



July 28, 2011

Mr. Ed Anzek, AICP
Director
Department of Planning & Development
City of Rochester Hills
1000 Rochester Hills Dr.
Rochester Hills, MI 48309-3034

RE: Hickory Ridge Sidewalk Variance Request

Dear Mr. Anzek,

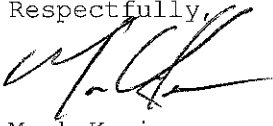
We are requesting a variance for the sidewalk along the east side of Donaldson in Hickory Ridge be eliminate and not installed.

Our request for variance is base on the following conditions:

1. In order to install the east sidewalk numerous mature healthy trees will need to be cut down over the 500' long x 20' wide area.
2. This is sidewalk services no lots.
3. The natural beauty and buffering feature of the tress will be enjoyment for future residents.
4. There is a sidewalk on the other side of the street.
5. This request is in conjunction with the policy to save trees.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,


Mark Karim
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