



The Umstead Coalition

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Rockingham Naturalist's Club
Society for the Preservation of Jockey's Ridge
Wake Audubon Society*

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MEMORANDUM

To: Whom it may concern
Re: Wake Stone Corporation – Triangle Site
From: Jean Spooner, Chair, The Umstead Coalition

This memo is a statement regarding good cooperative relationship between the Triangle Site of Wake Stone Corporation and The Umstead Coalition. This quarry site is adjacent to Crabtree Creek and Umstead State Park. In the 10 years that I have been a member of The Umstead Coalition, I have never heard a complaint about Wake Stone's operation next to Umstead. The Umstead Coalition is optimistic that discussions will continue regarding compatible development uses of the quarry site (e.g., conversion to park or recreational facilities) in the long-term.

The Umstead Coalition is an advocacy group composed of membership by 16 partner environmental organization and individuals. Our mission is to protect Umstead State Park. We have a large environmental education program. In addition we are concerned about potential external sources of degradation to the Park caused by traffic, noise, and water pollution.

Our experience with Wake Stone Corporation has been positive. They are accessible and willing to participate in activities to protect Umstead State Park. For example, Wake Stone Corporation – Triangle recognizes they are located in an environmentally sensitive area due to their proximity to Crabtree Creek (a major tributary to the Neuse River) and adjacent to a State Park. They have shown willingness and have followed through with protecting of the riparian area along Crabtree Creek, minimizing runoff into Crabtree Creek, and protecting a rhododendron shrub area along Crabtree Creek. Wake Stone Corporation contributes as a community citizen. They have donated material to help Umstead State Park. For example, they donated a base stone used to display an original grinding mill stone for the historic Company (Page) Mill. The mill stone is displayed in the Park near the original mill site along Crabtree Creek. They have a member on the Umstead State Park Advisory, Ted Bratton. Ted is appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Natural Resources to serve as a representative from the business community.

♥ The Umstead Coalition ♥

Dedicated to preserving the natural integrity of W.B. Umstead State Park and the Richland Creek Corridor