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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor & City Council

From: Howard J. Koontz, City Planner

Date: April 12, 2010

Subject: **Discussion of Exceptions to the Dunwoody Stream Buffer Ordinance**

Community Development staff is currently investigating the potential for a text change to Chapter 14 of the City's Code of Ordinances. Specifically, Article 2, §14(h)(3), which establishes Dunwoody's 75-foot stream buffers and lists a series of allowable uses inside that buffer.

Due to the restrictive nature of the allowable uses in the stream buffer, it is staff's position that it may be more responsible to allow certain non-intrusive uses in the stream buffer. These uses should be restricted to usual and customary residential accessory uses, so long as they are carried out in an environmentally sensitive manner.

Staff foresees the text change, if initiated, to be developed in the month of April and presented again to the Council at their May work session. Between the May presentation and final deliberations at the June Public Hearing, staff would like to invite the community to attend a public meeting where the plan can be vetted and input can be received by staff.