

Item Title: Conveyance of Easements to the Town of Morrisville on County owned property at Crabtree Creek Flood Control Structure Site# 1 Sorrell's Grove Reservoir

Specific Action Requested:
That the Board of Commissioners:

- 1. Approves the conveyance of a Permanent Sidewalk Easement and Temporary Construction Easement on County owned property at Crabtree Creek Flood Control Structure Site#1 Sorrell's Grove Reservoir to the Town of Morrisville; and**
- 2. Authorizes the Chair to execute said easement documents (along with any other supporting documentation), subject to the terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.**

Item Summary:

Purpose: The Board of Commissioners must approve all real estate transactions, including conveyances. NC General Statute 160A-274 authorizes the Board of Commissioners to convey any interest in real property to other governmental agencies.

Background: The Town of Morrisville is preparing to construct the Sorrell Grove Church Road Sidewalk project. This project is part of the Town's Sidewalk Gap Program and proposes to construct sidewalks on the west side of Sorrell Grove Church Road between Airport Boulevard and Slater Road. This project will also extend pedestrian access for the future Morrisville park site on Marcom Drive. In order to complete the sidewalk project, Morrisville is requesting the County convey easements in support of the project.

Strategic Plan: This action supports routine County operations.

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact to the County associated with this easement conveyance to the Town of Morrisville.

Additional Information:

Wake County owns several parcels as part of the Crabtree Creek Watershed Project. Flood Control structures have been constructed in various locations within this watershed and are maintained by the County. In 1975 and again in 1985 Wake County entered into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) assigning operations and maintenance to the County for all the flood control structures in the Crabtree Creek Watershed Project. Any improvements around or to the flood control sites must be approved by the County General Service Administration-GSA. GSA has reviewed the Town of Morrisville plans

for this project and provided approval to the Town which is attached.

Morrisville has requested the County to convey the easements in support of the project. The County received the attached letter from the Town of Morrisville requesting the dedication of permanent sidewalk easement and temporary construction easement due to the pedestrian safety, access, and public recreational benefits related to the nature and scope of the project. The map below displays the County owned property at 207 Sorrell Grove Church Road around Sorrell's Grove Reservoir along with the general location of the proposed easements. A more detailed construction plan and Easement Exhibit are attached showing the exact locations and square footage of the easements being conveyed as part of this project.



The proposed project plans and location of the proposed easements have been reviewed by County staff from Facilities Design & Construction and General Services Administration. Staff have determined this conveyance will have no negative effect on the current flood pool storage volume and functioning of the flood control structure or future use of the County property. Staff recommend approval of the conveyance subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.

Attachments:

1. Morrisville Easement Request Letter
2. GSA Approval
3. Construction Plans
4. Easement Exhibit Map
5. Easement for Permanent Sidewalk and Temporary Construction