

Item Title: Convey Utility Easements to the Town of Cary on County Owned Property Known as Crabtree Creek Watershed Project Site #23

Specific Action Requested:
That the Board of Commissioners

- 1. Approves the conveyance of permanent utility easements to the Town of Cary; and**
- 2. Authorizes the Chair to execute said easement document (along with any supporting documentation), subject to the terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.**

Item Summary:

Purpose: The Board of Commissioners must approve all easements conveyed by the County.

Background: In January 2012, the County conveyed utility easements to the Town of Cary at Site #23, see attached Deed Book 14624 Page 2391. In December 2017, the Town of Cary requested that Wake County convey additional permanent utility easements adjacent to the existing sewer lines to allow Cary to install new sewer infrastructure. The new Cary sewer infrastructure will provide redundancy to existing critical force mains, allow existing force mains to be maintained and cleaned, as well as provide additional operational flexibility to the Cary Sewer system.

Board Goal: This action supports standard County operations and does not relate to a specific Board initiative.

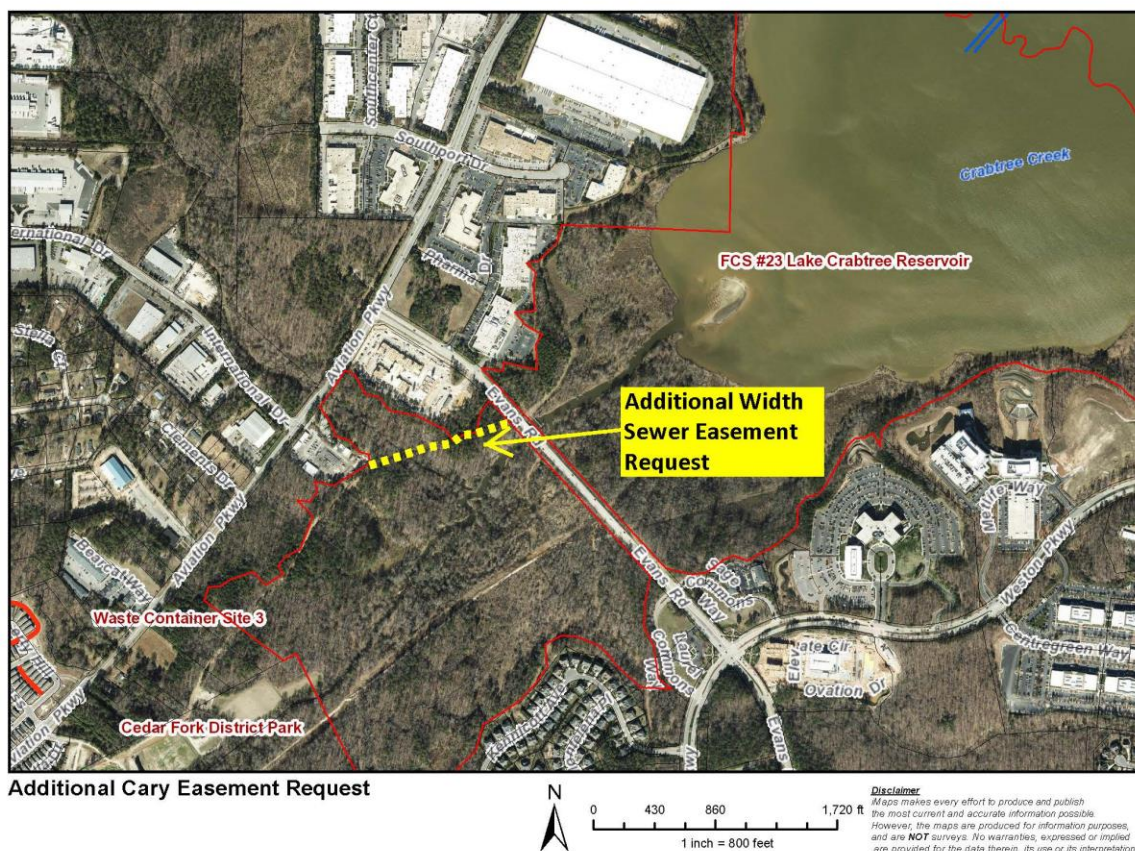
Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact to the County for this conveyance of easement interest to the Town of Cary

Additional Information:

Wake County owns several parcels in the areas south and west of Raleigh-Durham Airport 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 assigning operations and maintenance to the County for all the flood control structures in the Crabtree Creek Watershed Project. Any amendments to the flood control sites must be approved by the USDA. USDA has reviewed the Town of Cary sewer plans for this project and provided a letter of approval which is attached.

In December 2017, the Town of Cary requested that Wake County convey additional permanent utility easements in support of the Cary sewer project, that request is attached. The aerial photo below shows the approximate location of the proposed easements on the County owned property. The additional easements total approximately 1000 feet in length and are being requested to install new sewer infrastructure. The new Cary sewer infrastructure will provide redundancy to existing critical force mains, allow existing force mains to be maintained and cleaned, as well as provide additional operational flexibility to the Cary sewer system.

United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service staff, along with County staff from Facilities Design & Construction, Parks and Recreation, and General Services Administration have reviewed the proposed plans and have concluded that this conveyance will have no impact on the function of this structure. Staff recommends approval of the conveyance subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.



Attachments:

1. Existing Utility Easement DB 14624 PG 2391
2. USDA Approval Letter
3. Cary Easement Request
4. Easement Survey
5. Town of Cary Permanent Utility Easement