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Town of Carrboro Planning Department
301 West Main Street
Carrboro, NC 27510

Re: The ArtsCenter
303 Jones Ferry Road
Tree / landscape removal letter

To Whom it may concern,

This letter is provided in support of the Conditional Use Permit submitted for the project site on the south side of Jones Ferry Road, between Barnes Street and Laurel Avenue. The project is proposed to be a two-story building, (The ArtsCenter) with associated surface parking, proposed stormwater control measures, and landscaping. Although a significant number of the surveyed trees are being removed, the proposed project is protecting 30% of the tree canopy for the overall site.

This 1.35 acre parcel is encumbered by a stream buffer that covers 0.68 acres (50%) of the project site. This large area of stream buffer significantly limits the overall developability of the parcel. Given the limited development envelope on site, the entire area outside of the stream buffer is being disturbed, with no trees to remain. As shown on SD-1.0 of the CUP Plans, the majority of vegetation within the non-stream buffer area consists of Loblolly Pines ranging from 18-26”.

As outlined in the Stream Buffer Variance application submitted concurrently with these CUP plans, land disturbance is also requested with the 50% of the site encumbered by the stream buffer. This disturbance is required for the the installation of the project driveway, upgrade of the OWASA sanitary sewer main, and permitting of a constructed wetland to treat some of the stormwater requirements for the project. Construction of these project elements will require additional tree removal. There are only a few trees shown on the Site Survey within this area, with the most significant being a 42” oak near the top of stream bank. Although this tree falls outside the limits of disturbance, we acknowledge that are impacting the root zone with construction, thus it may not be saved. The health and condition of this tree have yet to be evaluated by an arborist.

For additional information regarding the justification for tree removal with the stream buffer, refer to the Stream Buffer Variance Application submitted on May 18, 2020. Please refer to the SD1.0 and SD7.0 for the location of the perimeter tree protection fencing for the project.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy S. Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a period at the end.

Jeremy S. Anderson RLA
Project Landscape Architect

Attached: