MANDATORY REFERRAL REPORT NO. 98-23 CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG PLANNING COMMISSION WATER BOOSTER PUMP STATION LAND AQUISITION JULY 1998

PROJECT LOCATION

Project is located at intersection of Starita Road and I-85 Service Road in northeast Charlotte (tax code 045-011-16; see attached tax map). Parcel is zoned I-2.

PROPOSAL

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities Department proposes to purchase 1.315 acres of vacant land at the above location for the purpose of maintaining a water booster pump station.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

Currently, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities Department is serving northeast Mecklenburg County with the water booster pump located at the aforementioned site. CMUD has a 2-year lease agreement for the land with three options to renew for one year each. This is the last option to renew for one year. CMUD wishes to purchase the site, rather than negotiate another long term lease agreement with the property owner.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROJECTS

The site is located in the Northeast Planning District. The existing Northeast District Plan recommends an industrial use for the site. All of the land surrounding the site is zoned I-2.

PROJECT IMPACT

CMUD has a continued need to serve northeast Mecklenburg County from this site. The purchase of the property would ensure that service would be provided for the long term.

PROJECT COST

Land was negotiated to \$16,500, the same as the asking price. Cost of the appraisal was \$900.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff supports the acquisition of this property to maintain a water booster pump station.

PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Planning Committee recommended unanimously for approval.

