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Chatham County Commissioners  
P.O. Box 1809  
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312

Re: Public Hearing to Amend Chatham County Watershed Protection Ordinance

Dear Chatham County Commissioners:

We applaud your efforts to strengthen environmental protection of streamways. We would, at this same time, remind you that Planned Phased Developments have vested rights granted by North Carolina General Statutes. This would apply to the Governors Club, Carolina Meadows, The Village of Ferrington and any other P.U.D.s in Chatham County.

These P.U.Ds carry Sketch Design Approval and in the case of Ferrington, the developer has been building per County Approval for thirty years. We are advised that vested rights give assurance that new ordinances will not affect current Approvals.

We ask that the language of the new ordinance include reference to the vested rights of Chatham County P.U.D.s, or more simply, that plans with current Sketch Plan Approval are exempt from the ordinance.

Sincerely,

SEARS DESIGN GROUP, P.A.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Sears". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dan C.L. Sears, ASLA

cc: Charlie Horne, County Manager  
Keith Megginson, County Planner