

To the Planning Commission,  
City of Ann Arbor,  
Michigan

I would ideally liked to be present in person for the meeting, however, due to my undergraduate teaching commitments/preparations I am unable to do so. Please consider this email as my strongest endorsement of the petition to protect and preserve the South Pond Wetlands drainage basin area of Ann Arbor. I could detail in length about everything I feel wrong about the proposed development of the "South Pond Village", but since this is an email I will keep it short and only highlight the most important points below:

- First and foremost, one aspect that Ann Arbor that attracted me to this city is its ability to preserve natural beauty in such a busy university/industrial setting. The proposed development will certainly make Ann Arbor less "green" and make it more like cities such as New York and Chicago that many of us try to run away from.
- Pond Wetlands drainage basin is a nature area and wildlife sanctuary. There are several species that live there, depend on the this natural environment for their survival, and make this area as beautiful as it is. The proposed development in this area will gravely affect the survival of these various species.
- Most pertinent to this point are the very rare species that inhabit this region. The first being the Dukes' Skipper butterfly.
- Another very rare species that may be driven to extinction by the proposed development is the peregrine falcon.
- Finally, the proposed development will almost certainly change the drainage network that will most likely change the water supply to the wetland for the worse.

Keeping all these concerns, and several other concerns that I left out in order to keep things brief, I hope you will make the decision to abandon any development/urbanization plans on this precious natural reserve of Ann Arbor.

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