

Bingham Update 12/3/10

Friends and neighbors:

In advance of our next regular meeting on Dec. 6, I wanted to share some correspondence between the University and Orange County regarding permitting for the proposed wastewater treatment system at the Bingham Facility. The letters have been posted to the University's Bingham Facility website: <http://www.unc.edu/community/bingham.html>

As you will see in the Nov. 16 letter from Michael Harvey of the Orange County Planning and Inspections Department, Orange County staff has decided that a special use permit is not required for the installation and modification of the wastewater treatment system on the property.

This decision, however, has no effect on the state's permitting requirements through the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). Orange County will also require that the University submit a revised site plan for review by the Planning and Inspections Department.

I also want to update you on the DENR permitting process. On Nov. 30, we submitted a letter to DENR that describes the proposed wastewater treatment system. Improvements over the former system include making the large pond more stable and lining it with clay and stones instead of a synthetic liner and installing a new chlorine disinfection system and tertiary sand filters. That letter has also been posted to the website above.

If you have any questions or concerns, I'll be happy to address them at our next meeting on Dec. 6 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 208 of the Campus Y. The Campus Y faces Cameron Avenue opposite the Old Well. Visitor parking is available in the Morehead Science Center lot; if that lot is full, you can park in the town's Wallace Deck on Rosemary Street.

Sincerely,

Bob Lowman