

Painted Hills Planned Residential Development
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SPOKANE VALLEY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. Rain runoff and snow melt Waters: Currently hundreds of thousands of gallons penetrate the soil in this 90 plus acres of property. **The development would make it necessary to move that water onto someone else's property.** The extra water is now sent to my neighbor's property. That neighbor will have grounds to sue the city for damages. When a neighbor downstream has had no flooding for decades and then has flooding, the city will be asked to pay. If there is bodily harm the cost could be millions. Also, there really is something called "a hundred year flood." In the memory of every person in a city, no one remembers the area flooding. Then on a rainy afternoon, an extra rain shower will flood an area that has not flooded before. In addition, a warm wind in early Spring will cause a rapid snow melt and a wave of water will come unexpectedly to cause major damage. I have seen both happen. We must respect Nature's surprises.

2. Current Landscape methods use pesticides and herbicides to control pests and weeds. A well known and frequently used product is "Round Up". The old Golf Course has turned into a giant weed patch generating billions of seeds that will be here for decades. **The landscape design measures that attempt to have rain water penetrate the soil to avoid runoff will cause the problem of polluting the aquifer with the household products commonly used to rid landscaping of pests and weeds.** Households in this area already commonly spray for spiders. **Expect the new residents to spray for weeds and spiders.** How do you detox an aquifer?

3. Further, to move the rain runoff and snow melt to another location is to cause a problem for someone else. To design for local water penetration is to pollute the Aquifer with commonly used landscape toxins from hundreds of homes and may go into their own local water supply. **Fixing one problem causes the other problem to increase.** Our community has already experienced the Fairchild Air Base polluting the underground water with fire retardant foam. That is more than enough assault on our County water supply. Both problems can be avoided by keeping the area "low impact" on our environment.

4. The area to be developed lies between two ranges of forested hills. These hills are home to families of **deer**. These deer families egress across this area daily in the morning and evening. I am an eye witness to this daily trek. What replacement easement will accommodate the movement of these animals to avoid them being decimated by trucks and cars? Also, where will the deer find alternative fields to feed themselves. Their habitat is shrinking.

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