

## Friends of Pine Lake

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The following comments are submitted by Friends of Pine Lake. The organization's first president, Ilene Stahl, formed the organization in 1998 before incorporation after studying water quality. The original focus was water quality in Pine Lake, but it soon grew to other streams, wetlands and lakes. Friends of Pine Lake has made continuous efforts to preserve the integrity of our natural environment and protections to water quality.

Regarding Wildlife Corridors, we have long advocated maintaining them; the east/west corridor has been severed by schools and churches along 228<sup>th</sup> that were permitted through conditional use permits. There are still 2 important north/south corridors on the eastern and western side of 228<sup>th</sup>. Preserving safe passage to wildlife is an important issue of human safety. It is a mistake to believe that wildlife will be squeezed out and no longer remain on the plateau. Nationally populations of black bear, deer are all found in large numbers living in the urban areas. As recently as 3 weeks ago a mountain lion was in backyards in Los Angeles, considered a dense city. Unless you are planning to actively eradicate them, they will remain here. Your duty is to minimize the confrontations of wildlife and humans through policies you put in place. We urge you to preserve these corridors and make them even more functional.

Wetlands provide important functions. They are important nurseries, in the spring for mammals and amphibians, and provide flow attenuation during winter storms, protecting us all.

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news report was to see the large areas of lawn in the back of these homes. Maximizing views puts properties at risk.

We submitted a monitoring study by Derek Booth that led to the Overlays, and Ilene has provided the Council with an e-mail communication Dr. Booth had with Kamuron Gurol back in 2005. We urge you to carefully read these 2 previous submissions.

There is much more that you should consider and more study you should undertake before deliberating and concluding this ordinance update. This process has been rushed and not all members of the Council have been present for all the meetings, and one member missed several of the introductory meetings.

This update deserves careful review and consideration from every Council member.

Thank you,

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