



**Proposal For HLC Acquisition
Of James C. Dowd House
And Former Charlotte Fire Station No. 10**



James C. Dowd House



Former Charlotte Fire Station No. 10

A. Background: Charlotte Pipe and Foundry Company is working with Ranger Construction Company to develop a preservation strategy for the James C. Dowd House and the Former Charlotte Fire Station Number 10. The c. 1879 Dowd House was the boyhood home of the founder of Charlotte Pipe and Foundry Company and served as temporary headquarters for Camp Greene, a large U.S. Army training camp established in Charlotte in 1917. The Former Charlotte Fire Station No. 10 opened on Remount Road in May 1957. Mecklenburg County owns both properties. The Fire Station is vacant. The Dowd House is a historic site but is rarely open to the public.

Ranger Construction Company has approached the County about acquiring both properties and using them for its corporate offices. The County believes that such an arrangement would be the most cost-effective way to preserve the Dowd House and the Former Fire Station No. 10. The County cannot conduct a private sale. But the Historic Landmarks Commission can. Therefore, the County has determined that it would be expeditious for the County to convey both properties to the Historic Landmarks Commission, which would sell the Dowd House and the Former Charlotte Fire Station No. 10 to Ranger Construction with preservation covenants in the deed. The County has directed staff to advise the Historic Landmarks Commission to proceed with the preparation of a Survey and Research Report on the Fire Station.

B. Necessary Action. The County has ordered an appraisal of the property and will establish the price that the HLC will have to charge for the two properties. The Commission must initiate the preparation of a Survey and Research Report for Former Fire Station No. 10 for presentation to the Commission at its September meeting. The County will hold future meetings with HLC staff and other County officials when necessary.

