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I have been a Lombard resident for the past 23 years, have put 4 children through the Lombard school system, and have enjoyed the Park Districts and all that this town has to offer. I have owned 3 homes on the south side of town, but now that I have only 1 child living at home, I made the decision to move into the downtown area. Less than 2 years ago, I purchased a very quaint 1928 home with a lot of character and a large back yard. This property is directly east of the theatre. Instead of tearing this house down to put up a 4000 square foot house, I decided to spend a lot of money to renovate it, to preserve the charm that goes along with this area. The concerns that I have with this building project besides the congestion and the parking issues are as follows:

There are 6, 20 -30 foot trees just west of my property line. These trees give me privacy and shade when I am relaxing by my large coy fish pond with its waterfall. I am not looking forward to sitting in my back yard with a three story tall condominium development with balconies right behind my fence. I feel that the real value of our property in this area comes not from the house itself, but from the large, secluded back yards that most of us have. What will happen to these trees that are hundreds of years old when the condominium development goes up. Also, with the recent heavy rains that we have had, there has been massive flooding of our beautiful yards, for some over 100 feet, right up to our back doors. The recent figures on real estate sales for the year 2006 have been reported as being 23% below the sales for 2005. With all of the condos being built in this immediate area, who is going to buy all of them, and how will that effect our daily lives?