

# **New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee--Minutes of Meeting of 12 Oct. 2006**

**Present: Judd Edeburn, John Kent, Bob Healy, Bill Hutchins, Marin Magat, Bill Olive, Hildegard Ryals, Charlie Welch**

- (1) Healy announced that Triangle Land Conservancy would have an adult/child interpretive hike on the Erwin Tract (Hollow Rock) on Saturday, Oct. 14. Pre-registration on the TLC website is requested.
- (2) Edeburn announced a symposium for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Duke Forest, Oct. 19-20. A book on the history of the Forest will appear shortly. More information from the Duke Forest website.
- (3) Turkey Farm Road Bridge. Kent said that at a recent fundraiser for the Conservation Council of North Carolina, Barry Jacobs (Orange County commissioner) and Ed Harrison (Chapel Hill Town Council) had asked to be cc'd on the Committee's letter to Mike Mills of North Carolina Department of Transportation. Kent will get additional information to Healy by early next week so the letter can be sent. Edeburn noted the possibility of a future foot trail connecting Duke Forest with the TLC Johnson Tract in the area near the bridge.
- (4) Olive said he had spoken with Kevin Brice of Triangle Land Conservancy regarding his history of the New Hope Corridor. Brice said that TLC will be employing a professional writer to do a history of TLC for its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. TLC will have someone accompany Olive on his upcoming meeting with the Corps of Engineers (to discuss the history of Jordan Lake).

Healy suggested that materials we have each accumulated on the New Hope be archived at the North Carolina Room of the Durham Public Library, after being shared with Bill Olive. Ryals has already sent some of her materials there and has engaged a professional archivist to catalog them. Kent was encouraged to archive his water quality materials—he has recently written an article for the New Hope Audubon Society newsletter on the last 5 years of water quality measurements. Edeburn offered to contribute some oral history interviews already done by Duke Forest with landowners in the New Hope area.

- (5) Ryals reported that the four NH jurisdictions have been meeting on future plans for the Erwin Tract (Hollow Rock).

- (6) Ryals and Healy brought up the issue of letterhead for the Committee. Healy will make some simple letterhead on the computer. Magat suggested that the letterhead have the Committee mission statement at the bottom, along with the categories of interest represented by Committee members rather than specific names (e.g. Duke Forest rather than Judd Edeburn).
- (7) Bill Hutchins announced that he is resigning from the committee after more than 10 years of service. The committee unanimously passed a resolution to thank and commend him for his dedication to the New Hope and his many contributions to its protection.
- (8) Healy will talk with the Environmental Education office at Duke to try to interest a student in helping Bill Olive with the New Hope history project.
- (9) Magat offered to help find new members and advisors for the committee. Two areas that might usefully be covered are (a) Durham planning staff (2) school science teachers, especially from Githens Middle School. It was suggested that Joe Lyles of NC School of Science and Math be approached, given his interest in the local environment.
- (10) Ryals reported that artist/writer Emily Weinstein has recently put together an art book with images relevant to New Hope Creek.

**Next Meeting--Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 5 pm at Forest View Elementary**