

Office Of Zoning And
Administrative Hearings

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To the Office of Zoning and Administration
Hearings:

The opening of Erskine would not be a large benefit for people in the complex and would have large impact on all of the living things on and around this street. The opening of the street would necessitate the removal of x living trees. Trees that have been here for many decades would be destroyed. It would be an environmental disaster. A promise to plant trees to replace those removed is not sufficient restitution for the existing trees. In addition to the trees, there are many animals including deer, rabbits, foxes, squirrels, frogs, and birds in the area that would have habitat destroyed and be opened up to vehicle injury. This, in Montgomery County where environmental values are stated as important, it seems like we'd be making decisions that require a really large benefit to people in order to accept an environmental disaster.

Environment would be ruined, adding extra exhaust to the There is a conservation easement on this street and fractured habitat is not as beneficial to wildlife as what

I hardly believe that any of us are enticed by

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having our beautiful surroundings altered instead of driving an extra minute. In order to save a significant amount of green space All our surroundings would be jeopardized by the opening of Erskine.

Glenallen has the nature center, Brookside Gardens, the horse stables. Adding traffic to that space does not seem advisable, especially without extending the speed bumps that currently exist up to the top of Glenallen Ave.

Wildlife, Trees ETC.

This has been extremely frustrating. Even as it is, there is congestion on Glenallen in the mornings. Having traffic routed to make a left turn onto Glenallen to get to Randolph seems like it would add frustration to the people who the road is being built for as well as the people who are already residents of the road. The Randolph intersection is very close to the Erskine intersection with Glenallen. This intersection has a significant opportunity for creating hazardous accidents for people in a hurry as cars turn right off of Randolph and left onto Glenallen towards Randolph. It just seems like inviting an environmental disaster for little or no benefit.

Though we (our neighborhood) would definitely prefer our street to remain closed, if it is a possibility of making Erskine a walking path instead of a road. We'd be open to making the

street as it is a walking path if that is a possibility instead of the road. Kids walking home from school would need a safe path, which Erskine could be. Having additional traffic could be detrimental to public safety, but the walking/biking path would mitigate that. Making Erskine a walking/biking path connected to the Glenallen would allow more people to walk to Brookside, horse stables, and the Wheaton Regional Park.

Adding traffic to a street where so many children are crossing does not seem like a good idea. When children get in and out of school, there are a lot of children walking on Glenallen, and it would be dangerous to have cars coming off of Erskine when the children are out.

Path from the apartment complex walkways through the county easement onto the currently-existing Erskine

We could honor that decision.

Everyone on the street and the adjoining streets is opposed to an idea that will only make our lives more difficult and the environment less rich without truly creating a benefit for anyone.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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