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to: Christy Carr, Senior Planner, Gary Christensen, Director of Planning

I am writing in regards to the proposed variance for the above mentioned project - three single family residences on very small and odd shaped lots on Soundview Drive which are bordered by some of our last remaining wetlands.

After over 20 years as a Soundview Drive property owner, I can say with confidence that the wetlands already in our neighborhood have been irreparably damaged due to previous construction incorrectly permitted based on maps that were not accurate (as is documented in City records).

These lots are "encumbered by a wetland and buffer" for good reason. As you know, wetlands mitigate excessive rainfall (increasingly important as we address the ongoing effects of climate change) and provide habitat and food sources for the diverse species that inhabit this very special and still somewhat natural area.

I am deeply saddened at the prospect of further environmental damage that will occur as a result of this development as well as further loss of the rural character of our historic neighborhood.

I strongly urge the City to deny the variance.

Once these natural environments are gone, they are gone forever, and nothing can mitigate that.

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"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow."

- Melody Beattie