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## Letter of Intent/Appeal

Derek Evans  
1150 Ascott Valley Drive  
Johns Creek, GA 30097

Johns Creek Community Development  
11360 Lakefield Drive  
Johns Creek, GA 30097

Re: 1150 Ascott Valley Drive Variance Request

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Derek Evans and, along with my partner Maria Portalatin, have recently moved to Johns Creek at the end of 2020. We had been contemplating moving to the South from New Jersey for a number of years and at the beginning of 2020 Maria took a new job with a local company. We looked at a number of towns and communities and decided on Johns Creek as our new home.

We are applying for a variance to encroach into the City's 75' impervious buffer and the 50' undisturbed buffer to construct a pool and patio in our backyard. The area to be developed is flat and does not contain any trees and only a few shrubs. There is an existing paver patio and stone steps, that are original and currently encroach into the same buffers, which will be removed. We will not encroach into the State 25' waters buffer. We will implement a vegetative mitigation plan as part of the project.

The house was built in the mid-90s prior to the incorporation of Johns Creek and the institution of the City's stream buffer requirements and currently sits well within the 75' impervious buffer itself. The application of these stream buffer restrictions on this residence creates a hardship, adversely affecting the use and value of the property.

As noted, Maria and I have only recently moved to Johns Creek and into our new home and we thoroughly enjoy the neighborhood and town. We look forward to many years in our new home and have no plans to relocate. The backyard improvements and pool installation will greatly improve the use and enjoyment of the home and will have no negative impact on neighbors or the community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Derek J. Evans  
March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022