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Subject: 145th Area Rezone - Public Comment

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Please submit my comments for public comment to the City Council

Please consider a much larger area of R6 abutting the wetlands in Paramount Park Open Space Park. Wetlands are literally that; the collection point for waters. That water usually comes from source outside the wetlands themselves. For example, the waters in Ronald Bog begin to the north of what is now the retention area artificially created at great expense to taxpayers. I have heard it said that it doesn't matter because it is Federal, State, County or City money. That is our money no matter what the source.

At a time when Low Impact Development (LID) requirements are growing, does it really make sense to deliberately rezone to induce unnecessary risk to a highly functional wetland? If, at some time in the future, growth expands outward from the Transit Station and demands zoning to up-scaled, it can be addresses then

Protecting a wider portion of the drainage area for this park only makes sense. It is already providing wonderful surface water benefits and high quality wildlife habitat for park visitors to enjoy.

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always, Boni Biery