

## Community concerns on Local map amendment H149

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express concern about the proposed Local Map Amendment H149. This local map amendment request submitted by the Glenmont Forest Investors requests a rezoning of Parcel A, Platt 6337 and Parcel B, Plat 8065 to allow for development of new housing and commercial space, increasing the number of units by 5x and adding a new connection to Glenallan Ave through Erskine Ave. My two main concerns have to do with stormwater management and pedestrian safety.

Currently we have storm water management issues that have resulted in erosion and damage to property for residents on Wallace Ave that stem from the current development on these plats and the current management was reluctant to do anything about it until legal action was taken. Management for the proposed development will be the same and thus we are concerned that they will not properly address and importantly, maintain their storm water management plan/system. *The development plans currently in place will increase the velocity and volume of stormwater runoff to neighboring properties exacerbating this issue and reinforcing the need for robust planning and a mechanism to ensure maintenance.*

Current plans also call for connecting the new development to Glenallan Ave through Erskine Ave. Glenallan Ave only has a sidewalk on one side of the street and the sidewalk on the other side is narrow and right next to the street. There is a steep slope on Glenallan Ave. from Randolph down to Erskine and there is also a slope from the development to Glenallan Ave through Erskine. These conditions make a connection to Glenallan Ave through Erskine unsafe in an area where there is a lot of pedestrian traffic including kids walking to the local elementary school, walking to the bus stop for the middle school and walking to the high school. In the mornings and afternoons, Glenallan is already a busy street. Cars often fly around the blind corner on Glenallan coming from Brookside Gardens towards Erskine and I fear for my safety crossing Glenallan at Wallace Ave (where there is a school bus stop) and also for my kids who have to make that crossing for school. Connecting a new development with highly increased density to Glenallan Ave will exacerbate these issues in area where there are already pedestrian safety issues and is unnecessary.

Thank you,  
Maya Williams  
2022 Wallace Ave



**Exhibit 56**  
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