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Laura Hunt

shared her first post.

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Hello members of Together Bloomington. We are in need of your support! Please see below for information regarding a proposed medium density development in Penn Lake Neighborhood.

Say No to Rezone! Have you heard about the proposed development at the corner of W 86th St and Penn Ave S? A developer wants to have the property rezoned for medium-density housing in order to put in 15 new townhomes on the 1.8 acre lot. This means tearing down many of the mature trees and flattenin... See More

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Corey Hawkinson

Where is the information coming from that it will raise the water level of Penn Lake? I thought the development plan included catch basins?

Also, would it be bad or good to raise Penn Lake by a couple feet?

I'm curious. I'm not trying to be a jerk.

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Terri Wingard Painter

Corey Hawkinson Every year there is more erosion and not much to stop it.

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Penn Lake have grass to the shoreline. Changing that would be a worthwhile effort.

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Amy Gaukel Jensen

Anita Smithson Very true, erosion prevention happens with plantings! My favorite local restoration is lake phalen in St. Paul
<https://www.rwmwd.org/projects/lake-phalen-shoreline/>

RWMWD.ORG

Lake Phalen Shoreline - Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed...

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Anita Smithson

We lived in that neighborhood until 2018. I remember the big discussion about the city (or county?) not refilling the lake when it was low one year. I remember erosion being a topic of debate and there was a lot of resistance to solve the problem of erosion by restoring the shoreline, and losing a bit of manicured grass.

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Karen Haag

There were Beautiful trees on 87th and Portland when the city approved a large senior living facility, trees are not an issue when development is coming through. Bloomington needs more townhouses on this side of town! Yes!

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Trevon Tellor

Bloomington is a growing city, why wouldn't rezoning be a good thing for a growing city?? I'm failing to see the problem here unless "residential character" is a dog whistle

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Trevon Tellor

If you want a city to continue growth (meaning more prosperity for the entire city) then you need space for people to live. I don't understand the pearl clutching

And no, this doesn't mean your house is gonna get torn down the day this goes through. That's not how upzoning works

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Heather A Christen

Trevon Tellor Its a residential area, next to Penn Lake.... Eye sore now with house torn down, but still has big beautiful trees... would be even more of an eye sore if this was built.

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Trevon Tellor

Heather A Christen yes it's a residential area, so is a higher density residential area. You can still plant trees around lots. I live in a higher density residential area in Minneapolis for college and there are trees all over the neighborhood and 3 i... See More

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Heather A Christen

Trevon Tellor What about all the ones they have been building around Southtown?

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Trevon Tellor

Heather A Christen people need places to live clearly , this isn't like tearing down low income housing and gentrifying a BIPOC neighborhood.

And from what I always remember the area around Southtown was never exactly "green space" and the gigantic p... See More

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Kevin Doheny

This sounds like a great development project in a perfect location. As someone has already pointed out, Bloomington is a growing city and needs more decent affordable housing for families.

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Tracie L Carlson Barb Storm right?

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Lin Sod Bloomington is blooming. It's not the wonder years anymore. Old shopping centers and derelict office parks would be better locations tho - No?

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Heather A Christen Lin Sod Yes, old Southtown shopping mall plenty of empty buildings there, and now they are building a massive transit station there so it would be a better spot.

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Anita Smithson There are few places in Bloomington to build more homes for more neighbors. And this is a good way to expand the property tax base. I can see arguments for reducing the size slightly, but I think this is a great spot for townhomes / higher density.

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Amy Gaukel Jensen I think it's a great location and use of land.

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Travis Beck I love the idea of this development there. Sorry.

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Chase Saiki How is more people moving to Bloomington a good thing? Honest question from a homeowner here.

Like · Reply · 21h

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Anita Smithson more properties in our tax base. More neighbors = more people hopefully shopping in our businesses, eating in our restaurants, working or playing in our city. People need to go somewhere - so why not attract people here? We have a lot to offer.

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Laura Dreon Anita Smithson more ppl paying taxes

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Lin Sod Bloomington is a place people would choose to love and raise their families, or live a lifetime and retire in.

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Barb Storm which corner is it going to be on?

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Corey Hawkinson Barb Storm the northeast corner of Penn and 86th.

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Lin Sod Are any of you renters who would like to speak in a meeting with HRA analyst Cherie Choquist?? I spent an hour on phone with her last Friday trying to understand when or if or how the most deeply affordable needs can be met.

Idea arose to have a zoom meeting w/recent displacees but since displaced not sure how many of my folx I can track down.

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Andy Mattice No! We keep losing green space, especially East of penn!! I think the penn lake area should be our veterans memorial site..

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Bloomington. The development has the planned 20% green space required as per city code.

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Jill WestendorpChad Casper yes, people are more important than trees. It still makes me sad when healthy trees are killed. I really like trees. But sometimes you just gotta be sad and accept it. And plant new trees.

Like · Reply · 17h

Chad CasperJill Westendorp plant new trees! We have three 60'+ trees in the back yard that we have to remove for safety of ours and our neighbors home.

Like · Reply · 17h

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Gerri GulbrandsonLeonard I don't like it, but if this goes forward, there should be fewer homes. 15 seems like greed.

Like · Reply · 18h

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Lin SodBefore he left town Dr Eric Johnson PhD (consultant on housing in Bimngtn) said he drove new developers around town and said see this, see that, see those and showed them where surface parking lots needed to be merged and where oldey old office parks ne... See More

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Reed OsellGood. More multifamily housing please

Like · Reply · 1h

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Kristy WilliI don't like the location as it is already busy on Penn-not sure what they are doing with the 35/494 split (talked about removing exits along it). If any exits are removed on it, then they will go to Penn and if they add the homes, even more congestio... See More

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Heather A ChristenFor any of you that think this is a good idea... drive by the corner of 86th & Penn. This proposed location is backed up to Penn Lake, has massive trees, residential houses surrounding it. They are going to have to dig out or build back up to keep it from flooding... not to mention what an eyesore it would be... also they have been building a bunch of medium density housing in Southtown Area.

Like · Reply · 1h

Jenny Hunt TaffeHeather A Christen technically those two lots do not back up to Penn Lake.

Like · Reply · 1h

Teresa SathreHeather, why is housing an eyesore?

Like · Reply · 1h

Anita SmithsonTownhomes are residential homes too.

Like · Reply · 1h

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Teresa SathreOk, so for everyone who has a gripe- where do you propose more housing? There is nothing wrong with this spot. Yes, we will lose mature trees, has anyone asked if they plan on replanting trees?

I am in favor of more housing (apts/condos, townhouses, ... See More

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Andy MatticeTeresa Sathre no, we don't need more buildings... every block in this city is occupied by a building(sarcasm) but it's close to every.. families will always move here... I don't know where you're seeing that people don't move here.. every house that g... See More

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buildings/lots that sit all over central and Eastside. Maybe, the city should also talk to the school board to figure out how adding another s... See More

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Anita Smithson Andy Mattice I mean... it's a city. Of course we don't have empty blocks or empty lots. We aren't 1950s Bloomington anymore.

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Teresa Sathre Andy, also if you want to talk about money. More density means more distribution of taxes & considering Bloomington has put a large portion of tax relief on the hospitality industry here and now with COVID it has tanked & the MOA is not making payments, and could possibly go under... how do you think that'll affect the citizens?

Density is not a negative... it is growth & without growth the city cannot thrive.

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NEIGHBORHOOD ACT" Angie Gehrke McKinley I support multi-family housing when it can

15h

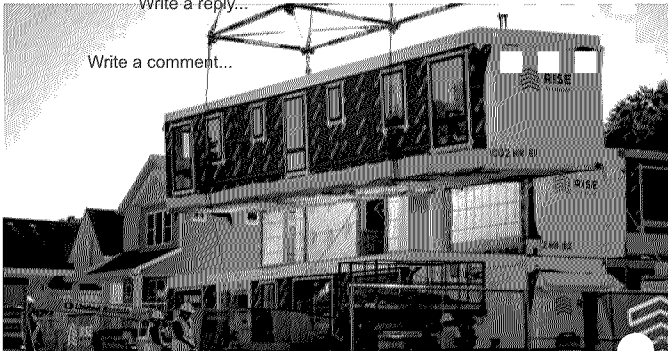
Lin Sod shared a link.

15h

Just sharing. This flew in over the transome. Wrapped around a brick of Nimby.

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You've heard of modular homes; Minneapolis just got its first prefabricated apartment building

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Eric Christen Boo!!! As a union construction worker all I can say is "boo" to these pre fabbed buildings. They are taking away our jobs.

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Lin Sod replied · 2 Replies · 6m

Amy Dybing

57m

Any local companies still doing fall aeration and overseeding? I missed my window to do it with Fertilawn, who we currently use for lawn care.

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