To The City Planner and Planning Commission

The area under discussion used to be protected wet lands and Fish and Game designated it, after testing, as fish rearing area for smolt. The pond used to be larger before people started draining it. Years ago Mr. Borer wanted to fill in the area and built a road across. He had to stop because of lack of a Core of Engineers Permit and the objections of Fish and Game, and make cuts in the road so it would not interfere with the flow of water, as it worked as a dam and the water was higher on the side opposite the pond. There is no drainage provided in the Eyak subdivision and when we get heavy rains, as we periodically do, many areas flood. After Mr. Borer built the road/dyke, the water came up to our house and my well was nearly three feet under water and drowned my pump. In the meantime the City has raised the road bed by several feet and my house, that used to be on a high point in this area, has its base below the road. This forces the water on our side of the road to drain only to the pond, which works as a buffer for the water. All the creeks, except the one by the road, have been filled in over time and there is no place for water to go. Everyone here has wells and septic tanks with drainfields that all get affected by high water. Please consider what further filing in of the wetlands around us will do. As I mentioned before, there is no planning out here as far as drainage is concerned and only banks enforce sewer, when someone needs a loan. When we moved out here in 1981 there were less than 1/3 of the houses. It might be advisable to check if there is even a Core of Engineer Permit at hand and to see what Fish and Wildlife think of the plan.

Thank you for your consideration,

Wolfgang Hagmuller.

Elke Hagmuller
March 5, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

We were the second family to move into the Mile 6.5 subdivision in 1974. We lived in a trailer for 5 years while we built our home. We put in a shallow well, about 18 feet deep, and have had good water throughout the years until Dick Borer put in Gingko Drive. This changed the entire ecosystem in this area and our water was orange and foul tasting.

Many people in the Mile 6.5 area have shallow wells. Many have filtration systems that help alleviate the water discoloration and taste. When Gingko Drive was constructed these filtration systems had little affect.

When Gingko Drive construction was terminated (due to lack of proper permitting), and partially removed, the water returned to its previous state and we have had no problems since.

Our concerns are that without proper drainage ie culverts, to allow the water to flow naturally, we will once again have foul drinking water in this area.

Another concern is with another nine lots being developed will cause increased traffic on Eyak Drive. Currently people ignore the 15 mph speed limit and the police do not enforce it. So, we would like to see Gingko Drive extended out to the Copper River Highway with proper culverts to allow drainage so this does not affect the natural ecosystem, and alleviate more traffic in the area.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Brent Songer

Joan Songer