

To: Gary Christiansen, Planning Director
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Subject: Comments on PLN15113CSUR New Well Drilling
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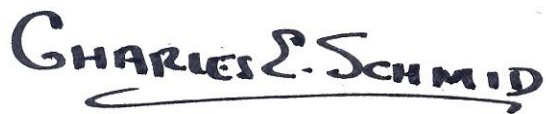
I was surprised more attention was not applied to this application since it covers both wetlands and drinking water – which were such important topics for the new comprehensive plan and the recent revision of the Critical Areas Ordinance.

This new well will be placed in Wetlands. These wetlands have its source up on the top of Bucklin Hill in the area of the Hyla School. I was told by staff there was no Clearing Permit issued and wondered if this was the case since the photos show removal of vegetation. Did the review of this project show that it was not regulated by the Critical Areas Ordinance?

The reason for a new well to be connected to the other 5 wells of the Emerald Heights Water System was not given. Have there been problems with the other wells? Since the Island is worried about its supply of water – and conducts island wide monitoring – perhaps mitigation should be that monitoring of this well be included in the future. I was not able to find the government approval by the Kitsap County Health District (Item 10 SEPA ordinance) when I scanned the information available last week. Since the MDNS approval will take effect today (July 14, 2017) I assume the Health Department has approved this new well, or the City's approval is contingent on receiving it. Hence please forward this report to me, or let me know when I can come the City Hall to pick it up.

A small but important note is that I found three different forms listing ownership among the documents. If for recordkeeping alone – please list one owner.

Protection of our island's water supply – both in quality and quantity- has always been important to the Association of Bainbridge Communities (ABC) and hence we look forward to any clarification regarding the above observations.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "CHARLES E. SCHMID". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font. The first name "CHARLES" is in all caps, followed by a first initial "E." and the last name "SCHMID" in all caps. A horizontal line is drawn underneath the signature.