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**RUE APPLICATION PLN51183RUE
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After reviewing the application materials submitted for the RUE, I'm writing in support of the project.

The site is encumbered by wetlands & buffers, therefore necessitating the RUE approach. Inherent in the RUE process are strict limits on building footprint, lot coverage and impact area. Throughout the RUE process there is also valuable input from COBI staff and third-party consultants. The result of this process is typically a much more thoughtfully designed and less impactful home than is typically being built on Bainbridge.

One only has to look at the new production homes currently being built to see the difference. These other new homes are larger, impact more land area and require numerous utility/access improvements. In addition to having less development footprint, the above proposal offers home buyers more choices. Not everyone needs (or can afford) a new 3200 Sq. Ft home. Smaller homes such as the one proposed by Mr. Olsen offer new home buyers a refreshing alternative to large production homes. If Bainbridge is serious about creating a more diverse community then smaller, more affordable, in-fill homes such as the one proposed should be encouraged.

Communities must never become static but instead must be renewed with new homes, families and points of view. The charm of the Fort Ward community reflects the eclectic neighborhood that has developed over a long time. This proposal is part of the natural evolution of the neighborhood, as a neighbor to the above project, I believe it should be approved.