

## Aaron Panko

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**From:** Lucy Hitchcock <lucyhitchcock8140@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Aaron Panko  
**Subject:** comment on 4540 Pringle Road proposed development

Dear Aaron Panko,

I wonder if city planners have driven around Morningside Neighborhood lately. The amount of housing development from apartments to single family homes is astounding. Where are the parks, green spaces, trees, urban farms, to be retained and developed for public usefulness?

If you read what climate change is going to bring and peak oil (2018) has already initiated, transporting goods, including food is going to increasingly difficult to impossible. It is necessary to "go local" and provide as much as possible produce and needed production near population centers. Why abolish an urban farm? (Read Alice Friedeman, "When Trucks Stop Running," and "Life After Fossil Fuels.")

Salem's climate action plan asks to increase the tree canopy to sequester carbon. Why would another branch of the City of Salem agree to cut down established trees, especially oak trees it has pledged to retain. Oaks and conifers are among the best sequesterers of carbon. Look at the map you have provided. Where are all the cars going to go and their exhaust that needs trees to capture it? Where is the public transportation for all of Morningside?

The departments of Salem need to talk to each other. Land use codes must be updated before we've lost the open spaces we have and that the already packed-in housing development needs for our children, for walking, biking, recreation of our residents, cooling and breathing. Look at some of these apartment complexes and housing developments, there is no play space. No wonder our children are growing up with little consciousness of the earth, the greenery, the nearby agricultural land for community gardens that are and will be needed even more.

Once the land is paved over, the city can't turn it green again. The development of the Fairview acreage in Morningside is enough already. Save the Meyer farm.

Thanks for listening,  
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