

Dear Planning Commission,

I would like to voice my strong opposition to the South Pond Village proposal. The developers seem pretty shady to me. They went in and started clearing the land immediately after a public meeting where strong opposition was voiced and they choose to do that on a labor day weekend when public officials were not available to stop them. The clearing they did is far more than reported in the media and allowed by their permit. They seem to be pretty far along on the clearing of the site without an approved site plan in place. Having these guys working immediately adjacent to one of the most ecologically sensitive regions in Ann Arbor is a potential nightmare.

In addition I really doubt the results of their traffic study. Traffic in Ann Arbor has gotten really bad on Washtenaw in the last year and additional traffic in this region will make things even worse. Their assumption that these massive houses will only have one trip per day seems overly optimistic to me. They got to pick the two days to survey and picking one of the lightest days in the summer when the U and the schools are out seems like picking and choosing the data to be most favorable to the development. I think the only way to resolve the traffic issue is to have an independent outfit redo a traffic study.

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