

Character of the Area (case file: T3-2022-16220)

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How do I describe the character of the area and community where I live. You need to know I was raised on Lusted Rd, attended Cottrell Grade School and Sandy High School. I did leave for college, but ended up back in the area where I began, teaching at Cottrell School for 22 years and OR Trail School District for 13 years. My husband and I live on 362nd Ave, right down the road from Cottrell School, now called OR Trail Academy. I have lived in this area for over 60 years. I have always been proud of our area. It's quiet, it's beautiful, and the birds and wildlife are amazing! I'm blessed to live in a community where I feel safe, where I can sit out on my deck at night and listen to the sounds of nature as I enjoy the night sky.

The proposed water filtration facility would drastically change my peaceful living environment. One concern is the road that is planned to be built off Bluff Road near Or Trail Academy to accommodate large truck deliveries to the facility. During pick up and drop off there is much congestion on Bluff Road. Another road with large trucks in this area is like asking for an accident to happen. The safety of our students must be a top priority.

Another concern is the hazardous chemicals that will be used daily at the filtration plant. This presents a critical risk to our community.

The thing that breaks my heart is how the filtration plant will change the way our area looks. As I drive down Bluff Road, I feel a certain peace as I look at the well-kept nurseries, the rows of beautiful trees and the workers in the field. If the filtration plant is built, it will destroy the peacefulness of our community. As a 60-year senior resident of this community, I feel strongly that the character of our community will change, and not for the better. I pray that the plant will NOT be built!