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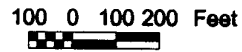
to Mayor Council &
Planning board.

Piney Mount Emily &
Porter needs help in
getting sewer in that area
the water stream that
come across the back of
these lots hinders the
lot use for homes.

No septic is allowed.
Some families need help.
We have met with OUSA
but haven't made much
progress. Thanks for
the sidewalk, but sewer
would have been much
better about you.



Emily Rd / Partin St Area
with Existing Sewer Lines



March 4, 2002

— Sewer Lines



ATTACHMENT 3

TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

December 6, 2001

Mr. Craig Land
528 Darby Glen Lane
Durham, NC 27713

Dear Mr. Land:

I'm sorry that we've had trouble reaching each other by telephone. Let me try to put information in this letter, reporting on what I've found regarding your property on Partin Street.

We met in Cal Horton's office on November 13 and discussed your lot on Partin Street. A map is attached here, showing the location. We reviewed the situation: Your property is currently undeveloped, and not served by public sewer (even though OWASA sewer lines are relatively nearby). The problem is that your property, and several others around it, are at a lower elevation than the nearby sewered areas. The main reason, it seems, that sewer lines have not been extended down Partin Street before now is the significant cost that would be involved. You indicated your interest in building a house on the property, and are seeking assistance in extending a sewer line to provide service.

I have spoken with our Town Attorney, our Long Range Planning Coordinator, and several OWASA staff members about this situation. The conclusions are:

- There are no active plans right now to extend sewer lines to your property; and
- There are policies in place, both with OWASA and the Town, to provide some cost sharing of projects in some circumstances that would extend sewer lines to currently unsewered areas of Chapel Hill.

Here are the steps that I believe would be appropriate for you to consider taking:

1. The key is to petition OWASA to extend the lines. If a majority of owners in a potential extension area petition OWASA, and agree to be assessed for the cost of extension, OWASA generally will (a) extend the line; (b) pay 15% of the cost for engineering and construction; and (c) assess benefiting property owners for the balance. The Town of Chapel Hill has a policy of participating in this funding formula, if funds permit, up to 20% of the cost of the project (up to a maximum of \$4500 per property). Thus there is the potential for 35% of the cost of a sewer

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extension project to be covered by OWASA and the Town (if funds permit). The balance would need to be covered by benefiting property owners through an assessment process.

2. A first step would be to contact OWASA to discuss the options for bringing sewer to your property. This discussion should identify all properties which might benefit from a potential sewer extension project. I suggest that you call Todd Spencer at OWASA to discuss this (968-4421).
3. A key next step would be for you to contact the owners of potentially benefiting properties, to seek their participation in a petition to OWASA.
4. If you are successful in convincing nearby property owners to join you (or if you decide simply to go forward yourself), a petition should be submitted to OWASA. I suggest contacting Greg Feller to discuss this. I have talked to Greg and described the situation to him. (968-4421).
5. Simultaneously I would suggest that you, and whomever of your neighboring property owners is interested, should submit a petition to the Town Council, asking the Council to participate in the project. Chris Berndt in the Chapel Hill Planning Department would be the lead on this (968-2728). I have talked to Chris and described the situation to her.

I am also enclosing here relevant policy statements adopted by the Chapel Hill Town Council and by OWASA regarding extension of sewer to unserved areas.

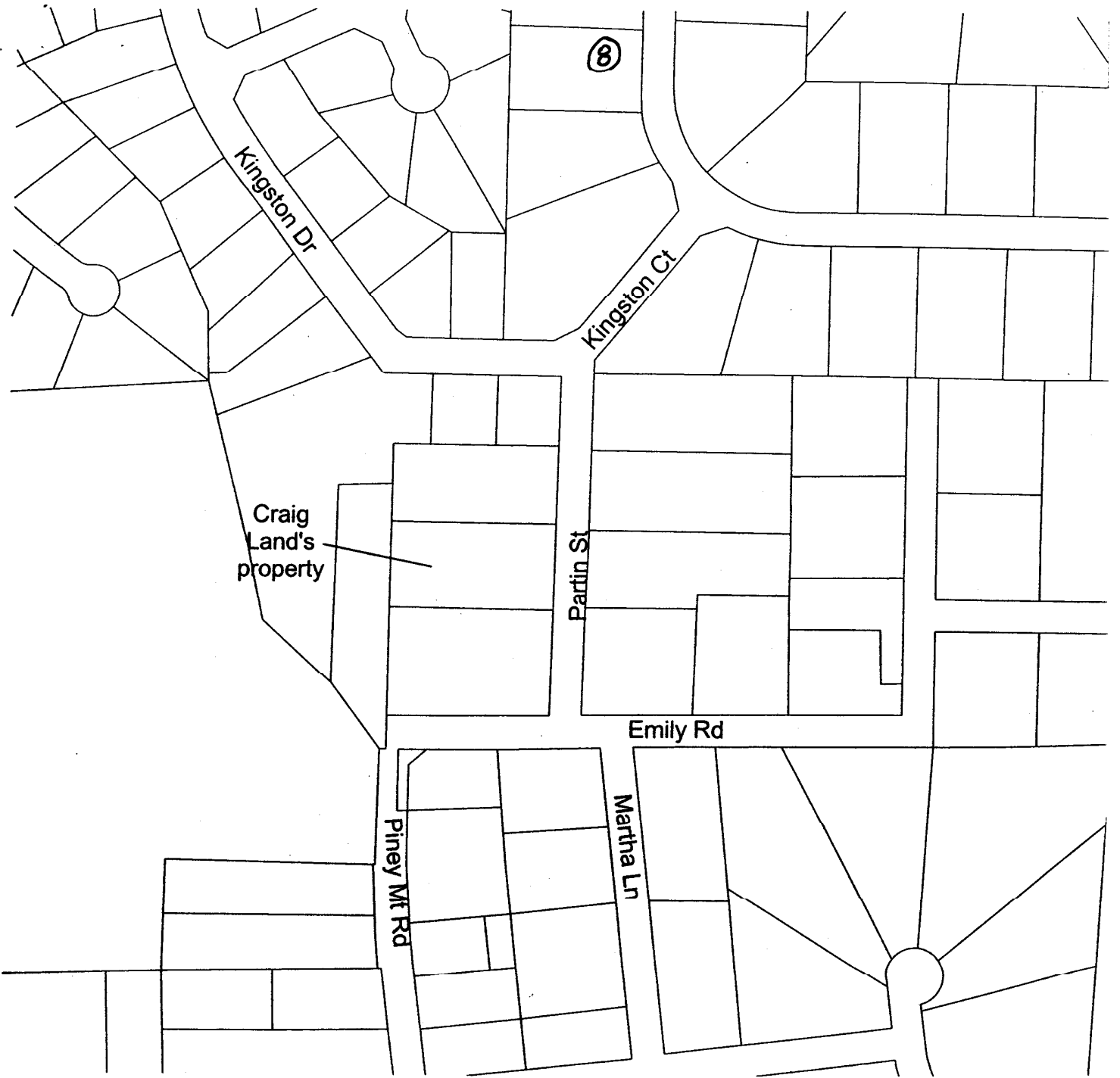
Please call me after you have had a chance to review these materials, and we can discuss what comes next. If I am not available when you call, I suggest that you ask for Chris Berndt.

Looking forward to talking with you further,



Roger S. Waldon
Planning Director

cc: W. Calvin Horton, Town Manager
Chris Berndt, Long Range Planning Coordinator



Craig
Land's
property

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Kingston Dr

Kingston Ct

Partin St

Emily Rd

Piney Mt Rd

Martha Ln

Emily Road/Partin Street Annexation History

The Town of Chapel Hill annexed this area on December 31, 1979. The Town-initiated annexation was done in accordance with State law at that time. The State law in effect required that the annexation report describe a plan providing “for extension of major trunk water mains and sewer outfall lines into the area to be annexed so that when such lines are constructed, property owners in the area to be annexed will be able to secure public water and sewer service, according to the policies in effect in such municipality for extending water and sewer lines to individual lots or subdivisions.”

The Town’s annexation ordinance at the time stated: “Public sewer service is available in parts of the area and is provided by the Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) as are all public sewage collection lines within the Town of Chapel Hill. The Town does not own or maintain sewage collection or treatment facilities. The agreement of transfer to OWASA requires that OWASA use its best efforts in good faith to extend sewer and water services to recently annexed areas.” (Resolution 79-0-27 adopted 5/14/79, with an effective date of December 31, 1979)

The memorandum to Council of May 14, 1979 also noted, “In considering provision of sewer service, it is important to note that OWASA provides this service for the Town of Chapel Hill. It is the Town’s intent that service be provided to newly annexed areas in the same manner as such service is provided in the rest of Town. It is recommended that, if these areas are annexed, the Town make a formal request to OWASA that service be provided to these areas upon submission of a petition or evidence of a health hazard.”

The minutes of the May 14, 1979 meeting indicate the Aldermen delayed the effective date of annexation from June 30 to December 31 due to citizen concern about the provision of town services. In addition, the Board of Aldermen passed a separate resolution requesting OWASA to extend water and sewer lines upon petition of the residents into areas of Chapel Hill not presently served, or if a health hazard exists.

Also relevant is the Town’s water and sewer assistance policy. A summary from the Town’s recent annexation reports is included as Attachment 7. If the area were to petition, the Council could consider authorizing funding assistance from these funds.

In today’s annexation service reports, the Town determines that major lines are available into an area, and that the areas can be served if a neighborhood petitions OWASA. If major lines are not available, they would have to be provided within two years of annexation under current state law. We explain the process for petitioning OWASA, and provide information on the Town’s water and sewer assistance policy.

-Prepared by Chapel Hill Planning Department

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF _____

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF SEWER SERVICE

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, being owners of real property located within
_____ subdivision, adjacent to _____
(Street/Road) within the Town of _____,
County, North Carolina, hereby petition the Orange Water and Sewer Authority for extension
of public sewer collection lines and facilities in such manner as to enable our aforesaid real
property to be served by the public sewer collection system owned and operated by the
Authority. In support of this Petition we offer the following statements and information:

1. A plat of the aforesaid subdivision is recorded in Plat Book _____, at Page _____,
_____ County Registry. The property is also shown on _____
County Tax Map(s) _____.

2. It is the opinion of officials of the _____ County Health Department that
our aforesaid real property is not suitable for septic system use under current standards.

3. Several of the undersigned owners have experienced difficulties with the operation of septic
systems located on their property or have been denied permits for the construction and
installation of new septic systems.

4. Other information: _____

5. This Petition is presented and made upon the express understanding and agreement that one
hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the extension improvements will be assessed against the
real property benefited by the extension in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 162A
and 153A of the North Carolina General Statutes, and each of the undersigned hereby
contracts and agrees with the Authority to pay that portion of such costs assessed against his
benefited property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have signed this Petition on the date indicated below opposite
our names.

ORANGE WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY

SEWER PROJECTS AND ASSESSMENTS -- A SUMMARY

How would sewer construction affect my neighborhood and my property?

Unlike water lines, sewer installation often occurs on easements outside of the street rights-of-way.

Sewer easements are often outside of street areas because to work best, sewers need to run downhill so that wastewater will flow using gravity rather than being pumped mechanically. Pumps are not desirable because they may fail during storms and they involve operating costs for electricity and maintenance.

Before construction can begin, OWASA would need to acquire from private property owners any easements needed outside of the street rights-of-way. The sewer easements are normally 30 feet wide.

When sewers are installed in an established neighborhood, the project normally involves clearing 20-foot-wide areas within sewer easements. The clearing may include mature trees and areas near streams and creeks. Easement locations are determined through the design process.

OWASA's policy is to make design decisions in light of environmental considerations, costs, the need for orderly extension of the sewer system and the need for a reliable system to minimize wastewater overflows.

Why is clearing necessary within easements? Initially, to allow construction. But most importantly, so that sewer pipes are protected from tree roots, which would tend over a period of years to grow toward pipeline joints. When roots enter pipes over time, the roots can cause sewage to back up and overflow from an upstream manhole. The easements also used for normal maintenance and repairs.

Sewer construction necessarily involves noise and dust.

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If sewer is installed in an area with rock, it would be necessary to do some blasting to remove the rock and open a trench where a pipeline will be laid. With modern techniques and technology, blasting can be carefully controlled to limit the impact on a neighborhood.

Sewer work brings some additional traffic as the contractor's vehicles come and go to deliver pipes and bring earth-moving equipment to the work area.

Where sewer work crosses or is close to a street, the work may slow down traffic. However, local access is normally maintained on at least one lane of the street so that residents, emergency service personnel and others can reach residences as needed.

The construction itself may take several months to about a year in an area of several dozen homes. However, the overall process for an assessment project may take 2 to 3 years including:

1. circulating and submitting a petition,
2. an initial public hearing on whether to proceed with the project and assessment process,
3. design and construction work,
4. a second public hearing on proposed assessment amounts and the proposed assessment area, and
5. the final step of levying assessments on benefiting properties.

What costs would result from having sewers installed?

Summary of Costs

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There are several components of cost, including (1) those that involve OWASA's public sewer system and (2) those involving a homeowner's service lateral and related private work.

OWASA-related costs involving the public sewer system

The overall costs of a sewer project include:

- Design or "engineering" work (and inspections during construction)
- Acquisition of easements
- Construction itself
- Legal work related to easement acquisitions and the assessment process

After the construction is complete, OWASA-related costs to homeowners consist of:

1. An assessment of benefiting properties (Please see more detailed information below on each of these items).

and, if a homeowner decides to connect to the sewer:

2. An availability fee (depends on house size as shown below).
3. A service initiation fee (normally \$30).
4. Monthly service bills after a homeowner connects to the public sewer.

A homeowner's private work items

- Installing a service lateral from the home to OWASA's sewer
- If needed, changes to plumbing under the house to connect it to the service lateral
- Taking the old septic system out of service.

The homeowner would decide when to do the above three items, assuming the septic system meets health code requirements to remain in use. Under current policies, there is no requirement to connect to a public sewer if a septic system is working properly. But there are some advantages to connecting early as explained below.

Assessments

OWASA assesses benefiting properties for costs of sewer extensions. Under the OWASA Board of Directors' policies, OWASA does not assess for engineering expenses up to 15% of project cost, or for legal expenses up to 5% of project cost. Usually, engineering costs are about 10% of project expenses. Similarly, legal expenses are less than the 5% cap. Therefore, the engineering and legal costs excluded from assessments are normally less than the 20% maximum.

The Town of Chapel Hill adopted in September, 1998 a new policy on assistance for sewer extensions for existing neighborhoods within the Town limits. The Town's assistance level is now 20% with a cap of \$4,500 per lot. OWASA does not assess for costs covered by the Town.

After a project is complete, the OWASA Board of Directors would determine the amount of assessments and the list of properties that are assessed. Per-lot assessments are calculated as actual final costs of the completed project, less the OWASA and Town support noted above, divided by the number of benefiting lots.

For the Morgan Creek/Mason Farm area, the overall project cost for installing gravity sewers was roughly estimated three years ago at about \$16,000 per lot for serving 68 lots. These total costs include design or engineering, easement acquisition, construction and legal expenses.

The estimate of \$16,000 per lot is not based on detailed design work or actual bids from contractors. Therefore, it should be regarded as very preliminary. With the OWASA and Town assistance, of course, assessments would be less than the gross cost per lot.

Hypothetical example of assessments

if the overall project cost equals \$16,000 per lot,

if \$1,600 of this amount is for OWASA's engineering and legal costs that are excluded from assessments and

if the Town of Chapel Hill's support (for lots in the Town limits only) is \$2,880 per lot or 20% of \$14,400 in construction cost per lot (net of excluded engineering and legal costs),

then the hypothetical assessment amount would be \$11,520 for lots in the Town limits or \$14,400 for lots outside the Town limits.

Payment of assessments over 10 years

As permitted under State law, the OWASA has given property owners the option of paying assessments over 10 years with interest on each year's unpaid balance. The interest rate may not exceed 8% under State law.

For example, if an assessment of \$11,520 is paid over 10 years, the first annual payment would be \$1,152 of principal plus interest. If an interest rate of 6% applied for a full year, the interest would be \$691.20, for a total of \$1,843.20. The annual payment would decline in each of the following years as the unpaid balance and therefore the amount of annual interest would decrease.

If an assessment is paid in full within 30 days of the publication of notice that the assessment is levied, there is no interest charge.

Availability fees and sewer service initiation fees

These fees would be paid to OWASA before a property is connected to a sewer.

Sewer service initiation fee: typically, \$30; or \$60 for field work after normal business hours.

Availability fee for a residence with less than 1,701 square feet: \$1,310
 1,700 to 2,400 square feet: 1,332
 2,401 to 3,100 square feet: 1,621
 3,101 to 3,800 square feet: 1,753
 more than 3,800 square feet: 2,001

Discount of the availability fee for early sewer connections

The OWASA Board's policies allow a 25% discount, with a maximum \$500 reduction, in the availability fee for a property owner who connects to the OWASA sewer within 90 days of the date when OWASA gives notice that construction is complete and service is available. (This policy applies only to assessment projects.)

Monthly installment payments of availability fees

If an assessed property owner connects to the sewer system within 60 days of the assessment levy date, OWASA allows payment of the availability fee along with monthly service billings over time. A written agreement with OWASA is required and the availability fee is then paid over the 10-year period also allowed for assessment payments. The interest rate with availability fee installments is the same as for the related assessment.

Monthly sewer service bills

Billings begin after a home is connected to the OWASA sewer system and are based on water use. For a household using 6,000 gallons of water per month, the sewer bill would be \$19.78, assuming the normal 5/8-inch water meter. For 9,000 gallons, the bill would be \$27.22

Costs for installing a private sewer lateral from the residence to the OWASA main, making any plumbing system changes needed under the house and taking the septic system out of service

The costs of doing these items, which are arranged by the property owner, depend on the amount of work to be done, the contractor selected and so forth.

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TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL SEWER ASSISTANCE POLICY

On March 27, 1995, the Town Council adopted Resolution 11, a revised policy regarding Town participation in the costs of future sewer projects. A copy of this resolution is attached.

On July 1, 1996, the Town Council adopted Resolution 18 expressing an intent to contribute \$192,000 to assist low income homeowners in the Morgan Creek/Mason Farm sewer project area and as a contribution to OWASA for construction costs of the Morgan Creek/Mason Farm project subject to OWASA undertaking the project and subject to an appropriation by the Council in the 1997-98 budget years. These funds remain reserved for this purpose.

On October 16, 1996, the Town Council directed the Manager to identify options and potential funding sources, as part of the 1997 budget process, for a new policy on contributing funds for future sewer projects, including the Morgan Creek/Mason Farm neighborhood, other areas in the Town limits and future annexation areas. At the same time, the Council also asked the Orange County Board of Commissioners to contribute to the cost of the Morgan Creek/Mason farm sewers.

On March 24, 1997, the Town Council considered options for Town contributions to the cost of public sewer projects in residential neighborhoods. A review of the videotape of the meeting indicates that the Council adopted a revised Resolution 17b which directed the Manager to include \$30,000 for a sewer contribution to the Patterson Place sewer project as a potential future contribution to be shown in future budget materials. In addition, the Council:

- Requested that the Orange Water and Sewer Authority share with the Town information to be prepared on sewerage existing neighborhoods now having private wastewater systems in both the Town limits of Chapel Hill and in areas designated by the Council as potential future annexation areas.
- Expressed an intent to consider, after receiving further information from OWASA regarding existing neighborhoods now having private wastewater systems, a financial plan for future public sewer needs of existing neighborhoods in the Town and future annexation areas now having private wastewater systems.

On September 9, 1998, the Council adopted Resolution 7 that revised the Town's sewer assistance policy. This resolution authorized that the Town provide a 20% subsidy to sewer projects for existing neighborhoods with private systems by providing a line item in the Capital Improvements Program budget with a cap of \$4,500 per lot based on the total number of lots in the project which is being subsidized. A copy of the resolution is attached.

The balance of funds reserved for the specific purpose of providing financing for water and sewer improvements in residential neighborhoods is \$323,051 (6/30/00). Of this amount, \$192,000 is reserved for the Mason Farm/Morgan Creek area. In 1999, the Town paid \$12,500 from this fund for the Patterson Place sewer project based on the 1998 revised policy.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A REVISED POLICY REGARDING TOWN PARTICIPATION IN THE COSTS OF FUTURE SEWER PROJECTS (95-3-27/R-11)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council hereby adopts the following policy regarding future participation in future sewer projects:

1. That the Town's obligation to participate in sewer costs from sales taxes and Community Development funds be limited to the amount of funds now available and undesignated through the Council's actions (\$78,000 in 1994-95 sales taxes and \$100,000 of 1995-96 sales taxes; \$50,000 of Community Development grant funds).
2. That the availability of Community Development funds for sewer purposes shall be subject to change due to reallocations which the Council may make in the plan for using these funds and/or due to federal requirements regarding use and availability of these funds.
3. That the Town's participation in future sewer projects with sales tax funds shall continue at 16% of estimated construction costs of neighborhood sewer projects and that funds be applied at this rate until they are no longer available, subject to the following:
 - a. That of the 16% funding for a given project area, up to half shall be available for assisting low-income families with costs of assessments under the terms of the Council's Sewer Loan Policy as in effect at the time of the allocation. The remaining half of the 10% contribution, and any of the funds available for but not used for loans to low-income homeowners in the project area shall become allocated to sewer construction costs at a time determined by the Town Manager or Town Council.
 - b. That the Council allocate funds from sales taxes for individual projects in specific amounts based on estimated construction costs at the time of the Council's allocation decision. If estimated or actual construction costs subsequently change, the Council may but shall not be obligated to adjust the amount of the 16% funding for a sewer project.
 - c. That if the remaining amount of sales tax funds available for a sewer project would equal less than 16% of estimated costs of a project, then the Council may but shall not be obligated to allocate other funds to increase the allocation to a total of 16%.
 - d. That the Council's decisions to allocate funds for individual sewer projects take into account the public health need to undertake a project, the order in which valid sewer petitions are received by OWASA and other factors which the Council considers relevant. The Council may in its discretion but shall not

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be required to allocate funds for an anticipated sewer project before a petition is received by OWASA.

- e. That the Town shall have no obligation to contribute funds to a sewer project if the Orange Water and Sewer Authority undertakes a project without assessments.
 - f. That if the Town is required under State law to extend sewer outfall lines into an annexation area, the Town's allocation of sales taxes for outfall purpose shall be for the full cost of such outfall, less any costs to be covered by other parties.
4. That the above policy would not alter the Council's decisions before adoption of this policy regarding assistance to neighborhoods which are or have been in the process of having sewers built with assessments.
 5. That the policy shall not apply to any annexation areas for which the Town's previous policy regarding financial participation in sewer projects must apply under requirements in current State law.

This the 27th day of March, 1995.

A RESOLUTION MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON OWASA'S SEWER ASSESSMENT POLICY (98-9-9/R-7)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Town provide a 20% subsidy to sewer projects for existing neighborhoods with private systems by providing a line item in the Capital Improvements Program budget with a cap of \$4,500 per lot based on the total number of lots in the project which is being subsidized. This cap will be adjusted annually to account for inflation, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that OWASA reinstate the past policy of adsorbing engineering and legal costs up to the 15% limit for engineering costs and 5% limit for legal costs, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that OWASA provide preliminary cost estimates so that residents signing a petition know what to expect, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that OWASA clarify with the University and appropriate government entities the phrase "benefiting party" in the Sales and Purchase Agreements.

This the 9th day of September, 1998.



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ATTACHMENT 8

ORANGE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

Quality Service Since 1977

February 27, 2002

Ms. Chris Berndt
Chapel Hill Planning Department
306 North Columbia Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Dear Ms. Berndt:

RE: Sewer service and the Emily Road-Partin Road area

I'm writing to follow up on our discussion and your e-mail to Todd Spencer regarding extension of sewer service in the Partin Street area.

Background

Properties along Emily Road, Partin Street, Marcus Lane, Martha Lane, part of Apple Street and part of Piney Mountain Road do not have public sewer lines.

History

In past years, several property owners including Ms. Mildred Council have contacted us regarding their interest in receiving public sewer service. Ms. Council talked most recently with our Engineering staff in November, 2001, to find out the proximity of existing public sewers.

We have given information to Ms. Council and other property owners who contacted us about the policies related to extension of sewers with costs borne by benefiting parties and the assessment process including petition forms. As you know, the 1977 purchase and sale agreements among the Town, the University and OWASA require that benefiting parties pay for extension of service. Most sewer extensions in the Carrboro-Chapel Hill community occur as part of new developments, of course, with the costs fully paid by private developers.

We have pointed out to property owners that OWASA's sewer extensions through assessment projects have included the option of paying assessments over 10 years and that there are advantages in sharing costs among multiple property owners.

In addition, OWASA does not assess for certain engineering and legal costs that may occur in an assessment project and we offer reductions in availability fees for early connections and installment payment arrangements for availability fees.

Plans and costs

OWASA has had preliminary engineering analyses and cost estimates done for various existing neighborhood areas which are in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro urban services area but which do not have public sewer service.

Please see the attached excerpts from a report submitted in June, 1998 by a consulting engineering firm. This report included a rough estimate of about \$780,000 for almost 10,000 feet of pipe, an estimated 44 manholes and easement acquisitions. Today, the construction cost might be closer to about \$1 million. If divided among about 57 properties in the area, the construction cost per lot could be on the order of about \$17,000 per property, less any funding support by the Town.

However, we want to emphasize the following points about costs:

1. The estimate and related engineering work on a possible sewer layout design are preliminary and are not based on the detailed level of work that would be necessary before bidding and construction.
2. Under current policies as adopted by the Board of Directors, the assessments would be based on actual project costs (less any Town funding) as determined after completion of a project rather than based on an estimate.
3. Overall costs to a property owner also include OWASA's availability and connection fees and private plumbing expenses for connecting a home to the public sewer. These depend on various factors including house size (used to determine the availability fee) and distance of the house to the public sewer, etc.

If property owners are interested in neighborhood meeting about petitioning for sewers, we would be glad to do so as in the Morgan Creek/Mason Farm area.

Petitions for sewer extensions

To date, OWASA has done sewer extensions with assessments in response to petitions from a majority of the number of lots in a given area.

We have not changed our petition form in recent years.

Topography

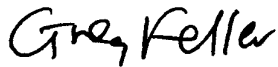
We believe the topography is suitable for extending sewers. However, there may be a need to remove rock with related costs depending on the amount of rock, depth of sewers, etc.

Morgan Creek/Mason Farm area with private septic systems

At this point, we do not have an active petition from this area for extension of sewers.

Thank you getting in touch with us. We appreciate the opportunity to respond to your questions.

Sincerely,



Greg Feller, Public Affairs

Attachments:

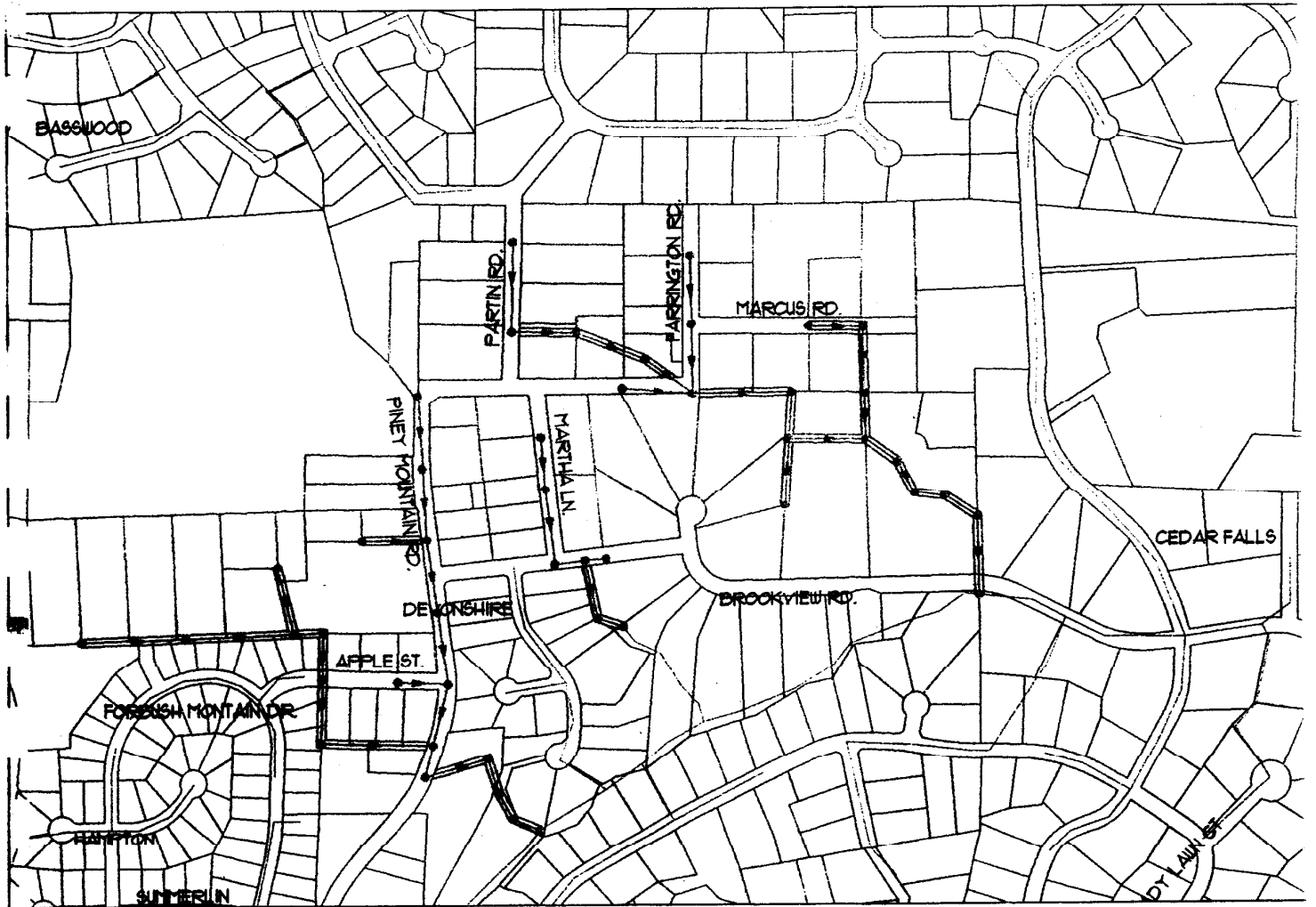
1. Preliminary construction cost estimate
2. Map showing potential sewer locations (plan view only) based on preliminary analysis
3. E-mail with request for information

**PRELIMINARY CONSTRUCTION BUDGET FOR
PINEY MOUNTAIN AREA**

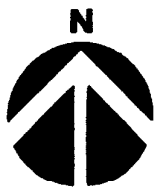
DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
8" SEWER (8-10')	9,795	LF	\$53.00	\$519,135.00
4' MH (8-10')	44	EA	\$1,795.00	\$78,980.00
EASEMENTS	4.21	ACRE	\$6,500.00	\$27,365.00
			SUB-TOTAL	\$625,480.00
MISCELLANEOUS (25%)				\$156,370.00
			TOTAL	\$781,850.00

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from report in June, 1998 by Barrett & Keys



PINEY MOUNTAIN
SCALE: 1" = 600'
REVISED 10/15/97



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(e-mail on February 26, 2002 from Chris Berndt to Todd Spencer)

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

From: Chris Berndt [<mailto:cberndt@townofchapelhill.org>]

Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2002 10:17 AM

To: Todd Spencer

Cc: Imtiaz Ahmad

Subject: Emily/Partin Sewer

Dear Todd—Todd, I am preparing a response to a Council petition we received from Mildred Council about providing sewer in the Emily/Partin neighborhood, for the Council's March 4 meeting. The packet goes out tomorrow. I would like to find out the recent history of this from OWASA's perspective so I can cover it in the memo. Her handwritten petition states, "We have met with OWASA but haven't made much progress." She also refers to a water stream that comes across the back of the lots hindering the use for homes. Is there a plan for how the area can be served? Do you have any existing cost estimates? Are there topo problems in serving the area?

Also, please confirm you haven't changed your petition form recently. I have a copy we put in the annexation report in January 2001. Who is the contact person for receiving a petition? Do a majority of owners in an area have to sign, or all of them?

Thanks for your help.

Chris Berndt
968-2728

Thanks for your help.