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Ms. Sara Craft
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Dear Ms. Craft:

As a follow-up to our telephone conversation on Friday, May 20, 2016, I have reviewed your request to the City Manager's Office (CMO) regarding maintenance of the unpaved portion of Lednum St. As we have previously discussed (in May 2013) the City of Durham's (City) does not have ownership or maintenance responsibility for the unpaved portion of Lednum St. which is in front of your home. As you will see on the attached map the City's maintenance responsibility ends at the Intersection of Lednum and Murray St.

As we have previously discussed, the Street Maintenance division of the Department of Public Works (DPW) incorrectly performed maintenance this section of Lednum St. in May 2013 due to an error on the part of one of our maintenance employees. At that time the DPW explained that your section of Lednum is privately owned and maintained and the any additional maintenance of this section of unpaved street would be the responsibility of the property owners whose properties front this section of Lednum.

In addition, our records show that you property was connected to City water and sewer in 1998. The sewer main was installed in this section of Lednum in 1998 under the Enabling Act Authority of the City Council due to a failed septic on this property. The Right-of-Way was platted in 1926 (PB 6A-50, "Property of W.P. Sneed and W.H. Woods), but the street was never built to meet City standards and was therefore never accepted for City maintenance. The DPW has no knowledge or documentation which indicates that the City would assume responsibility for maintaining this section of Lednum St. upon completion of the water and sewer connections.

As I have previously stated to you, if you can provide any type of formal documentation which shows that the City committed to maintain this privately owned section of Lednum the DPW will review and revisit this issue with the City Manager's Office.

If you should have any additional questions, please feel to contact my office at 919-560-4326.

Sincerely,

Marvin G. Williams
Director, Department of Public Works

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Enclosures: 1) Lednum St. Image
 2) Lednum St. Map

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