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Subject: Re: Gerrish Drive subdivision - comments?

Hi Michael:

After the site walk of the Gerrish subdivision, and listening to the neighbors that live in the area who spoke at previous conservation commission meetings, I have to agree with them that the negative impact to the wetlands, wildlife corridors and stream runoffs is deeply concerning. Experts like John Carroll have weighed in many times with these kinds of issues and I'm not sure how much they are being considered. Some had expressed thoughts that the Conservation Commission was not taking their concerns seriously enough. I am.

I think we need to listen to what they are saying. As we plan for the continuing impact of climate change, community sprawl, and its impact on the ecosystem which provides for natural drainage and carbon offsets from trees, I wonder why we're considering cutting down trees in a time when we are encouraged to plant trees. As I understand it, the conservation commission has a responsibility to protect wetlands and I'm not sure how approving the Gerrish subdivision proposal designs that have been presented so far will accomplish that.

Best, Mary Ann