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Dear Planning Commissioners,

Regarding the development planned for 2225 Traverwood, I urge you to ask the developers to consider a more compact design. I'm especially concerned about the section that is adjacent to the Leslie Woods Nature area, which is in the southern portion of the site plan. That is a steep glacial bluff from which there are long vistas into the rolling wooded hills of the Nature Area that are spectacular. Due in large part to the hard work of NAP to remove the invasives, it is one of the natural jewels of our city, with a spring ephemeral wildflower display that is unrivaled and many amphibian species that depend on the vernal ponds located there. The beauty of the site and its rich diversity are especially remarkable considering it is within walking/biking distance of downtown Ann Arbor.

The proposed development will cut into this natural area, which is unnecessary. The buildings could instead be sited away from the bluff if the design covers a smaller footprint by being consolidated into fewer buildings, and/or adding a level or two.

If you haven't already done so recently, I'd like to ask that before you vote please take a few minutes to walk the area. (When I go, I take a right on the path at the end of Upland Drive and walk the loop east up to the top of the bluff.) I'd appreciate hearing your thoughts on this matter.

Thanks much,

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