

January 14, 2013

Granville County Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box 906
Oxford, NC 27565

Re: Environmental Affairs Committee Recommendation on the City of Creedmoor's
Intent to Discharge Wastewater into the Tar River

Dear Granville County Board of Commissioners,

The Environmental Affairs Committee met on January 14, 2013 at the Richard Thornton Library. One item on our agenda that drew particular interest was the City of Creedmoor's interest in pursuing authorization and funding to build a new wastewater treatment plant which would discharge wastewater into the Tar River. The *Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Notice of Potential Conversion of Important Farmlands* ran in the January 7, 2013 and January 10, 2013 issues of the Oxford Public Ledger. The notice indicates that the public comment period for the assessment will be open until February 5, 2013.

A total of nineteen people were in attendance at the Environmental Affairs Committee meeting. In attendance were a number of concerned citizens representing land owners along the Tar River, as well as residents of Creedmoor and Butner who voiced their concerns about the proposed project. A majority of the concerns centered on the resident's perceived lack of information about the project as well as the failure of the City of Creedmoor and SGWASA to reach some form of agreement on sharing wastewater services. It was further noted that the public notice for the proposed Creedmoor project has not run in the Butner Creedmoor News which was believed by some in attendance to be the most appropriate paper of circulation for the affected residents.

The committee has invited and met with a variety of stakeholders including the City of Creedmoor, the Tar River Pamlico Foundation, and the Granville County Health Department within the last year to discuss the effects of new and increased flow of wastewater into the Tar River. The recent public notice indicates that the City of Creedmoor is pursuing financial support through the USDA-Rural Grant Program to assist in funding a new 1.15 MGD Five Stage BNR type wastewater treatment plant and effluent transport system for discharge of effluent into the Tar River. Since the 30 day comment period for this public notice will be closed prior to our next scheduled meeting in February, a motion was made and seconded from committee members to inform the Board of Commissioners of our recommendation for consideration.

The Environmental Affairs Committee voted unanimously not to support the City of Creedmoor's intention to build a new wastewater plant which would discharge effluent into the Tar River and also recommend that the Granville County Board of Commissioner's representatives on SGWASA facilitate negotiations between the City of Creedmoor and SGWASA to reach a resolution.

Sincerely,

Neil Gresham
Chairman