

Character of the Area

[Case File: T3-2022-16220]

To whom it may concern,

I would like to introduce my wife and I, we are Tanner and Macy Davis, and we live at 35075 SE Carpenter Ln, Gresham, OR 97080. For the past 5 years my wife and I have been looking for a country property to raise our two children. We looked at dozens of homes, and searched sites such as Zillow and Redfin on a daily basis for years but were unable to find a property that felt “right” for us. That is, until we found the 100-year-old farm house and nursery at 35075 SE Carpenter Ln. As we walked the sacred ground with our family and real estate agent I could see the next 50 years of our lives playing out; our kids playing in the massive yard occupied by a century old Beech Tree, or riding their bikes along quiet Carpenter Ln, a couple of dogs and chickens roaming the tidy rows of nursery stock, and my wife and I watching all this take place from the front porch of our dream property. We knew this was the type of property that generations of our family would live, play, cry, and bond on. We left that day knowing that this property was **the one**.

When I heard about the plans to build a massive water treatment facility on the east end of Carpenter Ln (just a couple hundred feet from our property line), I was gutted. Obviously, the massive plant, and the noise/light pollution would completely ruin the quiet country vibe that is Carpenter Ln. But that doesn't come close to the destruction and disruption that will take place on a daily basis for years as the site is constructed. The **hundreds of daily trips** by dump trucks that will barrel to and from the work site, which is directly outside our front porch, will crush our desire to spend quality family time outside. The immense amount of traffic from these construction vehicles will endanger our children as they attempt to play, learn, and live out the early years of their childhood on the quiet country property that we bought as a way to get away from the noise, danger, and commotion that is city life. Instead that type of environment is being brought directly to our front door...

It's disheartening to see that the city's analysts believe this massive water treatment facility (that is being constructed for residents who live in **Portland**), will not change our way of life or the charming character that Carpenter Ln and the surrounding land is known for. They have either never spent any considerable time on Carpenter Ln, or are just being obtuse, because no one in their right mind would believe that a water treatment facility belongs amongst acres of farm and nursery land.

I believe it is important to have your voice heard which is why I took the time to write this letter, and it is my hope that these letters written by the people who live, raise families, and work the land will not fall on deaf ears. I want to be unequivocally clear when I say that, the Portland Water Bureau's water treatment facility will destroy the character of the area that this land has known for hundreds of years.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely, Tanner and Macy Davis



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