



Memorandum

CITY OF DURHAM

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager

Through: Keith Chadwell, Deputy City Manager 

From: Reginald J. Johnson, Interim Director
Department of Community Development

Date: June 12, 2012

Re: Council Questions on MBS Agenda Item

At the June 7, 2012 work session, Council members asked if the water feature/detention pond included as part of the Southside East development would always have water in it. The response to the question is below. If any additional follow-up information is needed or if there are other questions, please let us know.

The water feature/detention pond is collecting runoff for the entire 19 acre site. In the event the water level in the pond decreases below the permanent "amenity" level, there are two options to assist in increasing the water level in the pond. First, the developer will install a rainwater harvesting system that will provide water for the irrigation of the landscaped areas of the site which would serve as a backup to increasing the water level in the pond. Secondly, in the event the rainwater harvesting system does not provide backup, the system has a connection to city water along with a supplemental connection to the pond if needed. If drought conditions were to exist, the level of restrictions would determine if the pond would be maintained at the "amenity" level.

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Additional Information