

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Roger Stancil, Town Manager

FROM: Lance Norris, Public Works Director  
Jason Damweber, Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: Mosquito Control Program

DATE: March 8, 2010

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The mosquito control program was initiated in the Town of Chapel Hill on September 15, 1989 in response to concerns widely expressed by citizens. Initially, the program was funded within the Streets Division of the Public Works Department. Since Fiscal Year 1990-91, the Town has been eligible to receive annual funds from the State to cover some of the costs associated with mosquito control. While the Town applies for this State funding annually, receipt of funding depends on the availability of mosquito control funds and the number of eligible applicants.

We again seek to enter into the State's annual mosquito control grant program each year through Fiscal Year 2012-13. The annual Stormwater Management Fund budget for mosquito control is approximately \$12,500. Although historically this revenue account has been erratic and funding amounts unpredictable, based on experience in recent years, we anticipate recouping approximately 25 percent of the budgeted costs, or \$3,125, associated with mosquito control in Fiscal Year 2010-11.

Our mosquito control program has been successful in the use of biological larvicide control techniques that are efficient and environmentally safe. We do not use chemical spray to control adult mosquito populations.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council approve the attached resolution, in a form required by the State, authorizing the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Health for annual mosquito control grant funds each year through Fiscal Year 2012-13.