

VEGETATION

Native vegetation on the Pebble Creek property includes a relatively dense mixed hardwood and coniferous forest consisting primarily of Loblolly and Shortleaf Pine, Red and White Oak, and Yellow Poplar, with an understory of shrubs, briers, and native grasses. Open fields occur in the lower lying, relatively flat land along streams and in drainageways. The fields are the result of natural causes or past agricultural practices. The construction of the golf course and utility rights-of-way have created open areas across the site. The golf course is landscaped accordingly, but the remainder of open area is in native grasses. For residential development, the forests present a very attractive opportunity, while its susceptibility to ecological disruption requires careful and sensitive planning and construction practices to protect its unique qualities.

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