

**PACKET OF PUBLIC COMMENT
WATER'S EDGE WEST
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Thank you, Jeff. For the Commission's consideration, I have significant concerns about the lack of planning or adequate earthen berms and landscaping to protect my property from the water displacement which will occur from placing 88 homes and the accompanying streets/driveways this close to the large existing flood area that lies between our two properties. This area floods very significantly multiple times each year and already comes into our yard – particularly from the East and South sides. The existing/new development directly to our East and accompanying water displacement is going to increase the flooding and standing water already pushed through the flood zone — M/I Homes development will do the same without adequate protections put in place of which there appear to be none based upon the landscaping design and based upon the fact that the development site to the East of us has already only put in a small retention pond and a pipe that I would be very surprised is effective in capturing and funneling the amount of increased what that will be displaced from all of the new homes, streets and driveways that cover up the natural ground and its ability to soak up groundwater into the groundwater table. A 10-15 acre lake forms several times during the winter and in the spring and the small retention pond designed to capture the new run off from all of the new homes may be mediocre at best pushing more water into the East and South sides of our property WITHOUT earthen berms to direct it into the southern flood zone and some type of drainage system other than a buried pipe which does nothing for pooled water in that area of the flood zone and "common area" M/I Homes is proposing.... The increased flooding and standing water for 4-5 months this year in our yard brought a mosquito infestation so bad that my children could often not play outdoors nor could we enjoy the deck or outside yard areas end of day/evening.

Additionally, the lack of significant earthen berm creating some separation between smaller, cheaper housing spaced several feet apart and looking directly into the rear of our house is already damaging/lessening our property value. We placed it on the market this past fall and out of 10 viewings, all homebuyers gave our home/property reviews of 8-10 on a quality score out of 10, but ALL said they were concerned about the quality of the housing and complete lack of privacy to the South from M/I Homes proposed 88-home project and the complete lack of privacy landscaping to create a buffer between our property and what is proposed by M/I Homes.

I am attending the hearing this evening as well as the next one (if/when noticed) so that I can have counsel adequately represent my concerns — particularly given the complete lack of landscaping/berms, or otherwise, that both addresses the existing/coming flooding problems as well as the privacy issues/concerns which have already decreased my property value tremendously.

Sincerely,

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