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City of Salem

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My name is Maureen Foelkl and I reside at 4530 Sunland Street in Salem. I'm writing on behalf of the livable factor here in our city. The Meyer property development is another example of how the City is failing in a number of aspects to provide a sustainable lifestyle for our population and the wildlife.

I realize that the property will be developed but this must be accomplished in a thoughtful manner. How is removing over 73% of the trees match the City's plan for clean air and climate change?

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/climate-action-plan.aspx>

It has been documented that we will have an increase in greenhouse gases in the atmosphere if humans continue to destroy the land for their own benefit.

So, how can we call ourselves a Tree City when the people we have elected continue to approve of developments that are just the opposite? The city claims to protect our White oak trees. I am yet to see that happen in my neighborhood. These trees support the lives of a number of species. Please review the following water council newsletter in case you have any doubts about the importance of preserving our native oaks, file:///C:/Users/mfoel/Downloads/Fall%202021%20Watershed%20Events.pdf

The plans to increase congestion in our neighborhood are another concern. As I was leaving for work from my Sunland address on Sept. 24, 2021, I headed north on Battle Creek to discover a dead doe along the side of the road. Developers have left little to no areas for our wildlife to thrive. Adding more houses and more traffic will only exasperate the current situation. There is little doubt that this committee cares more about the developers and future tax money than the health and welfare of the community.

My hope for the forthcoming generations, both human and wildlife is that we as a society begin to view that our decisions of today will impact the quality of life in Salem in the future.

Sincerely,

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