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This development is not appropriate for this location due to extremely limited access and valuable habitat. There are no plans to improve Milroy, an already problematic street. At one point it is only 15 feet wide making it essentially a one lane street. How would it even be possible for enormous construction equipment to get through at that point? Due to the groundwater issues, it buckles every year and has to be repaired. There is a short span of sidewalk, but the remainder to Burbank has none. The development will have a lot of kids who need to walk to school. It will be dark in the winter and there are no streetlights. I understand the development does not generate the number of daily trips for the city to be able to require the developer to improve the street, but the right thing would be for the developer to voluntarily improve it, ensuring the safety for not only the existing residents but the residents their own development will create.

There is now a plan for a large detention pond included in the latest design. Why was this not on the previous plans? It looks like it will extend into at least part of the wetland, meaning removal of many large trees which not only absorb groundwater but also act as a windbreak for the very large trees in yards adjacent. The city needs to have the urban forester look at that.

The groundwater issues are a huge concern. There's a lot of water on site right now. Where will that go? Several houses in Lenox Knoll already have water problems due to the springs that run under Lenox Ct. Disruption of even part of the wetland will have impact.

We deserve and are entitled to answers, which have been hard to get from the Planning Department or the developer. We haven't had the courtesy of a response to emails or calls from either one. Zulaika Kim at the city has provided immense assistance.

I understand the need for more housing and am not anti-development but with the access, groundwater and habitat issues it isn't appropriate for that many homes on that site.

Respectfully,

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