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AGENDA #3a(1)

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February 18, 2009

Roger Stancil, Town Manager
405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
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Re: Attached resolution: Jordan Lake Rules

Dear Roger,

On February 16, 2009 at their regular board meeting the Board of Commissioners adopted the attached resolution. As you will see upon reading it, the resolution comes as a response to the introduction of House Bill 3 titled, "Disapprove Jordan Lake Rules". The Board is encouraging the General Assembly to keep Jordan Lake Rules in place and continue the process to implement those rules. As part of their comments leading to adoption the board requested us to send the resolution to jurisdictions which have a vital interest in keeping Jordan Lake water quality high.

We hope that your jurisdiction will consider a similar resolution.

Please pass the resolution along to your Mayor and council.

Sincerely,

Charlie Horne,
County Manager

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY IN
SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED JORDAN RESERVOIR WATER SUPPLY NUTRIENT
STRATEGY RULES 15A NCAC 02B .0262-.0273 & .0311**

WHEREAS, House Bill 3 has been introduced for consideration by the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would disapprove Jordan Lake Management rules as promulgated and approved by the Environmental Management Commission and the Rules Review Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Jordan Lake Reservoir lies almost entirely within the boundaries of Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, the Jordan Lake Reservoir is a popular recreation destination for over 1 million visitors each year including residents of Chatham; and

WHEREAS, the Jordan Lake Reservoir is a major drinking water source for Chatham County as well as for Cary and other cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina first directed local governments to reduce nitrogen in waters that flow to the Jordan Lake Reservoir in 1997 under the Clean Water Responsibility Act; and

WHEREAS, the Jordan Lake Reservoir is on the EPA 303(d) list of impaired waters due to excessive nutrients from point and non-point sources, and has been since 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Jordan Lake Reservoir Nutrient Strategy rules were developed by the NC Division of Water Quality through a lengthy stakeholder process and were adopted by the NC Environmental Management Commission (EMC) on May 8, 2008 and approved by the Rules Review Commission on November 11, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Jordan Lake Reservoir Nutrient Strategy rules are based on sound scientific monitoring and modeling to apportion decreases in the nutrient load from all point and non-point sources in the Jordan Lake watershed in order to improve water quality; and

WHEREAS, the Jordan Lake Reservoir cannot meet water quality standards unless nutrient loads from all current and future sources are reduced, including those from wastewater, and from stormwater from existing and new development; and

WHEREAS, the threat to the water quality in the Jordan Lake Reservoir and the drinking water supply of Chatham County and other drinking water uses, as well as recreations users will continue until all sections of the rules are approved by the NC General Assembly;

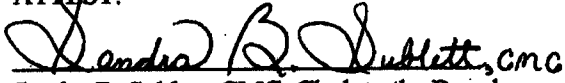
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that members of the North Carolina General Assembly are hereby requested to approve the Jordan lake Reservoir Nutrient Strategy rules in their entirety in order to protect the public health and welfare of the citizens of Chatham County and other residents of North Carolina.

Adopted, this the 16th day of February, 2009.



George Lucier, Chairman

ATTEST:



Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, Clerk to the Board
Chatham County Board of Commissioners