



September 12, 2018

Ms. Loryn Clark
Executive Director
Office of Housing and Community
405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Re: Request for Donation of Town-Owned Parcel
506 Mitchell Lane (part of PIN: 9788171945)

Dear Ms. Clark:

As a partner in the Northside Neighborhood Initiative (“NNI”), Self-Help would like to formally request that the Town of Chapel Hill donate to Self-Help Ventures Fund (“SHVF”) the vacant parcel located at 506 Mitchell Lane (the “Town Parcel”), part of the parcel identified by PIN 9788171945. The Town Parcel is one of few remaining vacant parcels in the Northside neighborhood and thus represents an important opportunity for the NNI to add new affordable units to the housing stock in Northside. The Town Parcel is subject to significant development constraints due to the nearby location of the Tanyard Branch as well as the presence of sanitary sewer and stormwater infrastructure, but the NNI has identified a unique opportunity to add a housing unit on a parcel that would otherwise remain vacant.. SHVF proposes to relocate and renovate a cottage currently located at 109 Park Place Drive to the Town Parcel to create an affordable housing opportunity consistent with the goals of the NNI.

This request is broadly consistent with existing Town plans and initiatives in the Northside neighborhood. This request supports the goals of the Northside/Pine Knolls Community Plan, which had "affordable housing" as its number one priority and included strategies for the town to purchase or provide land for affordable housing development. It is consistent with Northside Conservation District, as it will allow for a current home to be preserved and maintained in its historic character. Finally, it is consistent with the Northside Market Action Plan, which recommended donation of underutilized land from the Town into the Northside land bank.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for the Town’s ongoing support of the Northside Neighborhood Initiative.

Sincerely,

Dan Levine
Director of Business Development & Project Management