

## Nicole Gaudette

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**From:** Matt Augustine <matt.augustine@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 9:53 PM  
**To:** Nicole Gaudette  
**Subject:** Comments on 74XX SE 38th Street Proposal (CAO19-015)

Hello Nicole,

I came across the Public Notice of Application posted near this site and would like to comment on it. I'm the homeowner at 3860 W Mercer Way and reside there with my family. Our property is directly south and opposite the right of way of the project parcel.

I have a few questions and concerns about the proposal:

1. The project site, along with a portion of the paved access drive in the right of way, is up a steep slope above our property. The area at the base of that slope in our backyard already stays pretty wet and muddy after a rain, and the ground is quite soft. I worry how the increased runoff from the impervious area introduced by the development would affect the drainage on my property and the stability of the steep slope above it. In the engineering plans, I see mention that this water will be "discharged at the bottom of the slope south of the project parcel." Does that mean that it will be directed onto my property?
2. My family and I are avid users of the trails in Mercerdale Hillside Park, and we love being able to walk right up to the trail from our backyard by taking a short path across the right of way. Many of our neighbors cut through our driveway to do the same thing every day. I hope that our convenient access to the trail would not be impeded by the access drive proposed in the right of way.
3. There is a large Douglas Fir tree very close to the project site - I believe just east of it - which houses a Bald Eagle nest. The nest has been active for many years, and everyone in our neighborhood loves listening to the eagles and watching them come and go.  
I didn't see any mention of this nest in the project documents. Would the proper steps be taken to avoid disturbing the eagles during site preparation and construction?

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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