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Subject: Reject request for zoning changes at Harbor Bay Club property

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Friends on Bay Farm Island tell me a new proposal is being developed by Ron Cowan's Harbor Bay Isle Associates (HBIA) to request re-zoning of the Harbor Bay Club property to permit tearing down the club and replacing it with **80 new and previously unplanned homes.**

This preposterous proposal should be rejected out of hand. The Harbor Bay residential area is a planned unit development that is already built out. HBIA cannot change the rules at this stage, bulldoze the Harbor Bay Club, and cram in 80 new homes. That would be grossly unfair to the property owners in that neighborhood.

Furthermore, the existing club is a fine recreational facility adored by the community. What would replace it? Its location at the end of a cul-de-sac street in a peaceful wooded setting right on the water is completely ideal in its present use. Trying to shoe-horn an unplanned new housing development onto that parcel would have disastrous consequences for traffic congestion, pedestrian safety of small school children, and increased demands on infrastructure, police and fire services.

Should such a proposal reach the City Council, I strongly urge you and your colleagues to steadfastly not allow any zoning changes that would allow construction of new homes on the Harbor Bay Club property.

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