



# Drainage / Utility Easements

## New Hanover County Engineering Department

### **Property Owner Responsibility for Storm Water Conveyance.**

It shall be the **responsibility of individual property owners** of developed or undeveloped land within the unincorporated areas of the county, to maintain stormwater conveyance facilities, such as waterways, streams, creeks, ditches, swales, channels, canals, conduits and culverts, and stormwater control facilities, such as ponds and lakes **within their property**. Where conditions of existing stormwater facilities are determined to be deficient and a public nuisance, and the property owner fails to correct the deficiencies after being notified by the county, the county may arrange for the deficiencies to be corrected and recover all costs thereto from the property owner.

### **Owner/ Developer/ Home Builder shall not:**

- Construct fences, buildings, structures, electrical boxes, light poles, HVAC units, etc. within a drainage easement.
- Plant trees, bushes, or other permanent plantings within a drainage easement.
- Impede or obstruct the flow of stormwater runoff through a stream, channel, swale, pipe, sheet flow, etc.

### **Restriction on Owner/ Developer's Use of Utility Easements.**

Owner/ Developer shall not erect buildings, structures, trees, fences, berms or ponds within the utility easement. Owner/ Developer shall grant no additional utility easements on, over, or within the easement without first securing the written authorization of the New Hanover County Water and Sewer District.

### **ALL ENCROACHMENTS & OBSTRUCTIONS MUST BE REMOVED!**

If you are aware of any encroachments or obstructions into easements or drainage ways, please contact the New Hanover County Engineering Department at (910) 798-7139.



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