

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION OF THE TOWN OF PITTSBORO FOR A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT TO BUILD A NEW 3.22 MILLION GALLON PER DAY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IN PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners is committed to policies that support sustainable and environmentally responsible economic development within Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners is committed to policies that promote and preserve the rural and agricultural character of Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, a critical component of sustainable and environmentally responsible development is the provision of adequate water and wastewater utilities to support well designed and well planned growth in the urban centers of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Pittsboro has been under a development moratorium since March 2004 because the wastewater capacity of the Town's 750,000 gallon per day wastewater treatment plant is nearly fully committed to existing wastewater flows or previously permitted new development; and

WHEREAS, the current inability of the Town of Pittsboro provide the needed wastewater treatment capacity to support new development in and around the Town of Pittsboro is a serious impediment to pending plans for sustainable and environmentally responsible economic development in eastern Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Pittsboro is committed to a project to construct and operate a new 3.22 million gallon per day wastewater treatment plant that is expected to satisfy the wastewater treatment demands of the Town of Pittsboro and surrounding developments for the next twenty years; and

WHEREAS, in order to respond to the demand for additional wastewater treatment capacity in and around the Town of Pittsboro, the Town of Pittsboro has submitted an environmental impact statement for a new 3.22 million gallon per day wastewater treatment plant to be located at the site of the current 750,000 gallon per day wastewater treatment plant; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Pittsboro has received a favorable record of decision from the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, approving the Town's environmental impact statement for a new 3.22 million gallon per day wastewater treatment plant; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Pittsboro has submitted the NPDES permit application required to build a new 3.22 million gallon per day wastewater treatment plant in the Town of Pittsboro; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners strongly believes that the construction of the proposed 3.22 million gallon per day wastewater treatment plant in the Town of Pittsboro is consistent with Chatham County's goals for sustainable and environmentally responsible development that promotes and preserves the rural and agricultural character of Chatham County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, North Carolina that the Chatham County supports the approval of the pending NPDES permit for a project to construct a new 3.22 million gallon per day wastewater treatment plant to be located at the site of Pittsboro's current 750,000 gallon per day wastewater treatment plant.

This the 3rd day of January, 2011.

Brian Bock, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board
Chatham County Board of Commissioners