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March 27, 2002

Mayor Kevin Foy  
Chapel Hill Town Council  
306 N. Columbia Street  
Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514

Dear Mayor Foy and Members of the Council:

At our March 19, 2002 the Board of Aldermen and I discussed the *Storm Water Utility Development and Implementation Study Committee Report*. It is our understanding that the Chapel Hill Town Council has decided to engage the services of a consultant to prepare a pro forma business plan for a storm water utility.

We understand fully Chapel Hill's need to address storm water issues within your own jurisdiction. The flooding problems within your town limits, particularly in the Booker Creek watershed, are well known and are assuredly of great concern to you.

However, I have been asked by the Board of Aldermen to reiterate our lack of interest in participating in a storm water utility. It is unlikely that we will be interested in the future. The Board of Aldermen has discussed the pros and cons of forming such an entity several times in the past, and our position remains consistent and firm. We do not view the establishment of a storm water utility as a viable way to advance the concerns of our citizens.

Carrboro takes great pride in our strong ordinances with regard to storm water management. Some have heralded our ordinances as amongst the strongest in the South. We believe the strength of our ordinances put Carrboro in an excellent position to address storm water problems in a proactive manner.

Although we are not interested in participating in a storm water utility, Carrboro is committed to other forms of inter-jurisdictional co-operation such erosion control, watershed and floodway mapping, and stream watch efforts.

Good luck with your plans for storm water management. We wish you well. If we can be of any assistance while you investigate ways to strengthen stream buffers and other storm water management tools, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Nelson  
Mayor