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**Subject:** Application for a Zoning By-law Amendment for Lands Located at 560 Grays Road, Stoney Creek (PED24085) (Ward 10)

Good Afternoon Michelle (and Planning Committee Members)

This infill development is on a piece of land that slowly absorbs pure stormwater prior to draining into a Core / ESA area (the Big Pond) & Lake Ontario. For context, a pic is below.

If the City could find a way to remove the ditches in tandem with the construction for these homes, I would ask that the Planning Committee put that in motion in tandem with approving this development.

There's 2 significant environmental concerns if the ditches were to remain after build:

1. Quality of Stormwater Runoff:

LOVE that the proposed municipal sidewalks, if they materialize, are going to be 6 1/2' wide since people will be walking alongside a truck route.

Not loving that the existing rural ditches between the sidewalks and the buildings surrounding this lot are proposed to remain. There are also a few interior sidewalks that are proposed to go over the ditches to connect to this new municipal sidewalk. I'm fairly confident the majority of those of us that back on to the Big Pond don't want the added salt that comes from the multiple sidewalks adjacent to the ditches. . Salt runoff will harm this ESA/Core Water quality & the present habitants: snapping turtles, painter turtles, beavers, muskrats, swans, fish, geese et al.

In addition, I would ask that a Construction Management Plan clearly address mitigation strategies to ensure construction debris etc does not travel from the site into the Big Pond in light of the fact many new concrete sidewalks/roadways are proposed over the ditches.

2. Quantity of Stormwater Runoff:

I appreciate that this build will result in less stormwater runoff into the Big Pond, but that comment in the Staff Report I believe in fact means *less than the previous proposal* and not *less than the existing conditions*. Is that correct?

If yes, and while I appreciate the HCA *thinks* this proposal *should not* result in flooding issues any increase in stormwater flow over to a natural watercourse that historically and is presently (as in while I'm typing) experiencing flooding issues, will more than likely exacerbate a well documented issue.

I'm hopeful that the City will look at the broader picture, the potential impacts and ensure there will be next to zero potential damages down the road due to a municipal decision to increase the amount and quality of stormwater directed to my waterlot.

Thank you,  
Viv Saunders

It was hard to see the stream/creek through the trees for part of the watercourse so I blue dotted them:

