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ROBERTSON MILL SITE & DAM AND AVERA HOUSE DESIGNATED AS HISTORIC LANDMARKS

The Wake County Board of Commissioners, today, Monday October 6, 2014, designated the Roberston Mill Historic Site and Dam and the Dr. Thomas H. Avera House, 6307 and 6600 Robertson Pond Road, Wendell (respectively) as Wake County historic landmarks.

[The historic site](#) includes the stone foundation of a mill that was constructed in the 1820s by William W. Avera and demolished in the 1970s. The dam, also constructed in the 1820s by Avera, is part masonry on the east and part earthen embankment on the west with the spillway over the masonry portion. The site was initially owned and operated by Avera and continued in operation under the Robertson family and others.

The half-acre parcel has served as a significant focal point of economic activity in the Eagle/Rock Wendell community for almost two centuries.

The Dr. Thomas H. Avera House is a two-story, T-shaped home and sits on approximately four acres of land historically owned by the Avera family. The house was built around 1871 by Dr. Thomas H. Avera. It is a rare example of the Italianate style with Gothic Revival-style influences in rural Wake County.

The Dr. Thomas H. Avera House is privately owned by Avera family descendants. The Robertson Mill Site and Dam is owned by Wake County for future use as the Robertson Mill Pond Preserve.

To learn more about the Wake County Historic Preservation Commission, visit wakegov.com/planning/historic/Pages/hpc.aspx.

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