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MDEP
Southern Maine Regional Office
312 Canco Road
Portland, ME 04103

**Public Comment on Hobbs Farm Road Development
Tax Map 62; Lot A001**

To Whom It May Concern,

In response to a Public Notice I recently received regarding a new housing development on Hobbs Farm Road (Tax Map 62; Lot A001), I am requesting that the Board of Environmental Protection assume jurisdiction over this application.

I live on Admirals Way, which is in close proximity to this development, and adjacent to other lots owned by the Burnt Mill Holding Company. The existing housing development in Hobbs Farm resulted in clear cutting vast tracts of mature trees and vegetation, with only a minimal buffers provided in the rear of each home, and not a single tree or shrub between them.

I am requesting that the Board consider initiating conditions of approval that include increased vegetative buffer zones between adjacent properties, especially those not associated with the development. In addition, I am requesting that the Board consider a condition of approval that requires the installation of sidewalks on Hobbs Farm Road to provide safe walking access for all residents living and using this development.

The rural nature of this town is being compromised by organizations like the Burnt Mill Holding Company out of Park City, Utah and I sincerely hope the Board reflect on implementing some restrictions before the landscape and ecosystem we know and love is changed forever.

Sincerely,



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