



Date: January 8, 2013

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: Keith Chadwell, Deputy City Manager
From: Marvin G. Williams, Director of Public Works
Donald F. Greeley, Director of Water Management
Subject: Resolution Supporting the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund

Executive Summary

The North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund is seeking support from local government partners as the legislature enters the 2013 session. The new legislature is preparing to initiate the state budget process for the next biennium (i.e., 2013 to 2015). The Clean Water Management Trust Fund has received decreased funding over the past few years. This resolution indicates City of Durham support of increased funding of the Clean Water Management Trust Fund in the upcoming budget cycle. This resolution will be forwarded to the NC League of Municipalities and the Durham legislative delegation.

Recommendation

The Administration recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution.

Background

The Clean Water Management Trust Fund was established in 1996 to provide funding for clean water projects across the state of North Carolina. The City of Durham Stormwater Services and Durham County Soil and Water Conservation District have applied for and received grant funding from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund for projects. The "Rain Catchers" Low Impact Development Retrofit Project underway in the South Ellerbe Creek watershed is partially funded by the Clean Water Management Trust Fund. This grant provided the City with \$242,811. The Durham County Soil & Water Conservation District has also applied for and received grant funding from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund. The Soil & Water Conservation District has used funds from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund for the design, construction, or installation of stormwater control measures such as stream restoration projects, bioretention areas, and installation of cisterns. The City of Durham Departments of Public Works and Water Management support the continued funding of the Clean Water Management Trust Fund.

Alternatives

The alternative is to reject the resolution supporting the Clean Water Management Trust Fund.

Financial Impact

Not applicable

SDBE Summary

Not applicable