

Merrill, Hannah

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Unfortunately we are unable to attend the meeting.

One of our concerns is the lack of guidelines and drainage requirements for new housing development above the level of waterfront property.

As more homes are built, and trees and other vegetation are removed, increased run-off to lower properties and the shoreline is a greater problem. This increases the risk of landslides, puts increased amounts of fertilizers and other toxins into the Strait. Increased run-off has compromised the roots of large conifers and has caused many large trees to fall. This impacts eagle habitat and further contributes to erosion.

Adequate waterfront management requires that more than the direct waterfront property must be managed.

As boating has increased, more large motor boats speed very close to shore, which threatens safety of kayakers and damages habitats for shore birds and other wild life. This should be considered as well.

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