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**Subject:** Chestnut Creek

My name is Lisa Earle. I am an adjacent property owner to the proposed new subdivision on Jones ferry Road.

I have a great concern.

There is a wet weather stream that runs all the way through the proposed subdivision that passes right through my yard.

My yard is underwater all times of year whenever it rains. The water in the stream runs over the bank and floods my yard. If it rains hard the water nearly reaches my home. We have never had it reach our home but we have a very real concern at this point.

First off, My husband and I were at the information meeting a couple of years ago at Cedar Grove church with Kirk Meddy.

At the time there was a lot of people that were very angry.

When pressed, Kirk admitted that he will have to pump water up to some of the houses, which would mean the wet water stream will be Overflowing the bank pretty much all the time. If not all the time. With that, in addition to any rain, my house will certainly be flooded.

What type of recourse do I have should (When) this happens?

This house is my life savings and the sale of it eventually is my retirement money.

I am very very concerned about this and very angry because we were here first and now we're going to have a big subdivision that's going to cause our home to flood.

Please get back to me and let me know that this has been recorded and been brought up at the meeting on February 2.

PS I am not the only one that feels this way there are more any people along Walnut Road that are also very very nervous and concerned that they too will be underwater.

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Subject: First Plat Review and Approval of Chestnut Creek Parcel #1439

Dear Planning Board Members:

We write regarding the proposed Chestnut Creek development of 14 lots on 49.15 acres located corner of Jones Ferry Road, SR-1540, parcel #1439.

We live at the top of the ridge of the hill just across the street and slightly to the left of the proposed development. Our property is located a bit to the north and west of it. We have lived here since 1988, and we highly value the dark nights and the beautiful night sky and peaceful woods on our property and surrounding it. We are concerned that the proposed development will create light pollution that will impact our ability to be able to see and enjoy not only the stars but also the peaceful deep darkness of the forest around us.

Thus, we respectfully request that there be no street lamps installed in the development, and that there be restrictions preventing residents from installing things like street lights, pole lights in their yards, flood lights, etc. We also respectfully request that any lights that are placed on the proposed houses in the development be of low brilliance and required to be shielded such that the light emitted from them is prevented from shining upwards.

Another big concern for us is the potential impact the development might have on our groundwater supply. Our house is elevated several hundred feet above Jones Ferry, and we have a very deep well. So, to the extent that our aquifer is tapped by additional housing seeking water we are concerned that the water table will be lowered causing us to lose our water supply and cause us to have to dig a new well. We would like to hear what is being done to prevent this to ensure that it does not happen, as well as hearing what are the contingency plans, remediation, etc. being considered should this occur.

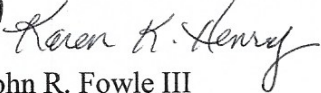
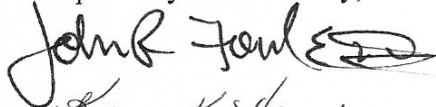
Similarly, we would appreciate hearing about what is being done to prevent groundwater runoff from the proposed neighborhood onto the property of our current neighbors below us and across Jones Ferry Road. We assume that an Environmental Impact statement was performed with respect to the proposed development, especially given the small stream

on or bordering the property, but we do not know if it was. Hence our concerns about potential runoff and the like.

Our other major concern is the impact of the development on traffic and the future of Jones Ferry Road. We deeply value the rural nature of our neighborhood and the rural nature of Jones Ferry Road. So much so in fact that when we and our "first settler" neighbors on top of Terrells Mountain built our houses, we cleared an easement and made arrangements with CP&L (now Duke Power) to have the main electric lines along Jones Ferry Road near our properties, as well as the trunk lines continuing up to our houses, placed underground to maintain the beautiful rural nature of the area by preserving the natural scenery rather than to have it marred by power poles and electric lines. We request that this character of the area be maintained and that should any additional power or other utility lines be installed that they be buried.

And while not specifically focused on the proposed Chestnut Creek Development, we also request that Jones Ferry road not be widened and that its unique rural, natural nature be maintained.

Respectfully and Sincerely,



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