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W. Calvin Horton, Town Manager
Town of Chapel Hill
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Dear Cal:

I am writing to clarify the University's position concerning the Town of Chapel Hill's Stormwater Utility. The University appreciates the Town's willingness to include University representatives on the Town's Stormwater Utility Committee. We believe that there are a number of opportunities for cooperation and collaboration in complying with Environmental Protection Agency regulations.

As you know, the University made significant commitments regarding the quantity and quality of stormwater runoff in our Development Plan. We have made substantial investments in personnel and equipment, as well as in installation of best management practices, and more such investments are planned. The University meets the requirements for operating a small separate municipal storm sewer system, and we believe that it is in our best interests to do so. Thus, we submitted our own permit application to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

While we will not be participating in Chapel Hill's Stormwater Utility, we look forward to continued close cooperation with the Town of Chapel Hill in meeting stormwater requirements.

Sincerely,

Nancy D. Suttentfield
Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration

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