: George Small
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2002 11:11 AM
To: 'Barbara Oslund'
Cc: Fred Royal
Subject: RE: Cedar Fork Creek

Thanks Barbara. We appreciate OWASA's willingness to work with the neighbors and the Town on this problem. We will be reporting back to the Town Council on May 13 with a response to the petition, and will send you a copy of our report. It might be useful for someone from OWASA to attend that Council meeting, in case there are questions relating to your facilities and maintenance. Thanks again for your cooperation,
 George Small, TCH Engineering Director

-----Original Message-----

From: Barbara Oslund [mailto:BOslund@owasa.org]
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2002 11:36 AM
To: George Small
Subject: FW: Cedar Fork Creek

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From: Barbara Oslund
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2002 11:31 AM
To: George Small (gsmall@townofchapelhill.org)
Subject: FW: Cedar Fork Creek

George,

I just want to keep you in the loop. Please forward this to Fred, as I'm not quite sure of his e-mail address. Thanks, and have a good weekend. -----Original Message-----

From: Barbara Oslund
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2002 11:02 AM
To: 'Ndelong35@aol.com'
Cc: Imtiaz Ahmad; Greg Feller
Subject: RE: Cedar Fork Creek

Dear Nancy,

Thank you for your e-mail earlier this week, and we're certainly pleased that you appreciated our input in our recent meeting. Imtiaz also forwarded a copy of your message to him, and my intention for this reply is to address issues you raised in both messages.

As you realize and indicate in your message, grants will likely be the primary source of funding for stream bank restoration along Cedar Fork Creek. I believe that there are a few potential sources of grants for this kind of project (the Clean Water Management Trust Fund program comes to mind), and Fred Royal should be able to provide you with more specific information about this program and others. The information he provides you should at least include the names of the available grant programs, and a contact or website address for the grant administrator. Grant programs will vary in the amounts of money available, the time cycles that they are available, the applicable projects, the matching funds that must be available, etc. Perhaps Fred knows of other neighborhoods or similar "organizations" that have been awarded grants in the past, and can give you contacts of people that may guide you and your neighbors through the grant application process.

Regarding the alternatives to the black plastic and rip-rap, OWASA did work with Johnny Randall on a project called Ashe Place, which was on Morgan Creek, and the coconut mat and plants seem to be effective in stabilizing the stream bank for that project. However, this location has it's own unique characteristics, and the solution which worked at Ashe Place may or may not be transferable to Cedar Fork Creek in your neighborhood. The solution which will work for your neighborhood will be best determined by engaging a

competent professional with expertise in erosion, sediment control, and stream bank restoration, letting them work through a feasibility study which yields various options and costs, and then moving forward with constructing the solution that best fits the needs of your neighborhood (and hopefully financing the bulk of these activities via funds from a grant).

OWASA will be having an internal meeting to discuss the immediate issues that were raised in the meeting including the suspected water line flushing, the rip-rap washing out on a frequent basis, and the exposure of the black plastic. After this, we will provide a response to these issues, to you and all of the stakeholders who signed the petition to the Town of Chapel Hill. You may also feel free to share this message with any interested parties.

I wish you the best of luck in this process, and please contact me if you feel I can be of further assistance.

Barbara L. Oslund, P.E.
Engineering Manager - Capital Improvement Projects
OWASA

-----Original Message-----

From: Ndelong35@aol.com [mailto:Ndelong35@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2002 9:06 PM
To: Barbara Oslund
Subject: Cedar Fork Creek

Dear Barbara,

Thank you so much for your time and information last Wed. eve. for the meeting with neighbors along Cedar Fork Creek. We all appreciated your input and concern for our difficult problem.

I heard Johnny Randall of the NC Botanical Garden this am talk about

Piedmont Ecology and The Morgan Creek Alliance. He has been involved with that and evidently has worked with OWASA, too, to control stream bank erosion using coconut matting and plants instead of the unsightly black plastic and rip rap which washes away. Could that be done along our banks to improve the looks and also to promote native plantings and hold the banks? Guess that would come after we figure out how to channel the water so the "island" disappears and the creek has a viable middle flow. Any ideas who to write to for grants, etc?

Thanks again for your help and information.

Best,

Nancy DeLong