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

Re: Valley View Subdivision Application

Dear Lynn,

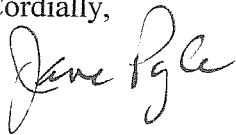
After reviewing the agenda for the next planning board meeting, I would like to comment on one of the items that will be coming before the board.

The proposed Valley View property on Andrews Store Road, so far as we can tell from the concept site plan and AKPAR image, has no structures of any age except for the J.W.E. Farrar cemetery, which is deeded separately. We are pleased to see a design that will preserve and maintain the cemetery, with access from the western cul-de-sac.

Since 1943 this particular piece of property has passed from K. B. Cole to Chesley Burnette to B. I. Morris to members of the Yates family, all well-known names in Chatham's past. Without known historical structures, the property did not call for contacting the Chatham County Historical Association and we were not contacted; however, we hope that the developer will call us should evidence of such structures be revealed as the project advances.

Developers are in a unique position to identify traces on the land of former use and occupancy. Air photos, old maps and deeds, surveys and field reconnaissance: all of these could provide clues to a sensitive observer. Awareness of the possibilities and willingness to share observations at an early stage of planning should not be threatening. Our interest is not in inhibiting the development but in documenting the history before it is obliterated. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this proposed development.

Cordially,



Jane Pyle

copy to: Fred Vatter, CCHA president
Ticon Properties