Attachment D

The L.E.A.D.S. Group, PA 505 East Davis Street Burlington, NC 27215

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Parker Louis, LLC 301 Montclair Way Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Reference: Tree Removal within Development Area

Residential Neighborhood at Newbury, Homestead Road, Carrboro - North Carolina

The L.E.A.D.S. Group, PA Project Number: 1-22-1011

Gentlemen:

As an early part of the development process at Newbury, trees will be removed from the development area. Trees on the property were identified and located in the field and reported on the Tree Removal Plan. Removal of trees within the development area, along with the stripping of topsoil and other organic materials, will take place upon permitting.

With the primary focus of development occurring within the central property area, most of the existing perimeter trees and vegetation will be saved as shown on the accompanying plans. Trees located within the actual development area are proposed for removal. Without tree removal, earthwork and other development activities such as utility and road construction cannot proceed. As such, trees shown to be removed within the development area must be removed in order to facilitate the development.

Furthermore, trees inside the development area have to be removed prior the removal of organic soils, near surface forest litter and structurally unsuitable surface materials to provide suitable soil foundation strata for earthwork to begin. In keeping with the approved Zoning Ordinance and plan associated with this development's approval, mostly the central portion of the total property area will be affected by tree clearing.

Due to its numerous other environmentally related constraints and development requirements, including avoiding streams, minimizing stream buffer impacts, the Homestead Road buffer, stormwater control measure construction, road improvements, sidewalk construction along Homestead Road and avoiding existing overhead power, the project has been designed in a very compact fashion minimizing the neighborhood's overall footprint in the general area.

The L.E.A.D.S. Group, PA appreciates the opportunity to provide our services to you on this project. Please feel free to contact us if you should have any questions regarding this information.

Very truly yours,

The L.E.A.D.S. Group, PA

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