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**To:** [Council](#)  
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**Subject:** Comments on Proposed Development at 2825 West Mercer Way  
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Dear Mercer Island City Council Members,

I am a long time Mercer Island resident who not only grew up on this island, but I am currently raising my children here. As a child I attended meetings to help preserve Pioneer Park from golf course development and my father is a founder of the Mercer Island Arts Council. I find myself once again needing to protect a space that should be preserved for our community for years to come.

I am very concerned with the proposed development of the old Boys and Girls Club property at 2825 West Mercer Way. This is not just another piece of open land available for development, but a historical part of our community. The private individual who purchased the land did not follow through on promises of preserving it for public use, rather he took advantage of our community for personal gain.

As a resident of Mercer Island and of the neighborhood in question, I do not feel there has been nearly enough communication with the community regarding such a major decision that affects not only our current lives but also our collective history. This development should be brought to a public hearing so all voices can be heard.

Thank you  
Waverly Swenson