



MECKLENBURG COUNTY
Land Use and Environmental Services Agency

February 19, 2008

Mr. Solomon Fortune
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission
600 East Fourth Street
Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

**Re: Rezoning Petition 2008-051
Approximately 1.53 acres located on the northwest corner of S Tryon
Street and Steele Creek Road**

Dear Mr. Fortune:

Representatives of the Air Quality (MCAQ), Groundwater & Wastewater Services (MCGWS), Solid Waste (MCSW), Storm Water Services (MCSWS), and Water Quality (MCWQ) Programs of the Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency (LUESA) have reviewed the above referenced rezoning petition. In order for the Mecklenburg County LUESA to support this rezoning, the following recommendations should be implemented and appear as notes or modifications on site plans:

Air Quality

No Comment.

Groundwater & Wastewater Services

Data from property records indicates that the home on parcel 083-076-22 uses oil heat. Based on this the property contains a fuel oil storage tank. The tank and its contents should be removed, following applicable NCDENR guidance, prior to any demolition or grading activity.

The age of construction (built in 1910) for the homes included in this petition indicates that the homes were served by individual on-site wastewater disposal systems (septic system) during some portion of their occupancy. No regulation governs the abandonment of septic systems; however, GWS does recommend that septic tanks be pumped by a licensed waste hauler to removal any residual contents, and then crushed and backfilled. This recommendation is made because tanks that collapse pose a safety hazard and improperly abandoned septic tanks may not be able to support the weight of vehicular traffic, structural foundations, or people.

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Groundwater & Wastewater Services request the following statements be added to the notes of the site plan:

All fuel oil storage tanks shall be removed and any related soil contamination remediated to NCDENR standards prior to any demolition or grading activity.

Existing septic tanks shall be located, pumped by a licensed waste hauler to removal residual contents, crushed and backfilled prior to any demolition or grading activity.

Solid Waste

Mecklenburg County Solid Waste requests the petitioner submit a Solid Waste Management Plan prior to initiating demolition and/or construction activities to include, at a minimum, the procedures that will be used to recycle all clean wood, metal, and concrete generated during demolition and construction activities. The Plan shall also state that monthly reporting of all tonnage disposed and recycled will be made to the Mecklenburg County Solid Waste Program. The report shall include the identification and location of all facilities receiving disposed or recycled materials.

Mecklenburg County is committed to reduction of construction/demolition waste. Technical assistance is available at no charge to those companies willing to partner with the County in this effort.

Storm Water

No Comment.

Water Quality

No Comment.

Please contact the staff members who conducted the reviews if you have any questions. The reviews were conducted by, Leslie Rhodes (Leslie.Rhodes@mecklenburgcountync.gov) with MCAQ, Jack Stutts (Jack.Stutts@mecklenburgcountync.gov) with GWS, Joe Hack (Joe.Hack@mecklenburgcountync.gov) with MCSW, Bill Tingle (Bill.Tingle@mecklenburgcountync.gov) with MCSWS, and Rusty Rozzelle (Rusty.Rozzelle@mecklenburgcountync.gov) with the MCWQ.

Respectfully,

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