

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA

BOCC Transfer Station Siting Work Session
February 19, 2008
Dinner/Meeting – 5:30 PM
Southern Human Services Center
Chapel Hill, NC

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the meeting will be to receive public comment regarding preliminary exclusionary criteria. Information regarding exclusionary criteria, technical criteria and community specific criteria will be presented for discussion, feedback, direction and public comment.

AGENDA (Order of Business):

- 1) Review and Discussion of Preliminary Exclusionary Criteria based upon Comments and Feedback from February 11th Meeting (Exhibit 1, Exhibit 2, Exhibit 3 and Exhibit 4)
- 2) Public Comment on Preliminary Exclusionary Criteria
- 3) Discussion, Feedback and Comment on Technical Criteria (Exhibit 5)
- 4) Discussion, Feedback and Comment on Community Specific Criteria (Exhibit 6)
- 5) Public Comment Period (15 Minutes)
- 6) Further Comment and Feedback as desired by the Board to Olver, Inc. and/or County Management
- 7) Adoption of Proposed Resolution on Public Participation (amended per Feb 11th)

ATTACHMENTS FOR RESOURCE/REFERENCE:

Exhibit 1 – Preliminary Exclusionary Siting Criteria
Exhibit 2 – Orange County Planning Areas
Exhibit 3 – Orange County - Major Roads
Exhibit 4 – Orange County Watersheds
Exhibit 5 – Technical Siting Criteria
Exhibit 6– Community Specific Siting Criteria
Exhibit 7 – Proposed Resolution on Public Participation

EXHIBIT 1

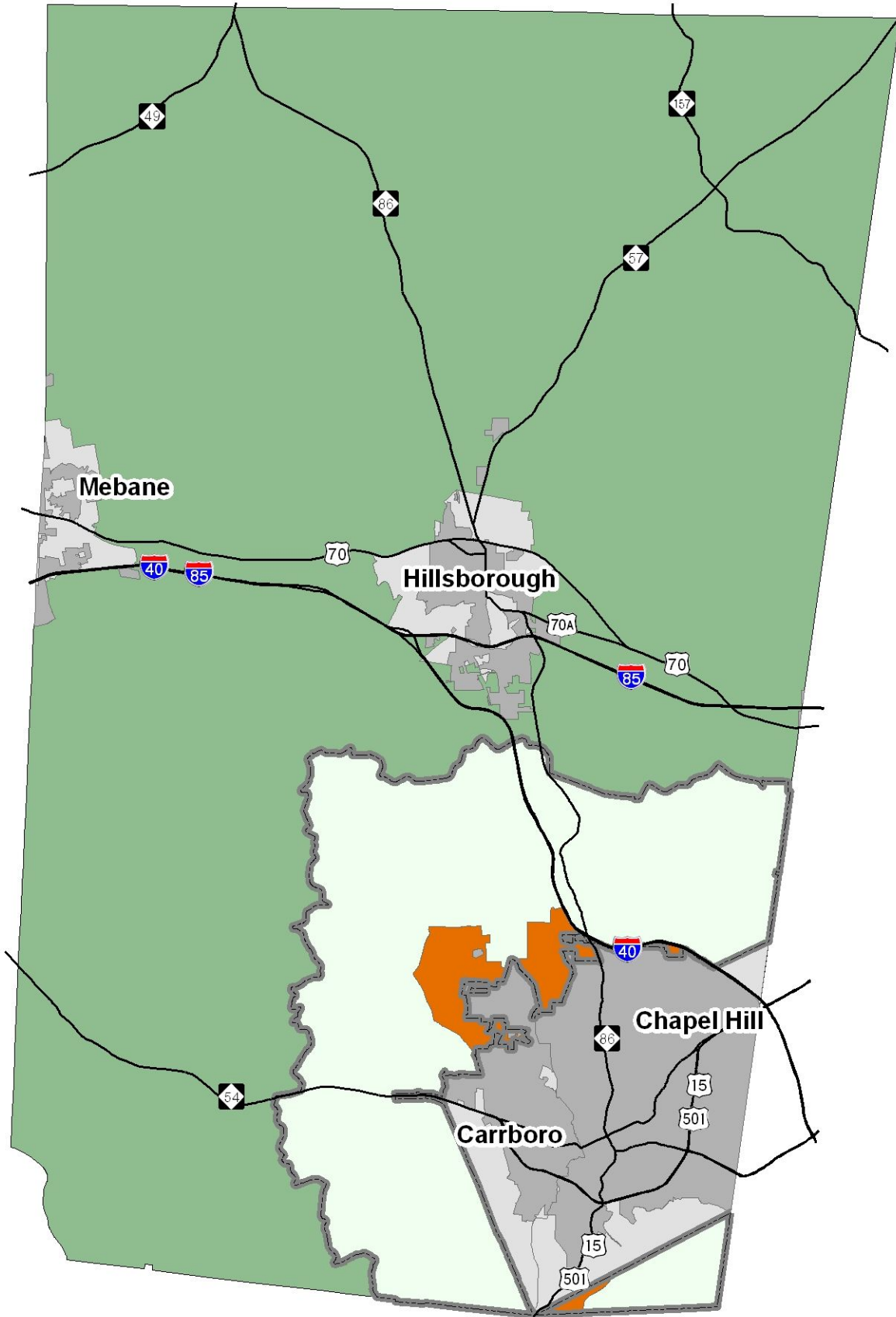
PRELIMINARY EXCLUSIONARY SITING CRITERIA




- A. Wetlands and floodplains.
- B. Endangered and protected flora and fauna habitats.
- C. Protected sites of historical, archeological, or cultural significance.
- D. Park preserves.
- E. Sites (single parcel or combination of parcels) must be at least 25 acres.
- F. Site must be located within Orange County.
- G. Site must be located within 3 miles of US 15-501, NC 54, NC 86, US 70, NC 57, I-40, or I-85).¹
- H. Site cannot be located in a critical watershed.²




¹ Recommend that location of site with respect to rail access be included in the consideration of Technical Criteria.


² Protected watershed criteria is being reviewed by County staff.


Planning Areas




- 1  Orange County Planning
- 2  Orange County Joint Planning Area Joint Land Use
- 2a  Rural Buffer - Zoning Map and Text Changes, Orange County Approval Only

- 2b  Urban Transition Areas - Zoning Map Changes, Joint Town/County Approval
- 3  Municipal ETJ
- 4  Municipal Incorporated





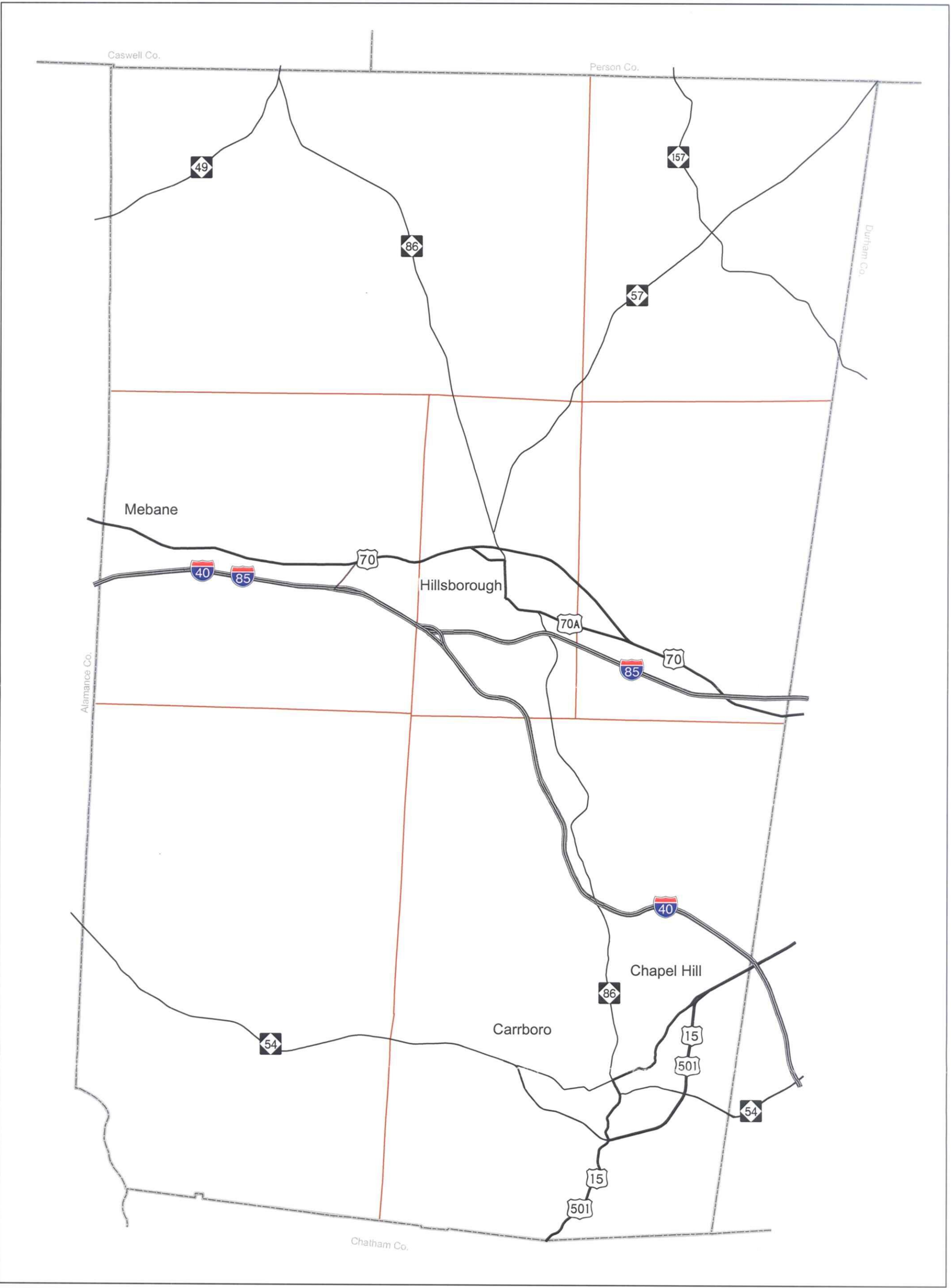
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Orange County Planning and Inspections Department
GIS Map Prepared by Brian Carson February 13, 2008

Orange County Major Roads

EXHIBIT 3



Interstate	County Boundary
US	Township Boundary
NC	

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Orange County Planning and Inspections Department
GIS Map Prepared by Brian Carson February 07, 2008

EXHIBIT 4

Orange County Watersheds

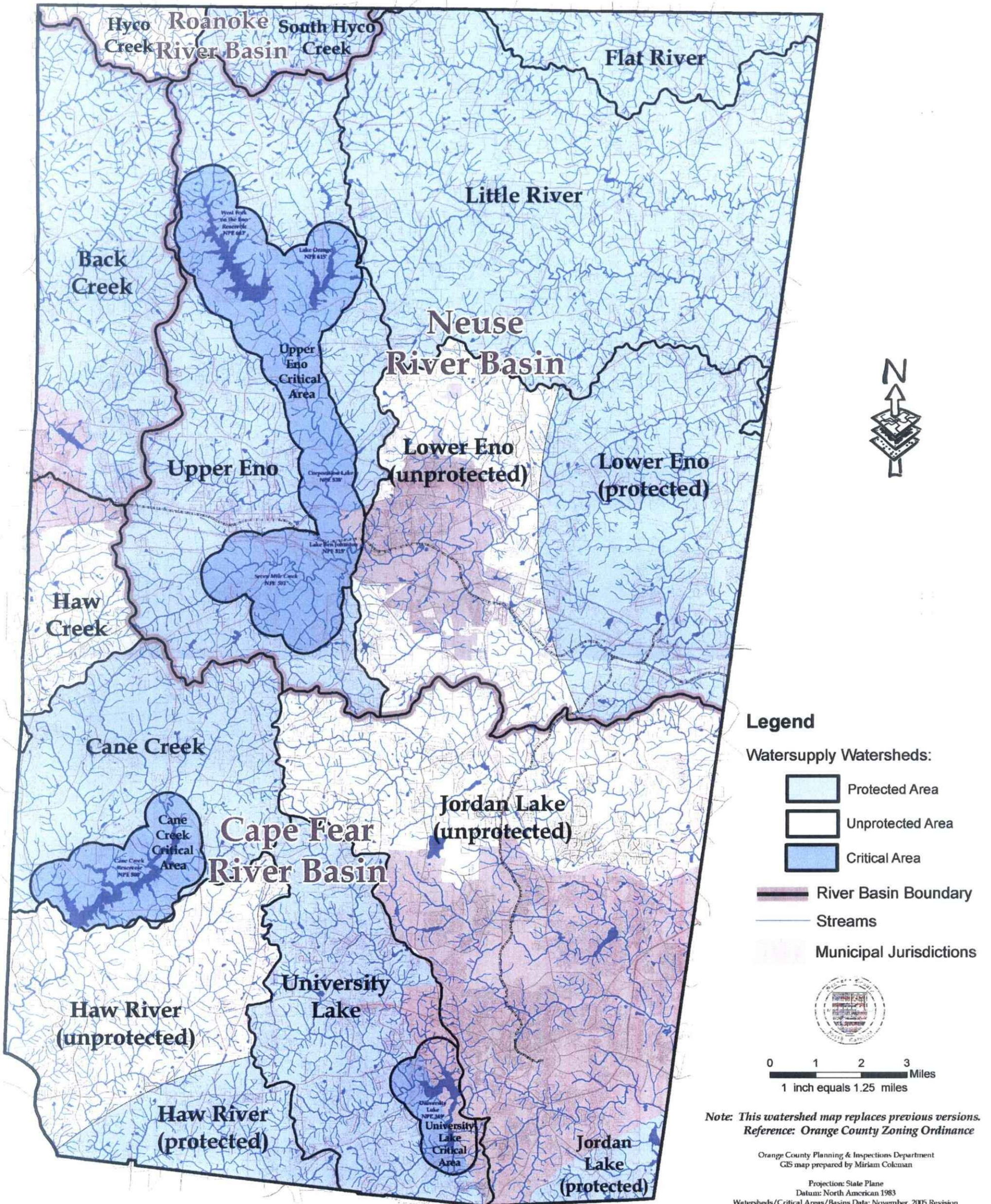


EXHIBIT 5

TYPICAL TECHNICAL SITING CRITERIA

- A. Central location to collection routes.
- B. Access to major transportation routes.
- C. Site size requirements.
- D. Sufficient space for on-site roadways, queuing, and parking.
- E. Truck and traffic compatibility.
- F. Ability for expansion.
- G. Space for recycling, composting, and public education.
- H. Buffer space.
- I. Gently sloping topography.
- J. Access to utilities.
- K. Zoning designations and requirements.
- L. Carbon footprint.

EXHIBIT 6

TYPICAL COMMUNITY SPECIFIC SITING CRITERIA

- A. Environmental Justice Considerations
- B. Impact on air Quality
- C. Impact on the Local Infrastructure
- D. Adjacent Land Uses
- E. Proximity to Schools, Churches, Recreation Sites, and Residences
- F. Prevailing Winds
- G. Number of Residences Impacted
- H. Presence of Natural Buffers
- I. Impacts on Existing Businesses
- J. Buffer Zones and Screening Measures
- K. Traffic Compatibility
- L. Impact on Historic or Cultural Features
- M. Impact on Non-protected Neighborhood Character

Orange County Transfer Station Siting Process Resolution Commitment to Public Participation

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners authorized County management to begin planning a solid waste transfer station for the Eubanks Road site in March 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Board agreed in November 2007 to activate a process for identifying and evaluating alternate sites for locating a solid waste transfer station; and

WHEREAS, the services of Olver, Inc., an independent engineering consulting firm, were engaged in December 2007 to guide and assist the Board – serving as a “committee of the whole”- through the technical phases of a search process – from defining site criteria to the ranking of candidate sites – leading ultimately to a site selection; and

WHEREAS, the Board is aware and appreciates the sense of urgency and magnitude of effort required by this undertaking – given the existing landfill is projected to be at capacity by 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Board is keenly concerned and committed to conducting a process that provides for a high level of public information and abundant opportunity for meaningful public participation throughout; and

WHEREAS, the Board has been in consultation with its Human Relations Commission on the definition and development of a Social Justice Goal to include a vision of a society that is equitable, whose members are physically and psychologically safe and secure, and where the marginalized, disenfranchised and oppressed are included in developing solutions to the issues that concern them; and

WHEREAS, the Board charged Olver, Inc., with advice and assistance from County management, to propose a schedule of special (and public) meetings that marry aggressive timelines for deliberations and decision-making on siting criteria and site options, along with comprehensive outreach and notification, information/feedback sessions, and special presentations within and among impacted individuals, neighborhoods and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, the Board on February 5, 2008 amended its regular meeting schedule to incorporate additional dates consistent with the philosophy of public education and engagement, and providing that such meetings be televised, with the understanding that further meeting dates will be added and advertised widely as the siting process proceeds; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the vision of Social Justice can only be developed synergistically, as both process and goal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Orange County Board of Commissioners has set forth these actions and this statement as strong indicators of the Board's desire to ensure a fair, open, and fundamentally sound siting process for a transfer station;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board invites and encourages local media, municipalities, civic organizations, and residents from everywhere in Orange County to engage and participate fully in this siting process as all are equal stewards for the environment of Orange County;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will reserve for public comment the last fifteen (15) minutes of each of the meetings that are part of the Board's schedule of meetings which meetings are committed to identifying and evaluating alternative sites for locating a solid waste transfer station. This Resolution takes effect immediately.

Upon motion of Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____, the foregoing resolution was adopted this the ____ day of _____, 2008.

I, Donna S. Baker, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Orange, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of so much of the proceedings of said Board at a meeting held on _____ as relates in any way to the adoption of the foregoing and that said proceedings are recorded in the Minute Book of the Board.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said County, this ____ day of _____, 2008.

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners