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Subject: Proposed land use action on wetlands--Lytle Road near Pleasant Beach Drive
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Attn: Dylan Marcus, Planner

Dear Dylan:

As a property owner on lower Lytle Road NE, I am very concerned about new construction being built on Lytle Road near Pleasant Beach for several reasons.

During heavy rainstorms, our property has at times been impacted by the flow of water down Lytle Road, with water coming into our garage and breezeway. On one occasion, I was out in the middle of the night putting sandbags out. I am very concerned that the proposed construction will increase the water flow even more down our street.

I have always thought wetlands are sacred for good reason, protected by national, state and city regulations. They purify polluted water, replenish aquifers and harbor wildlife. They are like a natural sponge on the landscape, gradually releasing storm waters and lessening flood damage. The city has responsibility for the stewardship of these precious areas, which are diminishing too rapidly. Sadly, Wetlands destruction has increased flood damage, nutrient runoff and water pollution. When wetlands are filled, the water that made them has to go somewhere. It's likely to run off into the homes downstream and Puget Sound.

During heavy rainstorms, the outflow coming across Pleasant Beach Drive onto the beach is enormous, changing the terrain of the beach considerably. What is only a small trickle through a pipe that can barely be seen becomes a raging outpouring of runoff water with who knows what polluting the sound. I'm especially concerned that this new home may release sewage effluent as well into the water table.

I feel that on Bainbridge in particular, the majority of citizens want to be good stewards of our decreasing wetlands and ecosystems. Please be representative of those cherished values and deeply held commitments. Thank you. Vicki Johnson, 3784 Lytle Road NE