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**Re: C1-20 Wilder Lake Subdivision Proposal**

As a concerned community member I am writing today to voice my opposition to the development proposed for Wilder Lake.

I grew up visiting my grandparents on Wilder Lake and some of the fondest memories of my childhood are times spent with family and friends on the lake. When I graduated Optometry school several years ago I was lucky to find a position in Markdale, allowing me to live and work in Grey County.

Over my lifetime I have witnessed a gradual decline in the lake as a result of human impact. Increased algae, poorer water clarity, increased boat traffic, fewer fish, more garbage being thrown in the lake, the list goes on. I have often wondered how many more years the lake has left; will my two year old nephew be able to have fond memories of swimming here? Will my future children get to go canoeing with their grandparents?

Every day in my practice I see patients who are new residents of Grey County. Retirees, young families, and young professionals, Grey County is attracting a wide variety of people from Southern Ontario. When I ask what brought them to the area, escaping the city to get back to nature is a common response. In fact, the beauty and nature of our area is the focus of the Grey County tourism campaign.

Considering the fact that Wilder Lake is already in decline from human activity and that people come to Grey County to enjoy nature and escape their subdivisions in the city, I cannot understand how building a 30 house subdivision on the lake makes any sense. Subdivisions belong in cities and towns where they have easy access to municipal services, not in remote and environmentally sensitive areas.

I believe that a carefully planned low density residential development on Wilder Lake would be a reasonable use of the golf course land, but the proposal we have seen is not it. Other community members have submitted excellent statements detailing the many problems with the subdivision proposal and I share their concerns.

I ask you to consider our concerns for the future of Wilder lake and deny this proposal. I don't want to tell my children one day a story about how beautiful the lake used to be; I want to show them how great it is.

Thank you,

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