

## Email from Township Resident Hart

—Original Message—

From: Minda Hart [<mailto:earthwisdom80@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 5:11 PM

To: Planning

Subject: maple cove

Dear Planners,

I am writing about maintaining our rural lifestyles here on Calvin Street which is being threatened by the Maple Cove proposal. This street, Calvin, is not like any other street in the Ann Arbor area. It has 3 families that are related, and three adult children who grew up on the street who have returned to create their own families.

I have lived here 18 or 19 years and I am one of the newest on the block. People here have been here up to 47 years and the only way to get a house on Calvin is for one of the older people to die. It is in no way transient. The men on the street plow it and keep the road maintained.

A few years ago someone wanted to build \$300,000 homes across the street from me. He planned with the residents, had open space and left the old growth trees.

Then the recession came. He went under; the property went into foreclosure and was purchased for \$75,000 by someone who has no concerns about the residents of this street—only dollar signs in his eyes. We did not want to have the property rezoned. We agreed because we were in on the planning. Now this dude is building a huge apartment building where he was supposed to build an office. We did not object to the office, but we do object to a huge apartment bldg. He is building 5 houses across from me on a small amount of land. We all have large lots except for the the first 2 lots on the street which at one time, was one lot. If we wanted to live in a subdivision we would have done that—but we all wanted to live in the country.

It is impeccably quiet on this street, despite the kids that live here, we hear nothing except the wind and the freeway, which, when you get use to it sounds like an ocean.

A couple of weeks ago, this fellow's tenant, raced down the street in his car at perhaps 40 miles an hour and proceeded to scream at his partner which I could hear at my house. Now, in 18 or 19 years on the street there has been absolute calm—what is going to happen when this guy gets more ppl in—are they going to be screaming at each other—are they going to drive 40 miles an hour down the street not caring about

the little kids that live here. This guy just does not care period.

I grew up believing that Ann Arbor City cared about its residents and potential residents and would do what it could to create a pleasant living situation. We are ppl who care about our properties, even if we don't have a lot of money. We have planted, and cared for the exterior of our homes. We are quiet. We are ppl who are handy ppl, and we are calm. We live in the country. And I am concerned that is going to be thrown away. Sincerely, Minda Hart, 1691 Calvin