

Nicole Gaudette

From: Angie Moreau
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 11:09 AM
To: Nicole Gaudette
Subject: FW: File # CAO19-015 Comments

Hi Nicole,

This came into the epermittech inbox.

Hope you are doing well and staying healthy!

Angie

Angie Moreau

Permit Technician

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From: CYNTHIA PETERSON <dcptugboat@me.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 10:21 AM
To: ePermit Tech <epermit.tech@mercergov.org>
Subject: File # CAO19-015 Comments

To the Community & Development Board/City of Mercer Island:

I wish to comment on File # CAO19-015/ Permit Type III

Have you visited this proposed site? Removal of Trees, many native maples, an 150 year old Douglas Fir in order to put through a drive to a lot that will not only compromise a steep slope but also take out a stand of old growth firs that currently support Eagle Nesting. To cut into the slope above the existing homes in order to widen a road and compromise drainage is a very poor and

expensive choice when this lot can be accessed from the neighborhood below with much less disruption. Have you explored this?

The trees on this lot that is proposed for future development are a rare stand of firs left in our community. This trail is used daily by many citizens. These trees support eagle nesting (I can send photos). I would ask the city to consider the less intrusive access to this building lot AND for the city to have the tree removal and impact closely monitored by both soil engineers and wildlife agency.

Do not let this permit slip through the system without very careful due diligence and impact from surrounding community. I expect more than a sign posted to alert surrounding neighbors of the intention of this construction. I have lived in this neighborhood and on this Island for 64 years. We have precious little left of our natural habitat. I expect the city to consider this proposed development carefully. Sincerely, Cindy Peterson 206 669 3001

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