

**RE: Normal Neighborhood Plan Public Hearing May 6th**

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**Subject :** RE: Normal Neighborhood Plan Public Hearing May 6th  
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Hello Brandon,

Please see my letter to the city council below.

Thank you  
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April 30, 2014

Hello City Council Members

The report from ODSL was completed in 2003 (11 years ago) adopted by Ashland in 2007. In any case, the report is not valid at this point because DSL Wetland Reports are valid for five years.

These reports were general observations as well and not scientific reports according to the Wetlands Specialist that I hired.

I am unclear why significant decisions are being based on such informal, invalid reports (2003). Basically, when this was brought to the Planning Commission, instead of calling it a Wetlands Area, it has been rephrased as a Conservation Area, taking the land for city purposes, in full disregard of my rights as a Property Owner.

In Ashland, I have a right to delineate a Wetland, if it exists, and these rights have been taken away from me and the other Land Owners.

I am with the belief that this action is illegal because I am being treated differently than other Ashland Land Owners.

In my case, more than 50% is going to Conservation Area.

A Wetland Expert from Eugene, who works with the DSL very closely, did his testing and inspections on my land about two weeks ago, and concluded that this area (my lot) is NOT Wetland.

I keep on hearing that the area used to be a Wetland, yet it remains the case that the area is currently not Wetland area,

nor over the past few years has the area been considered Wetlands.

When checking for Wetland, the soil is tested down to 12 inches and examined for composition. The results of this soil testing does not alter in a short span of years, even if the years are

considered dry years.

The soil tests show no signs of being a Wetland, to date.

I want to remind everyone that the Co-Op in the past had been a Wetland Area.

For the record, one of the reasons why my lot was thought to be Wetland is due to the standing water from the illegal (without any permission) of dumping storm drain water from 30+ homes and accompanying streets of the adjacent Home Development: Meadow Brook Park Estates.

Due to this major oversight by the City of Ashland, my land is now in question for both Wetland and/or Conservation Allotment.

As an owner, I am clearly perplexed.

Thank You,

Gil Livni

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