

September 30, 2021

Richmond City Planning Commission
Re: Ordinance No. 2021-265

I am opposed to changing the recreational designation of 3021 Falcon Road. The lot is wooded, with a spring-fed creek running through a deep ravine on one side. There is a very steep slope from the back to the front of the property. The street front available for a driveway is limited.

The area is home to a diversity of wildlife, including deer, fox, raccoons, opossums, coyotes, snakes, turtles, salamanders, crawfish, frogs and peepers, rabbits, bats, flying squirrels, owls, hawks, and a variety of woodpeckers including Pileated woodpeckers (a protected species under the Migratory Bird Act).

The many trees protect the soil from erosion, sequester carbon dioxide and pollutants in the air, produce oxygen, and provide an ecosystem for many living creatures.

A lake was once present on this site and still appears on maps.

The rapid loss of habitat in the community in the last several years is alarming. I hope you will consider the value this parcel imparts to our ecosystem in its undeveloped state.

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