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I was able to hear the meeting today however had to leave just as public comments were opened. There were so many new things thrown in and the developer seemed to be unprepared on a lot of them. They were missing a lot of information. As the examiner stated, "very confusing". Why insist on a hearing when they are not prepared to go on with the project? They keep changing the plans because they are not up code. The codes were designed for a reason, to make sure developments are constructed properly. They want to get a fifty-foot buffer on the east side of the wet land, and they will widen the buffer on the west side. Well, there is nothing happening at all in the westside, so they really aren't giving up anything. Heather noted that the buffer should be 160 feet, not 100 or 140.

Narrowing the buffer would greatly affect the wetland. Also, they want to build a 6-foot retaining wall there. That would mean bringing in heavy equipment to dig down into the wetland buffer for a base for the wall then back filling. They seemed to think it would be no problem. With a wall there, storm water will not be able to flow naturally as it as for the last 100 years. It was mentioned that they would build a "detain and release" pond . This was never submitted until now. We live directly adjacent to where they want to dig the pond. This would completely change the wetland next to us and could possibly overflow unto our property or other properties . How can they release all of that storm water runoff from the houses and streets back into the wetland? They didn't mention having to construct an access road to the pond, which they would. That would entail cutting down protective trees next to our property. Do they still want to cut almost an acre of trees on the eastside buffer? No environment protection there.

Sidewalks were mentioned especially for school children to get to a bus stop. R.J. Development said they would build sidewalks down 24<sup>th</sup> Ave to Milroy. That is not the issue. The issue is along Milroy street before Burbank. This was also brought up in a petition over 80 people signed back in December. It is a 15 foot wide bottle neck without sidewalks. The developer should be responsible to widen Milroy street and add sidewalks for the safety of pedestrians and drivers. Especially with 34 additional large homes.

This parcel is not suitable for a development of this size. The critical wetland and wildlife habitat would be severely damaged. It seems the developer is just ramrodding this through and trying to get a bigger profit. R.J. has not favorably reach out to us. The did send a letter on some of the issues but did not answer any of the problems, except to offer a speed bump on Milroy.

Respectfully,

Robert Gundlach