

Dear Planning Commission Members,

I live at 8729 Heathwood Bend and my comments are directed at that part of Briarglen. I am a person that has had a lifetime association with farming. As I look out my kitchen window I see a significant hill climbing as far as I can see. Parallel to the hill are two line fences that serve as the most efficient moving water semi barriers that I am aware of. Anytime you remove a line fence on a hillside you create significant water erosion. This is especially true due to the gradient and length of this hill.

Development on this parcel will create major water erosion problems. You need to consider the impact of removing several line fences with significant years of shrubs and trees in a fence line that can be up to five feet wide. Additionally you will be destroying permanent pasture that significantly incorporates and retards water movement.

For well over 35 years we have not experienced water problems in Briarglen. If Heathwood Bend is extended the homes to the south will be inundated with cascading water in a storm. Many Heathwood Bend homes are built with a crawl space. Flooding from the hill in July will create severe mold for these homeowners.

The sellers of Briarglen land being righteous people created earthen berms to mitigate runoff on the land now being rezoned. Will the new developers maintain these berms or build 5 DU. Everyone will claim the runoff will be controlled with a plan that will include runoff channels and retention ponds from the 162 homes. When the developer is gone and the water is flooding will the county pay for the six foot drainage tile with necessary feeder tiles to Ten Mile Creek?

Sincerely,

James Bruns