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RE: Proposed Designation Marion R. and Lavonne Marsh House, 1642 Hertford Rd., Charlotte, Mecklenburg County.

Dear Mr. Gray:

Thank you for submitting the local landmark report for the Marion R. and Lavonne Marsh House, 1642 Hertford Rd., Charlotte, Mecklenburg County. We have reviewed the information in the report and offer the following comments in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160D-946.

According to the report, the Marsh House is locally significant “as the home of one of the most influential and successful architects in Charlotte and the greater North Carolina piedmont.” The report continues, noting that the house “is an excellent surviving example of Marsh’s residential work in Charlotte and retains a high degree of integrity.”

The report provides a thorough history of the Marsh House, and we have shared some comments aimed at strengthening the report. With these changes, we feel the report will provide the preservation commission and local governing board sufficient information to determine whether the Marion R. and Lavonne Marsh House possesses the requisite special local significance and integrity for local historic landmark designation.

Local landmark designation means the community recognizes the property is worthy of preservation because of its special significance to the local community. Any substantial changes in design, materials, and appearance of the property would be subject to the design review procedures of the preservation commission. The owner may receive an annual deferral of up to fifty percent of the property taxes for as long as the property is designated and retains significance and integrity. (N.C.G.S. 105-278 *et seq.*).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this report. Please note, our comments are advisory only and therefore, non-binding. Once the governing board has received a recommendation from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission, it should proceed in the same manner as would otherwise be required for an amendment to the zoning ordinance. Once the decision has been made, please return a completed copy of the enclosed designation form or a copy of the ordinance to our office.

This letter serves as our comments on the proposed designation of the Marion R. and Lavonne Marsh House, 1642 Hertford Rd., Charlotte, Mecklenburg County.

Please contact me at or Kristi.brantley@dncr.nc.gov (preferred) or 919-814-6576 should you have any questions about our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristi Brantley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Kristi Brantley
Local Preservation Commissions/CLG Coordinator

CC: Commission Chair

Enclosure