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**Subject:** NCDOT Driveway Permit approved for Browning Branch LLC / Buchanan Drive?

The entrance to Browning Branch LLC was paved last week, leaving Buchanan Drive in it's original gravel road state. See on [www.haywoodtp.net](http://www.haywoodtp.net) :

[Looks like a big win for the residents of Buchanan Drive v. Browning Branch LLC/NCDOT/Town of Waynesville Planning Board. 10/3/2022...](#)

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/221003BuchananDrive-v-BrowningBranchLLC.pdf>

So, the controversial Driveway Permit must have finally been approved by NCDOT, right?

Not so fast. I made a Request for Public Information to have the approved permit sent to me.

[**Editor's Note:** NCDOT has a protocol that Requests for Public Information go through their Communications Office / Public Records Request Team, which has always been very responsive. However, I sent this request to Wanda Austin. Here is the email dialog...]

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Subject: Request for Public Information - Final Driveway approval for Browning Branch LLC / Allens Creek Road

Date: Tue, 4 Oct 2022 09:07:05 -0400

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Ms. Austin,

I see that the entrance to Browning Branch LLC/Buchanan Drive at Allens Creek Road has been paved.

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I am assuming that NCDOT finally approved a Driveway Application for this project. Please provide a copy of the final approval with the actual plan.

Thank you,

Monroe A. Miller, Jr.

Subject: RE: [External] Request for Public Information - Final Driveway approval for Browning Branch LLC / Allens Creek Road

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The Department is in the final stages of the driveway review with the as-built plan. Your request for the final approval will be sent by our Public Records Request Team once completed.

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