



## **TOWN OF CARRBORO**

### **Stormwater Advisory Commission**

**301 West Main Street, Carrboro, North Carolina 27510**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**DECEMBER 14, 2023**

### **Residential Assistance Program Design**

Motion was made by John Cox and seconded by Michael Paul that the SWAC:

- 1) Recognizes that:
  - a. the Town supported a "RainReady" study by the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) in 2020. The Town Council directed staff and the Stormwater Advisory Commission (May 2020) to follow up on the study's recommendations related to the Town developing a residential assistance program; and
  - b. the SWAC provided follow up recommendations in December, 2021; and
  - c. the Town has taken steps towards a new residential assistance program since 2020 such as:
    - i. creating a Homeowner's Watershed and Stormwater Manual
    - ii. further developing the Town's Stormwater website
    - iii. compiling and creating a directory of contractor's doing stormwater related work;
    - iv. Carrboro Connects identified developing an incentive program for income eligible households as a priority project in 2022, and the Town Council identified this as one of 13 strategic priorities in 2023; and
    - v. a Residential Assessment Pilot Project was completed in May, 2023 with support from Feather Village Farm and oversight from the SWAC that included assessment of 50 residential properties. (Twenty more assessments are in the process of being completed); and
    - vi. staff, Feather Village Farm, and the SWAC collaborated in the fall of 2023 to draft and review a new Watershed Restoration Residential Assistance Program Design document.
  - d. through the work completed to date and recognized effort that will be required and estimated costs, it is apparent that launching this new program will require that new revenue and associated staffing be dedicated to ensuring its success.
- 2) Recommends that the Town Council
  - a. approve the creation of the Watershed Restoration Residential Assistance Program through the draft program design document that has been developed; and
  - b. set a public hearing in early 2024 to review and approve a Stormwater Utility Rate Structure amendment of approximately 10% to create a new staff position supported by the Stormwater Enterprise Fund and to provide the funding needed for the Town cost sharing recommended in the draft program design document; and

c. direct staff to pursue revenue from grants to provide additional support for the program.

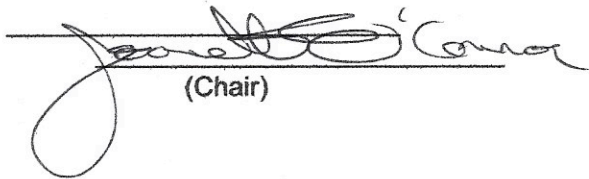
**VOTE:**

AYES: (John Cox, Michael Paul, Jeanette O'Connor, Beth Vollins, Margaret Kurz, Gordon Chadwick)

NOES: ( )

ABSTENTIONS: ( )

ABSENT/EXCUSED: (Deanna Hardesty)

  
(Chair)

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