

Hi Adam--

Thanks for contacting us about this. We do have some concerns regarding the cemeteries.

For the relocated Cole Cemetery (E22.2), which is shown on the County GIS as being on Lot #95394, the CCHA understands that 38 burials were relocated to another part of the "Williams Corner" property-- parcel 18892--which is now owned by the proposer of the subject project. While it does not appear that the reinterment location is within the boundary of the currently proposed project, we are concerned that the 2020 EIA for Williams Corner and plat 2022-19 appear to show significantly different locations for the reinterred graves. Your email refers to plat 2022-19. Can you explain why the location indicated there is so different from the 2020 Williams Corner EIA? We would like for someone to put eyes on the cemetery location to confirm that the correct location is shown on all documents. I have attached clips of the two documents to illustrate the source of our concern.

To prevent inadvertent damage to the site, the CCHA requests that the specific location, boundaries, and coordinates of the reinterments from E22.2 be determined and shown on all project maps and reported to CCHA. We would also like to have photos showing the current condition of the cemetery. If the current project has implications for the preservation of and/or perpetual access to the reinterment site, we hope that those issues will be addressed as part of the current project.

Regarding the Luke Riggsbee Cemetery (E33.4), whose "approximate limits" are shown on plat 2020-225 and on your first plat: The developer has supplied a copy of a professional assessment of this cemetery site which provides good documentation but notes that the condition of the site prohibited adequate evaluation of whether additional graves might be present. We urge careful cleanup of the area to allow for a professional evaluation before any disturbance of the area begins so that the actual extent of the cemetery can be determined. The NC State Office of Archaeology urges this kind of assessment since unmarked or no-longer-marked graves can be difficult to identify from visual inspection alone. This is especially important if the cemetery is to be fenced, or if, as in this case, roads, driveways, or structures are to be placed nearby.

We noted the location of the Luke Riggsbee cemetery on lot 1 of your preliminary plat and are concerned that inclusion of the cemetery on a small residential lot, in the front yard and very close to a driveway, would provide inadequate protection for the cemetery. We would like more information about additional measures that will be taken to ensure protection of the cemetery if this continues to be the plan. Will the cemetery be fenced? We would like for protection requirements to be made part of the deed for that lot.

Thank you for the additional opportunity to explain our concerns.

Beverly Wiggins