



ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN GUIDELINES

The Preserve Homeowners Association, Inc

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INTRODUCTION

People choose to live in the Preserve because of the architecture and aesthetic appeal of their own home and that of the neighborhood as a whole. The architecture reviews thus strive to insure the appeal of Transitional style homes on large wooded lots by maintaining a consistent architecture with clear aesthetic purpose.

The Board of Directors of The Preserve Homeowners Association is providing these Architectural Design Guidelines a provision of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Easements and Restrictions, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining exterior design elements throughout the community. These guidelines are intended to provide direction and recommendations to homeowners when planning home improvements to the exterior of their homes and property and for the Architecture Review Committee (ARC) to use in considering applications from homeowners for projects.

These guidelines do not contain a comprehensive list and recommendation for every exterior project a homeowner may want to conduct. For clarification as to a specific project, homeowners are encouraged to contact the ARC for recommendations.

Per the Declaration, “For any existing lots or any home with a recently issued Certificate of Occupancy, all exterior paint colors, landscaping and site modifications must be submitted to and reviewed by the ARC of the Preserve Homeowner’s Association and approved by the Board of Directors (BOD) of The Preserve Homeowners Association, Inc. Site modifications shall include but are not limited to mail boxes and posts, fence construction or modification, outbuilding or detached garage construction or modification. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld and is for the purpose of maintaining architectural continuity in the interest of the orderly development of the subdivision. Failure of the BOD to accept the submitted plans within thirty (30) days after submission in writing shall constitute a rejection of said plans.”

Homeowners are strongly encouraged to thoroughly review the Declaration AND Guidelines prior to undertaking any exterior change project. Additionally, homeowners MUST maintain extreme caution in any exterior change in or near their septic tank and/or main or secondary septic fields.

These guidelines are applicable to all future building exterior and property improvements. Guidelines for initial home construction by approved homebuilders may vary from any current guideline standards. The Board may update, revise and adopt new guidelines at their discretion as provided in the Declaration. Improvements approved under previous Guidelines may be exempt from any updated or amended versions at the discretion of the Board upon recommendation from the ARC. Any replacement, alterations or modifications to such improvements may be cause for full compliance with any updated Guidelines. These Guidelines will be utilized by the ARC to evaluate and recommend approval/disapproval of property alterations and/or improvements throughout the community. Homeowners should use these Guidelines in planning changes to their property that will require ARC review.

While the Board retains the final decision on all applications under these guidelines, it depends largely upon the ARC members and their expertise in preparing the recommendations to the Board.

Homeowners are required to submit and have an approved site modification document prior to starting exterior projects using the approved ARC Change Submission document. Failure of the BOD to accept (not approve) the submitted plans within thirty (30) days after submission in writing shall constitute a rejection of said plans.

COMMON GUIDELINES

Design:

The design or style of improvements should attempt to enhance the natural setting of the community and compliment any community design elements. Improvements must be sensitive to adjacent properties as well as the community as a whole.

Constraints:

Planning for improvements should include identifying any limitations or regulations applicable to a lot such as utility and other easements, street and utility right of ways, watershed and wetlands restrictions, etc. Most of these constraints are indicated on the Record Plat and/or the Lot Survey.

Lot Survey (Plot Diagram):

Most submittals for lot improvements will require a copy of the “Lot Survey” indicating the location of the improvements. Submittals for building additions or improvements should include elevation views of the building. Partial or incomplete submittals will be returned without review. Additional information may be requested by the ARC as may be deemed necessary for review.

Plot diagrams are **not** required for submissions that only address maintenance of the existing structures

Submittals:

All submittals must be made utilizing the ARC submission form via the Preserve Homeowners Association management company’s website <http://WakeHOA.com>.

Submittals must be complete and include a completed Application for Approval for Exterior Design Change (“Application”) along with the requested documentation for review.

Neighbor Notification:

Although not required homeowners are encouraged to notify their neighbors of their submission.

ARC Review:

Properly completed submittals will be reviewed in a timely manner by the ARC. Currently, most applications are processed within ten (10) days. In most cases, it is necessary to inspect the lot and surrounding conditions as part of the review process. The Board generally accepts the recommendations of the ARC but may request additional information or review. Any improvements installed without prior written approval shall be considered in violation and subject to fines and penalties. Any improvements not conforming to the guidelines in effect at the time shall be considered in violation and subject to fines and penalties, and may be compelled to be reversed.

In the event the Board fails to approve such submission made by any Lot Owner within thirty (30) days after said plans and specifications have been received by the ARC, approval will be deemed to have been denied. Any plans and specifications that contain inaccurate or missing data or information when submitted shall not be deemed to be approved. Approval or disapproval of such plans, location or specifications may be based upon any grounds, including purely aesthetic and environmental which is at the sole discretion of the ARC and the Board as they shall be deemed necessary.

Existing Violations:

Any property improvement requests will not be considered in the event that unapproved improvements or identified violations exist on the subject property. It will be necessary for the applicant to submit all improvements for review and/or resolve any violations with the ARC and the Board prior to any subsequent review.

Variations & Appeal:

Variations from the Guidelines may be granted in the event of unique conditions or extenuating circumstances as determined and approved by the Board upon the recommendation of the ARC. Granting of a variance shall not constitute any changes to the Guidelines nor set a precedent for future decisions of the ARC. If the applicant disagrees with the decision of the ARC in its review or inspection, the homeowner may file a written appeal by mail or email with the Preserve Homeowners Board within fifteen (15) days after receipt of a notice of disapproval. Upon receipt, the board will schedule the date and time of a hearing with the board.

Remedy:

The Declaration provides for the remedy of non-conforming improvements and violations on individual lots by means of removal, fines and/or liens on the property. All costs for remedy shall be the responsibility of the lot owner.

Agency Approval:

Depending on the type and/or location of the improvement, approval may be required by various governmental agencies in Granville County or the State of North Carolina. Approval for improvements by the ARC does *not* imply, constitute or waive any government agency review requirements. Please note that under current watershed ordinances, almost any project involving disturbance of water runoff (like digging a hole) requires a Granville County permit. Installing sprinkler heads or headwalls for driveway culverts within the rightaway of a street accepted by NCDOT requires a permit from NCDOT.

Existing Improvements:

Unapproved improvements made to properties prior to April 2011 or improvements approved by the Board of Directors prior to the date of this document are considered “Grandfathered” improvements and would not need to be changed or modified to comply with guidelines laid out within this document. All future improvements, including modifications of “grandfathered” improvements, would need to be submitted to the ARC for approval by the Board of Directors.

Corner Lots:

Corner lots will be treated in the same manner as other lots with regards to the view from the street directly in front of the lot, i.e. the front door, on which the house faces. Along the street side of the lot owners are urged to provide a minimum buffer/screen that shall break up and soften any hard lines of any new addition. This should consist of both evergreen and deciduous shrubs and trees for screening purposes. All screen plantings must be located on the lot with the requested improvement.

Timing:

Submissions must contain a proposed maximum time frame from the start to the actual completion of the project. While unexpected delays may occur, it is the homeowner’s responsibility to keep the ARC and Board advised. If the proposed time period is considered unreasonable, the Board may not approve / recommend the project application.

NEW, ADDITION, AND/OR REMODELING CONSTRUCTION GUIDELINES

General:

New construction, additions or remodeling improvements including a room addition, screened porch, deck, in-ground pool, hot tub/spa, patio, walk, drive addition, re-painting (if different than original exterior home color), re-roofing or other additions or alterations to the exterior appearance of a home or structures must be approved by the board after receiving approval recommendation from the ARC.

Materials:

All materials shall match existing house including siding, trim, shingles, roof pitch, etc. as well as finish and color. In the event the house is all brick, the siding material (and color) must be submitted and approved by the board after receiving approval recommendation from the ARC.

Colors:

All exterior components shall have finish materials and color matching or otherwise complementing the existing house as determined by the ARC. Decks may be left the natural wood color, stained or painted to match the house with ARC approval.

Location:

No addition (other than paving and landscaping) may extend beyond the building setbacks shown on the survey as defined by Granville County ordinance. Pools shall not extend beyond the building setbacks shown on the survey. Decks, pools, hot tubs/spas and room additions are recommended to not extend outside of the rear corner (side walls) of the house.

Screening:

Foundation planting beds at the house shall be extended to include room additions, decks, etc. Swimming pools, hot tubs/spas and other improvements are recommended to be screened from view

from the street directly in front of the lot on which the house faces. The minimum buffer/screen shall be sufficient to break up and soften any hard lines of a new addition. This should consist of both evergreen and deciduous shrubs and trees for screening purposes. Special attention should be paid to those areas that may directly face a street (front of home, side of home for corner lots). All screen plantings must be located on the lot with the requested improvement.

Debris:

All construction debris shall be collected on daily basis and placed in appropriate containers or hauled off. Debris may only be placed at curb for pick-up for a period not exceeding 24 hours. Hazardous, toxic and similar materials must be secured at all times.

Submittal:

See [submittals](#) under [COMMON GUIDELINES](#).

Garages:

Detached Garages may not be converted to, or used as living quarters or to conduct a business as per the covenants. The maximum size (footprint) is recommended not to exceed 24 feet wide by 32 feet long and must have a complimenting pitch in relation to existing home. The maximum height is no more than 1 and ½ stories.

Decks:

New decks must be attached to the house or a structure, or be an extension of an existing deck. Exceptions may be made for unique conditions or designs. Existing decks may require upgrading to match a deck addition in order to maintain composition (railings, steps, etc. should match). Enclosing of existing decks shall be treated as a sunroom or screen porch as appropriate.

Sunroom/Screen Porch:

Sunrooms and screened porches shall be attached to, and integrated into the existing house. Materials and components used should be treated lumber, finished or painted to match the existing house (excluding screens).

Pools/Hot-Tubs:

In-ground swimming pools and hot tubs are allowed with approval by the ARC. Above ground swimming pools are not allowed. Hot tubs must be located on, or integrated into the design of a deck or patio system. Pool motors and filtration systems are recommended to be enclosed and/or screened to minimize noise disturbance.

Outdoor Kitchens:

Outdoor kitchens may be included/added to open-decks and patios. Outdoor kitchens shall not be constructed on enclosed structures such as sunrooms or screen porches. Materials used for outdoor kitchens should complement existing structure. Outdoor kitchens shall comply with construction guidelines outlined above.

HOME MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

General:

Any maintenance or repairs that affect the outward appearance of the property require ARC approval, examples are, but not limited to, the replacement of roofs, front doors, gutters and paint colors etc. A plot diagram is not required for these types of repairs.

Colors:

Any color change requires an ARC submission, however shade changes require a picture of the current house colors along with proposed new colors and a brief description of which color will be applied to which portions of the house, i.e. body, trim, shutters for example.

Roofs:

Because roof shingles tend to last many years and styles change over time the only restriction is when changing from asphalt to another material, or color.

Emergency roof repair or replacement may occur prior to receiving ARC approval to minimize additional damage due to any cause.

OUTDOOR STRUCTURE GUIDELINES

General:

Outdoor structure improvement guidelines apply to storage sheds, gazebos, playhouses, dog houses and other similar free-standing structures. All such (and similar) improvements must be submitted to the ARC.

Materials:

All materials are recommended to match the house including siding, trim, shingles, etc. and finish/color. Roofs are to be multi-pitched. In the event the house is all brick or stone, all siding material (and color) must be submitted and approved by the ARC.

Location:

All outdoor structures (excluding gazebos) shall be attached to, or located directly behind the house (not outside rear corners) and no closer to the rear property line than 30' and no closer than 20' to any side lot line. Outdoor structures on corner lots are recommended to be located no closer to the rear property line than 30' and no closer than 40' to any side lot line or side street. The minimum buffer/screen shall be sufficient to break up and soften any hard lines of a new structure. This should consist of both evergreen and deciduous shrubs and trees for screening purposes. Special attention should be paid to those areas that may directly face a street (side of home for corner lots) All screen plantings must be located on the lot with the requested improvement.

Utilities:

All utilities including electric, water, LP, natural gas and/or sewer should be underground and notwithstanding standard building codes.

Screening:

All freestanding outdoor structures (excluding gazebos) are recommended be screened from view from the front of the lot. A foundation planting bed shall be extended or added to all structures attached or incorporated into the house.

Buffers:

The minimum buffer/screen shall be sufficient to break up and soften any hard lines of a new addition. This should consist of both evergreen and deciduous shrubs and trees for screening purposes. Special attention should be paid to those areas that may directly face a street. All screen plantings must be located on the lot with the requested improvement.

Debris:

All construction debris shall be collected on daily basis and placed in appropriate containers or hauled off. Debris may only be placed at curb for pick-up for a period not exceeding 24 hours. Hazardous, toxic and similar materials must be secured at all times.

Submittal:

See [submittals](#) under [COMMON GUIDELINES](#).

Gazebo

Design: Gazebos must be in architectural design complementing the house architecture.

Size: 15 foot diameter maximum recommended.

Height: Single Story

Colors: Natural wood color, stained or painted/trimmed, in its entirety, in the same quality and color of the house.

Location: As per county setbacks.

Screening: Landscaping around the foundation of a gazebo is highly recommended. The minimum plantings shall consist of a continuous evergreen hedge with a mature height equal to the finish floor level of the gazebo.

Storage Sheds:

Size: 12 x 16 maximum recommended.

Height: Overall, limited to (1) story

Siding: Sheds can be stick built, prebuilt or a kit, but must be of quality materials finished to match the home.

Prohibited: Metal sheds and vinyl siding.

Base: May be concrete slab or concrete pillars with treated wood joist no more than 18” from the ground. The area between the ground and the bottom of the structure must be covered with a screen most commonly lattice.

Greenhouses:

A greenhouse is a structure with walls and a roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass or polycarbonate, in which plants requiring regulated climatic conditions are grown.

Size: 10 x 10 maximum recommended.

Height: Overall, limited to (1) story

Materials:

1. Frames shall be constructed of long-lasting durable metal or rigid plastic material suitable for outdoor service (wood is not an approved material). The ‘sun entry’ panels shall be glass or UV-resistant rigid polycarbonate material (plastic-sheet or tent-like covers are not approved). The structure shall be suitably anchored to prevent damage during wind storms.
2. Floors shall be durable (reinforced concrete slab, wood slats, brick/stone pavers or other approved materials) and designed to facilitate drainage.
3. Plumbing and electrical shall meet appropriate local and national codes.
4. The color of the greenhouse frame shall be similar to and compatible with that of the main house and other detached structures on the lot.
5. The greenhouse contents shall be limited to plants, containers (for plants, soil, fertilizer, and other materials needed for horticulture), shelving, heaters, fans, hand tools, and watering systems. The greenhouse shall not be used for storing mowers, tillers, paint, or fuels.
6. Greenhouses must be maintained in good condition. The Board reserves the right to require removal of any Greenhouse which is not properly maintained or does not maintain compliance with these standards.

Generators:

Permanent standby generators must be in a sound deadening enclosure. They cannot be located beyond the front facade of the house and generally are acceptable to be located near where the other utilities enter the house next to the AC units. They should be screened as much as possible when viewed from the street. Portable generators used temporarily during power outages should be located so as to minimize noise and be removed when power is restored.

Trash Cans:

Trash cans should not be visible from the street/right of way. A privacy type enclosure, with wood being acceptable provided that it be painted with a color commensurate with the house, and can be placed no closer to the front of the house than the far side of the garage door. Shrubs that effectively shield the trash can from view are acceptable provided that they do so within 2 years.

NCDOT RIGHT OF WAY

General:

The NCDOT right of way extends from the road center line to the far side of the drainage culvert. The homeowner is responsible for maintaining the culvert as part of the front yard, and technically the homeowner needs a permit to install anything in the right of way. Additionally neither the NCDOT nor any of their approved contractors would be required to repair any damage that they may do in performance of their work to anything that the homeowner puts in the right of way, i.e. sprinklers or culvert headwalls where the drain runs under the drive way

Culvert Headwalls:

Culverts are in the NCDOT right of way and are subject to NCDOT rules and regulations and technically require a permit from NCDOT, and cannot be any higher than 4" above grade.

Culvert head wall stone work should match the house color and style, if however the house has no stone the color and style should be commensurate with the homes in the immediate vicinity. These head walls should not be any higher than 4" above grade, if they are, the NCDOT may require that they be modified or removed.

Prohibited: It is contrary to NCDOT rules for homeowners to place any type of blocks, rocks or other obstructions in the right of way along the road, therefore they are also prohibited by the HOA.

REAR YARD FENCE/HARDSCAPE GUIDELINES

General:

All retaining walls, culverts, fences and similar enclosures must be approved by the ARC. Fences should perform the functions of enclosing spaces and providing security with minimal visual impact, thus maintaining the sense of natural openness throughout the community. Additional fence setbacks or limitations may be imposed upon lots adjoining Common Open Space or other natural areas. Fences shall be constructed with the decorative side facing out (unfinished side facing inside property).

Fence heights: Four foot (4') to Five foot (5') height.

Fence color: Ornamental metal fences shall be black, or other approved dark finish.

Recommended: Wrought iron or aluminum style fencing is preferred. Other styles fences may be considered by the ARC for approval recommendations. Chain link fencing is not allowed.

Brick and/or stone wall/columns: (Brick and/or stone style and color must match house if applicable)
Fences may be designed with brick columns and/or walls. All four sections of fence shall match (unless connecting with an adjacent, existing fence).

Prohibited: Front yard fences, solid privacy fencing, bright colors, deer fences, dog runs or pens, and any type of obstacle placed in the right of way along the road.

Fence locations: Rear/Side Yard

Fences located in the side yard may only extend as close to the front of the lot as the front edge of the side of the house. Side yard fences at corner lots must align with, and may not extend beyond the rear corner of the house. Fences located over utility easements are subject to removal as may be necessary for access or maintenance as allowed by the easement. Cost of replacement for such fences rests upon the homeowner.

Exceptions: Variances may be issued for devices to protect new landscape plantings for a limited time in any part of the yard. Variances must be requested in writing or by email from the Board of Directors pscboard@preserveatsmithcreek.com and must include an approximate number of days that the fence will be in place not to exceed 60 days, at which time a new variance must be requested.

Submittal:

See [submittals](#) under [COMMON GUIDELINES](#).

PLAY EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES

General:

Play equipment should not detract from the aesthetic quality of the community nor from the privacy of adjacent homeowners. All play equipment is recommended to be manufactured by a play equipment supplier for the intended use. Any portable equipment that remains in place for more than 30 days will be deemed permanent.

Location:

All play equipment should be placed behind the house in an attempt to minimize the visibility of such equipment from the street.

Exception: Recognizing that the topology of some lots does not readily lend itself to a location as listed above, other locations may be acceptable by coordinating with the ARC for an acceptable solution.

Screening:

Play structures that cannot be effectively screened with either existing or proposed plantings within two years will be considered on an exception basis only. The minimum buffer/screen shall be sufficient to break up and soften any hard lines of the equipment. This should consist of both evergreen and deciduous shrubs and trees for screening purposes. Special attention should be paid to those areas that may directly face a street. All screen plantings must be located on the lot with the requested improvement.

Submittal:

See [submittals](#) under [COMMON GUIDELINES](#).

Basketball Goal:

Location: Locate goal at the back end of the drive or outer side of the drive no closer to the street than the midpoint of the driveway (midpoint is the total length of the driveway from the garage to the sidewalk divided by two (2)).

Prohibited: Goals shall not be attached to the house, garage or other structure. Goals shall not be located in the street or in the street right-of-way.

Screening: Goals with locations approved by the ARC shall not be subject to the screening requirements.

Play sets:

Materials: All structures shall be constructed out of timber or composite. Components such as slides, climbing apparatuses, etc. may be plastic or rubber. These **must** be approved.

Colors: Timber or composite material must be in a neutral or earth tone finish. All stains must have ARC approval. All plastic or rubber components shall be dark or neutral colors. Awnings, canopies, roofing or similar material colors must be approved. Bright or florescent colors are not permitted as well as patterns, graphics, text, logos, etc. upon any part of the play equipment.

Landing Area: All bases/safety zones/ landing areas must be in a dark or neutral color consistent with natural ground cover.

Location: All play equipment is recommended be located directly behind the house (not outside rear corners) if possible and no closer than 30 feet from the rear property line. Play equipment will not be permitted in side yards.

Exception: See [Exception](#) under [PLAY EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES](#)

Trampoline:

Size: 15 foot diameter maximum.

Colors: All components shall be finished (painted, coated, etc.) with dark colors. No bright or florescent colors are permitted.

Location: All play equipment shall be located directly behind the house (not outside rear corners) and no closer than 30 feet from the rear property line. No play equipment shall be located in the side yards.

Exception: See [Exception](#) under [PLAY EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES](#)

ANTENNA/DISH GUIDELINES

General:

The Federal Communications Commission’s Restrictions identified in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the following applies: Exterior radio and television antennae, aerials, disks and dishes for reception of commercial broadcasts shall not be permitted on any Lot and no other aerials, disks and dishes (for example, without limitation, amateur short wave or ship to shore) shall be permitted on any Lot without permission of the Board as to design, appearance and location or pursuant to Regulations issued for that purpose.”

Location:

Satellite receiver should be installed in the least visible location from streets or other homeowners if possible. Any inactive satellite or other type of inactive antenna shall be removed immediately after cessation of use.

Submittal:

See [submittals](#) under [COMMON GUIDELINES](#).

SOLAR PANELS GUIDELINES

General:

Solar panels will be considered for roof mounted arrays only, and should blend as much as possible with the roof shingle color.

Prohibited:

Ground mounted solar panel arrays are not permitted.

Location:

Solar panels, if possible, should be installed in the least visible location from the right of way.

Submittal:

See [submittals](#) under [COMMON GUIDELINES](#).

WIND GENERATING TURBINES

General:

Wind generating turbines will not be considered for installation on any lot.

FLAG POLES GUIDELINES

General:

A stand alone flag pole is limited to 25' and can only display the US and/or NC flag.
All other flags or banners may be flown on a 6' pole attached to the house/porch.

BEE HIVES GUIDELINES

General:

Keeping, maintaining, or operating any bee containment systems, honey-producing hives, or any such bee related production is only permitted under the following conditions:

Number:

The number of hives maintained on a lot is limited to Five (5) hives.

Construction:

Hives must be of commercial construction preferably of a design pictured below. The colors should blend into the natural surroundings or match the base house color. Hives must be on a solid base so they are not easily tipped over by children or animals.

Preferred



Prohibited



Location:

Hives must be placed to the rear of the house, not in front or side yards. Hives should be placed as far away from the yard perimeter as possible, and in such a way as to reduce flight pathways through neighboring yards. Hives must be placed so the entrances do not face children's play areas, neighbors' yards, houses, etc. Hives must be placed a minimum of 35 feet from property lines, with 65 feet distance preferred. Hives must be enclosed with fencing to prevent children and pets from accidentally disturbing a hive. In addition, hives closer than 50 feet from side property lines must have a hedge (vegetative corral) at least 6 feet high to force the bees to fly above head level before leaving the hive area.

Hives must not be visible from the street and must be screened from view if not placed behind the house.

If a neighboring lot has a swimming pool, the hives should be located as far from that lot as possible.

Location of hives is an area of particular concern and is subject to submission to the ARC and approval by the HOA Board of Directors.

Education:

Beekeepers must join either Granville County Beekeepers Club or Wake County Beekeepers Association and participate in their educational programs.

Types of Bees:

Bee colonies must be hybrid strains that have been bred for gentleness, preferably European Bees and should be re-queened on a regular schedule.

Water Source:

A perennial water source must be provided within 50 feet of the bee hives. This water source must be closer than ANY water source on a neighbor's property. Bees prefer water that has a bit of flavor, so water with some vegetative debris is more attractive to the bees than is fresh water.

Inspections:

Hives must be available for inspection by Granville County inspectors and the appropriate representatives of the HOA Board.

Submittal:

See [submittals](#) under [COMMON GUIDELINES](#).

MISCELLANEOUS

Clothes Lines:

All clothes lines should be kept out of view from the street and in a discrete area as to minimize visibility from the street.

Holiday Decorations:

Decorations to include lawn ornaments for holiday celebrations and events such as birthdays, anniversaries, etc.

Holiday decorations may be installed up to 30 days prior to the holiday and must be removed no later than 14 days after the event.

Birthday, Anniversary, Educations Graduations signs are permitted but must be removed within 7 days of the event.

FALLS LAKE WATERSHED RESTRICTIONS

Be aware that The Preserve falls within the Falls Lake Watershed, <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/fallslake/map> which imposes additional restrictions on what you may or may not be able to build on your property, and where it can be located, which is based on the size of the disturbed area of your lot.

The maximum allowed disturbed area is, 50% of your total lot size. After construction of your home, the plot plan reflects the disturbed area as house, paved areas, and septic system.

If, the builder has cleared an area for say a new natural area and if the survey picks it up it is counted as disturbed area, and if so any new construction of any kind can be placed on an already disturbed area.

However, this option is not always the best as an example you may not want a shed placed in an area on your property that will be too visual or out in the open.

If you will be covering the ground with material impervious to water then you will need to get approval from the Granville county planning division <https://www.granvillecounty.org/residents/planning-zoning/planning/>

DISTURBED/UNDISTURBED LIMITATIONS

Most plot maps have a dotted line on the plot map indicating the disturbed / undisturbed area. The disturbed area is the area where the builder has placed the home driveway and septic system. Any changes outside of this area will more likely as not be disapproved by Granville county or will as a minimum require a variance from the county.

The plot maps that don't show the disturbed/undisturbed area will present a problem for both the homeowner and the county, and approval by the county seems to be up to the person reviewing the permit application.