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# RE: Hydraulic Modeling Results for Dry Creek Project

Mr Grayson Baur:

Baker Engineering has constructed a representative hydraulic model for the Dry Creek project. This model simulates the portion of the creek where the greenway boardwalk crossing is proposed and its immediate vicinity upstream and downstream. The hydraulic model that has been prepared is a preliminary model and does not constitute the final hydraulic analysis for this project. Although the results obtained from this model are not final hydraulics results, they provide a general idea of how each of the three simulated bridge crossing scenarios can be expected to affect flood levels through the area. This letter summarizes the results obtained from the preliminary hydraulic model for the Dry Creek project.

# BRIDGE SCENARIO No. 1

The first bridge scenario studied in this analysis included a 410 foot long boardwalk bridge crossing the span of the Dry Creek channel and floodplain. This boardwalk bridge was simulated without any railing, and included a side curb along the entire length of the bridge. The top elevation of the curb was set seven inches above the elevation of the surface deck. Under this bridge scenario, the following results were obtained:

|   |               | Water Surface Elevation<br>(ft) |          | Difference |
|---|---------------|---------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Location  | River Station | Existing                        | Proposed | (ft)       |
| 650 ft upstream of bridge                               | 9332          | 273.29                          | 273.29   | 0          |
| Just upstream of bridge                                 | 8712          | 270.4                           | 270.52   | 0.12       |
| Just downstream of bridge                               | 8542          | 270.32                          | 270.32   | 0          |
| 530 ft downstream of bridge                             | 8139          | 269.75                          | 269.75   | 0          |
| 765 ft downstream of bridge (downstream limit of model) | 7904          | 268.24                          | 268.24   | 0          |

Results For 2-Year Storm:



# Results For 5-Year Storm:

|   |               | Water Surface Elevation |          |            |
|---|---------------|-------------------------|----------|------------|
|   |               |                         | (ft)     | Difference |
| Location  | River Station | Existing                | Proposed | (ft)       |
| 650 ft upstream of bridge                               | 9332          | 273.66                  | 273.66   | 0          |
| Just upstream of bridge                                 | 8712          | 270.96                  | 271.06   | 0.1        |
| Just downstream of bridge                               | 8542          | 270.85                  | 270.85   | 0          |
| 530 ft downstream of bridge                             | 8139          | 270.06                  | 270.06   | 0          |
| 765 ft downstream of bridge (downstream limit of model) | 7904          | 269.45                  | 269.45   | 0          |

# Results For 10-Year Storm:

|   |               | Water Surface Elevation |          |            |
|---|---------------|-------------------------|----------|------------|
|   |               |                         | (ft)     | Difference |
| Location  | River Station | Existing                | Proposed | (ft)       |
| 650 ft upstream of bridge                               | 9332          | 275.43                  | 275.44   | 0.01       |
| Just upstream of bridge                                 | 8712          | 275.41                  | 275.41   | 0          |
| Just downstream of bridge                               | 8542          | 275.4                   | 275.4    | 0          |
| 530 ft downstream of bridge                             | 8139          | 275.38                  | 275.38   | 0          |
| 765 ft downstream of bridge (downstream limit of model) | 7904          | 275.37                  | 275.37   | 0          |

# Results For 25-Year Storm:

|   |                      | Water Surface Elevation<br>(ft) |          | Difference |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Location  | <b>River Station</b> | Existing                        | Proposed | (ft)       |
| 650 ft upstream of bridge                               | 9332                 | 277.27                          | 277.27   | 0          |
| Just upstream of bridge                                 | 8712                 | 277.26                          | 277.26   | 0          |
| Just downstream of bridge                               | 8542                 | 277.26                          | 277.26   | 0          |
| 530 ft downstream of bridge                             | 8139                 | 277.25                          | 277.25   | 0          |
| 765 ft downstream of bridge (downstream limit of model) | 7904                 | 277.24                          | 277.24   | 0          |

# Results For 50-Year Storm:

|   |               | Water Surface Elevation |          |            |
|---|---------------|-------------------------|----------|------------|
|   |               |                         | (ft)     | Difference |
| Location  | River Station | Existing                | Proposed | (ft)       |
| 650 ft upstream of bridge                               | 9332          | 282.48                  | 282.48   | 0          |
| Just upstream of bridge                                 | 8712          | 282.48                  | 282.48   | 0          |
| Just downstream of bridge                               | 8542          | 282.47                  | 282.47   | 0          |
| 530 ft downstream of bridge                             | 8139          | 282.47                  | 282.47   | 0          |
| 765 ft downstream of bridge (downstream limit of model) | 7904          | 282.47                  | 282.47   | 0          |

## Results For 100-Year Storm:

|   |               | Water Surface Elevation<br>(ft) |          | Difference |
|---|---------------|---------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Location  | River Station | Existing                        | Proposed | (ft)       |
| 650 ft upstream of bridge                               | 9332          | 282.55                          | 282.55   | 0          |
| Just upstream of bridge                                 | 8712          | 282.55                          | 282.55   | 0          |
| Just downstream of bridge                               | 8542          | 282.55                          | 282.55   | 0          |
| 530 ft downstream of bridge                             | 8139          | 282.54                          | 282.54   | 0          |
| 765 ft downstream of bridge (downstream limit of model) | 7904          | 282.54                          | 282.54   | 0          |

The results from the preliminary hydraulic simulation for Bridge Scenario No. 1 show that construction of this bridge alternative would not affect the regulatory base flood levels (100-year levels) throughout the area, in compliance with Sections 5-60 and 5-61 of the Town of Chapel Hill Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

# **BRIDGE SCENARIO No. 2**

This bridge scenario also included a 410 foot long boardwalk bridge crossing the span of the Dry Creek channel and floodplain. This boardwalk bridge was simulated with railing along a 160 ft center section of the boardwalk bridge, and the remaining portions of the bridge were kept without railing but with side curb as in Scenario No. 1. The top of the railing was set at an elevation three and a half feet above the elevation of the deck surface. Under this bridge scenario, the following results were obtained:

|   |                      | Water Surface Elevation<br>(ft) |          | Difference |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Location  | <b>River Station</b> | Existing                        | Proposed | (ft)       |
| 650 ft upstream of bridge                               | 9332                 | 273.29                          | 273.29   | 0          |
| Just upstream of bridge                                 | 8712                 | 270.4                           | 270.52   | 0.12       |
| Just downstream of bridge                               | 8542                 | 270.32                          | 270.32   | 0          |
| 530 ft downstream of bridge                             | 8139                 | 269.75                          | 269.75   | 0          |
| 765 ft downstream of bridge (downstream limit of model) | 7904                 | 268.24                          | 268.24   | 0          |

## Results For 2-Year Storm:

## Results For 5-Year Storm:

|   |               | Water Surface Elevation |          |            |
|---|---------------|-------------------------|----------|------------|
|   |               |                         | (ft)     | Difference |
| Location  | River Station | Existing                | Proposed | (ft)       |
| 650 ft upstream of bridge                               | 9332          | 273.66                  | 273.66   | 0          |
| Just upstream of bridge                                 | 8712          | 270.96                  | 271.06   | 0.1        |
| Just downstream of bridge                               | 8542          | 270.85                  | 270.85   | 0          |
| 530 ft downstream of bridge                             | 8139          | 270.06                  | 270.06   | 0          |
| 765 ft downstream of bridge (downstream limit of model) | 7904          | 269.45                  | 269.45   | 0          |

# Results For 10-Year Storm:

|   |               | Water Surface Elevation |          |            |
|---|---------------|-------------------------|----------|------------|
|   |               |                         | (ft)     | Difference |
| Location  | River Station | Existing                | Proposed | (ft)       |
| 650 ft upstream of bridge                               | 9332          | 275.43                  | 275.44   | 0.01       |
| Just upstream of bridge                                 | 8712          | 275.41                  | 275.41   | 0          |
| Just downstream of bridge                               | 8542          | 275.4                   | 275.4    | 0          |
| 530 ft downstream of bridge                             | 8139          | 275.38                  | 275.38   | 0          |
| 765 ft downstream of bridge (downstream limit of model) | 7904          | 275.37                  | 275.37   | 0          |

# Results For 25-Year Storm:

|   |               | Water Surface Elevation |          |            |
|---|---------------|-------------------------|----------|------------|
|   |               |                         | (ft)     | Difference |
| Location  | River Station | Existing                | Proposed | (ft)       |
| 650 ft upstream of bridge                               | 9332          | 277.27                  | 277.27   | 0          |
| Just upstream of bridge                                 | 8712          | 277.26                  | 277.26   | 0          |
| Just downstream of bridge                               | 8542          | 277.26                  | 277.26   | 0          |
| 530 ft downstream of bridge                             | 8139          | 277.25                  | 277.25   | 0          |
| 765 ft downstream of bridge (downstream limit of model) | 7904          | 277.24                  | 277.24   | 0          |

# Results For 50-Year Storm:

|   |               | Water Surface Elevation |          |            |
|---|---------------|-------------------------|----------|------------|
|   |               |                         | (ft)     | Difference |
| Location  | River Station | Existing                | Proposed | (ft)       |
| 650 ft upstream of bridge                               | 9332          | 282.48                  | 282.48   | 0          |
| Just upstream of bridge                                 | 8712          | 282.48                  | 282.48   | 0          |
| Just downstream of bridge                               | 8542          | 282.47                  | 282.47   | 0          |
| 530 ft downstream of bridge                             | 8139          | 282.47                  | 282.47   | 0          |
| 765 ft downstream of bridge (downstream limit of model) | 7904          | 282.47                  | 282.47   | 0          |

# Results For 100-Year Storm:

|   |                      | Water Surface Elevation<br>(ft) |          | Difference |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Location  | <b>River Station</b> | Existing                        | Proposed | (ft)       |
| 650 ft upstream of bridge                               | 9332                 | 282.55                          | 282.55   | 0          |
| Just upstream of bridge                                 | 8712                 | 282.55                          | 282.55   | 0          |
| Just downstream of bridge                               | 8542                 | 282.55                          | 282.55   | 0          |
| 530 ft downstream of bridge                             | 8139                 | 282.54                          | 282.54   | 0          |
| 765 ft downstream of bridge (downstream limit of model) | 7904                 | 282.54                          | 282.54   | 0          |

The results from the preliminary hydraulic simulation for Bridge Scenario No. 2 show that construction of this bridge alternative would not affect the regulatory base flood levels (100-year levels) throughout the area, in compliance with Sections 5-60 and 5-61 of the Town of Chapel Hill Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

# **BRIDGE SCENARIO No. 3**

This bridge scenario also included a 410 foot long boardwalk bridge crossing the span of the Dry Creek channel and floodplain. This boardwalk bridge was simulated with railing along the entire span of the bridge. The top of the railing was set at an elevation three and a half feet above the elevation of the deck surface. Under this bridge scenario, the following results were obtained:

|   |               | Water Surface Elevation |          | 5.4        |
|---|---------------|-------------------------|----------|------------|
|   |               | (ft)                    |          | Difference |
| Location  | River Station | Existing                | Proposed | (ft)       |
| 650 ft upstream of bridge                               | 9332          | 273.29                  | 273.29   | 0          |
| Just upstream of bridge                                 | 8712          | 270.4                   | 270.63   | 0.23       |
| Just downstream of bridge                               | 8542          | 270.32                  | 270.32   | 0          |
| 530 ft downstream of bridge                             | 8139          | 269.75                  | 269.75   | 0          |
| 765 ft downstream of bridge (downstream limit of model) | 7904          | 268.24                  | 268.24   | 0          |

## Results For 2-Year Storm:

## Results For 5-Year Storm:

|   |                      | Water Surface Elevation<br>(ft) |          | Difference |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Location  | <b>River Station</b> | Existing                        | Proposed | (ft)       |
| 650 ft upstream of bridge                               | 9332                 | 273.66                          | 273.66   | 0          |
| Just upstream of bridge                                 | 8712                 | 270.96                          | 271.18   | 0.22       |
| Just downstream of bridge                               | 8542                 | 270.85                          | 270.85   | 0          |
| 530 ft downstream of bridge                             | 8139                 | 270.06                          | 270.06   | 0          |
| 765 ft downstream of bridge (downstream limit of model) | 7904                 | 269.45                          | 269.45   | 0          |

## Results For 10-Year Storm:

|   |               | Water Surface Elevation |          |            |
|---|---------------|-------------------------|----------|------------|
|   |               | (ft)                    |          | Difference |
| Location  | River Station | Existing                | Proposed | (ft)       |
| 650 ft upstream of bridge                               | 9332          | 275.43                  | 275.44   | 0.01       |
| Just upstream of bridge                                 | 8712          | 275.41                  | 275.41   | 0          |
| Just downstream of bridge                               | 8542          | 275.4                   | 275.4    | 0          |
| 530 ft downstream of bridge                             | 8139          | 275.38                  | 275.38   | 0          |
| 765 ft downstream of bridge (downstream limit of model) | 7904          | 275.37                  | 275.37   | 0          |

## Results For 25-Year Storm:

|   |                      | Water Surface Elevation |          | Difference |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------|----------|------------|
| Location  | <b>River Station</b> | Existing                | Proposed | (ft)       |
| 650 ft upstream of bridge                               | 9332                 | 277.27                  | 277.28   | 0.01       |
| Just upstream of bridge                                 | 8712                 | 277.26                  | 277.26   | 0          |
| Just downstream of bridge                               | 8542                 | 277.26                  | 277.26   | 0          |
| 530 ft downstream of bridge                             | 8139                 | 277.25                  | 277.25   | 0          |
| 765 ft downstream of bridge (downstream limit of model) | 7904                 | 277.24                  | 277.24   | 0          |

## Results For 50-Year Storm:

|   |               | Water Surface Elevation |          |            |
|---|---------------|-------------------------|----------|------------|
|   |               | (ft)                    |          | Difference |
| Location  | River Station | Existing                | Proposed | (ft)       |
| 650 ft upstream of bridge                               | 9332          | 282.48                  | 282.48   | 0          |
| Just upstream of bridge                                 | 8712          | 282.48                  | 282.48   | 0          |
| Just downstream of bridge                               | 8542          | 282.47                  | 282.47   | 0          |
| 530 ft downstream of bridge                             | 8139          | 282.47                  | 282.47   | 0          |
| 765 ft downstream of bridge (downstream limit of model) | 7904          | 282.47                  | 282.47   | 0          |

## Results For 100-Year Storm:

|   |               | Water Surface Elevation |          |            |
|---|---------------|-------------------------|----------|------------|
|   |               | (ft)                    |          | Difference |
| Location  | River Station | Existing                | Proposed | (ft)       |
| 650 ft upstream of bridge                               | 9332          | 282.55                  | 282.55   | 0          |
| Just upstream of bridge                                 | 8712          | 282.55                  | 282.55   | 0          |
| Just downstream of bridge                               | 8542          | 282.55                  | 282.55   | 0          |
| 530 ft downstream of bridge                             | 8139          | 282.54                  | 282.54   | 0          |
| 765 ft downstream of bridge (downstream limit of model) | 7904          | 282.54                  | 282.54   | 0          |

The results from the preliminary hydraulic simulation for Bridge Scenario No. 3 show that construction of this bridge alternative would not affect the regulatory base flood levels (100-year levels) throughout the area, in compliance with Sections 5-60 and 5-61 of the Town of Chapel Hill Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

# **CONCLUSIONS**

The results show that for all bridge alternatives, the proposed boardwalk bridge would affect flood levels along the area during small flow events such as the 2-year and 5-year floods, but would not affect flood levels under larger storm events such as the 50-year and 100-year floods.



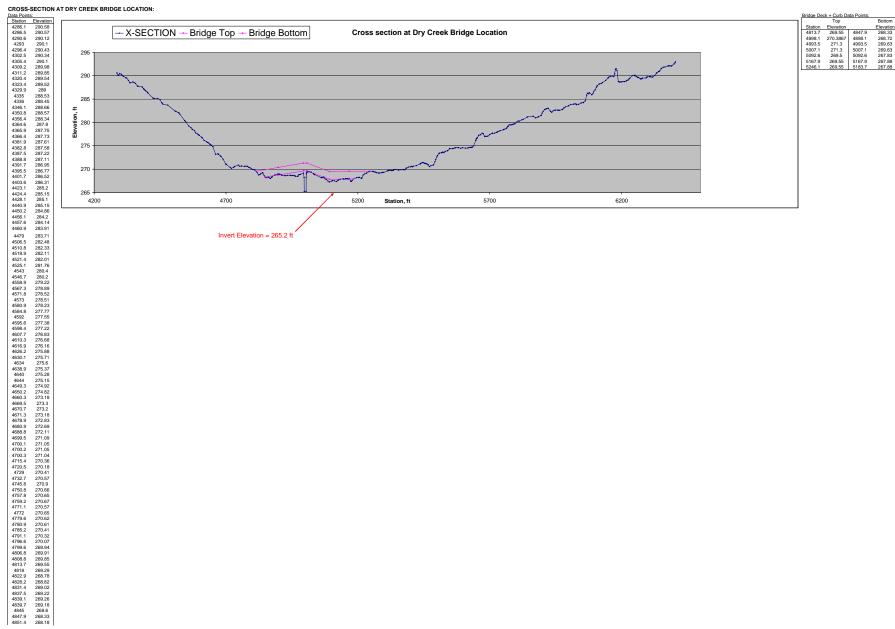
This is due to the backwater effect from the larger stream (New Hope Creek) which Dry Creek discharges into at a location approximately one mile downstream from the proposed bridge location. During larger storm events such as the 50-year and 100-year floods, flood levels along New Hope Creek are substantially higher than those corresponding to the 50-year and 100-year floods discharge along Dry Creek. The higher flood levels along New Hope Creek will act as a control for flood levels along Dry Creek, raising flood levels along Dry Creek to an elevation at least 11 feet above the top of the boardwalk bridge. With such a large hydraulic influence from downstream backwater levels under large flow events, the hydraulic influence of the boardwalk bridge on Dry Creek flood levels becomes insignificant, and no change is observed between existing and proposed Dry Creek water levels for large storms.

If you have any additional questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at 703-317-3070, or by email at eparrilla@mbakercorp.com. Thank you.

Cordially,

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