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Sent:	Wednesday, May 23, 2018 12:16 PM
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	Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Rae Buckley; Ralph Karpinos; Roger Stancil; Ross Tompkins;
	Sabrina Oliver
Subject:	FW: Eastowne SUPMay 23, 2018 Council Meeting CommentAgenda Item #16
Attachments:	Submitted Plans Sheet C-3.pdf

Thank you Chris, 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,

Jeanette Coffin



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Hi Jeanette—could you make sure the Council gets this email for tonight's meeting? Thanks so much, Chris

From: Bob/Chris Berndt [mailto:bberndt500@aol.com]
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Subject: Eastowne SUP --May 23, 2018 Council Meeting Comment--Agenda Item #16

Dear Mayor and Town Council,

I am writing to ask that the Council not authorize the removal of the existing forested buffer along the Town's major entranceway, 15-501, at Eastowne. The current proposal would remove all of the existing trees in the existing buffer on the applicant's property. I believe the existing buffer is 70 feet, whereas the proposed buffer is only 30 feet. In addition, the proposal removes most of the trees in the NCDOT right of way. Please see the attached plan C-3 from the applicants materials.

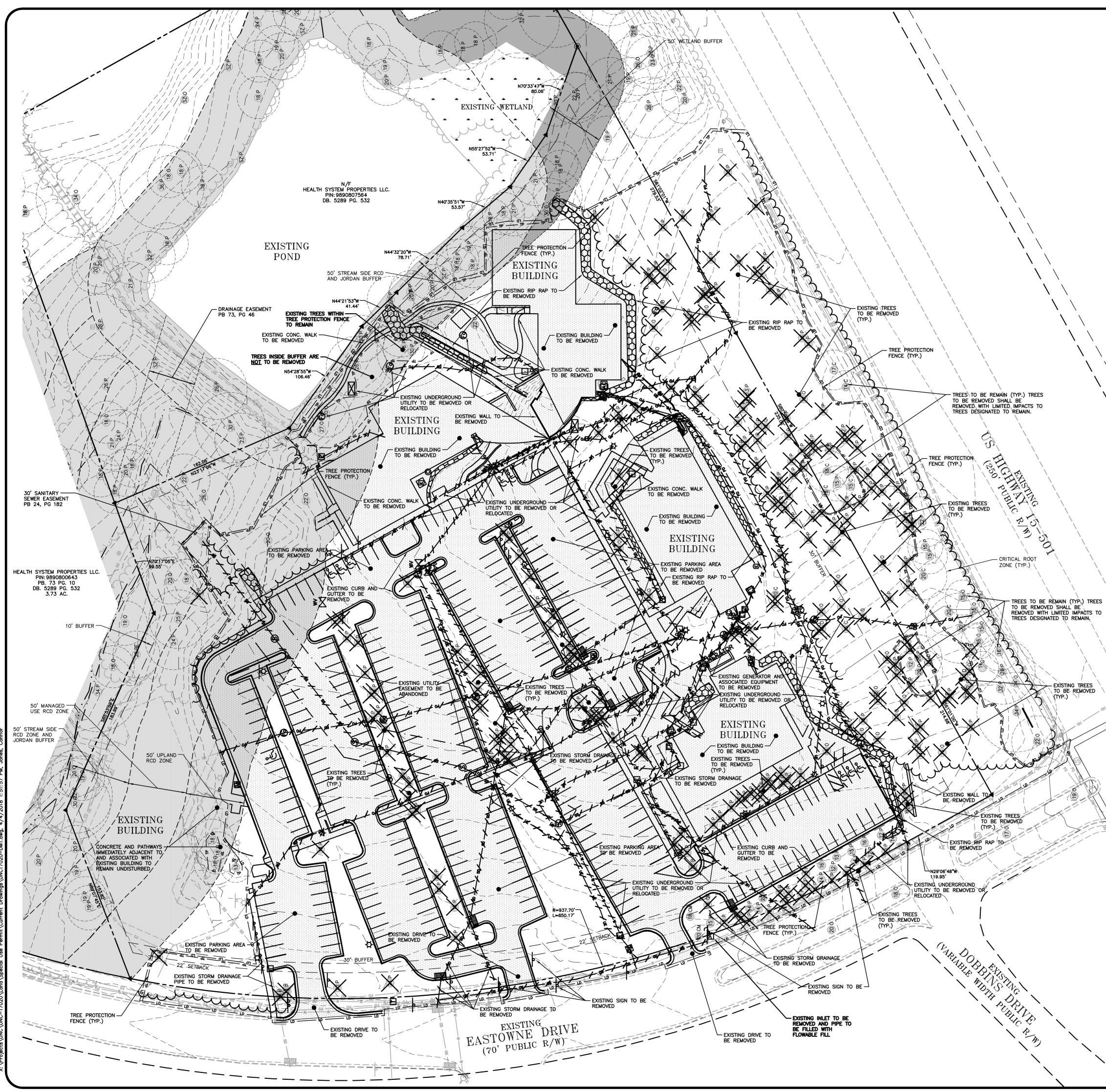
The forested buffer is an important aspect of the visual beauty of this entranceway, and is an existing community asset that should be preserved. Our tree-lined major transportation corridors are a key component of Chapel Hill's natural and historic character.

While 26 trees are to be retained, and new landscaping is to be installed to enhance visibility, the result will be a completely different landscape and visual feel than that which exists now. The Planning Commission asked that additional canopy trees be provided on the front buffer, and the staff report says this recommendation is incorporated into the stipulations. However, I do not see how the Planning Commission recommendation is included. At a minimum, please make sure that a significant number of canopy trees are provided in the buffer and in the right of way.

The Community Design Commission voted 3-2 to recommend the project with conditions. The materials do not explain our vote, so I wanted to have the opportunity to express why I did not recommend to you this particular site plan. I am not against the project or the use in this location, but I believe the applicant could design the development in a way that saves the forested buffer.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely, Christine S. Berndt Community Design Commission



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