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Subject: Case 2023102411
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Attention: Scott McCormick
Community Planning & Economic Development Department

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Parcel Numbers: 11701220100; 11701220300; and 11701230700.

Greetings,

This is an email response in regards to the Aurora Oaks Planned Residential Development as referenced in the above subject line.

We have been living in this area for 33 years. The primary attraction for living in this rural part of Thurston County is the lifestyle and the moratorium of not building more than one dwelling per five acres as dictated by the Growth Management Act (GMA). We value the rural lifestyle and the associated protection of forests, wildlife, habitat and the McAllister artesian springs embedded in this GMA.

When did this change?

We are concerned about the negative environmental impacts this proposed apartment complex will have in the rural neighborhood, wildlife and habitat. We are concerned about the increase in population, traffic and associated consumption of natural resources this proposed single-family residence complex will have for this rural area of Thurston County.

More importantly, we are concerned about the negative impact this population increase will have on the the McAllister watershed.

We are concerned about the lack of advanced public input on this application. The snail-mailed notice (dated June 9, 2023) is the first time we have been apprised of this conversion from forestland to an apartment complex. As indicated in the June 9, 2023 notice, it looks like this proposal is well underway, the permits have been secured and our input is perfunctory.

Sincerely,

Richard Dunn and Dawn Hitchens
Sent from my iPhone