

June 15, 2022

Chairman and Members
Planning Commission
City of Cannon Beach, Oregon

To the Members:

I am writing concerning the proposed development of the land at the intersection of Hemlock and Forest Lawn in the Midtown area of Cannon Beach. I strongly oppose this development.

The land in question contains an area designated as a wetland. Wetlands are a critical resource for a healthy environment for both animals and plants. This particular property is densely forested, with many majestic trees.

Most communities, especially those as overdeveloped as Cannon Beach has become, place high value on their remaining wetlands and forested areas. I know that Cannon Beach used to. As the daughter of former Planning Commission Chair Herb Schwab, I remember dozens of conversations at the dinner table, at parties, and at the morning coffee group, about the need to avoid increasing the density of housing at the expense of our precious environment and "village feeling."

We have cut down too many trees and poured concrete and macadam over too much of our soil. The remaining forested areas and especially wetlands, MUST be protected and retained.

I urge you to take the long view about what Cannon Beach should be in the future. Surely your vision does not include squeezing in houses onto every lot and space that remains unbuilt. Mine certainly does not, nor does the vision of every one of my many friends in our lovely town.

Please, please vote to deny the request to develop this environmentally valuable piece of property in the heart of our community.

Respectfully Yours,

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