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Dylan Marcus,

I am writing to you to comment on the proposed land use of the wetland property on Lytle Road. It has come to my attention that the owner seeks to build a home on the property, knowing that he would have to get a variance to build since it is classified as a protected wetland.

It is my hope that the City of Bainbridge Island, who has been give the charge of protection of Bainbridge lands, that they would deny this proposed land use.

I have lived on the waterfront on Lytle Road for 21 years, and have had winter rainwater flow through my living room due to the runoff of the hillside of upper Lytle Road. On any given rainy day in the winter there is sheet drainage down Lytle Road proper, since there is no other place for it to flow. There is a subterranean 18" culvert that taps into the Pleasant Beach Road "drainage system" — in quotes because it is woefully inadequate —which courses down to the beach (under part of my home). It is often taxed beyond its limit.....which is why we had several inches of water in our living room back in 2007. Epic rains, yes, but with the reality of climate change, we can expect more "epic" storms.

The Lytle wetland is nature's way of holding on to some of this water...since the hillside above has been developed to the extent that the water can no longer seep harmlessly into the earth.

It would be unwise to let this protected area be developed for the enhancement of a single individual, who knows full well that when he bought the property that it was a protected wetland.

It is my hope that our elected officials would see this and vote to protect our island for the future generations. This is an easy decision in my opinion. I hope and pray that politics do not trump the reality of the vital importance of appropriate rain drainage in the area.

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