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HAW RIVER CLEAN WATER AGENCY

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RE: Jordan Lake Rules Impacts

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are aware that your delegation is paying very close attention to the formation of the Jordan Lake Rules (proposed) and how those rules will undoubtedly affect all facets of local government, local citizens and our way of life. The old adage states that a picture is worth 1000 words. As such, here is a picture of what similar rules have done to brand new construction in the upper reaches of the Neuse River basin. Please do not let this happen to us. At the time of this photo, this "Bio-retention cell" was less than one year old. One can only speculate what happened after the next rainfall event at this location.



We ask that you continue your efforts to come up with alternative solutions to help our neighbors down stream help themselves, keeping in mind why Jordan Lake was originally constructed. It was certainly not built to be a critical water supply or create a critical watershed to contribute to the future detriment of communities located along one of our States most utilized interstate corridors in the geographical center of North Carolina. Please help state regulators formulate plans that equitably distribute the economic and water quality demands on those population centers that will benefit without further depressing the upstream emerging economies of those that will suffer. Remove the unprecedented requirement to address existing developments via structural controls, and by all means, exhaustively study the river basin in which theses rules are already in force before taking the Jordan Lake rules to the General Assembly. It would be sad to make similar legislation without first taking a peek at the way things will look when they are "completed".

Thank you for your efforts.

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