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Hello, I am writing with regard to the proposed building in a Wetland. It doesn't make sense if the City comes out with a new Code for Wetlands, but then a developer comes along and asks for a variance. What is the point of having a Code if someone can just come along and ask for a variance. The Codes are put in place for a reason. And the problem I have is that once you allow one variance, then what is stopping someone else from coming along and asking for another variance and so on?

And it says in a "regulated wetland."

Did the developer say why he could not use reasonable best efforts to avoid the wetland and watercourse buffer area and why he has to build in the regulated wetland? How large a house is being proposed on what sized property and if there is a house currently there, how big is that house in comparison to what they are proposing?

And of course, I want to make sure that no large, mature trees or significant trees will be removed.

It is regulated for a reason.

And I am concerned that there will be too much impervious paving which will just cause stormwater runoff. And I am concerned about all the wildlife which will be impacted and it looks like there is an eagle's nest in the 6500 block of East Mercer Way which is nearby.

So, no, I am not wanting you to allow a variance. Perhaps, you could ask the developer if they could perhaps build a smaller house which would not impact the buffer zone and wetland.

Thank you for giving us a chance to write in with our comments.

Sarah Fletcher