

Character of the Area

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4. The Pleasant Home and Cottrell Communities are blessed with a calm and pleasant daily atmosphere. This is due to the choices of the residents of the area. They lead quiet lives and are considerate of one another's lives and properties. It is one of the main reasons my husband and I have lived here more than 40 years. We enjoy the diverse bird life (Red Tailed Hawk, Coopers Hawk, Kestrel, Kill Deer, Quail, Vultures, Migrating and local Canadian Geese, many varieties of hummingbirds, sparrows, house finches and Western Tanager, and warblers) and wildlife (deer, coyote, rabbits, fox, weasel and elk). What a privilege to provide habitat for these creatures. Our roads provide recreational opportunities for the greater Gresham area as well as for us. Daily, one will find runners, walkers and bikers out for exercise and enjoyment. Families ride their bikes and many ride their horses or exercise their dogs on these roads. These communities offer fresh air, lovely vistas and a place to unwind from the business of life. The farms that surround us are courteous by starting their work at 7am and stopping for the day by 4pm. I appreciate the helpful attitudes of these farmers and their crews. They will mow my hard to get areas, help me get unstuck from the mud, and be available for a conversation or a wave.

My husband and I have a small farm that produces our food and provides us space to raise animals. It is a wholesome way of life and rewards us with good health and exercise.

5. The proposed water filtration plant does not meet the character of this community area. Our biggest concern is that the addition of all the chemicals being transported and stored within our area will lead to safety concerns for the health and welfare of community members young and old. The noise pollution in its self will cause the calm and peacefulness of the area to no longer be available. The very presence of heavy belly dump trucks on our roads day and night will cause noise pollution and destroy the recreational opportunities for Gresham residents and community residents. The very weight of these trucks will destroy our roads. Many children travel by bike to school or walk to high school in our neighborhoods. Parents will fear for the safety of their children whenever they are near a road or even traveling in a car on our roads. It is sad when a city government can ignore Oregon States land use rules or change the codes when they feel like it.