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DHEC board upholds staff in allowing Cliffs golf course

COLUMBIA - The state Department of Health and Environmental Control Board today upheld the agency's decision to permit developer Jim Anthony to build a controversial golf course around the North Saluda River in the mountains of northern Greenville County.

The unanimous decision came with urgings by some board members to the developer to reduce the 16 proposed bridges across the project and nine spots where players will hit balls over the Saluda.

Brad Wyche, executive director of Upstate Forever, one of the environmental groups who appealed the staff's decision to allow the golf course, said afterward his group would likely take the matter to the state's Administrative Law Court.

The golf course is part of a planned 5,000-acre gated community, The Cliffs at Mountain Park, near the intersection of State 11 and U.S. 25.

The project still must be approved by the U.S. Corps of Army Engineers.

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