

Ann Hillier

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Sent: Wednesday, November 7, 2018 3:24 PM
To: Ann Hillier
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Subject: RUE Olsen PLN51183 Hearing 11.08.2018

Dear Ms Hillier,

I do not believe there should be any building of a SFR on this wetland at 2222 Belfair Ave NE on Bainbridge Island. Although a Cat III Wetland will allow some building in the buffer area I do not believe this particular is large enough in respect to the Kitsap County Code. As well the code does mention Federally protected wildlife and so far there hasn't been any study of the wildlife esp the frogs. Everyone knows a healthy population of frogs indicates healthy clean water. We have a large and in the Spring colony of Frogs. Below is a quote from the Kitsap County Manual on Wetlands.

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Potable water is an essential life-sustaining element for people and many other species. The majority of Kitsap County drinking water comes from groundwater supplies in aquifers. Critical aquifer recharge areas are very important to ensure the quality and quantity of shallow and deepwater aquifers. Once groundwater is contaminated, it is difficult, costly, and sometimes impossible to clean up. Preventing contamination is necessary to avoid exorbitant costs, hardships, and potential physical harm to people and ecosystems."

And "It is the policy of Kitsap County to accomplish the following:

- A. Identify, preserve and protect aquifer recharge areas that are susceptible to contamination by preventing degradation of the quality and, if needed, the quantity of potable groundwater;
- B. Recognize the relationship between surface and groundwater resources;
- C. Give priority to potable water resource areas per WAC 365-190-100 in the planning and regulation of land uses that may directly or indirectly contaminate or degrade groundwater; and
- D. Balance competing needs for water supply while preserving essential natural functions and processes, especially for maintaining critical fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas."

While I am cheered by the Planning Committee's discussion of stringent methods with building of non toxic materials, limited use of fertilizer and no use of herbicides it doesn't go far enough in guaranteeing public safety.

The City of Bainbridge Island is responsible for monitoring and protecting the safety of Bainbridge Island and these measures discussed in the HEX statement are not enough. So I would not grant a reasonable use exception at this time. The country also talks about a study of of the wildlife and non have been done. The City is not fulfilling what the Country has laid out in dealing with our Wetlands and its buffer. It mentions buffers must be a certain size and I believe the one at this address 2222 Belfair Ave NE is way too small.

Do not issue a building permit for this property.

Thank you for your attention,
Carolyn Siscoe