

## MECKLENBURG COUNTY

# Land Use and Environmental Services Agency

April 19, 2011

Mr. Michael Cataldo Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission 600 East Fourth Street Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

## **Re:** Rezoning Petition 2011-030

Approximately 2.27 acres located on the east side of Providence Road between South Sharon Amity Road and Westbury Road

Dear Mr. Cataldo,

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.

#### **Programs with No Comment at this Time**

Air Quality Solid Waste Storm Water Services

## **Recommendations and/or Ordinance Requirement Reminders**

### Groundwater & Wastewater Services

GWS Records indicate that a preexisting septic system exists on parcel 18914231 within the bounds of the proposed redevelopment. GWS records indicate the water supply well on this property has been permanently abandoned.

GWS recommends that the petitioner identify any water supply wells within the project boundary and either protected the wells from damage by flagging and fencing during site development or permanently abandon the wells per the Mecklenburg County Groundwater Well Regulations prior to any demolition or grading activity occurring and conduct survey to locate the septic systems. A permit from GWS is required for the well abandonments.

No regulation governs the abandonment of septic systems; however, GWS does recommend that septic tanks be pumped to removal any residual contents then subsequently crushed and backfilled. This recommendation is made because tanks that

collapse pose a safety hazard and improperly abandoned septic tanks may not be able to support the weight of vehicular traffic, structural foundations, or people.

Groundwater & Wastewater Services request the following statements be added to the site plan notes:

The properties shall be inspected for water supply wells. Any water supply wells identified shall be protected from damage by flagging and fencing during site development or permanently abandoned per the Mecklenburg County Groundwater Well Regulations prior to any demolition or grading activity occurring.

The properties shall be inspected for septic systems prior to any site development. Any septic tanks identified shall be pumped by a licensed waste hauler to removal residual contents, crushed and backfilled with suitable materials before site development begins.

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, Dennis Tyndall (Dennis.Tyndall@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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