



July 12, 2005

Ms. Lynn Richardson
C/O Chatham County Planning Department
PO Box 54
Pittsboro, NC 27312-0054

Dear Ms. Richardson:

I am writing you to clarify some issues regarding the rezoning application for the proposed Dogwood Animal Hospital, submitted by Sandy Pond Enterprises, LLC, to be located at 51 Vickers Rd. This property will require that a septic system be installed to handle wastewater. We have worked with Sandy Pond Enterprises, LLC to do substantial research to determine that their facility needs can be met with a septic system on this site. Below I have detailed our findings that provided us comfort that a septic system will be approved:

- We engaged a licensed soil scientist (Appian Consulting Engineers) to evaluate the suitable soils on this site. His report concluded that a surface drip disposal system would be designed for this site and would meet the hospital needs.
- Our estimated design and installation costs for this system is between \$30,000 and \$50,000. We have not begun the design phase of the system, as we want to be sure the property is rezoned first.
- Our soil scientist has discussed the project with the Chatham County Health Department to determine what they need to approve the system. We learned that the County Health Department would not approve this system as it must be approved at the state level. We have contacted the Division of Water Quality (DWQ), the state department that will approve the design, and discussed the project with them. The DWQ will not approve the design until the County denies the system. This is the standard procedure.
- The system will not require a certified operator. Annual maintenance is all that is necessary.

I hope that this information will help you with your questions. Again, we did not want to design and permit an expensive system in case the rezoning does not go through. Once the rezoning occurs, we will engage our soil scientist to begin the design and permitting of the system. Should you have any questions about the information above, or anything else regarding the rezoning application, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your help on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Marshburn", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Will Marshburn
Project Developer

CC: Baxter Walker, Powell Properties
Dr. Linda Sands, Sandy Pond Enterprises
Dr. Michelle Pineda, Sandy Pond Enterprises

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