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## News Release

### County to Convey Road and Land to Town of Waxhaw

**October 16, 2012, Monroe, NC** – The Union County Board of Commissioners on Monday authorized County Manager Cindy Coto to approve an interlocal agreement between the Town of Waxhaw and Union County that conveys 18.571 acres to Waxhaw.

The 18-plus acres owned by the County, located adjacent to the 12 Mile Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, was part of a larger portion of County-owned property sold to G.S. Carolina, LLC in 2002. G.S. Carolina intended to develop the property, including a road tentatively named Cureton Parkway. The land retained by the County was in the path of the proposed Cureton Parkway and the County agreed to allow the developer to build a portion of the parkway on the northern side of the County's property.

Following construction of the road, which is now Kensington Drive, the North Carolina Department of Transportation declined to accept it for maintenance. The Town of Waxhaw now wants to accept Kensington Drive into its street system and assume maintenance. Because the road is not located within Waxhaw's town limits, Waxhaw officials have asked the County to deed them the roadway so it can be annexed. Waxhaw is working with a developer to improve and repair Kensington Drive and bring it up to standards.

Waxhaw officials have also requested that the County deed several acres located between Kensington Drive and Twelve Mile Creek for use as a park or greenway. Much of the property is steep and located within the creek's floodplain. Union County Public Works has determined that the land will not be needed for the operation or future expansion of the wastewater treatment plant.

The agreement is contingent upon the developer consenting to properly grade and seed the berm located on the west side of the County's entrance to the wastewater treatment plant. The berm was never correctly graded and seeded when the road was constructed. Waxhaw is currently in negotiations with the developer to have this work completed.

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