

Planning and Development Department
City of Eugene

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a Eugene resident 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 enjoy the environmentally sensitive Amazon Creek corridor and the walking and running paths of the Rexius Trail system that pass directly in front of the proposed cell tower site. This unique feature of South Eugene is designated in the Metro Plan and the Eugene Park System as a "Park and Open Space" as well as a "Natural Area" to be managed by the Natural Resources section. 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."

West Amazon Drive is a significant gateway to this valued area. An 80 foot monopine cell tower looming over the Amazon Creek corridor at the proposed location would be a visual blight and a grotesque symbol of contradiction, intruding into a unique area dedicated to natural and environmental values. This would make the area much less attractive to me as a destination for walking, jogging and appreciating nature. It would be a major affront to my aesthetic values.

In reference to Metro Plan E.4: I believe a 75 foot monopine tower at this site would degrade, rather than preserve and enhance, the most desirable features of the Amazon Creek Corridor. For those of us who frequent this area, it would forever detract from our enjoyment of this natural space.

In reference to EC 9.8090 (1) and (2)(a) and (b): I believe the proposed tower at this site would not be reasonably compatible with this area, and would have substantial off-site impacts. This tower would be visually and psychologically intrusive to those enjoying this unique natural area. There would be no adequate screening by standing trees shielding it from view from Amazon Creek, or the Rexius Trails, or Kincaid City Park just across the creek, where families and friends gather for recreation. Its negative visual, psychological, and possibly auditory impact could never be mitigated.

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

Signature(s)

Date

Printed name(s)

Street address (with zip)

Email(s)