

2.0 POLICY ON DRAINAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

2.1 Policy

To provide technical and/or financial assistance to citizens residing and/or owning property in Chapel Hill with localized drainage problems on private property.

2.2 Purpose

To make Town resources available to private property owners on a cost sharing basis to implement drainage repairs on or directly affecting the owner's property.

2.3 Drainage Assistance Program

The Town of Chapel Hill may assist citizens in solving localized drainage problems to the extent that funds and resources are available.

The scope of Town involvement in any drainage assistance project may vary from technical advice to design, construction, and maintenance of drainage improvements.

Participation in the program is voluntary. Citizens desiring to participate in the program must submit a written request to the Town asking for the project to be considered as a candidate for the Drainage Assistance Program (DAP). Upon receipt and review of a written request, the Town Manager will determine the scope of Town involvement (if any) and the project priority as related to other drainage improvement needs Townwide.

Approved program participants must provide written agreement to pay for their share, and must execute a right-of-entry form allowing Town forces to enter their property and holding the Town harmless from liability for the improvements and/or related construction activity.

The Town may, at its discretion, accept all or part of the improved drainage facility for maintenance, subject to provision by the property owner(s) of all necessary drainage, access, and maintenance easements or rights-of-way.

2.4 Prioritizing Projects

The priority for participation, in the Drainage Assistance Program will be based on the following criteria:

- * Likelihood of physical injury or loss of life.
- * Likelihood of public property damage.
- * Likelihood of private property damage.
- * Likelihood of impeded public/private access.
- * Likelihood of loss of property value.
- * Likelihood of nuisance flooding which does not significantly threaten safety or property.

Priority will be given to mitigating those drainage problems resulting in the more severe occurrence criteria listed.