Overview

• Drainage along the Clear Run Branch has been a challenge for over a decade – as increased development has led to runoff that has been overwhelming the Clear Run drainage area and causing flooding on New Centre Drive and areas north of campus.

• To address the flooding and corresponding water quality issues, the City of Wilmington has engaged in an $11-million drainage improvement project.

• The project’s first phase involves installing large box culverts (pipes) to channel storm water under College Acres Drive and Mallard Street. This phase also includes stream restoration and floodplain creation to increase the flood capacity of Clear Run Branch.

• Expanding the floodplain requires easements from approximately 50 properties, primarily from the backyards of properties along Clear Run Drive, in addition to the north east portion of UNCW’s main campus.
Clear Run Branch Easement - Map

- The easements would be located on the northern boundary of campus along the Clear Run Branch (shown in approximation on the map below).
- Specifically the Clear Run Branch Easements consist of:
  - Permanent Drainage Easement: 159,724 SF (3.66 acres), and
  - Temporary Construction Easement: 50,431 SF (1.16 acres)
Additional Background and Analysis

• On June 15th, the Wilmington City Council passed a resolution authorizing the payment of $210,000 for the applicable easements.

• The Clear Run Branch Drainage Improvement Project offers direct and indirect benefits for UNCW and the campus community, including:
  - Make access to campus safer for vehicular traffic and pedestrians during major rain events
  - Improve water quality of Bradley Creek
  - Beautify the northeast portion of campus adjacent to Clear Run Branch
  - Provide a source of funding to help make future improvements in the Clear Run Branch area (i.e. walking path upgrades, lighting, etc.) which will benefit stakeholders accessing the property for educational and/or recreational purposes
Millennial Campus Designation

Issue:
- Most UNC Constituent Campuses (including UNCW) are not allowed to keep proceeds of the sale of state property unless it has been designated as “Millennial Campus” property.

Solution:
- The General Assembly authorizes the Board of Governors to designate real property held by, or to be acquired by, a constituent institution as a Millennial Campus of that institution through the Millennial Campus Act enacted in 2000.
- Generally speaking, the Millennial designation provides universities with additional options in working with public and private sector partners on projects and programs located on a UNC System campus.
- These options primarily apply to: (1.) project-specific financing and (2.) dispositions of state lands through lease, rental, or easement.
- With Millennial Campus Designation, UNCW would be allowed to keep the proceeds associated with the Clear Run Branch easements and use it to pay for improvements/services on Millennial Campus property.
Millennial Campus – Existing Sites on Main Campus

UNCW Main Campus
Millennial Sites

- Main campus total acreage = 662.3 acres
- All properties total acreage = 1619.5 acres
- Main campus current millennial sites = 193.3 acres
- All properties current millennial sites = 254.2 acres

- Current Millennial Sites
- UNCW Main Campus
Millennial Campus – With Proposed Expansion
Action Items

1. The University requests approval from the Board of Trustees to expand Millennial Campus designation to encompass all 4.82 acres included in the Clear Run Branch easements, plus an additional 13.18 acres which adjoins the easement property.

2. The University requests Board of Trustee authorization to enter into an agreement or agreements with the City of Wilmington which consummates the sale and purchase of the Clear Run Branch easements for $210,000, provided that said agreement, or agreements are not executed prior to the Board of Governors providing final approval for the preceding action item.