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RE: Proposed amendment to the locally designated Kerr Family Farm, 9614 Joe Kerr Rd., Marvin, Union County.

Dear Ms. Morgan:

Thank you for submitting the report for the proposed amendment to the locally designated Kerr Family Farm, 9614 Joe Kerr Rd., Marvin, Union County. We have reviewed the information in the report and offer the following comments in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160D-946.

According to the report, the additional property and house is of special local significance as it is part of the original Kerr Family Farm and Kerr Family Farm.

We have shared recommendations with staff to make some additions to the report. We believe that with the recommended additions, the report will provide the preservation commission and local governing board sufficient information to determine whether the additional property of the Kerr Family Farm possesses the requisite special local significance and integrity for local historic landmark designation.

Local landmark designation means the community recognizes the property is worthy of preservation because of its special significance to the local community. Any substantial changes in design, materials, and appearance of the property would be subject to the design review procedures of the preservation commission. The owner may receive an annual deferral of up to fifty percent of the property taxes for as long as the property is designated and retains significance and integrity. (N.C.G.S. 105-278 et seq.).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this report. Please note, our comments are advisory only and therefore, non-binding. Once the governing board has received a recommendation from the Union

County Historic Preservation Commission, it should proceed in the same manner as would otherwise be required for an amendment to the zoning ordinance. Once the decision has been made, please return a completed copy of the enclosed designation form or a copy of the ordinance to our office.

This letter serves as our comments on the proposed amendment to the locally designated Kerr Family Farm, 9614 Joe Kerr Rd., Marvin, Union County.

Please contact me at <u>Kristi.brantley@dncr.nc.gov</u> (preferred) or 919-814-6576 should you have any questions about our comments.

Sincerely,

Kristi Brantley

Local Preservation Commissions/CLG Coordinator

CC: Commission Chair

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Enclosure