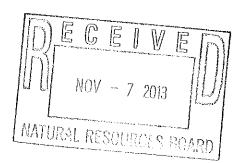
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REF: Assurance of Discontinuance, GSD Development and John Philip Gerbode

Dear Melanie,

After reading the above referenced document, I am writing to comment on the state's position. I am a resident of this community. It seems highly unlikely to me that the correction of any of these violations will be completed in light of the pending foreclosure and bankruptcy. They have not acted in good faith even with the supposed corrections made this past summer to the storm water drains in our streets. We still have drains that are too high for any water to enter, even in the strongest downpour. Any additional funds the principals put into the development at this point will be lost funds to them.

You have clearly found violations. Phil Gerbode is a realtor, and likely to again invest in some sort of real estate development. He is also very well known in the community. The penalty that you have imposed, is so small, it is hard to imagine this would act as any type of deterrent to either the respondent or any other developer in the future. With reference to Statement of Fact #6, the residents have already spent thousands of dollars to just get our street lights working, even having to use our reserve funds to ultimately replace the fixtures. These funds have NOT been reimbursed by the developer so in essence we are becoming liable to fix what he was required by ACT 250 to complete. It seems we are the ones being penalized. By this document and the payment of \$1500, you are relieving the respondent of any/all future problems or litigation regarding all items detailed. We would be better off if the state had never done this review!

Sincerely yours,

Christine Pignona

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