

MEMORANDUM

TO: Roger L. Stancil, Town Manager

FROM: Ray (Butch) Kisiah, Parks and Recreation Director
Bill Webster, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director
Lance Norris, Public Works Director
Mike Taylor, Engineering Design Specialist

SUBJECT: Authorization to Grant Sewer Easements to OWASA on Town Property Along Bolin Creek

DATE: June 22, 2009

PURPOSE

Adoption of the attached resolution would authorize the Manager to execute easement agreements that would allow Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) to install and maintain sewer lines for the Bolin Creek Interceptor Sewer project on Town property. The affected Town properties are Umstead Park, which is located along Umstead Drive, and an open space property that lies generally south and west of Umstead Park. The properties are shown on the attached maps. (Please see Attachments #3, #4, and #5). We recommend adoption of the attached resolution.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

OWASA plans to begin work on the installation of a new Bolin Creek Interceptor Sewer line sometime in the spring of 2010. The project will be located along Bolin Creek and will involve the installation of about 6,200 linear feet of new sewer line from the west side of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. to the west side of Estes Drive Extension.

It is essential that OWASA complete acquisition of the requested easements by August 3, 2009 in order to obtain funding for this project through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

OWASA is planning to locate approximately 3,000 linear feet of the new line under Umstead Drive. The remaining 3,200 linear feet would be located on private and Town properties near Bolin Creek.

As proposed, OWASA would require about 580 linear feet of easement in Umstead Park and approximately 300 linear feet of easements in two locations on an open space property that lies generally south and west of Umstead Park. The easements would be 30 feet wide.

We have walked the proposed easement locations within the Town properties and agree with OWASA that the selected route would have the least impact from an environmental and park facility standpoint. The proposed route would impact very few trees. The proposed route also avoids most of Umstead Parks' facilities. However, installation of the sewer line would impact the park's parking lot, some paths, and landscaping. The attached resolution contains language that would

require OWASA to guarantee replacement of these facilities in a condition that is at or better than current conditions.

We are in the process of designing Phase 3 of the Bolin Creek Trail, which will end at Umstead Park. We believe that the proposed location of the sewer line poses no significant conflicts with the future trail.

FISCAL NOTE

Granting the easements should have no fiscal impact to the Town.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Town Manager to execute an agreement with OWASA to grant easements for installation and maintenance of sewer lines on Town-owned properties.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter from OWASA
2. Overview map of Bolin Creek Interceptor Sewer Line Project
3. Map showing proposed easement at Umstead Park
4. Map showing proposed easement south of Umstead Park
5. Map showing proposed easement at intersection of Umstead Drive and Village Drive