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Via email brian.strong@ncparks.gov

Brian Strong
Director, N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation

Re: North/South boundary line between Umstead State Park Tract (Tract 2a) and the Odd Fellows Tract (Tract 21)

Dear Mr. Strong:

I am writing to you on behalf of The Umstead Coalition. It has come to our attention that there is likely a lappage issue concerning the north/south boundary line between Umstead State Park and the Odd Fellows tract. Stated differently, it appears that the boundary line is actually over 120 feet further south than is indicated on current Wake County GIS maps, which means that a substantial portion of Park property is being treated as if it were part of the Odd Fellows tract, when it is not.

The legal description for Tract 2a is set forth on page 41 of DB 894, page 40 of the Wake County Registry and is denoted therein as Parcel Three -Tract 2a. A survey iron is located at the northwest corner of Tract 2a next to a large tree which has old survey pointers. The distance from the northwest corner of Tract 2a to the southwest corner of said tract is 3,121.80 feet as set forth in the legal description and at the southwest corner of Tract 2a there can be seen two adjacent trees with survey pointers. The southwest corner of Tract 2a is actually further south than currently appears on the current Wake County GIS maps. The distance from the southwest corner of Tract 2a to Crabtree Creek (the southeast corner of Tract 2a) is 2389.20 feet. A review of the attached documentation indicates that this corner is also further south than appears on the current Wake County GIS maps. Per the 1938 National Park Service map, this border meets Crabtree Creek just south of a tributary.

The best way to confirm my findings in this regard would be to have the boundary between the Park and the Odd Fellows tract resurveyed to determine the correct location of that property line. I have attached our research indicating what we feel to be the correct location of the property line. Please review the documentation and let us know your thoughts.

We look forward to hearing from you. Please feel free to contact me or Jim Conner, who can be reached at <u>jconner@cbsattorneys.com</u> or 919-749-9943.

Yours truly,

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