

# Golden Hills Response

*I was starting to get questions from some neighbors about me leaving the developers out of the information I was sharing online. I informed them that when I first approached this problem I did not consider calling the developers, because I knew from my stormwater experience that the town or city work directly with the contractor about site silt control. The developer is of course involved, but it is more of a contractor issue than a developer issue. Of course it will impact a developer if the contractor fails to comply. I know as a business owner I didn't know that there was a problem until I got a call from the city or county that my site was about to be fined or stopped, and I immediately jumped on the contractor and laid out an ultimatum - "correct it immediately or your fired." Every time the contractor did what he needed to do to get into compliance.*

*However, the county did tell me that they were getting close to a stop order, and/or fine, if things were not improved upon, so I decided to contact Dian Berry with whom I have had several conversations. I did not want them to think I was doing anything but being concerned for the environment and our neighborhood.*

*In my email to her I said, "My only concern is the environment – the lake and the creek. As you can tell from my conversations, my biggest problem has been the trilogy of the town, county and the contractor. I don't think any of the three have been doing their job. I have to think you have the same concern(s). I just want people to do their job, and protect the environment. It is a beautiful lake your father built – I want it to stay that way."*

*She responded back with what I thought was a very good response, and from my earlier conversations I expected this kind of a response from her.*

**I believe this response from her is indicative of us having a developer who is interested in working with us to protect the lake and our neighborhood.**

**Mike Husman**

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## *Golden Hills Response to The Silt Issue - Dian Berry*

*"I appreciate your email and can assure you that we share your concerns. This project has gone way beyond schedule and has been very*



*difficult since the start of this year. We have expressed our concerns about the lack of work being done and the erosion that has ensued with the contractor continually. I think they have finally reached the point to where they are as frustrated as we are, since they have been working the most consistent days the past two weeks than they have for the past year.*

*"After each inspection report we have received, I have followed up with the contractor on their plan of action to address and correct any problems. The finger pointing between the engineer and the contractor has been frustrating, as pettiness doesn't address the problem. We will continue to stress upon the contractor the importance of getting the job done right and mitigating any problems that have occurred during construction.*

*"The engineer devised the plans, the county approved the plans and the contractor was hired to follow the plans. They all are responsible for making sure the project is done right. Having said this, I don't leave ourselves out from any responsibility. We hired them and we want the project to be a success.*

*"I can assure you that no one cares more for this property than my family. It was my dad's vision. He was the one who put all the man hours in to make Golden Hills what it is today. This is the only phase of Golden Hills that he has not been in the day to day involved with the construction. I don't want to let him down nor anyone else who lives in this neighborhood.*

*"I am always open to your comments, questions and feedback. As stated, I understand your concerns and will work to make sure you can continue to enjoy your place at Golden Hills for many years to come."*

# **Don't Forget Their History**

The history has a great beginning. John Berry, a cattle farmer in South Carolina who came home to his family one day in the late 1980s and announced that he had just purchased the old dairy farm in Lexington named The Golden Glow Dairy.



John, and his children Chad and Dian Berry, cleared the land and shaped what is now Golden Hills Golf and Country Club. John built the lakes and roads himself. They even used the timber they cut to eventually build the clubhouse. The golf course and development opened in 1988.