

## Nicole Gaudette

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**From:** Ken Beck <kebeckinwa@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 4, 2019 3:39 PM  
**To:** Nicole Gaudette  
**Subject:** Regarding the Proposed Residential Construction at 4825 East Mercer Highlands

Please accept add these comments to your file in reaction to the request for a building permit at this location.

My wife and I reside at 4813 East Mercer Way, downstream from the lot in question. As we have previously stated, we are deeply concerned about the project and the lack of communication offered us by your office. You have promised in the past to be proactive in keeping us informed on the progress you and your team have made in mitigating the many concerns about this project. We have heard virtually nothing. Most recently you did not notify the neighborhood about the contractor who was drilling soil samples near the “special” trees on the property.

Mr. Seth Davis, who lives next to the lot, has communicated in great detail his concerns about how this project is shaping up; without restating his concerns, we agree with Mr. Davis—both about the size of the proposed building—and the lack of detail about the “mitigation” and “waivers” apparently under consideration to exempt the builder from the many environmental concerns. Since virtually the entire lot is a wetland, we fail to see how any type of construction is appropriate, let alone a project of this scope.

As you know, access to this lot is via a private road, for which the lot owner has failed to contribute financially. Neither he nor his representatives have made any effort to rectify this “oversight.” The proposed construction process poses a real threat to the road condition and residents’ access to their homes.

Specifically, in our situation, we have concerns about how the owner and/or the builder, propose to mitigate additional water drainage and potential bank damage to the waterway which runs through our property for a considerable distance before flowing under East Mercer Way and downslope to the lake.

While reasonable efforts should be made to allow a property owner to improve his/her property, the City should be holding property owners to existing development regulations...not working hard to waive compliance with those regulations.

Thank you for your consideration. Please add these comments to your file on this matter and acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

Kenneth and Karen Beck  
4813 East Mercer Way