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Item 8. WASMPBA

- 1. Council Question: Can households facing a health/safety issue apply for access to OWASA services if their home is outside of the boundary?**

Staff Response: The [Water and Sewer Management, Planning, and Boundary Agreement \(WASMPBA\)](#)^[1] has provisions for extension of services outside the existing boundary for documented adverse public health conditions that must be evaluated, confirmed, and documented by Orange County Health Department. The financial burden for the extension of services would be borne by the property owner(s).

Council Question: What are the economic implications (revenue and expenses) that the Town and County (as much as our staff can discern) that development could have as a result of re-extending this boundary as proposed?

Staff Response: Staff has not conducted an economic analysis of the expansion area. We anticipate that the area can increase housing opportunities consistent with the [Complete Community Strategy](#)^[2] Plan.

Council Question: Is there a place on the Town's website where can one find which homes by addresses...

- are already connected in the proposed area?**

Staff Response: Water and sewer connection data is not publicly available. Of the 139 parcels within the proposed expanded boundary, there are some homes currently connected to water, and none are connected to sewer.

- would be connected under the proposal?**

Staff Response: Water and sewer connection data is not publicly available.

Council Question: It is my understanding that the homes in Dogwood Acres have access to the water line but not sewer service; so, I'm interested in knowing:

- What was the reason for not providing both water and sewer service to this community?**

Staff Response: When the Dogwood Acres neighborhood was originally developed (1960's to mid-1970's), developers elected not to include what would have been a very long extension to the public sewer outfall along Morgan Creek. The water lines were installed in the late 1960's. The neighborhood is located within the existing service area of the WASMPBA. Should the community desire, sewer service to Dogwood Acres could be pursued through an assessment project whereby OWASA manages and builds the desired infrastructure and recovers all costs needed to serve the benefitting properties through assessment.

- Can we provide access to sewer service to the Dogwood Acres community?**

^[1] <https://www.townofchapelhill.org/home/showpublisheddocument/54584/638295274146300000>

^[2] <https://www.townofchapelhill.org/home/showpublisheddocument/53972/638222644055270000>

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Ms. Johnson:

This is my comment on the extension under consideration.

My brother is the owner of a residential lot and residence at 1511 Smith Level Road. I manage this property, and did so for many years when my sister owned it. We have experienced significant septic tank issues over the years.

I note that this area is not in any sense rural, from 1511 Smith Level Road up to Starpoint, because it is comprised of a string of residences. And Heritage Hills subdivision is on the other side. To the west of us, some rural area remains.

My suggestion is that the service area line be moved to include rather than exclude the residential lots along the north side of Smith Level Road from our property at 1511 to Starpoint, instead of along the back line of these lots, as proposed, which, as I understand the rules, precludes OWASA serving these lots.

I am a supporter of the rural buffer, but in my 50 or so years in Chapel Hill, this described area has never been rural.

Thanks for your consideration of this request.

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