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Subject: Amending the Comprehensive Plan-Written Testimony

My name is Roger Locke. I live at 948 Cumberland Rd, Lake Oswego, Or. 97034. My family and I have lived on Cumberland Rd since 1968. Our dead end street borders Tryon Park. Since the adoption of the sensitive lands ordinance in the 1990's the ordinance has served to protect the delicate nature of the steep slope, tree groves and stream corridor that adjoin or encompass our neighborhood. There is one undeveloped lot at the end of the street. (950 Cumberland Rd) It is the steepest of any of the lots on our street and it is also divided by a stream corridor that serves as the main drainage for the area. Our neighbors and I are gravely concerned about erosion, including silt run off into the streams of Tryon Park or even the possibility of landslides especially with the removal of the tree groves and vegetation. It will take extreme measures to prep a work site with the environmental issues associated with the lot. This poses not only a logistical nightmare but more importantly a safety issue if access is hindered. Cumberland Rd is practically a one lane road with absolutely no turn around.

I understand the need to write a plan that addresses the the rights of individual homeowners. I also understand the need to protect sensitive lands and the character of the neighborhood and city. I am asking the council to leave some sort of contingency in the ordinance / plan in which unusually sensitive lots like the lot next door to me can be more adequately evaluated with some input from neighbors or affected properties. Removing steep slope, tree grove and stream corridor designation from a particular lot does not change the nature of the lot. I realize this is a tall order and hope you can find a compromise that addresses homeowner rights and what's right for city and its citizens. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to making our city the best place in Oregon to live.

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