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**Bill Morgan
720 Pauls Walk
Johns Creek, Ga. 30097**

February 5, 2024

Re: Appeal Letter for Variance at Morgan Residence, 720 Pauls Walk, Johns Creek, Ga. 30097

City of Johns Creek,

I, Mr. Bill Morgan, am hereby requesting a variance to allow a segmental retaining wall to be constructed in the rear yard of my home. This retaining wall would not encroach into either the 25' state buffer or the 50' county buffer. The wall would only encroach into the 75' impervious buffer. The impervious surface would only be the top of the retaining wall while the areas on either side of the wall would remain pervious. (sodded yard) The square footage of the impervious area on top of the wall in the buffer would only be approximately 85 SF maximum which is also a linear encroachment of approximately 85 linear feet.

I feel that the need for this wall is critical. My rear yard currently has a slope down of roughly 14' in the 30' +/- from my rear patio to my rear property line. My rear yard in its current state is basically unusable. The erosion on this slope is very hard to control and is compromising the structural integrity of the foundation of my home, deck piers, and patio. The installation of this wall would secure the slope and the foundation of the home and would allow me to have a usable backyard with sod and proper landscaping.

I will provide mitigation as required by the installation of 1 small tree.

Your consideration of this variance request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


Bill Morgan