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Comments: I am writing in support of the Uwharrie Roads Project to pave as much as possible and improve the rest of the road by widening, creating pull offs, fixing drainage, pot holes and trail crossings. While the bridge across the river might have been a better option, anything to help access to Green Gap community for law enforcement, fire protection, and especially ambulance and health care is critical. The percentage of older retirees is increasing and although the community has done what it can to make access to AED, bandages and other medical products there have been times when ambulance and fire trucks have been critically delayed due to the condition of the roads.

On a daily basis, the dust, blind corners, lack of pull offs, narrow road and pot holes make the trips in and out hazardous and sometimes incredibly dangerous. I was stuck having to back up my Ford 250 truck near a vertical drop off to let a horse trailer through and I had to let someone else fold in my mirrors and back it up for me since I was shaking and in a panic. The road was EXTREMELY narrow there and the drop off was way too steep to survive tires slipping in the mud off the side.

I intend to move to my son's house in Green Gap when I am no longer able to live alone. I am now 76 and have been traveling these roads most weekends for over 9 years. The roads have never been in good shape and the traffic on the roads has increased by at least double in that time. Notably the deterioration of the roads by the jeeps has been the worst with gravel and improvements lasting only a few weeks before the roads were in worse shape than before the road work. Given my age, I am hoping this project will commence as soon as possible so that once I am living full time with my son's family, Green Gap will be a safer place to live, accessible to emergency vehicles and safer to travel for other needed services and visitors to traverse.

I fully support the letter that was shared with the Green Gap Community written in support of the road project. Please do whatever you can to push this project forward.