

LETTER FROM NORTH CAROLINA SENATOR
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I really love the fact the symposium took up the subject of the Biblical perspective of the importance of mankind's relationship to the environment and specifically environmental protection of Falls Lake. The Bible is clear that we are appointed by God to be stewards of His creation and anything short of appropriate stewardship is not in accordance with God's will. It is incumbent on us as believers to reflect environmental stewardship in our personal lives and to be legislative advocates when we have the opportunity. These are the subjects discussed during the time I attended the symposium and I enthusiastically endorse these thoughts. I will discuss with NC Senator Dan Bue on the possibility of legislation to remove the Millburnie dam.

As is always the case, there is a tension between our desire to protect the environment and constitutional private property rights. As a real estate developer/contractor whose company built over 4000 multifamily units, I can attest that these are not mutually exclusive ideals. I think protecting the environment (tree preservation and minimal grading) significantly added to the value of my contracting and developments. Certainly the least all of us can do is to encourage environmental protection and reflect it in our lives.

Signed: Neal Hunt
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