

New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee—Minutes of Meeting of June 8, 2006

**Present: Walter Fowler, Charlie Welch, John Kent, Judd Edeburn, Ed Harrison,
Joe Blackley, Curtis Booker, Beth Timson**

1. Beth Timson and Curtis Booker reported on the May 23 meeting at Durham Parks and Rec. regarding plans for Leigh Farm. Initial funds have been used to hire a group to identify priorities for site stabilization, particularly preservation of the main house and certain outbuildings. This process is underway, as is archeological study of the site. Funds approved in a recent bond issue will be used to implement preservation efforts as well as bringing in water and sewer. A public meeting is being planned the week of July 17 to accept proposals for the 96 acres of the Leigh Farm site. Beth suggests "passive recreation" facilities such as a "ropes course" facility and a "disk golf" course and Curtis proposes re-creation of a "working farm" circa 1900. Plan to attend this meeting and present your own ideas.

2. Judd Edeburn is checking on DOT plans to replace the Turkey Farm Rd. bridge over New Hope Creek. At least one landowner in the area has been contacted by the DOT indicating that this project may not be too far off.

3. John Kent discussed Stream Watch data that shows significant turbidity increases in the creek below the Indigo Corners development (and other projects). Planning is apparently underway regarding at least one development in the Arrowhead neighborhood near the intersection of Erwin Rd. and Cornwallis Rd. and involving the headwaters of Mud Creek. We are looking for more specific information.

4. Ralph LaForge and the Boy Scouts have asked our help in identifying conservation projects along the creek that might be suitable for Eagle Scout candidates. Ed Harrison suggested that we check with Chapel Hill and Durham Parks and Rec. as well as with the TLC.

The next meeting of this Committee will be at 5pm at the media center of Forest View School on Thurs. July 13. See you there.