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**Subject:** FW: Petition from Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board  
**Attachments:** Eastown Petition October 2022.docx

Thank you for your correspondence with the Town of Chapel Hill. The Mayor and Town Council are interested in what you have to say. By way of this email, I am forwarding your message to the Mayor and each of the Council Members, as well as to the appropriate staff person who may be able to assist in providing additional information or otherwise addressing your concerns.

Again, thank you for your message.

Sincerely,

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Madame Mayor and Council Members:

Please review the attached petition from the ESAB which will be formally presented to you at your December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting by Anthony Henage, Vice-Chair of our Board.

I see that the Council Committee on Economic Sustainability meeting tomorrow has a presentation from UNC Health Care on further development of their Eastowne campus. We feel that it is important for you to keep in mind the environmental benefits of preserving a portion of that property. The ESAB discussed and passed this petition in early October, but for unforeseen reasons it has been delayed in being officially forwarded to you.

Thank you for your early review of this petition.

Regards,

Tom Henkel  
ESAB Chairman

**Petition to Acquire Eastowne Natural Heritage Site and Designate  
Natural Conservation Area**

**To: Chapel Hill Town Council  
From: Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board  
October 11, 2022**

- 1. WHEREAS the 20 acre "northern parcel" of the adjacent UNC Health Care property was designated a Natural Heritage site by the State of North Carolina (part of the much larger Dry Creek/Mount Moriah site) and the NC Natural Heritage Program has documented the unique and unusual aspects of this forest, an essential task for a grant application;**
- 2. WHEREAS maintaining forest and tree canopy directly improves local and regional air quality through temperature reduction, removing volatile organic compounds from the air; sequestering carbon that slows climate change, serving as a noise buffer and preventing heat island effects;**
- 3. WHEREAS conserving this natural area supports the Town of Chapel Hill's Climate Action Plan;**
- 4. WHEREAS the preservation of this Natural Heritage site will maintain a contiguous wildlife corridor for our native animal species, connected to land already purchased for habitat, water quality and recreation by the Town of Chapel Hill on one side and by Durham on the other, thus connecting conserved lands in the New Hope and Eno River river basins, as envisioned by the authors of the [New Hope Open Space Master Plan](#) and [the Landscape Plan for Wildlife Habitat](#).**
- 5. WHEREAS any construction in the Eastowne Hickory-Oak forest will harm the collective benefit of a contiguous forest by leveling steep slopes, removing tree canopy and the natural filtration of groundwater causing the deterioration of local streams upon which wildlife depend;**
- 5. Whereas we have verified that the North Carolina Land and Water Fund has an Acquisition Grant that is a good match for the creation of this Conservation Area;**
- 6. Whereas UNC Health Care is the current owner of this area and provides excellent health services to our community and supports sustainable practices over the lands it owns, thus contributing to the Environmental Health of our Community and State;**

**Therefore be it resolved The Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board recommends the Town Council endorse and adopt this resolution to:**

- 1. Partner with UNC Health Care to apply for the North Carolina Land and Water Fund Acquisition Grant**
- 2. Establish the Eastowne Hickory-Oak Forest as a Conservation Area**

**Notes:**

- 1. 2022 NC Land and Water Fund Acquisition Program Funding Manual.**  
<https://nclwf.nc.gov/media/102/open>
- 2. Community Input Session 3: Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board Charge**  
<https://www.townofchapelhill.org/home/showpublisheddocument?id=19857>
- 3. State Nature and Historic Preserve Dedication Act**  
[https://www.ncleg.gov/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/ByArticle/Chapter\\_143/Article\\_25B.pdf](https://www.ncleg.gov/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/ByArticle/Chapter_143/Article_25B.pdf)