

I have been a resident near the South Pond Wetlands area for 41 years, since 1974. I own property bordering the Swift Run Creek and I support our neighborhood's request that the elected and appointed officials of the Ann Arbor Planning Commission and the City of Ann Arbor take necessary action to:

PERMANENTLY PRSERVE ALL SOUTH POND WETLANDS DRAINAGE BASIN
AS A NATURE AREA AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARY.

As others have reported, I too have observed peregrine falcons in the existing South Pond area. Destroying this unique and appreciated nature area and wildlife sanctuary is an example of the permanent damage that would be done if the proposed building project is allowed to go forward.

In addition, the proposed new residential housing development in the area would add "impossible complexities" to the already overcrowded traffic patterns along East Huron River Drive, Chalmers, and Washtenaw Avenue.

I support the action recommended by James Bardwell in his January 10, 2015 letter to the City Planning Commission:

"We call on the Ann Arbor Planning commission and the City of Ann Arbor to abandon this destructive plan, and we ask that the Old National Bank live up to its green reputation and donate the land to the Ann Arbor Parks Dept."

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