



**MECKLENBURG COUNTY**  
Land Use and Environmental Services Agency

July 17, 2007

Mr. Solomon Fortune  
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission  
600 East Fourth Street  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

**Re: Rezoning Petition 2007-103**  
**Approximately 78.88 acres located on the northwest quadrant of the**  
**Johnston Road / I-485 interchange**

Dear Mr. Fortune:

Representatives of the Air Quality (MCAQ), Groundwater & Wastewater Services (MCGWS), Solid Waste (MCSW), Storm Water Services (MCSWS), and Water Quality (MCWQ) Programs of the Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency (LUESA) have reviewed the above referenced rezoning petition. In order for the Mecklenburg County LUESA to support this rezoning, the following recommendations should be implemented and appear as notes or modifications on site plans:

**Air Quality**

Development of this site may require submission of an asbestos Notification of Demolition and Renovation to MCAQ due to possible demolition or renovation of an existing structure. A letter of notification and the required forms will be mailed directly to the petitioner by MCAQ.

The proposed project may be subject to certain air quality permit requirements in accordance with Mecklenburg County Air Pollution Control Ordinance (MCAPCO) Regulation 2.0805 - "Parking Facilities". A letter of notification and copy of the regulations will be mailed directly to the petitioner by MCAQ.

**Groundwater & Wastewater Services**

No Comment.

**Solid Waste**

Mecklenburg County Solid Waste requests the petitioner submit a Solid Waste Management Plan prior to initiating demolition and/or construction activities to include, at a minimum, the procedures that will be used to recycle all clean wood, metal, and concrete generated during demolition and construction activities. The Plan shall specify

that monthly reporting of all tonnage disposed and recycled will be made to the Mecklenburg County Solid Waste Program. The report shall include the identification and location of facilities receiving disposed or recycled materials.

Mecklenburg County is committed to reduction of construction/demolition waste. Technical assistance is available at no charge to those companies willing to partner with the County in this effort. Please contact Diane Davis at (704) 432-0399 for more information regarding the County's technical assistance services.

**Storm Water**

No Comment.

**Water Quality**

The Mecklenburg County Water Quality Program cannot support the rezoning of the subject property unless the comments and/or ordinances are implemented and appear on any revised site plans as notes and/or schematics.

**Applicable Ordinances:**

***35 foot S.W.I.M. Buffer***

Two stream segments located on the subject property drain more than or equal to 100 acres and less than 300 acres. According to the City of Charlotte Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 12, Part 8- Surface Water Improvement and Management (S.W.I.M.) Stream Buffers, Section 12.804, *Buffer Standards*, streams meeting this criterion are required to have buffers of 35 feet in width on the applicable sides of the stream.

***100 foot S.W.I.M. Buffer***

A stream segment on the subject property drains greater than or equal to 640 acres. According to the City of Charlotte Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 12, Part 8- Surface Water Improvement and Management (S.W.I.M.) Stream Buffers, Section 12.804, *Buffer Standards*, streams meeting this criterion are required to have buffers of 100 feet in width, plus 50% of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (F.E.M.A.) Floodfringe. The buffers are required on the applicable sides of the stream measured from the top of the bank.

The proposed project will include a substantial amount of impervious area, which will directly affect surface water quality due to storm water runoff from the project. Storm water runoff becomes contaminated with pollutants associated with the impervious area usage, transporting these pollutants to surface waters. In addition, this impervious area acts to increase the volume and velocity of storm water entering surface waters, which affects stream channel stability and negatively impacts water quality and aquatic habitat. In order to mitigate the impacts of these pollutants and to protect water quality conditions, the proposed project should incorporate the criteria specified below.

**General Recommendations:**

Storm water management from previously approved rezoning petitions should be followed.

Please contact the staff members who conducted the reviews if you have any questions. The reviews were conducted by, Leslie Rhodes (Leslie.Rhodes@mecklenburgcountync.gov) with MCAQ, Jack Stutts (Jack.Stutts@mecklenburgcountync.gov) with GWS, Joe Hack (Joe.Hack@mecklenburgcountync.gov) with MCSW, Bill Tingle (Bill.Tingle@mecklenburgcountync.gov) with MCSWS, and Rusty Rozzelle (Rusty.Rozzelle@mecklenburgcountync.gov) with the MCWQ.

Respectfully,

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