

Madam Mayor;

Thank you for allowing us to speak we wish to address our concerns regarding the Draft Plan of Subdivision prepared by Michael Smith primarily pertain to the lots fronting onto Lake Drive East where we are adversely affected.

The applicants response as well as Michael Smith's Report states MUCH of the Tree Cover next to 129 Lake Drive East will be lost in order to construct a swale; this is a devastating statement to read. The tree cover has provided total privacy and natural cooling as well as a thoroughfare for wildlife. Page 23 of the report provides an aerial view of the tree coverage, we've also included a google earth view and a photos taken yesterday from the field; you can see the stark contrast between the new housing and the tree coverage surrounding our home.

Our house does not have central air and yet during the peek of yesterdays heat wave our house was 73 degrees. This is strictly a result of the natural tree coverage. Removal of the tree line will now force us to make alternate cooling arrangements.

Michael Smith's report has suggested a living fence/ privacy screen be incorporated in the Subdivision Agreement, the agreement needs to clarify who's side this feature is to be installed on and what is to be planted. We are requesting the living fence be installed on our property so we have full control over its destiny, and we would also like to be involved with the plant & TREE species recommended. The present tree line supports numerous wildlife including monarch butterflies, bees, numerous varieties of birds, fox, pheasants, turkeys, deer just to mention a few. Contrary to Azimuth Environmental report which references wildlife in the farm field, it does not take into account the wildlife that live and pass through the tree line.

When the tree inventory is completed a number of ash affected by the emerald ash bore will be noted; however, there is also maple and hawthorne. A number of the trees are intertwined and have grown within our wire fence. As the town wishes to be compensated for the loss of the trees we feel the same; and request that trees be incorporated in the property line fence / screen.

We would also like to request that the house siting on proposed lot 1, provide us as much privacy as possible.

Our final concerns surrounds the swale construction and disruption during the building process. We oppose the infiltration style of swale that requires continual maintenance by a homeowner. Presently we maintain surface drainage by cleaning & trenching within the tree line a few times a year to move water towards the ditch on Lake Drive. Heavier water movement has been seen in past at the east end, near the pond and creek.

Disruption during construction being self explanatory.

Thank you for your time

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