

I vehemently oppose the development of this property.

Such a development is extremely detrimental for the following reasons.

1. Flooding and water pollution related to the increased impervious surfaces of roofs, roads and driveways and decrease of trees and vegetation in an area that is already prone to large quantities of stormwater runoff.
2. Light pollution related to additional streetlights, vehicle and houselights. This negatively impacts not only to the quality of life of current residents but most importantly to our already vulnerable State insect, the firefly.
3. Noise pollution during and after construction related to the increase in traffic (heavy construction equipment, private vehicles and waste management vehicles) and human and pet population.
4. Air pollution related to the destruction of many mature trees and increased traffic.
5. The annihilation of a valuable habitat for many species of plants and wildlife, including but not limited to: raccoons (our State wild animal), honeybees (our State agricultural insect), ladybeetles (our other State insect) zebra swallowtails (our State butterfly) mockingbirds (our State bird), hawks, bats, deer, wild turkey, rabbits, squirrels, chipmunks, groundhogs, foxes, and coyotes.
6. The deterioration of our neighborhood related to the planned ill-suited townhomes which are not in keeping with the ambience of our West Hills Community where the vast majority of properties are ranch style homes on lots of approximately half an acre.

At least six of the townhomes would directly overlook the homes of current residents.

There would be an increase in traffic negatively impacting the downtown bike route which runs along Stockton Drive, and also the eight miles of Dogwood Trails throughout West Hills.

7. The building process and subsequent sale of said townhomes will have a markedly harmful effect on our mental and physical health related to the noise, loss of privacy, devaluation of our properties and obliteration of a tranquil area of our West Hills Community.
8. Bailey and Duncan Contracting do not appear (from perusing their website) to have the experience necessary to successfully develop a land parcel of this magnitude and complexity.

On a more personal level, my husband and I purchased our home on West Hills Drive last year. We had been looking for many years for our perfect end of life home and were blessed to find her here in such a beautiful community.

One of our many loves is to sit in the garden (which we've never experienced before) and enjoy the multitude of flora and fauna in such a peaceful environment surrounded by wonderful neighbors.

It saddens us immensely to imagine that all this could be lost not only to us but all others in West Hills (including our delicate ecosystem).

We implore you to be empathetic and not pass 7-A-23-SU and 7-SD-23C.