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Dylan Marcus and COBI PCD  
re: Lytle creek wetland PLN 51498 RUE/VAR

I've lived on Lytle road, near the sound, south of the 'Lytle creek wetland' for 36 years and have seen many changes from the wetland property to Lytle beach. This public beach used to be full of Bull kelp and at low tide many starfish, a wide variety of clams, moon snails, sea cucumbers etc etc. the beach is now barren by comparison.

During the rainy season, there is much more water run off down the street, flooding Lytle road properties, even inside some homes! Also, properties on Pleasant Beach Drive, down stream from this wetland have flooded. These changes have been significant in the past 10-15 years, or so.

Of course, it would be difficult to prove the precise timing and causes of this degradation, But it's not difficult to imagine that an upstream wetland, which absorbs this run off should be further diminished!!

Before part of this wetland was illegally filled and a house was built on the fill, more wildlife was seen there including wild pheasants. Now at least there are still deer, coyotes, birds. The size of their habitat would be even further reduced and its function degraded by this development.!

Many neighbors walk south, past what is left of this wetland on the way to the beach, and those of us who live closer to the beach, myself included, walk north to see this glimpse of nature, and what wild life may be there..

With this development, all will be greeted by a 40 foot long concrete wall a few feet from the road with a two story house behind it.!

Bainbridge prides itself on caring for the environment and as Bainbridge grows, it is more critical than ever to follow through with protecting Puget Sound water quality, flooding and wildlife habitat.!!

I cherish our friendly, supportive neighborhood....a big reason I have remained living here so long.

Many of us are sorry we have to deal with this contentious issue now.

Many of us are upset to see the many informational signs about this wetland and how to comment, like I am here, all removed overnight!!

I'm sorry this hampers the developer, Tom White, my neighbor and fellow dog walker, from building another house on his property.

BUT I strongly believe for the reasons above, preventing further degradation of this wetland is critically MORE IMPORTANT now.

I hope the City of Bainbridge lives up to its values and does not approve the variance, or purchases the development rights from the owner.

Thank you, Judy Katilus 3805 Lytle road

(I know this is a 'general' descriptive comment. I thank others who have put down the nitty gritty numbers describing this development, and have researched the city codes..

I'm grateful that Dylan Marcus has carefully read all the comments and spoke at length with me on the phone to help navigate this process.)