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Greetings, Rick --

Attached are two screenshots from Colonial Durham Associates documents addressing its plans regarding zoning regulations for the Wetlands and Shoreland Protection pertaining to the College Brook.

The first screenshot shows relevant College Brook restoration text from CDA's *Letter of Intent for Wetland/Shoreland Overlay CUP* dated May 21, 2018.

The second screenshot shows an excerpt from the revised version of the letter, i.e., *Conditional Use Narrative for Shoreland & Wetland Buffer Impacts* dated January 2, 2020, which appears to leave open the POSSIBILITY of a joint venture on brook restoration, whereas the 2018 letter implied that a joint venture has ALREADY been initiated with the intention to carry it through.

Would you please ask the applicant to clarify -- in writing as well as during the team's presentation on Wednesday night -- details such as the status of any such consultant contract or proposal among the parties mentioned? Surely this should be part of any discussion about stormwater management.

Please also forward this note to the Planning Board. Thank you.

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An enhanced buffer and additional pedestrian amenities along Mill Road will help create a tasteful transition from the mixed-use downtown to the residential areas of Brookside Commons and Faculty Road, while a true sidewalk and planned landscaping will enhance the pedestrian corridor from Mill Road to Chesley Drive.

Similarly, the discussed joint venture between the Applicant, the University, and the Town offers the opportunity to further enhance and protect College Brook and is another means of enhancing the amenities of the development site while buffering surrounding neighborhoods. Residents of the surrounding neighborhoods will have a safer, more attractive pathway to access retail and restaurant opportunities than the existing conditions afford.

Second attachment is a screenshot from page 2 of the *Conditional Use Narrative for Shoreland & Wetland Buffer Impacts 1-2-20* -- numbered item 4:

4. Restoration activities will leave the site, as nearly as possible, in its pre-existing condition and grade at the time of application for the CUP. Applicant has retained a qualified consultant to suggest additional means of restoring and protecting the College Brook waterway, all of which can be done in partnership with the Town, the University and/or interested abutters. At a minimum, however, Applicant is improving upon the existing condition whereby unmitigated/untreated sheet-flow runoff from paved parking areas now enters upon the buffer areas and into the waterway.

Regards,

-- Robin

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Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,
nothing is going to get better. It's not.

-- Theodor Seuss Geisel, author and illustrator

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