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News Release

County to Convey Road and Land to Town of Waxhaw

December 16, 2014, Monroe, NC – The Union County Board of Commissioners on Monday authorized County Manager Cindy Coto to approve a new interlocal agreement between the Town of Waxhaw and Union County that conveys 18.571 acres to Waxhaw. The original interlocal agreement between the county and Waxhaw was adopted by county commissioners but was never approved by the Waxhaw Town Council.

The county owns property near Waxhaw where the Twelve Mile Wastewater Treatment Plant is located. On Feb. 18, 2003, Union County entered into an agreement with GS Carolina LLC, which acquired property next to the Twelve Mile Creek property, under which the county allowed GS Carolina to build and maintain a road, now known as the Kensington Drive, across the county's property. Wells Fargo is the successor in title to a portion of the GS Carolina property and now has the contractual obligation to maintain the portion of Kensington Drive that runs across the county's property.

In late 2011 or early 2012, the Town of Waxhaw approached Union County and requested the county transfer ownership of the county property containing Kensington Drive (approximately 5.4 acres) to the town so it could incorporate it into its municipal system of streets and assume maintenance responsibilities.

Waxhaw officials also requested 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 county agreed to Waxhaw's request, and an interlocal agreement was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on October 15, 2012. The Town of Waxhaw did not sign the 2012 interlocal agreement because it wanted Wells Fargo to perform repairs to Kensington Drive before it would agree to take over maintenance responsibility. The Town of Waxhaw has now entered into an agreement with Wells Fargo to fund Waxhaw's repairs and upgrades of Kensington Drive.

The purpose of the new interlocal agreement is to complete the transfer of the property thus allowing Waxhaw to accept and maintain Kensington Drive for public use as a municipal road.