

# Town of Siler City

# TO:

Mayor Price Mayor Pro Tem Haiges Board of Commissioners Hank Raper, Town Manager

# REFERENCE:

Watershed Protection Ordinance

# Memorandum

FROM:

Jack Meadows Community Development Director jmeadows@silercity.org 919-726-8627

### DATE:

February 24, 2023

CE Group presented this opportunity (proposed 10-70 Watershed Transfer from Chatham County to Siler City) to the Town.

# Town of Siler City Special Intensity Allocation (SIA):

- 1. Current allocation = 180.62 acres
- 2. Proposed allocation = 286.263 acres

# Town of Siler City SIA Remaining Balance:

- 1. Current balance = 0.24 acres
- 2. Proposed balance = 105.643 acres

### **Attached Documents:**

- 1. Letter from CE Group dated February 13, 2023
- 2. Siler City ETJ Boundary Line recorded in 2002
- 3. Current Siler City Watershed Protection Map
- 4. Current Siler City SIA balance
- 5. WS III Assignment exhibit provided by CE Group date January 17, 2023 (3 sheets)
- 6. Resolution to Transfer 10/70 Development Rights



# **CE** GROUP

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February 13, 2023

Jack Meadows
Community Planning Director, Town of Siler City
PO Box 769
Siler City, North Carolina 27344

RE: Joint Resolution 10-70 Watershed Jurisdictional Transfer, WS-III-BW-Rocky River (from Chatham County to Siler City)

Jack: In followup to our discussion last week.

Both Chatham County and Siler City manage development within the Rocky River WS-III-BW watershed.

In 2002 Siler City extended its ETJ. The watershed jurisdictional maps have never been adjusted to address the additional ETJ area gained by Siler City at that time. When the ETJ was extended in 2002; the watershed jurisdictional area should have been transferred to match the ETJ extension given that Siler City has planning control within this expanded area.

This joint resolution allows Siler City to manage the area within its current ETJ. NCDEQ has reviewed the joint resolution and provided comments which have been included. Chatham County has indicated they are willing to transfer this area to you (area already within your ETJ). This action simply completes what should have been done in 2002.

Upon approval by both Boards, it is expected that NCDEQ will review and approve the transfer. They have already performed a courtesy review. Once Siler City has control of the watershed area within its ETJ; the Town can elect to assign SIA to various project should you desire to. In any event the watershed regulated area should always match your ETJ.

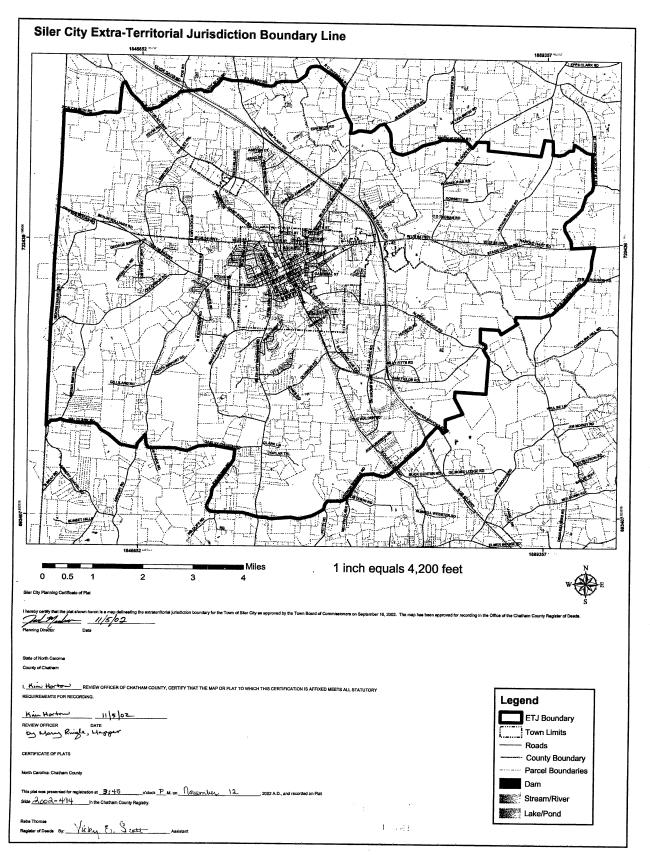
When you expand your ETJ in the future; the watershed transfer should also be included to avoid the current situation happening again.

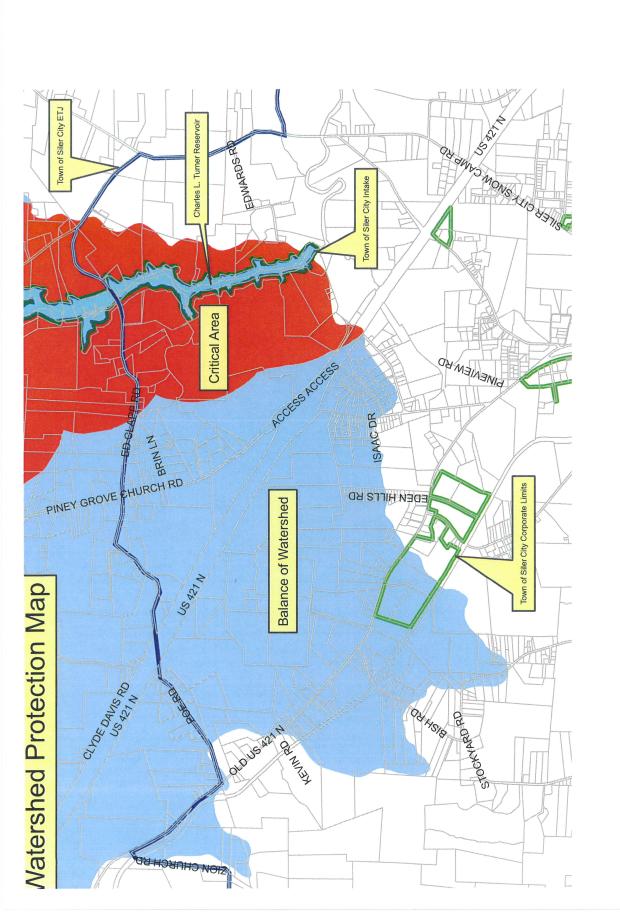
Sincerely.

Mark P. Ashness, PE

CE Group, Inc.

cc: Jennifer Baptiste, Siler City Planning Director attachment:: Jan 17, 2023 Exhibit & Siler City ETJ Expansion Map from 2002





# **Jack Meadows**

From:

Jack Meadows

Sent:

Monday, October 17, 2022 2:12 PM

To:

Mark Ashness; Jason Sullivan; Rachael Thorn; Brian Hall Samet

Subject:

Watershed Protection Ordinance - SIA

Remaining Watershed Special Intensity Allowance (SIA) is 0.24 acres (see below).

- 1. Balance of Watershed is 1,808.62 acres
- 2. Ten percent is 180.86 (SIA total)
- 3. Approved SIA
  - a. CAM Site = 124.16 acres
  - b. 101 Vivian Betty Place = 21.49 acres
  - c. Vivian Betty Place (P# 78654) = 17.17 acres
  - d. Vivian Betty Place (P# 78655) = 17.8 acres
  - e. Total = 180.62 a cares
- 4. Remaining SIA = 0.24 acres

# Appendix H Watershed Protection Ordinance - Development Regulations - H-3(2)(b) of the Town's UDO reads as follows:

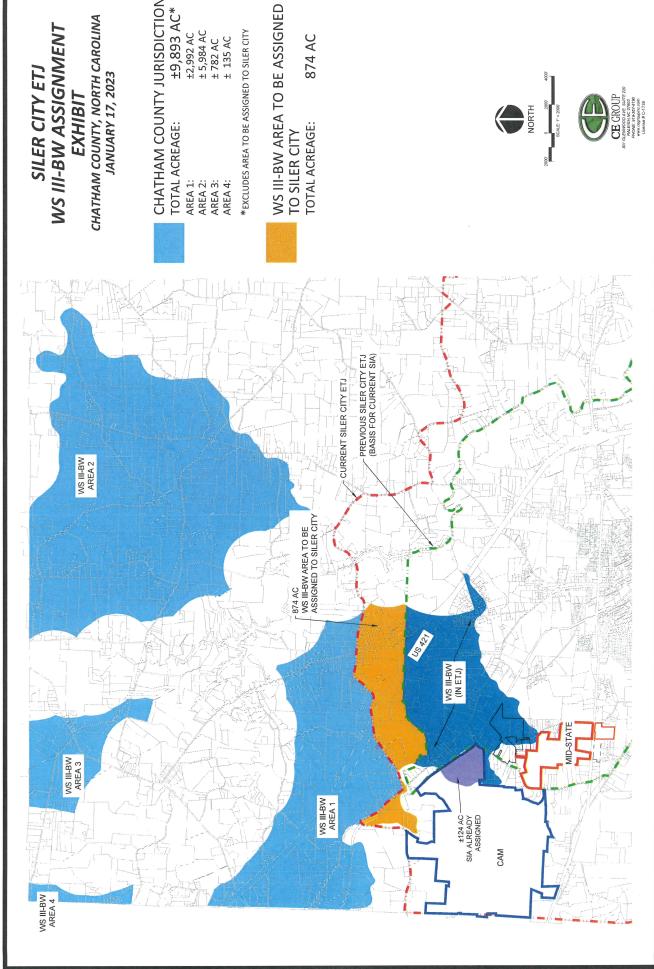
"WS-III Watershed Areas - Balance of Watershed (WS-III-BW). In order to maintain a low to moderate land use intensity pattern, single family detached uses shall develop at a maximum of two (2) dwelling units per acre. All other residential and non-residential development shall be allowed a maximum of twenty-four percent (24%) built-upon area.

In addition, new development and expansions to existing development may occupy ten percent (10%) of the watershed with a seventy percent (70%) built-upon area when approved as a special intensity allocation (SIA). The Watershed Administrator is authorized to approve SIAs consistent with the provisions of this ordinance. Projects must minimize built-upon surface area, direct stormwater away from surface waters and incorporate Best Management Practices to minimize water quality impacts. Non-discharging landfills and sludge application sites are allowed. NOTE: Ten percent is based on Town's jurisdiction of Watershed as of July 1, 1993. The ten percent does not increase due to annexations or expansion of the extraterritorial jurisdiction.

New development and expansions to existing development shall not exceed twenty-four percent (24%) built-upon area on a project by project basis except that up to ten percent (10%) of the balance of the watershed may be developed for uses to seventy percent (70%) built-upon area on a project by project basis. For the purpose of calculating built-upon area, total project area shall include total acreage in the tract on which the project is to be developed."

Notice: City Hall is currently under renovation. The Planning and Community Development Department is now located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and can be accessed through the front door to City Hall (door facing N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.). Public parking is available in the Town parking lot located along the 100 block of E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. (parking lot is located between N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and N. Chatham Ave.).

Sincerely,
Jack Meadows
Town of Siler City Planning and Community Development Director



# **WS III-BW ASSIGNMENT** SILER CITY ETJ

CHATHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA JANUARY 17, 2023

CHATHAM COUNTY JURISDICTION ±9,893 AC\* ±2,992 AC ±5,984 AC

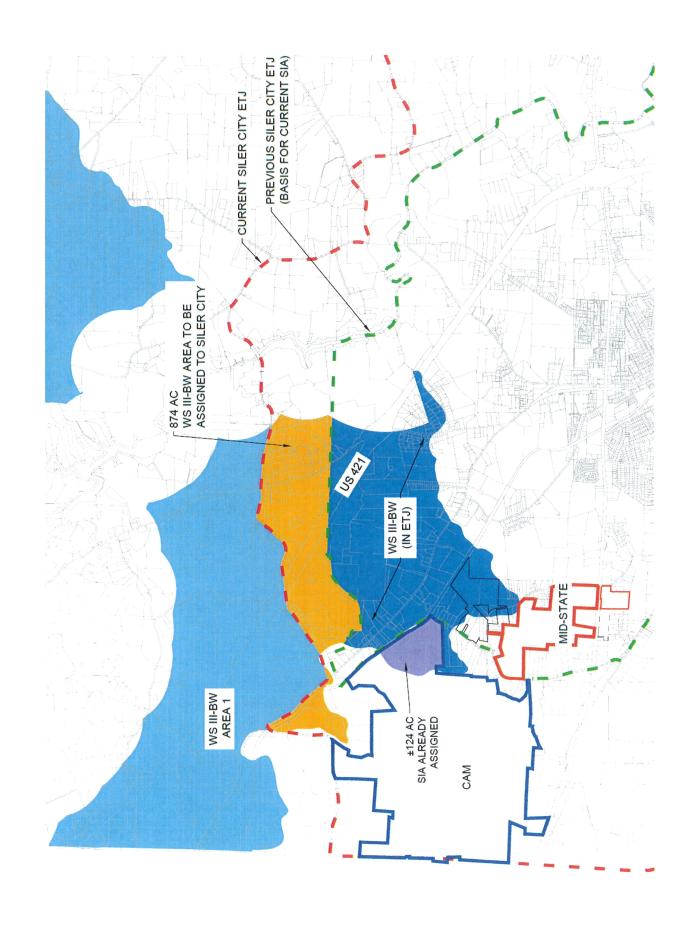
± 782 AC ± 135 AC

\*EXCLUDES AREA TO BE ASSIGNED TO SILER CITY









# SILER CITY ETJ WS III-BW ASSIGNMENT EXHIBIT

CHATHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA JANUARY 17, 2023



# CHATHAM COUNTY JURISDICTION

TOTAL ACREAGE: ±9,893 AC\*

±2,992 AC

± 5,984 AC + 782 AC

AREA 2:

AREA 3: ± 782 AC AREA 4: ± 135 AC

\*EXCLUDES AREA TO BE ASSIGNED TO SILER CITY



WS III-BW AREA TO BE ASSIGNED

**TO SILER CITY** 

TOTAL ACREAGE:

874 AC

# RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER 10/70 DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER RIGHTS FOR 10/70 LAND AREA IN THE BALANCE OF WATERSHED (ROCKY RIVER - WS-III-BW WITHIN SILER CITY ETJ) TO THE TOWN OF SILER CITY FROM CHATHAM COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County of Chatham and the Town of Siler City have jurisdiction in the Rocky River – Public Water Supply Watershed, which is classified as WS-III-BW by the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Siler City has adopted a water supply watershed protection ordinance implementing the low-density option and 10/70 provision for WS III BW water supply watershed for its jurisdiction in the Rocky River watershed; and/

WHEREAS, the County of Chatham has adopted a water supply watershed protection ordinance implementing the low-density option and 10/70 provision for WS-III-BW water supply watersheds for its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the WS-III-BW was created as of September 28, 1993, with the Town of Siler City having 1,808.63 acres of land within the water supply watershed and within its jurisdiction and the County of Chatham having +/- 10,767 acres of land within the water supply watershed within its jurisdiction; and,

WHEREAS, the 10/70 provision allows local governments to take a maximum of 10 percent of their jurisdiction in the watershed, as of July 1, 1995, and allow new development at up to 70 percent built-upon area, outside of the critical watershed area; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Siler City has utilized 180.62 acres of its original 10/70 allocation within the WS-III-BW, leaving a balance of 0.24 acres and the County of Chatham has utilized zero acres of its original 10/70 allocation within the WS-III-BW, leaving a balance of +/- 10,767 1076.7 acres; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Siler City expanded their ETJ in 2002 which added 874 AC of land within the WS-III-BW Watershed.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Water Supply Watershed Protection Rules (15A NCAC 2B .0200, 15A NCAC 02B .0623) developed by the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission, the County of Chatham may transfer, in whole or in part, its rights to the 10/70 acreage to the Town of Siler City within the WS-III-BW; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Siler City desires the ability for facilities and services which typically require larger amounts of built-upon area to locate in its portion of jurisdiction in the WS-III-BW; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the County of Chatham, North Carolina and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Siler City to transfer to the Town of Siler City, North Carolina, 10/70 development rights for 874 acres located in the WS-III-BW (as identified on January 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 Exhibit).

9,893 acres with 989.3 acres available for 10/70 development in the WS-III-BW. Adopted, this the \_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_. Karen Howard, Chair Chatham County Board of Commissioners ATTEST: Lindsay K. Ray, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board Chatham County Board of Commissioners Adopted, this the day of . Thomas K. Price III, Mayor Siler City Board of Commissioners ATTEST: Kimberly D. Pickard, Town Clerk

Siler City Board of Commissioners

FURTHERMORE, following the transfer of the 10/70 development rights, by the adoption of this Resolution, the Town of Siler City will have a total of 2,682.63 acres with 268.263 available for 10/70 development within its jurisdiction, and the County of Chatham will have a total of +/-