

Planning and Development Department
City of Eugene

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a resident of South Eugene requesting denial of the proposal by AT&T to erect a monopine cell tower at 4060 West Amazon Drive. I have examined the site, related photos and the illustration provided by AT&T in their application materials.

I regularly enjoy the environmentally sensitive Amazon Creek corridor and Rexus Trail system that passes directly in front of the proposed cell tower site. This jewel of South Eugene is designated in the Metro Plan and the Eugene Park System as both a "Park and Open Space" and a "Natural Area" to be managed by the Natural Resources section. West Amazon Drive is a beautiful gateway through this environmentally sensitive and highly valued area.

The unique aesthetic values and enjoyment of this area are heightened by knowing that federal endangered species (e.g., Bradshaw's lomatium) and protected and sensitive species (e.g., pileated woodpecker, and a variety of butterflies) make their homes here. The City website states that development of this scenic natural habitat has been financed by taxpayers and local organizations for the specific purpose of "environmental appreciation."

A 75 foot monopine cell tower looming over it would be a visual blight and a grotesque symbol of contradiction. Rather than evoking a sense of peace and serenity as I pass through this beautiful natural area each day, the intrusion of this tower would be a symbol of the City's disregard for environmental appreciation.

In reference to Metro Plan E.4: I believe a monopine tower at this site would degrade, rather than preserve and enhance, the best qualities and unique environmental character of the neighborhood and Amazon Creek corridor area, and the sense of identity with the area for those of us who truly enjoy those features.

In reference to EC 9.8090 (1) and (2)(a) and (b): I believe a tower at this site would not be reasonably compatible with this neighborhood, as it would cause substantial off-site impacts. There could be no adequate screening by standing trees shielding it from view from Amazon Creek or the Rexus Trails or our cherished Kincaid City Park just across the creek. Its negative visual impact could not be mitigated.

I urge City staff to recommend denial, and the Hearings Official to deny, the AT&T Conditional Use Permit application 14-003 at 4060 West Amazon, Calvary Fellowship Church (a.k.a. Crossfire World Outreach Ministries).

Signature(s)

Date

Printed name(s)

Street address (with zip)

Email(s)