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**Subject:** Change to wetland setback for proposed development

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Re: File Nos. CA017-010 and SEP19-003  
Applicant: Sang Hou

We have lived in the same home, 4919 E Mercer Way (East Mercer Highlands) since Aug. 1985. There has been water coming from the homes above since our home was built, ~ 1973. The water would accumulate in a small pond at the base of our driveway. There was a french drain initially with the development, but it has been non-functional for over thirty years.

We have spent thousands of dollars to address the water coming from above. The water from above had caused damage to the base of the road. In repaving the road, the homeowners put a 4" drain pipe under the road and we had more drainage put in to try to address the runoff from above.

The water from above has caused problems to three other homes here that I know of and caused the partial collapse of the cul-de-sac at the south end of the road.

Last year a large home was built up above us. Over three dozen trees were felled and we **immediately saw the effect**. The water volume significantly changed overnight. How it affects the road and homes only time will tell.

We have seen how water runoff can cause damage to trees, damage to homes, and damage to roads. The lot under discussion is below the very wet hillside and a stream draining some of the runoff from above. Reducing the setback for the stream by a factor of two can only have a deleterious effect on our road. The "eagle cedar tree" is a significant factor in protecting the road base from being eroded, preventing the hillside from sliding. Reducing the setback, building next to the eagle tree endangering the root system, all seem to pose a significant risk to the neighborhood.

We are concerned about our road, our home, our neighborhood. The question is whether a home can be built on the property without significantly putting the community at risk. We understand the property owner's concern and the proposed buyer/builder's concern. We appeal to your taking the neighborhood's concern as well.

Most respectfully,

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both retired