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**..ABSTRACT**

**Action Requested:**

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**Introduction & Background:**

Zoning:	R-1	Water: Public, Chatham County
Sewer:	Private, on-site	Watershed: WSIV-PA/Jordan Lake
Roads:	Public NCDOT standards	Within 100 year flood: No

Horizon Subdivision received sketch design approval by the Board of County Commissioners in September, 2006 and preliminary plat approval was received in October, 2007 for 62 lots. Phase One received final plat approval for 38 lots in August, 2008. The development is reviewed under the pre-2008 Subdivision Regulations and the 1994 Watershed Protection Ordinance. The sunset date for submittal of the final phase of Horizon is May 15, 2015.

**Discussion & Analysis:**

This request is for final plat approval of Horizon, Phase Two, consisting of Lots 1 – 7. No financial guarantee is necessary as all required infrastructure has been completed to serve Phase Two and all erosion control measures have been completed. Septic permits have been received from Thomas Boyce, Chatham County Environmental Health Soil Specialist.

As a condition of preliminary plat approval it was required that “A determination shall be made in regard to a joint entrance between Horizon Subdivision and Buck Branch property owners and shown on the final plat with legal documentation provided regarding the abandonment of that specific portion of the easement”. Buck Branch is a large lot subdivision of mostly over 10 acre size lots served by a private easement. The request was for safety reasons as the public road in Horizon and this private easement intersect Hamlet Chapel Road approximately 100 feet apart. John Coffey, developer for Horizon, contacted the Buck Branch property owners to ask if they were agreeable to closing the entrance to Buck Branch and accessing their development through the Horizon Subdivision public road. None of the property owners using Buck Branch road

were agreeable. Staff has received several e-mails from the owners stating they would not sign a legal document to close their roadway entrance.

The request for final plat approval was reviewed by staff at the January 15, 2014 Technical Review Committee meeting. There were no questions or concerns from staff. The Planning Board reviewed the request at their February 4, 2014 meeting. There were no adjacent property owners present. The Planning Board did not have any concerns.

The plat meets the requirements of the Subdivision Regulations.

**Recommendation:**

The Planning Board by unanimous vote and Planning Department recommends granting approval of the request for final plat approval of 'Horizon, Phase Two' as submitted.