

◯ North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission **◯**

MEMORANDUM

Date: 15 August 2007

To: Chatham County Planning Department

From: Jacquelyn Presley Wallace, Urban Wildlife Biologist

Subject: Hinson Subdivision Sketch Approval

Please accept my comments on the request by Larry E. Hinson on behalf of Edward P. Lineberger for subdivision sketch design approval of 1 lot (4th lot on an easement) consisting of 1.692 acres, located off Hwy 751, New Hope Township.

This property is located adjacent to Army Corps of Engineers property that is managed by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission as Game Land for wildlife habitat, hunting, and fishing purposes. We would like to make sure the applicant is aware that the following activities occur on this property:

- Prescribed burning occurs in the areas displayed in dark red on the attached map
- Hunting and timber harvesting occurs across the Game Land property

We typically discourage inhabitable structures from being placed within the 150 yard hunting safety buffer (displayed in dark green on the attached map), and recommend development within the ½ mile smoke management buffer (displayed as a dark red line on the attached map) be limited to very low density.

In addition, a wading bird colony is located along the stream to the north of this property. We want to make sure the applicant understands this is an environmentally sensitive area, and the potential for Game Land activities that could generate smoke, noise, and other unpleasant conditions exists. We also suggest that any negative impacts to adjacent wildlife habitat that could arise from this development be kept to a minimum (i.e., erosion and excessive sediment from construction activities).

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If the applicant has any questions or concerns, he can contact me at (919) 360-9680. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this request.

cc: Jeff Marcus, NC Wildlife Resources Commission

Hinson Subdivision (Lot Approval Request)

