

From: [Kathy Dottery](#)
To: [Thomas West](#)
Subject: Fisher cove
Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 7:53:32 PM

Please we live in the first state and the first town in this great country, we don't need cheap housing developments by people who think greed over the beauty of our little town is more important. Please as a tax payer , and a citizen of Lewes please say no to this plan and let Lewes be a beautiful histrionic town it is

Thank you ,

Kathy Dottery of Edgewater Estates , Lewes

From: [Tim Ritzert](#)
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Subject: Fishers Cove Comment
Date: Sunday, May 12, 2019 1:10:13 PM

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Message: I would like to draw the planning Commissioners' attention to that narrow strip of land shown on the Fisher's Cove site plan. The strip runs along the rear of the homes located on the south side of RODNEY, between those lots located on Hornkill and Rodney. Although I am not certain of the strip's width, as that detail is not apparent on the site plan, it is likely to be at least 10 to 12 feet wide.

The existence of this strip and both its termini, one on Pilottown Rd and the other on a parcel described as "open space Parcel A, a federally regulated wetland", (on the site plan,) provides the planning commissioners a rare and unique opportunity to do some creative planning.

The suggestion that I want to put forth for consideration is that the strip of land become part of a designated walking trail which would be planned to include a walking trail along Pilottown Rd, a designated Byway.

Located approximately 1.1 miles from the intersection of Front St and Savannah Rd, this portion of a trail would offer a transition from the vistas of the canal offered along Pilottown Rd to views of a more suburban land use application to a wetland. Walkers, or if your prefer, rambler, would enjoy the subtle educational experience of a more complete understanding of the unique terrestrial environmental elements associated with living on a coastal plain at the pace of a walk or stroll.

In addition, the trail would support the initiative to incentivize residents and visitors alike to develop activities that are not vehicle-dependent, not require competing demands on limited resources i.e. parking spaces, and encourage more self discovery, at an activity level that would appeal to a wide swath of the city's population.

Working with vested interests, including the Park's and Recreation committee, the Byways committee, the developer, and of course mayor and council, would provide the Planning Commission with an opportunity to demonstrate vision and an example of wise land use planning.

Tim Ritzert

Time: May 12, 2019 at 5:10 pm

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Dear Members of the Lewes Planning Commission:

June 19, 2019

Anyone who lives in Lewes knows that we have a problem with flooding that is rapidly worsening as new development continues at an alarming rate while the land is also sinking and the seas rising. Drive down New Road, over the bridge to the beach, out Cedar Avenue, or along Fourth Street where the forest used to be. The developers' solution usually seems to be to elevate the drives and the housing lots until the standing water goes elsewhere. And it does go elsewhere—most often into the yards or basements of the people whose houses are nearby. Or into the marshes from whence all the flooding comes and which serve as our only protection for the delicate ecosystem in which we exist along the Delaware shore. Flood plains, wetlands and marshes continue to be ignored at our peril. So I was shocked to learn at the June 13th hearing for Fishers Cove before the Planning Commission, that a hydrologist's report is not needed for the initial approval of a development project. I am not a scientist, but that requirement seems incredibly backwards and outdated.

Over the years, I have sat in on many such hearings, and despite the hard work and best efforts of many, many thoughtful townspeople who want to see this beautiful place protected, the rate of development marches relentlessly on. We count on our elected officials to make wise and careful decisions to protect our property and the ecosystem that sustains the life on the bay, but over and over again, our hopes are dashed and the destruction continues. These are good people who are working in service for the community, and as such they are exceptionally careful to follow the ordinances and regulations in place, for fear that their decisions could come back to haunt them in some legal or financial way or both. Yet they are inevitably hamstrung by ordinances and regulations or plans that were made many years and in some cases decades ago that could not possibly have anticipated the conditions we face today. To think that we are actually governed by an ordinance about dead-end streets that was passed in the late 1940's???! Or that individual property rights supersede the health and protection of the neighbors or the rest of the community??? What about their property rights?

The situation is dire, and we continue to make it worse with each decision for each individual development, none of which may seem that big, but in the aggregate are a disaster for this town, its citizens, and the environment. When a house is on fire with people trapped inside, the fire department has not only the permission, but a sacred duty to bash down the front door to rescue the structure and its inhabitants. Surely, there must be a provision for a community faced with eminent destruction to take actions which recognize that some of our existing rules may no longer make any sense. Or at the very least to take immediate action to replace some of those ordinances for ones that could do a better job of protecting the rights of all the citizens and their surroundings and not just those of the developers and realtors. Those of us who care about Lewes implore you to find a way to save it.

Sincerely,

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