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From: Jon Stafford <jonstafford9@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 5:56 PM
To: Andrew Leon
Cc: Ruji Ding; Janet Stafford
Subject: Comments on proposal, file #SUB22-006

As directed below, I am resubmitting our comments about the proposed subdivision of property near us. Please advise if I need to reroute this communication further for any reason. I am commenting on the public notice of application for the subdivision of property located at 7216 - 93rd Ave SE. Our house is located at 7223 East Mercer Way, and so we received this notice as downhill neighbors to this property.

We have near the back of our property a single drain which drains much of the surface water runoff from uphill through a narrow ravine going up the hill. Water drains down this hillside during much of the year, but the drainage obviously becomes much greater during periods of high rain. If this drain becomes blocked from leaves, sand, silt, or other runoff, the water runs down the south side of our property, eroding our yard and, if bad enough, threatening parts of the south side of our house foundation. We have been the sole owners of this property since 1987 and so we have become accustomed to the risks and to checking and clearing this drain to reduce the risk of uncontrolled runoff.

In the past, the problem has become most significant during periods of construction uphill from us. The disruptions caused by construction usually release a lot of sand and silt, which drains down the hillside and clogs our drain, sometimes beyond our ability to keep it checked and cleared, particularly if we are not at home.

The subject property is directly uphill from us so I would suspect significant runoff and greatly increased risks of overwhelming our drain. Our environmental impact comment about this proposal is that this problem should be considered in the site plan, and all steps taken to mitigate excess runoff during the construction of what I anticipate to be four new homes. In addition, adequate on site permanent drainage for each homesite needs to be provided so the runoff risk doesn't increase from placing three or four new homes on this area. I am unfamiliar with how severe the impact could be; it is also possible that our drain should be somehow improved to further mitigate the risk, in addition to site mitigation at the construction sites.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this proposal.

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Please update your contact information to reflect my new email address, which replaces jon.stafford@comcast.net. Thanks.

From: Andrew Leon <andrew.leon@mercerisland.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 5:09 PM
To: Jon Stafford <jonstafford9@outlook.com>
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Subject: RE: Comments on proposal, file #SUB22-009

Hello,

The city has received an application to subdivide the property at 7216 93rd Ave SE. The public notice for that application will be sent out on this coming Monday, January 23rd. If you would like to comment on that application, I would recommend that you resubmit your comments based on the information in that notice.

Thanks,

Andrew Leon

Planner

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