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Memorandum

To: Roger Waldon, Planning Director
From: Gayle Wilson, Orange County Solid Waste Director GW
Subject: Proposed Chapel Hill Development Ordinance
Date: September 18, 2001

Thank you for sending us a draft of the revised proposed Development Ordinance. We have reviewed it and offer comments and pose questions regarding 8 specific items within it. The following is a summary of these items, which are of interest to Orange County Solid Waste Management. On our review of the previous draft we offered similar comments, but they seemed to have "fallen between the cracks" and were not incorporated into the revised ordinance nor responded to.

1. 3.3.11 on page 3-10: Materials Handling District (MH):

Please inform me of where a map identifying any existing or proposed Materials Handling District(s) can be reviewed by my staff.

2. 3.6.4 (g) (2) on page 3-57: Solid Waste Minimization:

This provision is noteworthy; what assistance from Orange County Solid Waste do you need in implementing it? It is also unclear if it relates solely to the subsection heading 3.6.4 "Watershed Protection District and Water Quality Districts." Additionally, we could not find, in the draft you sent us, the "Section 14.11" which is referenced. Please advise.

3. Table 3.7-1 on pages 3-67 and 68: Use Matrix:

According to the table, a landfill appears to be permitted (Special Use) only in the Rural Transition District, not in the Material Handling District. Also, a Solid Waste Management Facility appears to be permitted (Accessory or Principal Use) only in the Material Handling District, but not in the Rural Transition District. We recommend that Solid Waste Management Facility be a permitted use in the Rural Transition District, where the current landfill exists.

4. 5.11.5 on page 5-69: Lighting:

We recommend that adequate lighting for solid waste collection enclosures be specifically included in this section.

5. 5.13 on page 5-71: Solid Waste Collection and Recycling:

We recommend that a subsection here be reserved for future Town adoption of a County Ordinance requiring the recycling of certain components of the construction and demolition waste stream. This proposed ordinance (still in draft form) specifically links development permits to "Recyclable Material Permits" that ensure builders and

developers are aware of and in compliance with the recycling requirements. The present Solid Waste Management Plan and associated site plan review requirement need not be altered.

6. 6.7 on page 6-3: Landfill:

For what purpose is B (3) reserved?

7. Appendix A, definitions, on page A-21: Landfill:

We recommend that the words "and demolition" be inserted between "construction" and "debris".

8. Appendix A, definitions, on page A-37: Solid Waste Management Facility:

Definition noted; please refer to our comment number 3, above.

Conclusion

Thank you again for involving us in your review process for the proposed Development Ordinance. This type of inter-governmental coordination and cooperation should serve as a model for both of our organizations' future endeavors. Dave Ghirardelli from my staff will follow up with you in 2 weeks to determine if you need any further assistance or clarification on these comments and questions.