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301 West Main Street

Carrboro, NC 27510

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Mr. Shelton Sullivan
401 & Buffer Permitting Unit
Division of Water Resources
1617 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1617

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

I am writing to provide the Town's response to DWR's request for a letter of submittal from Carrboro, pursuant to SL 2015-246 and as a designated local government implementing a State Riparian Buffer Rule, based on Carrboro's location in the Jordan Lake watershed. Carrboro has instituted and enforces buffer requirements that exceed requirements in 15A NCAC 02B .0267.

The Town of Carrboro appreciates that SL 2015-246 allows a local government to request authority to enact, enforce, and implement riparian buffer requirements that exceed those necessary to comply with this statute. The Town intends to seek this authority and to submit scientific studies of the local environmental and physical conditions that support the necessity of the buffer requirements by August 2016, for the Environmental Management Commission to review. The Town is also carefully examining applicable permits and federal and state laws and expects to report to you within the next month if it appears that such permits/laws require the Town to continue to implement current stream buffer regulations.

Your consideration of this submittal is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Patricia McGuire, Planning Director

Cc: Robert Hornik, Attorney
David Andrews, Manager
Christina Moon, Planning Administrator
Randy Dodd, Environmental Planner
Martin Roupe, Development Review Administrator