

Nicole Gaudette

From: John Kenney
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 10:48 AM
To: Karen B
Cc: Nicole Gaudette
Subject: RE: Old growth heritage tree in East Mercer Highlands neighborhood

Dear Karen Beck,

Thank you for your note and concern. I am aware of the development proposal and we did preform a critical area review on site before the building proposal. I have included the Planner on this project Nicole, so she is also aware of your concern.

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From: Karen B <megamominmi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 10:01 AM
To: John Kenney <John.Kenney@mercergov.org>
Subject: Old growth heritage tree in East Mercer Highlands neighborhood

Mr. Kenney,

While aware of the MI budget crunch, I am hoping you still provide expertise on our island trees. Our 300 year old fir is once again in the way of proposed development, specifically the lot at 4825 EMW.

This lot not only houses this tree but also a wetland, which a reduction in the buffer is being requested and a year round stream plus critical slope.

The tree stands at the only access for this property on a steep bank. This tree has housed eagle nests and continues to have eagle activity, though I don't see a nest this year.

Given the above info, would it be possible for you to weigh in on this tree and what protections the city might afford it. If compromised, we neighbors don't know which house it would crash into or worse, if compromised, would require removal.

I would be happy to meet with you either at the tree or city office, if you have the time. Comments to the city are required by March 21, 2019.

Thank you for your review and input.

K----- Beck
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