

# DHEC OKs Anthony sewage treatment project

The state Department of Health and Environmental Control has ruled that JACABB Utilities LLC will be allowed to run the sewage treatment facility for the Cliffs Mountain Park development.

The ruling is a final decision by the regulatory agency unless there is a written appeal filed with the department within 15 days of the date of the decision.

A spokesperson for Save Our Saluda said the river advocacy group was disappointed with DHEC's ruling.

Upstate Forever will appeal the

decision, said Brad Wyche, executive director.

"We're shocked and appalled by the decision."

Other groups that have battled with developer Jim Anthony over the Mountain Park project were not available for comment, neither were spokespersons for Mountain Park.

According to DHEC's ruling JACABB will be allowed to broadcast treated wastewater over a 30-acre drip field uphill of the North Saluda River. Handling of treated wastewater from a

portion of the Mountain Park project has been a major bone of contention between environmental groups and Anthony ever since plans were announced last year.

The wastewater plan has gone through several permutations. DHEC's ruling sets limits on biochemical oxygen demand; the amount of wastewater that may be broadcast in any given week; and sets limitations on where the drip field may be located.

DHEC held a public hearing in September.



- Charles Sowell

Mountain Park village and clubhouse.