

## **Statement of Justification**

### Program

The project under review is a new +/- 30,000 sq ft building for Orange County Animal Services. Orange County created the Animal Services department in July of 2005 to administer two previously independent operations – Animal Control and the Animal Shelter. The consolidated department is responsible for all the county's animal services, ranging from court-ordered animal seizure and detention to public education and pet adoption. The activities and programs directly affect the public's health, safety and welfare. Currently the Animal Services administration, Animal Control and the Animal Shelter operate from three separate locations. The proposed building will house all functions under one roof, providing greater efficiency, improved oversight, and additional space to deal with an animal population that grows steadily along with the county's people population.

### Statement of Compliance

As the design of this project evolves all components of the site plan and building will meet and/or exceed Town of Chapel Hill Design Guidelines. Based on our initial analysis we know that of the site

Utilities needed for this project are currently available on the north side of Eubanks Road and will be extended to the site as part of this project.

This site is located in resource conservation district and the site plan provides the required buffer to protect this area.