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PETITION

October 7, 2002

To The Town Council
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Judy and I are currently 9, and 30 year residents of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and have both served the community in a variety of capacities. Relevant to this petition, we both have a longstanding professional interest and participation in a number of venues regarding the management of stormwater in Chapel Hill.

We are petitioning the Town Council to establish a Stormwater Management Advisory Committee comprised of experienced professionals and multi-jurisdictional in composition. [We both would be most willing to serve on such a committee.] We understand that the Town may not have the resources needed to undertake the work to establish a stormwater utility at this time. However, we do believe it is important to establish such a Stormwater Management Advisory Committee now.

The Committee could provide initial guidance, track the consultants work (when selected) and provide feedback to the Council over the course of the development of a stormwater utility. The Committee could continue the dialogue of the earlier Council appointed committee, advise on the form such a utility might take and provide positive and constructive feedback and a more focused startup of arrangements made to control stormwater in the community. For example, an early start at looking at best practices in other locales, review of stormwater management strategies, and possible program configurations could provide a fast track start for the consultant when they begin their work.

Thank you for your consideration of this petition.

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