

Dear commissioners,

I am writing to ask the commission to decline approval of the South Pond Development.

It is my understanding that this land parcel harbors important wildlife habitat critical to maintaining water quality as well as a population of threatened butterfly species.

I would also ask the commission to consider if It is in the best interest of the Ann Arbor community to continue to allow this type of residential development. Unlike the high density, energy and water efficient developments approved downtown, outlying residential sprawl is costly for Ann Arbor to accomodate. Negative road impact costs are considerable, as well as negative water quality impacts of a project ill placed in a riparian zone.

In 2015, we now know that housing developments should NEVER be allowed next to rivers and streams because of pollution, nor in zones with increased chances of flood potential.

Why not retain this parcel for a park or refuge? It will help existing development on the river by lessening flood potential, regardless of aesthetics and environmental concerns.

Thank you for considering,

Scott Newell