

## **New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee – Minutes of meeting Feb. 8, 2007**

Attending: Joe Blackley, John Goebel, Ed Harrison, Jeff Masten, Helen Youngblood, John Kent, Charlie Welch

(1) Bill Olive was absent due to illness, so Joe Blackley reported on their meeting with the US Corps of Engineers. Joe reported that in general the Corps was very receptive and interested in collaborating with environmental groups such as NHCCAC on a range of issues. See [attached notes](#) for more detail.

(2) Githens Park. As noted by Bob H. in the agenda, the relocation of the soccer field (suggested at last month's meeting) proved to be infeasible. The newly proposed location, adjacent to an existing soccer field/track, was discussed. The new location is outside of the "bottomlands boundary", unlike the originally proposed location, but is still within the floodplain. Ed H. expressed concern about the proximity of the floodplain beech plant community. Ed and John K. expressed concern that because the proposed field will be too wet, fill may be required.

Helen Y. indicated that location options for the soccer field have essentially been exhausted. Since the field is an integral part of the improvement plans, a compromise on this latest location may be necessary.

(3) The proposed housing development near Corps land in the Scott King Road area (lower New Hope), was discussed. Since this meeting, in a Feb. 12 decision by the Durham County Commissioners, the zoning change request which would have allowed for the development was rejected.