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SEPA Compliance: Project Documents: 2402-089**

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To: John Mertel <johnm@steppir.com>

Hi John,

Thank you for commenting on Building Permit No. 2402-089. Your comments will be sent to the applicant and reviewed by staff as part of the review process.

Sincerely,

Molly McGuire

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From: John Mertel <johnm@steppir.com>

Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 9:03 PM

To: Molly McGuire <molly.mcguire@mercerisland.gov>

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Hello Molly:

I'm writing to comment on the above file number, I am a homeowner at 6016 SE 27th Street on Mercer Island.

I read the documents for this home application, and while I have zero issues with the new home construction, I do have significant concern about the proposal to attach this home storm drainage to an already overburdened culvert. It would seem from the report, the house in question as it exists was never a part of this culvert drainage system.

I had two significant events in 2023 where the culvert failed, each time with my home being nearly flooded and each time flooding my garage and breezeway. One of these events I contacted the city for assistance with, on December 5th.

If not for the help of my neighbors on the first event, I would have come home from vacation to a flooded home. If not for my own efforts on the second event, I would have had the same results. In my instance, I called the city, but they were not able to make it out in time.

I do not believe it is feasible to add yet another home to this culvert system, when the existing culverts do not adequately address the homes connected to it currently.

Multiple homes are in a position to incur damage from stormwater flooding, but our house, again located at 6016 SE 27th Street, is directly in the path of the water flow when the culvert fails.

I would like to see improvements done to improve our culvert system in the neighborhood, as the system has repeatedly put our property in a position of peril during moderate to significant rain events. Adding the home in question, in my opinion, would overburden the culvert unless improvements are made.

I have included some pictures to give you an idea of the level of flooding we have experienced.

Best regards,

John Mertel