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Subject: Tree DOWN ! 1095-178 and CAO17-010 at 4825 EMW
Attachments: Tree Down 9-15-19 EMW.jpg

Nicole

I write to report to you for the record and benefit of the open Permit applications (1095-178 and CAO17-010 at 4825 EMW) under review currently. Over the weekend, following the significant rainfall on September 13th and 14th, an incident occurred along the natural drainage runoff path from the area under concern. As can be seen by the attached photograph, a large tree located at the junction of Mercer Way and the private road know as East Highlands fell as a result of this increased water drainage. This tree is directly alongside the main intersection of our private road and East Mercer Way.

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caused access issues which would impede emergency vehicle access and resident egress from the neighborhood.

have made the City aware, one of the many concerns East Mercer Highlands neighbors have expressed is increase in runoff that will result from the planned development of the property at 4825. Our worries the reduction in wetlands buffer and the addition of a significant driveway and building pad on the lot and subsequent damage and danger that will cause. Development on the property will exacerbate already increased runoff caused by the removal of at 9104 SE 50th Street above us that is causing an increase in water flow down the existing drainage through the neighborhood. The heavy rain of the weekend has demonstrated how our concerns are

City has been made aware of the tree fall and has helpful in prompt remediation. Luckily, the tree was in its fall by the roadbed, or it may well have impacted home directly across from it. The fallen tree had

While the comment period for the public input on the two application has closed, I believe it is imperative the City take official notice of this recent incident. We have previously documented in comments other tree falls in the wetlands immediate area. This incident demonstrated that our concerns about the neighborhood and the downstream impacts are warranted.

I would appreciate your circulating this email amongst the reviewers of the application and note the concerns that the neighbors are and have expressed are not without merit.

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