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Ms. Lynn Richardson
Chatham County Planning Department
East Street
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Re: McBane Property Subdivision Application

Dear Lynn,

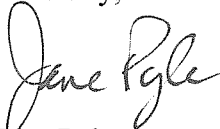
After reviewing the agenda for the next planning board meeting, I would like to comment on one of the items that will be coming before the board.

The proposed development of Hilda McBane property on Old Graham Road, so far as we can tell from the sketch plan by the CE Group and the AKPAR image, has no structures of any age. We also read with interest the report by Soil & Environmental Consultants, PA, which pointed out structures up to five miles from the proposed development. As we have pointed out to you and to developers who have been in contact with us, although the review of materials in the State Historical Preservation Office and the State Archaeologist's Office is helpful, it is too coarse a screen to catch local history. We are not looking just for National Register-eligible structures, but rather for any structures that might provide insights into Chatham County's cultural heritage.

It is possible that the developer did not contact the Chatham County Historical Association because they were not aware of older structures; however, we hope that the developer will call us should evidence of such structures be revealed as the project advances. Since the S&EC report notes that Native American artifacts are recorded at nearby sites, we note that it is likely that they would be found in this area as well, and we urge a sensitivity to uncovering such sites and a commitment to documenting them.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this proposed development.

Cordially,



Jane Pyle

copy to: Fred Vatter, CCHA President
Patrick Bradshaw