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DURHAM DEVELOPMENT REVIEW
Z1400022 – GARRETT RIDGE Multi-Family
Analysis Statement/Biologic Opinion

It is our opinion that this project will not impact the New Hope Creek Bottomland Forest Inventory Site while providing areas that will help protect the inventory site.

The existing, developed parcel has no land reserved above the flood zone to provide a wildlife buffer. This "pinch point" is the location for wildlife to pass when the flood zone has become inundated.

The development plan proposes to provide a permanent landscape buffer and open space/tree preservation adjacent to the inventory site. At approximately 90 feet, the permanent open space/tree preservation area would provide 70-80 feet more area than is available on the adjacent developed parcel for wildlife to pass. There will be no development or grading within this area except for a connection to the existing sanitary sewer outfall located within the inventory site and a walking trail within the sewer easement.

In conclusion, the development plan will provide undisturbed land and landscape buffers along the inventory site which otherwise has no land reserved for wildlife to pass.