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June 1, 2018

Lindsay Laird
Town of Davidson
P.O. Box 579
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Subject: Preliminary Approval of Watershed Protection Ordinance

Dear Ms. Laird:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Division of Energy, Mineral and Land Resources (DEMLR) has reviewed and preliminarily approved the amendments to the Town of Davidson's Watershed Protection Overlay District (Chapter 17 of Planning Ordinance) received by our office on May 31, 2018. We agree that the proposed amendments equal or exceed the statewide minimum requirements pursuant to NCGS 143-214.5 and 15A NCAC 02B .0100 and .0200.

Please note that this approval is considered preliminary. Upon adoption, the Town must provide the adopted ordinance to DEMLR for approval in accordance with 15A NCAC 2B .0104(b).

We acknowledge that the amendments to the Town's ordinance are intended to balance the need for protection of Lake Norman water quality with the need for development flexibility within the critical area which includes the village center and numerous undeveloped lots of record. We are pleased that you are proposing to incorporate the requirements from the Mecklenburg County Design Manual, as those are consistent with our State Stormwater

Program, and they will provide opportunities to be more flexible and cost effective while also being more environmentally protective.

Thank you for the opportunity to review your proposed ordinance amendments in advance of adoption. Please let me know if our office can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Julie Ventaloro
WSWP Program Coordinator

cc: DEMLR Stormwater Program files