

# Exhibit B.7.5

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 10:05 AM  
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**Subject:** Re: Herndon Farms Historical Review

Travis--

The issue has been addressed to the satisfaction of the Chatham County Historical Association. We appreciate your attention to our concerns.

It is my understanding that the structure would not need to be submitted to the NC Historical Preservation Office, but I hesitate to contradict a reviewer with more expertise. I refer to this on the SHPO website:

The Environmental Review Branch helps protect North Carolina's historic cultural resources from the potential impacts of projects that are funded, licensed, or approved by state or federal agencies. Federal and state laws provide limited protections for historic and archaeological properties affected by government-sponsored undertakings. Private and local undertakings are not affected by these laws unless there is state or federal involvement in the undertaking.

<https://www.ncdcr.gov/state-historic-preservation-office/environmental-review>

I hope that someone in the Planning Office can help you resolve the concern.

Thank you,  
Beverly Wiggins  
CCHA

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**Subject:** RE: Herndon Farms Historical Review

Beverly,

Does this structure need to be submitted to the NC Historical Preservation Office? The peer reviewer of I EIA indicates that office makes the determination. So we are unclear if this issue has been addressed to Chatham's satisfaction. Thank You

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Travis--

We don't have a standard letter. We just copy our emails to Kimberly at the Planning Dept. and that does the trick.

Your project has fully responded to all of CCHA's inquiries. Thank you.

I'm happy to learn that your street names tie to the history of the property. It's not a requirement, of course, but a nice way to preserve bits of the past.

Moonshine is also a prominent part of Chatham's history. Still raids were much in the news for a long time. Thanks for sharing that.

I was looking into Herndon history a while back. If I get back to that, I might have some questions for you. If you have recorded any of their history, please share it with us. We maintain family history files at the library.

Beverly Wiggins  
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**Subject:** RE: Herndon Farms Historical Review

Do you have a standard letter that you send out that indicates a project has meet your organization's queries. The Ordinances just indicates communications, so if not, we'll use our emails. If there is a letter or memo you send, would you mind sending us what you use.

We named the development's main road "Herndon Drive" after my grandparents who owned part of the land, one road "Gaston Drive" for my grandfather John Gaston Herndon and another Person Street for my grandmother Lena Mae Person. Herndon Creek, Herndon Ravin and Herndon Woods (now part of Briar Chapel) are other features of Chatham named for our family. I have not verified, but suspect part of their history revolved around the production and sale of moonshine. When developing Herndon Woods we ran across 6 or 7 abandoned "manufacturing" sites.

Thank You

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**Subject:** Re: Herndon Farms Historical Review

Mr. Blake,

Thanks very much for providing the photos and information we requested about the historical significance of the Herndon Farms property. We will archive all of the information for future reference. The location information on the old road bed will be particularly useful.

If you discover anything else as your project goes forward, please let us know. We appreciate your cooperation with our efforts to save significant tidbits of Chatham's local history as our landscape changes.

If we can provide information that might help you choose road names tied to the history of the property, or if we can help in some other way, please contact me.

Thank you.

Beverly Wiggins  
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Beverly,

Attached is a site map showing the approximate location of what I have been told is the old road bed for the Pittsboro-Chapel Hill Road. It is a ditch feature that peters out at two ends on the Herndon Farms Property, possibly from subsequent grading.

Also attached are additional pictures of the structures on the property. All structures will be removed and there are no components worthy of salvaging. The new goat/chicken structures were constructed in the last year; they were built so they could be moved.

The main house was built in the early 1900's by the Riggsbee's. It was then occupied by his son, then his son James Bunn Riggsbee, who currently owns the property, partially demolished in the late 30s or early 40's from a fire, it was modified and updated at this time. It was again updated and remodeled in the 70's and the garage building added about this time.

Thank you for your time and please let us know if you need any additional information.

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Mr. Blake--  
Thanks for getting in touch with us. I have a few questions.

The structure on parcel 18897 was built in 1908, according to the tax records. We would appreciate it if you would provide photos of the interior and exterior of that structure, along with any associated outbuildings. Do you have any history of the house? CCHA is interested in local history, not just structures that might be placed on the National Register. It is the history of the house and property that we care about. If the structure is to be demolished, we would like to see if any features could be saved for reuse.

There is a newer structure on parcel 18909. Will that one remain?

Section 5 of your report indicates that the old Pittsboro-Chapel Hill roadbed runs through the eastern parcels. We are interested in mapping old roads and that, of course, is a very significant one. Can you provide coordinates for the section that runs through the parcels to be developed so that we can map it?

Beverly Wiggins

CCHA Preservation

On 2021-02-08 15:56, MT Blake wrote:

Kimberly Tyson has asked us to contact you for any comments you might have for the Herndon Farms Community we want to build in North Chatham. Attached is the environmental impact analysis' (EIA), section 5.6 deals with the historical significant of the area and as a footnote we included a document from one of the landowners "The Riggsbee Community In Chatham County". There is also an exhibit B.7.1 that maps the area and Exhibit B.7.2 the NC National Heritage Program report.

Our conclusion is the area has a rich history but it is not historical significant. If you have any comments on this conclusion or need more information from us we will respond promptly.

Thank You

*M. Travis Blake*

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