

## Koon, Nancy

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**From:** Water Draft Permit Comment  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 11:57 AM  
**To:** Koon, Nancy  
**Subject:** FW: Correct Letter  
**Attachments:** Dear Members of the ADEQ.docx

**From:** Noelle Butski [<mailto:nbutski1@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 10:33 AM  
**To:** Water Draft Permit Comment  
**Subject:** Correct Letter

So sorry, that was the wrong draft, here is the correct one

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Noelle

"We must travel in the direction of our fear."  
- John Berryman

Dear Members of the ADEQ,

I am writing you today about the Paradise Valley draft NPDES permit and asking you to deny this permit. I have three reasons for this which I will explain in greater detail below. First, for myself and my neighbors it will cause immediate loss of value and enjoyment of our homes. Second, the subdivision that the builder wants to build is not appropriate for the area. Third, it will cause environmental harm to the local wildlife.

The land on which the builder is planning to build his wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) is located in between my house and my neighbors house on Roland Cutoff Road. This is not hyperbole; it is literally in between our homes. This means that I and my neighbor will have to live directly next to a WWTP. This will immediately cause a drop in value of my home and cause my home to be unsellable and possibly cause me to be upside down in my mortgage. When I purchased my home in March of last year, I was unaware of this as he did NOT NOTIFY ANYONE on Roland Cutoff Road of the WWTP or the subdivision he was building. Why would his rights to make money (and leave the community) override my rights as a homeowner to enjoy my home and live in the community? Why would he get to cause me and my neighbors irreparable financial damage and loss of enjoyment of our homes just to make a buck? His rights should not be more important than the rights of many.

The unnamed tributary runs along the back of the properties of many homes on Roland cutoff. It only flows seasonally which means that for most of the year it will only have undiluted output from the WWTP which is not what is supposed to happen. In addition, this builder has already had numerous violations for the WWTP he built in Waterview Estates which is across the street from us. This shows he is not reliable in maintaining the WWTP plant he already has. If you approve this, you are condemning me, and all of my neighbors who live along the unnamed tributary, to property devaluation without any form of compensation, and a lifetime of living with the smell of essentially what is an open sewer running through the back of our properties. Would you like to live like that? If this answer is no, then I ask you to please not force us to live like that. Deny his permit.

Second, the subdivision he is proposing to build is not appropriate for this community. He is proposing a massive subdivision filled with cheaply made track houses. This is not appropriate for this community. I moved here specifically to get away from that type of congestion. The roads here are not set up to handle that type of traffic especially with the cyclists who come out here to enjoy the low traffic roads. This type of leapfrog development would steal from the community what it has to offer – the country life. That is what attracts people to the community who live here and it is what draws visitors here such as cyclists. I understand that he is a builder, and he needs to earn a living. All I am asking is that he build in a responsible way that is inline with the community he is building in. I do not begrudge him a right to earn a living. I am just asking that he work with those of us left “holding the bag” after he is gone. Why not build a subdivision that maintains country living? He was clearing the land and starting construction without proper approval from the planning board. So far, this builder has tried to cut corners and push through incomplete paperwork in the hopes nobody would notice. It makes me wonder what other short cuts he would take when building this subdivision. Would you want a builder to rob your community of the good it has to offer? If your answer is no, then please do not force that upon us. Deny his permit.

Lastly, what he is proposing is not good for the environment. The unnamed tributary does not flow all year round. This means that it will be an open sewer for part of the year. In my opinion that sounds dangerous and unhealthy. In addition, I was told that the FEMA maps that are being used to map flood plains are out of date. This means that the output from the WWTP could have a more disruptive impact on the environment when the unnamed tributary does flood. Also, Mill Bayou is stagnant most of the year, which means the output, including the phosphorous, can pool and stagnate as well. This cannot possibly be good for the wildlife in the area. Please deny his permit.

I have been trying to have my voice heard about this issue for months. I have talked to the Health Department, my state representatives, the county planning board, and the Quorum Court. They have ALL directed me to the ADEQ. I am begging you please do not allow this permit. My community will be devastated. Selfishly, if you say yes, the financial loss I personally will experience will ruin me and probably bankrupt me. I will

never be able to sell a home whose neighbor is a WWTP. I understand I live in the County, and I have been told that the County is the Wild West when it comes to zoning laws. However, even in the Wild West there was a sheriff that stood for law and order and tried to help those in need. I am asking you to be that sheriff for me. Deny his permit. Do not let this happen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Noelle Butski'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Noelle Butski

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