

## Jane Rasely

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**From:** Gary Christensen  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2017 9:22 AM  
**To:** milagrosx2@comcast.net  
**Cc:** Heather Wright; Jane Rasely  
**Subject:** RE: Blakely School

Dear Andy and Charlotte Rovelstad,

Thank you for your comment. All land use and building projects, including the proposed Blakely Elementary School, are subject to and must comply with City's Comprehensive Plan and the Bainbridge Island Municipal Code, including the protection of critical areas (e.g., wetlands, and fish and wildlife conservation areas).

Rest assured, that the proposed Blakely Elementary School project will undergo review pursuant to the comprehensive plan, municipal code, and the State Environmental Policy Act.

If you have further comments on this project I ask that you bring them to the attention of Heather Wright, Acting Planning Manager.

Best Regards,



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-----Original Message-----

From: Charlotte Rovelstad [mailto:milagrosx2@comcast.net]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 5:48 PM  
To: PCD <pcd@bainbridgewa.gov>  
Subject: Blakely School

Dear Mr. Christensen,

It recently came to the attention of the public that the proposed Blakely Elementary School was designed to be placed in the middle of the wildlife buffer. It appears that there was a failure to consult the appropriate updates to the wetland requirements and the 300 foot buffer. Proposed suggestions for mitigation have been insufficient.

We would like to encourage the City of Bainbridge Island to honor our comprehensive plan and be vigilant in the protection of our wetlands and the associated buffers. As a community we have worked hard to put in place mechanisms that are intended to protect our ever decreasing and fragile ecology. Please don't shortchange the environment when it comes to mitigation and averaging the wildlife buffer zone.

Bainbridge Island School district has suggested that the design of the new school will be in line with 21st Century education standards and has shared presentations representing their vision of what learning might look like 30 years

from now. May we suggest that such design includes 21st Century environmental stewardship that protects the environment and becomes a visual manifestation of a building that respects nature.

Sincerely,  
Andy and Charlotte Rovelstad