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Re: Durham Environmental Affairs Board 2015 Annual Report

Dear City Council,

The Durham Environmental Affairs Board (EAB) advises and assists the Board of County Commissioners and the City Council on matters related to the environment. The attached 2015 Annual Report summarizes the activities of the EAB, and is provided in conformance with the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement.

The EAB has been busy over the past year grappling with issues related to the local urban forest, water quality, hydraulic fracturing, sustainability, and monitoring environmental legislation. We have pursued issues both in response to requests from Durham City and County officials and from those identified internally by the EAB as critically important to environmental public and ecosystem health.

The last section of the report outlines our goals for the coming year, but we are also eager to solicit ideas from you on areas that you believe are timely and important. Thank you for the opportunity to discuss our activities.

Kind regards,

*Rachel McIntosh-Kastrinsky*

Chair, Durham Environmental Affairs Board

cc: EAB members

Steven L. Medlin, Planning Department Director