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October 25, 2017

James Crawford, Chairman Chatham County Board of Commissioners 80-A East Street Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 Via Hand Delivery & Electronic Mail

RE: Briar Chapel: Request for Compact Community Ordinance ("CCO") Phase 16-N Intermittent Stream Crossing Waiver

Dear Board of Commissioners:

This letter serves as a formal request by NNP-Briar Chapel, LLC ("NNP") for a waiver to effectuate County approval of the proposed Phase 16 North stream crossing depicted on the attached EXHIBIT A. Approval of this waiver will conform the treatment of this Phase 16 North crossing with the 404/401 impact permit and map attached as EXHIBIT B. The 404/401 permit map was previously approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the "Corps") in the 404 Permit and the North Carolina Water Resources Environmental Quality division ("NCDENR") in the 401 Permit (collectively the "404/401 Permits"), attached as EXHIBIT C.

The approved Briar Chapel Master Plan shows a stream buffer between Phase 16 South and Phase 16 North. See EXHIBIT D. Phase 16 South is being developed in its entirety by David Weekley Homes, LLC ("DW") as part of the Encore, 55+ housing neighborhood. DW will also develop Phase 16 North as part of the same age-qualified neighborhood and seeks the continuity afforded by the stream crossing requested. The key element to note here is that this crossing was approved through a multi-agency permit renewal process in early 2017.

In February of 2017, as part of the 404/401 Permits renewal process, the Corps and NCDENR each issued modified permits that allow NNP to impact the intermittent stream with a crossing. The renewal process was a multi-agency process, including State and Federal agencies charged with the protection of water resources. The conclusion of that review was that impacts to this resource were minimal. Since that area is now allowed to be impacted pursuant to Corps and NCDENR authorization, NNP seeks to conform the Master Plan to the approval by way of this requested waiver, as allowed by Section 15 of the CCO. Attached as EXHIBIT E is a letter from Chris Huysman, of Wetlands & Waters, Inc. explaining the Corps/DENR review and the fact that the proposed crossing is the most sensible of the practical alternatives.

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It is important to note that the impacts allowed by the 404/401 Permits, including this one, are offset by commensurate mitigation requirements by the Corps that NNP has diligently pursued and finalized.

It is also important to note that similar permitted culvert crossings have previously been installed at Briar Chapel with great success. Some of them are crossed every time a person drives into Briar Chapel on Briar Chapel Parkway, likely without even knowing the culvert exists. The Corps/NCDENR approval of this impact at Phase 16 N is based in part upon their inspection both of the intermittent feature at Phase 16 N and of the prior successfully implemented culvert crossings in Briar Chapel.

The timing of this request is based on the sales pace of Phase 16 South and the conclusion by DW that it will purchase the lots in Phase 16 North and incorporate those lots into the Encore development.

As I am sure you recall, the CCO, Section 15, authorizes the Board of Commissioners to adjust, modify, reduce or waive requirements applicable to the compact community. Given the multi-agency review and conclusions, there is a reasonable nexus between the request and the impact of the compact community, all of which have been addressed through the modification of the 404/401 Permit renewal.

Based on the foregoing, the enclosed proposed Order of the Board of Commissioners allowing the relief requested is submitted to the Board of Commissioners for a vote at its meeting of November 20, 2017. This is to request of the County Manager that the request be placed on the Commissioners Agenda for their meeting on November 20, 2017.

If the requested waiver is approved, the Briar Chapel CUP Master Plan map will be modified to reflect the change.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding the above.

Very truly yours,

Nicolas P. Robinson

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Enclosure

c: Renee Paschal, County Manager Jason Sullivan, Planning Director Lee Bowman

EXHIBIT A Encore Proposed Crossing



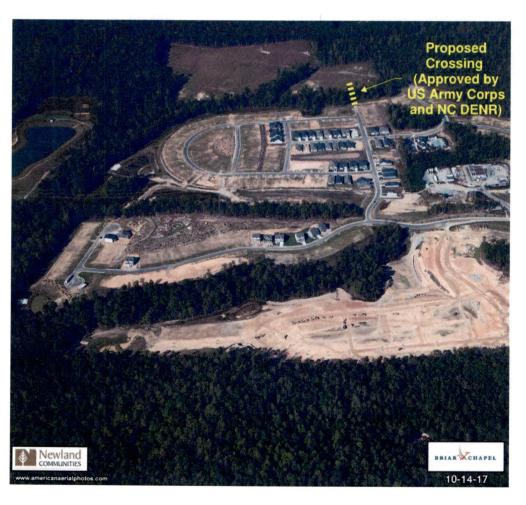
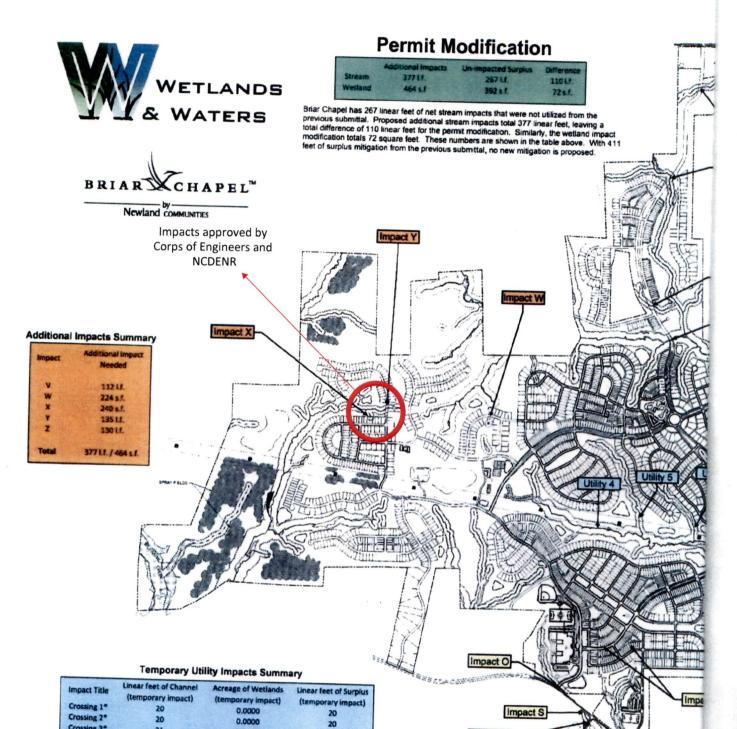


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EXHIBIT C (404 and 401 PERMITS)

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WILMINGTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
69 DARLINGTON AVENUE
WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 28403-1343
February 24, 2017

Action ID: SAW-2001-21252

Regulatory Division

Mr. William S. Mumford NNP – Briar Chapel, LLC 1312 Briar Chapel Parkway Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27516

Dear Mr. Mumford:

Reference the Department of the Army (DA) permit issued on October 2, 2006, to Mitch Barron of Newland Communities for impacts associated with the Briar Chapel Development. Also, please reference the modifications to this permit approved in December of 2007 and August of 2009 and February 2011. This development is approximately 1,720 acres in size (including the 131 acre US Steel Tract) and is located west of US Highway15-501, north of Andrew's Store Road (SR 1528), and south of Mann's Chapel Road (SR 1532), approximately 5 miles south of Chapel Hill, in Chatham County, North Carolina. Coordinates (in decimal degrees) for the site are 35.8251 ° North, 79.1059 ° West. The site contains several unnamed tributaries and adjacent wetlands of Pokeberry Creek, Wilkinson Creek and Bush Creek, in the Cape Fear River Basin (8-Digit Cataloging Unit 03030002).

Permanent impacts authorized by this permit and the subsequent modifications total 2,347 linear feet of stream channel and 0.4390 acre of wetland, and temporary impacts totaled 134 linear feet of stream channel. Mitigation was implemented for the unavoidable impacts by payment into the North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program, restoration of stream channel at the Harpers Crossroads Mitigation Site, and onsite preservation of wetlands and streams.

In addition, please reference your permit modification request received by the Corps on July 18, 2016, and subsequent updates received via electronic correspondence dated January 23, 2017. This modification request involves reducing impact amounts at the locations identified within the original permit and/or the subsequent modifications at Impact sites E, L and U, which had permitted impact amounts of 485 linear feet of permanent stream channel impacts. These impacts were due to culverted road crossings. The proposed modification would reduce these impacts by 267 linear feet. Temporary impacts were reduced at five utility crossing sites by 105 linear feet. Additionally, your permit modification request involves new impacts at sites identified as V, W, X, Y and Z. The new total of impacts at these sites are 377 linear feet and 464 square feet of permanent impacts.

The Corps has completed the evaluation of your request and concurs with your request for a change in impacts associated with your referenced DA permit, including the change to plans, as requested. The approved plans for this crossing are attached for your file. No additional mitigation is required for this modification.

Please note that all other permit conditions and exhibits remain in effect as written. Should you have questions, contact Mr. Andrew Williams, Raleigh Regulatory Field Office at telephone (919) 554-4884, Extension 26.

Sincerely,

for Kevin P. Landers Sr.

Colonel, U.S. Army District Commander

Jean B. Itildry

Attachment

Copy Furnished:

Mrs. Jennifer Burdette NCDEQ 1617 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1617

Mr. Perry Isner Wetlands and Waters, Inc. 2712 Minden Road Pleasant Garden, NC 27313





MICHAEL S. REGAN

Secretary

S. JAY ZIMMERMAN

Director

February 3, 2017

DWR Project # 05-0732 v37 Chatham County

NNP Briar Chapel, LLC Attn: Mr. Bill Mumford 1312 Briar Chapel Parkway Chapel Hill, NC 27515

Water Resources
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Re: APPROVAL of 401 Water Quality Certification with Additional Conditions -

MODIFICATION

Briar Chapel

USACE Action ID. No. SAW-2001-21252

Dear Mr. Mumford:

Attached hereto is a copy of Certification No. 3567 issued to Mr. Bill Mumford of NNP Briar Chapel, LLC, Inc., dated February 3, 2017. This Certification replaces the Certifications issued to you on May 9, 2006, January 11, 2008, July 21, 2009, July 24, 2009 and August 31, 2009. This modification was requested by the applicant to authorize additional impacts V through Z, reduced the amount of previously approved impacts based on as-built measurements, and remove a condition to monitoring surface water and groundwater. Please note that you should get any other federal, state or local permits before proceeding with the subject project, including those required by (but not limited to) Sediment and Erosion Control, Non-Discharge, and Water Supply Watershed regulations.

This approval and its conditions are final and binding unless contested. This Certification can be contested as provided in General Statute 150B by filing a written petition for an administrative hearing to the Office of Administrative Hearings (hereby known as OAH) within sixty (60) calendar days.

A petition form may be obtained from the OAH at http://www.ncoah.com/ or by calling the OAH Clerk's Office at (919) 431-3000 for information. A petition is considered filed when the original and one (1) copy along with any applicable OAH filing fee is received in the OAH during normal office hours (Monday through Friday between 8:00am and 5:00pm, excluding official state holidays).

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The petition may be faxed to the OAH at (919) 431-3100, provided the original and one copy of the petition along with any applicable OAH filing fee is received by the OAH within five (5) business days following the faxed transmission.

Mailing address for the OAH:

If sending via US Postal Service:

If sending via delivery service (UPS, FedEx, etc):

Office of Administrative Hearings 6714 Mail Service Center Office of Administrative Hearings 1711 New Hope Church Road

Raleigh, NC 27699-6714

Raleigh, NC 27609-6285

One (1) copy of the petition must also be served to Department of Environmental Quality:

Sam M. Hayes, General Counsel Department of Environmental Quality 1601 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1601

Unless such a petition is filed, this Certification shall be final and binding.

This certification completes the review of the Division under section 401 of the Clean Water Act and 15A NCAC 02H .0500. Contact me at 919-807-6360 or karen.higgins@ncdenr.gov or Jennifer Burdette at 919-807-6364 or jennifer.burdette@ncdenr.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Karen Higgins, Superviso

401 & Buffer Permitting Branch

Chris Huysman, Wetlands & Waters, Inc., 170 Dew Drop Road, Sparta, NC 28675
 USACE Raleigh Regulatory Field Office
 Todd Bowers, EPA, Sam Nunn Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street SW, Atlanta, GA 30303
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NORTH CAROLINA 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

CERTIFICATION #3567 is issued in conformity with the requirements of Section 401, Public Laws 92-500 and 95-217 of the United States and subject to North Carolina's Regulations in 15A NCAC 02H .0500, to Mr. Bill Mumford and NNP Briar Chapel, LLC, who have authorization for the impacts listed below, as described within the original application received by the N.C. Division of Water Resources (Division) on June 17, 2005, by Public Notice issued by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) on June 14, 2005 and subsequent information on December 12, 2005 and February 24, 2006; the modification request received by the Division on June 7, 2007, by Public Notice issued by the Corps on June 7, 2007, and subsequent information on October 8, 2007, December 7, 2007 and January 11, 2008; the modification request received by the Division on May 8, 2009, by Public Notice issued by the Corps on May 22, 2009, and subsequent information on received by the Division on December 8, 2016, by Public Notice issued by the Corps on December 5, 2016, and subsequent information received on January 23, 2016.

The State of North Carolina certifies that this activity will not violate the applicable portions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, 307 of the Public Laws 92-500 and PL 95-217 if conducted in accordance with the application, the supporting documentation, and conditions hereinafter set forth.

This approval requires you to follow the conditions listed in the certification below.

Conditions of Certification:

1. Impacts Approved

The following impacts are hereby approved provided that all of the conditions of the Certification are met. No other impacts are approved, including incidental impacts. [15A NCAC 02B .0506(b) & (c)

Type of Impact ¹	Amount Approved (units) Permanent	Amount Approved (units) Temporary
Stream		
Site A	4 linear feet	0 linear feet
Site B	166 linear feet	0 linear feet
Site D	181 linear feet	0 linear feet
Site E	84 linear feet	0 linear feet
Site F	213 linear feet	0 linear feet
Site G	296 linear feet	0 linear feet
Site H	257 linear feet	0 linear feet
Site I - intermittent	83 linear feet	0 linear feet

Type of Impact ¹	Amount Approved	Amount Approved
	(units)	(units)
	Permanent	Temporary
Site M	310 linear feet	0 linear feet
Site O	148 linear feet	0 linear feet
Site S	58 linear feet	0 linear feet
Site T	36 linear feet	0 linear feet
Site U	134 linear feet	0 linear feet
Site V	112 linear feet	0 linear feet
Site Y	135 linear feet	0 linear feet
Site Z	130 linear feet	0 linear feet
Utility Crossing 4	0 linear feet	41 linear feet
Utility Crossing 5	0 linear feet	50 linear feet
Utility Crossing 6	0 linear feet	43 linear feet
Intermittent Stream	83 linear feet	0 linear feet
Total		
Perennial Stream Total	2,264 linear feet	134 linear feet
Total Stream	2,347 linear feet	134 linear feet
404/401 Wetlands		
Site A	0.0372 acres	0 acres
Site B	0.0018 acres	0 acres
Site D	0.0282 acres	0 acres
Site E	0.0065 acres	0 acres
Site G	0.0095 acres	0 acres
Site I	0.0003 acres	0 acres
Site N	0.3449 acres	0 acres
Site W	0.0051 acres	0 acres
Site X	0.0055 acres	0 acres
Total 404/401 Wetlands	0.4390 acres	0 acres

¹ Stream impacts are perennial unless otherwise noted.

2. Compensatory Mitigation

Compensatory stream mitigation shall be accomplished by using 2,127 linear feet of stream mitigation credit at the Harpers Crossroads stream mitigation site and the remaining 137 linear feet of required stream credit (10:1 ratio = 13,700 linear feet) from the 63,412 linear feet of available onsite stream preservation. These mitigation efforts shall be protected through use of three separate Declarations of Covenants and Restrictions — Riparian Areas recorded with the Chatham County Register of Deeds (DB 1371, Page 1174; DB 1372, Page 226; and DB 1291, Page 731).

The Permittee shall provide stream restoration in accordance with the plan entitled 'Harpers Crossroads Stream Restoration Plan,' dated September 2005. The restoration site, which was authorized with a separate DA nationwide permit (USACE Action Id No. 200420489) has already been constructed. The as-built report dated June 12, 2006 states the total stream restoration generated by the project as 2,127 linear feet. Within 90 days of the USACE's determination that the Harpers Crossroads Stream Restoration Project has met the success criteria outlined in the 'Harpers Crossroads Stream Restoration Plan,' the permittee shall arrange for the transfer of the existing conservation easements to a third-party grantee, subject to approval by the USACE.

Type of Impact	Compensatory Mitigation Required	River and Sub-basin Number
Stream (perennial)	2,154 (linear feet)	Cape Fear/03030002

3. Stormwater Management Plan

A final, written stormwater management plan for each future phase shall be submitted to the DWR 401 & Buffer Permitting Branch (1617 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1617). The stormwater management plan (SMP) shall be designed to treat the runoff from the entire built upon area in the phase in accordance with current 401 Stormwater Requirements and BMP Manual on the date of the submittal. The SMP shall be approved by the Division before any land disturbance associated with that phase may occur. Before any future permanent building or other structure is occupied at the site, the corresponding SMP as approved by the Division shall constructed and operational. [15A NCAC 02H .0506(b)(5)]

 Reclaimed Water Generation, Conjunctive Reclaimed Water Utilization, Non-Conjunctive Reclaimed Water Utilization, and Wastewater Irrigation System Permit Full compliance with Permit WQ0028552, issued by the Non-Discharge Branch of the Division, is required.

5. Water Quality Monitoring

Water quality monitoring completed by Eagle Resources from 2007 to 2015 have not shown water quality impacts from the project. Water quality monitoring required by Condition #11 of the 401 Water Quality Certification issued on May 9, 2006 is no longer required.

6. No waste, spoil, solids, or fill of any kind shall occur in wetlands, waters, or riparian areas beyond the footprint of the impacts depicted in the application for this project. All construction activities, including the design, installation, operation, and maintenance of sediment and erosion control Best Management Practices shall be performed so that no violations of state water quality standards, statutes, or rules occur. Approved plans and specifications for this project are incorporated by reference and are enforceable parts of this certification. [15A NCAC 02H .0501 and .0502]

7. Sediment and Erosion Control

Erosion and sediment control practices must be in full compliance with all specifications governing the proper design, installation and operation and maintenance of such Best Management Practices. If applicable, the project must comply with the specific conditions and requirements of the NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit issued to the site and the following requirements [15A NCAC 02H .0506(b)(3) and (c)(3)]:

- a. Design, installation, operation, and maintenance of the sediment and erosion control measures must be such that they equal or exceed the requirements specified in the most recent version of the North Carolina Sediment and Erosion Control Manual. The devices shall be maintained on all construction sites, borrow sites, and waste pile (spoil) projects, including contractor-owned or leased borrow pits associated with the project.
- b. For borrow pit sites, the erosion and sediment control measures must be designed, installed, operated, and maintained in accordance with the most recent version of the North Carolina Surface Mining Manual.
- c. Reclamation measures and implementation must comply with the reclamation in accordance with the requirements of the Sedimentation Pollution Control Act and the Mining Act of 1971.
- d. Sufficient materials required for stabilization and/or repair of erosion control measures and stormwater routing and treatment shall be on site at all times.
- 8. Sediment and erosion control measures shall not be placed in wetlands or waters. Exceptions to this condition require application submittal to and written approval by the Division. If placement of sediment and erosion control devices in wetlands and waters is unavoidable, then design and placement of temporary erosion control measures shall not be conducted in a manner that may result in dis-equilibrium of wetlands, stream beds, or banks, adjacent to or upstream and downstream of the above structures. All sediment and erosion control devices shall be removed and the natural grade restored within two (2) months of the date that the Division of Energy, Mineral and Land Resources (DEMLR) or locally delegated program has released the specific area within the project. [15A NCAC 02H .0501 and .0502]

9. <u>Construction Stormwater Permit NCG010000</u>

An NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit is required for construction projects that disturb one (1) or more acres of land. This Permit allows stormwater to be discharged during land disturbing construction activities as stipulated in the conditions of the permit. If your project is covered by this permit, full compliance with permit conditions including the erosion & sedimentation control plan, inspections and maintenance, self-monitoring, record keeping and reporting requirements is required. A copy of the general permit (NCG010000), inspection log sheets, and other information may be found at:

http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/ws/su/npdessw#tab-w. [15A NCAC 02H .0506(b)(5) and (c)(5)]

10. Work in the Dry

All work in or adjacent to stream waters shall be conducted so that the flowing stream does not come in contact with the disturbed area. Approved best management practices from the most current version of the NC Sediment and Erosion Control Manual, or the NC DOT Construction and Maintenance Activities Manual, such as sandbags, rock berms, cofferdams, and other diversion structures shall be used to minimize excavation in flowing water. [15A NCAC 02H .0506(b)(3) and (c)(3)]

- 11. If concrete is used during the construction, then all necessary measures shall be taken to prevent direct contact between uncured or curing concrete and waters of the state. Water that inadvertently contacts uncured concrete shall not be discharged to waters of the state due to the potential for elevated pH and possible aquatic life/fish kills. [15A NCAC 02B .0200]
- 12. <u>Placement of Culverts and Other Structures in Waters and Wetlands [15A NCAC 02H .0506(b)(2) and (c)(2)]</u>

Culverts required for this project shall be installed in such a manner that the original stream profiles are not altered and to allow for aquatic life movement during low flows. Existing stream dimensions (including the cross section dimensions, pattern and longitudinal profile) must be maintained above and below locations of each culvert.

Placement of culverts and other structures in waters, streams must be below the elevation of the streambed by one (1) foot for all culverts with a diameter greater than 48 inches, and 20 percent of the culvert diameter for culverts having a diameter less than 48 inches, to allow low flow passage of water and aquatic life.

Installation of culverts in wetlands must ensure continuity of water movement and be designed to adequately accommodate high water or flood conditions. Additionally, when roadways, causeways, or other fill projects are constructed across FEMA-designated floodways or wetlands, openings such as culverts or bridges must be provided to maintain the natural hydrology of the system as well as prevent constriction of the floodway that may result in destabilization of streams or wetlands.

The establishment of native, woody vegetation and other soft stream bank stabilization techniques must be used where practicable instead of rip rap or other bank hardening methods.

13. All temporary fill and culverts shall be removed and the impacted area returned to natural conditions, within 60 days of the determination that the temporary impact is no longer necessary. The impacted areas shall be restored to original grade, including each stream's original cross sectional dimensions, plan form pattern, and longitudinal bed and bed profile,

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and the various sites shall be stabilized with natural woody vegetation (except approved maintenance areas) and restored to prevent erosion. [15A NCAC 02H .0506(b)(2) and (c)(2)]

- 14. All temporary pipes/culverts/riprap pads etc, shall be installed in all streams as outlined in the most recent edition of the North Carolina Sediment and Erosion Control Planning and Design Manual so as not to restrict stream flow or cause dis-equilibrium. [15A NCAC 02H .0506(b)(2) and (c)(2)]
- 15. Any riprap required for proper culvert placement, stream stabilization, or restoration of temporarily disturbed areas shall be restricted to the area directly impacted by the approved construction activity. All riprap shall be buried and/or "keyed in" such that the original stream elevation and streambank contours are restored and maintained. Placement of riprap or other approved materials shall not result in de-stabilization of the stream bed or banks upstream or downstream of the area. [15A NCAC 02H .0506(b)(2)]
- 16. Any riprap used for stream stabilization shall be of a size and density to prevent movement by wave action, current action, or stream flows and consist of clean rock or masonry material free of debris or toxic pollutants. Riprap shall not be installed in the streambed except in specific areas required for velocity control and to ensure integrity of bank stabilization measures. [15A NCAC 02H .0506(b)(2)]
- 17. A one-time application of fertilizer to re-establish vegetation is allowed in disturbed areas including riparian buffers, but is restricted to no closer than 10 feet from top of bank of streams. Any fertilizer application must comply with all other Federal, State and Local regulations. [15A NCAC 02B .0231]
- 18. Deed notifications or similar mechanisms shall be placed on all retained jurisdictional wetlands, waters and protective buffers within the project boundaries in order to assure compliance for future wetland, water and buffer impact. These mechanisms shall be put in place at the time of recording of the property, or of individual lots, whichever is appropriate. A sample deed notification can be downloaded from the 401 &Buffer Permitting Branch website at http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/swp/ws/401/certsandpermits/apply/forms. The text of the sample deed notification may be modified as appropriate to suit to this project. Documentation of deed notifications shall be provided to the Division upon request. [15A NCAC 02H .0501 and .0502]
- 19. This Certification does not relieve the applicant of the responsibility to obtain all other required Federal, State, or Local approvals.

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20. Continuing Compliance

Mr. Bill Mumford and NNP Briar Chapel, LLC shall conduct construction activities in a manner consistent with State water quality standards (including any requirements resulting from compliance with section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act) and any other appropriate requirements of State and Federal law. [15A NCAC 02B .0200] If the Division determines that such standards or laws are not being met (including the failure to sustain a designated or achieved use) or that State or federal law is being violated, or that further conditions are necessary to assure compliance, the Division may reevaluate and modify this Certification. Before modifying the Certification, the Division shall notify Mr. Bill Mumford and NNP Briar Chapel, LLC and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, provide public notice in accordance with 15A NCAC 02H .0503 and provide opportunity for public hearing in accordance with 15A NCAC 02H .0504. Any new or revised conditions shall be provided to Mr. Bill Mumford and NNP Briar Chapel, LLC in writing, shall be provided to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for reference in any Permit issued pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and shall also become conditions of the 404 Permit for the project.

- 21. This approval is for the purpose and design described in your application and as described in the Public Notice. The plans and specifications for this project are incorporated by reference and are an enforceable part of the Certification. If you change your project, you must notify the Division and you may be required to submit a new application package with the appropriate fee. If the property is sold, the new owner must be given a copy of this Certification and is responsible for complying with all conditions. Any new owner must notify the Division and request the Certification be issued in their name. [15A NCAC 02H .0501 and .0502]
- 22. The applicant and/or authorized agent shall provide a completed Certificate of Completion Form to the DWR 401 & Buffer Permitting Branch within ten days of project completion (available at: http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/swp/ws/401/certsandpermits/apply/forms). [15A NCAC 02H .0502(f)]
- 23. This certification grants permission to the director, an authorized representative of the Director, or DEQ staff, upon the presentation of proper credentials, to enter the property during normal business hours. [15A NCAC 02H .0502(e)]

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This approval to proceed with your proposed impacts or to conduct impacts to waters as depicted in your application shall expire upon expiration of the 404 or CAMA Permit. The conditions in effect on the date of issuance shall remain in effect for the life of the project, regardless of the expiration date of this Certification. [15A NCAC 02H .0507(d)(2) and 15A NCAC 02H .0506]

Non-compliance with or violation of the conditions herein set forth may result in revocation of this Certification and may also result in criminal and/or civil penalties.

This the 3rd day of February 2017

Karen Higgins, Supervisor

401 & Buffer Permitting Branch

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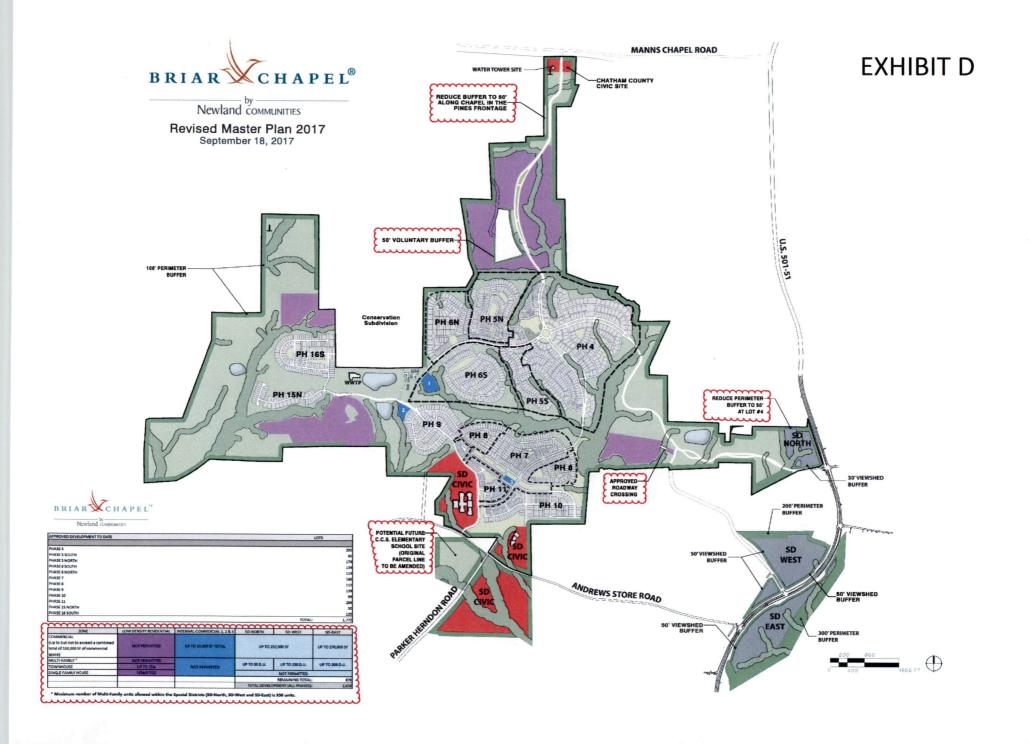


EXHIBIT E



October 25, 2017

RE:

Buffer Waiver Request Encore Phase 16 N

Chapel Hill, NC

To Whom It May Concern:

Taking into account the totality of environmental considerations, the requested crossing is the least damaging practical alternative to access the developable area within the Encore phase. Granting the request will create consistency with permits issued by State and Federal agencies charged with the protection of water resources. It limits sprawl within a compact community, and it preserves the open space established in the neighboring US Steel conservation subdivision.

By default, the Corps and DENR assess impacts to riparian areas when they permit stream impacts under the Clean Water Act because riparian area extents are closely related to state and federal stream jurisdiction. This crossing was specifically reviewed, both in the field and during office consultations, during the recent revision of the Corps permit. As one part of their exhaustive year-long review, the Corps requested an assessment of the impact area since it appeared that access could be achieved by relocating the crossing above the riparian area. Upon review, the Corps determined that the proposed routing was no more or less damaging than any other alternative. Their considerations included a host of factors such as the condition of the "dry bed" stream that was being impacted. Notably, NC Division of Water Resources certified the Corps permit meaning that the state is satisfied that water quality standards will not be violated by the permitted activity.

There are numerous riparian buffer crossings throughout Briar Chapel that are not obvious, which is usually a sign of correctly placed and well-constructed road crossings. Each of these crossings were reviewed by the Corps, State, and County as part of the development of the project. Prior to issuing the renewed permit, the Corps is required to conduct a compliance inspection on all impacts that have been completed. In the case of Briar Chapel, the Corps is satisfied that impacts to streams and their associated riparian areas meet all the conditions of the issued permit. The Corps permit conditions include consideration for wildlife passage and the survival and propagation of aquatic species. Notably, there are four crossings along Briar Chapel Parkway from Highway 15/501 to the traffic circle. Most of these go unnoticed because roadside plantings limit the impact to the width of the paved road surface and shoulder. This particular crossing will be a smaller and more narrow subdivision road with a 26-foot-wide strip of pavement.

Christopher Huysman Wetlands & Waters, Inc.