

## Andrew Leon

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**Subject:** Ellis Pond cell tower

Hello Mercer Island leadership,

I posted this to the [Let's Talk page on small cell installation](#), but wanted to also send it in email so it doesn't get lost.

I strongly opposed the new tower next to Ellis Pond – for 3 reasons:

First, MICC 19.06.075.A says that these towers may "not adversely affect the visual character of the city." This neighborhood has no existing poles or wires - it's a remote area that's quiet, full of trees, and dark at night. A 35-foot pole here would greatly affect the visual character.

Second, MICC 19.06.075.A mentions "alternative sites" - and in this case there is an existing power pole on 90th Ave SE less than 400 feet away. Why build a new pole (and potentially run power lines to it) when there is an existing pole so close by?

Third, Ellis pond is a delicate ecosystem that should be protected. There are ducks, frogs, owls, and eagles – not the right place for a tower.

Thank you for doing everything you can to fight this. I understand there are some FCC rules that seem to prevent the city from acting, but many other cities are filing suit instead of just going along with the rules. Why can't we?

Sincerely,  
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