

I have been seeing various news stories about the proposed cell tower, and I am very concerned that it is being considered to locate it so close to homes in the area. It is my understanding that these are usually placed in more commercial settings. Why would we consider placing it in a neighborhood and devalue the current residents' home values as well as disrupt their quality of life. I know if I was shopping for a home, I would not consider purchasing one near a cell tower because we do not fully know the effects of these if located nearby people. Also below are additional points and concerns.

Environmental & Wetland Protection

- Construction may require clearing, grading, trenching, and heavy equipment access that disturbs wetland soils and vegetation.
- Wetlands are protected ecosystems that filter pollutants, store floodwater, and provide wildlife habitat.
- Removing trees and compacting soil reduces natural water absorption.
- Increased runoff may worsen downstream flooding or swampy conditions on neighboring residential properties.
- Construction near wetlands increases sediment entering waterways, harming aquatic ecosystems and reducing water quality.
- Tower foundations, access roads, and utility trenches can redirect surface and subsurface water flows.
- Wetlands support birds, amphibians, pollinators, and protected species.
- Tall towers may disrupt migration corridors and nesting areas.

- Fuel, lubricants, concrete washout, or accidental spills during construction can contaminate sensitive wetlands.
- Conflicts with comprehensive plans, wetland buffer ordinances, conservation overlays, or open-space preservation goals.

Land Use Compatibility & Neighborhood Character

- Industrial-scale infrastructure is inconsistent with the character and intended use of residential neighborhoods.
- Towers may be highly visible, detracting from scenic views, neighborhood appearance, and natural landscapes.
- Particularly harmful in areas valued for open space, rural character, or conservation; Approval may invite additional utility infrastructure in environmentally sensitive areas.

Public Safety & Infrastructure Concerns (Non-Health)

- Tower collapse or ice shedding could endanger nearby homes, pedestrians, or utility lines.
- Narrow or residential streets may not safely accommodate construction vehicles or long-term maintenance trucks.
- Emergency vehicles may be impeded by added traffic or site constraints.
- Electrical equipment and generators introduce ignition sources in wooded or dry areas.
- Required aviation or safety lighting may create glare or nighttime distraction.

Legal, Planning & Procedural Grounds

- Applicant failed to adequately analyze co-location, existing towers, rooftops, or non-residential zones.
- Insufficient mitigation measures, buffers, or conservation easements proposed
- Environmental assessments lack sufficient hydrology, wildlife, stormwater, or cumulative impact studies.
- Violates wetland setback requirements, fall-zone setbacks, or zoning height restrictions.
- Direct conflict with adopted municipal land-use goals.
- Impacts publicly protected wetlands, drainage systems, or conservation corridors.
- Adds to existing development pressures on already stressed wetlands or drainage systems.

