

**Board of Zoning Appeals - Site Design (BZA-SD)
Public Comments | July 6, 2022**

First Name	Last Name	Address	Submitted Comment	Item Type	Item Description	Date/Time Submitted
Steve	Kolaski	2450 Preserve Rd Johns Island, SC 29455	NO!!!! to grand tree removal.	BZA-SD	Fenwick Hall Allee PUD and Wooddale PUD	Jul 5 2022 7:49AM
Pamela	Cisneros	Johns Island	We and our neighbors on Johns Island vehemently OPPOSE the approval of the requests to remove any trees other than proven standing dead for the convenience of developers. The removal of so many valuable trees from our ecosystem is unnecessarily destructive and further harms the character of our island. We are FED up with the repeated approval of destruction of our beloved island by people who don't even live in our community and are, therefore, unaffected by their decisions.	#B-10 and #B-11	Fenwick Hall Allee PUD and Wooddale PUD	Jul 5 2022 7:52AM
Jessica	Hofford	2153 Fort Pemberton Drive	The removal of 171 grand trees, including over two dozen live oaks, is an obscene request and must be denied. Given everything we know about the importance of our forests to climate change, the negative impact on quality of life for residents, and the importance of planning for resiliency, we must not allow so many grand trees to be clear cut on this property. Even with other mitigation efforts, the removal of so many native trees would have a detrimental impact to the area for generations to come. Please deny this request and make it known that our trees are more important than yet another development on Johns Island.		Wooddale PUD	Jul 5 2022 7:54AM
Lois	Jarvi	187 High Hammock Villas Seabrook Island, SC 29455	Stop this madness of unbridled development- you are RUINING JOHN'S ISLAND!!!!!!! Say no to these developers- life is not all about money, greed and power. Save these wonderful trees- stop putting concrete everywhere & then wondering why every place floods.	BZA-SD	Fenwick Hall PUD/ Wooddale PUD	Jul 5 2022 8:05AM

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Courtney	Morris-West	1113 River Road, Johns Island, SC 29455	The removal of a total of 188 grand trees is unacceptable for the development. Chaos is continuing at the hands of developments by stripping our beautiful island and throwing in cement with no regard for the natural beauty and wildlife that thrives in these areas. I speak from personal experience living on Johns Island and seeing up to 15-20 deer, turkey, foxes, etc. behind my house for 20+ years only and now nothing due to the 71 homes that were built on 31 acres behind me along Brownswood Road. Don't keep doing this to our island!	Fenwick Hall Allee PUD/Wooddale PUD	Fenwick Hall Allee & River/Plowground Roads	Jul 5 2022 8:06AM
Jessica	Hofford	2153 Fort Pemberton Drive	Please deny the developers request for the removal of so many grand trees, especially because it includes over a dozen live oaks. The name of the development, "Allee" implies reverence to the trees on the property...so please require the developer to actually pay homage to the trees from which it plans to profit. This area of John's Island is well-known for its majestic grand oak trees, the developer knew this when it purchased the site and must be held to account when developing it. In addition, given the property's location along the river, the grand trees in this area provide environmental protection from flooding and the impacts of climate change, which are being felt more and more each year, especially in the heat of the summer. We must stop destroying the natural resources that protect our Lowcountry. Please deny this request.		Fenwick Hall Allee PUD	Jul 5 2022 8:08AM
Debbie	Linton	2654 Bohicket Road	It is unconscionable that this committee would even consider allowing developers to cut down one grand oak much less 188. We treasure our community the wildlife, trees, rural life and all that is already threatened and comprised by all the development that this committee has allowed to take place and now considering even more abuse to our little Island. PLEASE VOTE NO ON BOTH AGENDAS	BSA-SD	Fenwick Hall Allen PUD & Wooddale PUD	Jul 5 2022 8:09AM

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Alexis	Stroble	2770 Bohicket Rd	We understand developers need land to develop and our island is growing. I'm asking to explore another avenue in which the grand oaks can be included/ protected in both of these PUDs. With modern engineering there is a way to combine natural preservation, the protection of JI's beautiful grand oaks with development. It might take time but it can be done. Please implore/instruct the developers to do so.		Wooddale PUD and Fenwick Allee PUD	Jul 5 2022 8:10AM
Jason	Bodnar	2644 Bohicket Rd.	Please stop letting developers destroy the island. The island and infrastructure cannot sustain the continued development and it is destroying the beauty that makes Johns Island.	BZA-SD	Fenwick Hall Allee PUD	Jul 5 2022 8:28AM
Susan	McLaughlin	3061 Baywood Drive, Johns Island, SC 29455	I am writing to request you oppose requests from developers to take down grand trees. These trees can never be replaced by planting a number of small trees. The developers are slowly destroying Johns Island by stripping the land to put up dense housing developments and commercial real estate. We are becoming the next Mt. Pleasant with traffic issues and overcrowding.	BZA-SD	Several sites on Johns Island	Jul 5 2022 8:30AM
Pam	Lapp	1905 Edwins Crossing Johns Island sc 29455	Please do not allow developers to remove grand trees. The trees are one of the things that make this area special. The rules have been in existence for a reason for many years do not change them now. Developers need to follow our local rules and should know that prior to making their plans. They clearly don't take them seriously.	10 and 11	Removal of grand trees	Jul 5 2022 8:32AM
Jason	Bodnar	2644 Bohicket Rd	Please stop letting developers destroy the Island. The island and infrastructure cannot handle any more unnecessary development.	BZA-SD	Wooddale PUD	Jul 5 2022 8:33AM
Wanda Suggs	Kilroy	114 Milton Dr Goose Creek SC 29445	I was born and raised on Johns Island and am watching the island turn into another Hilton Head. Everything that made this island desirable is disappearing. Our wonderful John's Island tomatoes will soon become extinct. I vehemently oppose the removal of the grand trees!	10 and 11	Fenwick Hall Allee, Plowground Rd. and River Rd.	Jul 5 2022 8:36AM

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Barrie	Tyler	1703 Clark Hills Circle	This is an extreme amount of large trees to be cut. Developers should make modifications to development plans to work around these trees. Three Pulte developments have stripped all the trees on John's Island and large grand trees should be saved when possible		BZA SD	Jul 5 2022 8:46AM
Mauri	Hampl	780 Sonny Boy Lane	As property owners and residents of Johns Island, we would like to voice that we are against the removal of 17 grand trees and the reduction of the Tree Protection Zone at the Fenwick Hall Allee development. Removal of these grand trees will impact one of the greatest attributes of Johns Island for both residents and visitors of our island. Preserving the grand trees and natural beauty of our island is of great importance and special exceptions will only allow for more grand trees to be removed moving forward.		Fenwick Hall Allee PUD	Jul 5 2022 8:51AM
Curtis	Wegfahrt	2109 Colson Ln, Johns Island, SC 29455	I understand there is a request to remove 17 Grand Tress from Fenwick Hall and the "reduction of Tree Protection Zone for a number of trees" as well as 171 Grand Trees from Wooddale. 39 Live Oaks are included in these numbers. Enough is enough, the removal of the grand tress from our island has been detrimental to flooding and many other aspects of life here on Johns Island! The developers bought the land knowing full well how many and what kind of trees were on the property, and they also knew that they were protected. These trees are not a surprise to them now and not causing hardship on them in building on the property. It is THEIR RESPONSIBILITY to avoid damaging or removing any of these trees on premise. It is their responsibility to design and build around them, integrating them into their design, and stop damaging our home island. The board should unanimously vote NO to any removal of grand trees in these PUDs. Any vote other than NO shows lack of concern for the welfare of Johns Island and those who live here.	BZA-SD	Wooddale PUD AND Fenwick Hall Allee PUD	Jul 5 2022 8:54AM

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Joseph	Carastro	1500 Bower LN, Johns Island	I have reviewed the documents for both items in some detail and find that the requests for tree removal are consistent with zoning in place for the involved parcels and that the removal of the trees specified will improve the overall health of the involved areas with minimal, if any, negative consequences.	B-10 and B-11	Fenwick Hall Allee and Plowground Road 7	Jul 5 2022 9:05AM
Gillian	McLernon	3941 Chisolm rd.	The only reason to remove these trees is to make room for more people that our infrastructure CAN NOT support. Please don't.	BZA-SD	Wooddale PUD	Jul 5 2022 9:20AM
Stacey & Norman	Mosley	5492 Chisolm Rd. Johns Island SC 29455	Please say NO to the removal of these magnificent trees!!! 188 Grand Trees in total! 39 of which are Grand Oaks! They are Priceless & Irreplaceable! They are part of a fragile eco-system! They are the character of rural Johns Island. The flooding issues from tree removal & development are devastating already. The infrastructure on our Island's ancient roads is already compromised & dangerous. The removal of these awesome trees should not ever be a consideration, most especially the Grand Oaks. To grant this request will only further diminish the quality of life for those of us residing on this beautiful island, as well as its integrity & limited natural resources, for the financial gain of these few!	BZA-SD	Johns Island-WooddalePUD and Fenwick Hall Allee PUD	Jul 5 2022 9:25AM
Camley	Hitti	2625 Alamanda Drive	The removal of any Grand Trees should be forbidden forever. TPZ's are there for a reason. To accept Developer \$\$\$ for them to destroy our Island is Unthinkable. Please do not allow it. I am building a home on Johns Island and land that is virgin and loaded with Grands. I did not destroy a single one, but yet I easily could have. We need to preserve the beauty of our island and I am 1000% against this. Thank you	BZA-SD	Fenwick Hall Allee PUD and Wooddale PUD	Jul 5 2022 9:29AM

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Russ	Pritchard	2626 Bohicket Rd, Johns Island SC 29455	Aside from the popular concern regarding how much development has already been approved without a finished road and traffic solution completed, allowing more mass development and simultaneously allowing so much destruction of one of Grand Tree's, one of the islands treasured features should not be allowed. If developers want to develop on the island they need to be held to a standard that represents the values of the community and not just the highest yield per acre. Please protect the character charm of our island for those who live and visit here!	Agenda B-11	Plowground Rd 7 River Road TMS 316-00-00-034, 045 & 057	Jul 5 2022 9:41AM
James	Stanton	3309 Cottage Plantation Rd, Johns Island, SC 29455	For consideration: please do not approve the removal of grand trees for this development. The ecosystem of Johns's island is fragile, and only being made more-so by the rampant and poorly planned large construction projects. Grand trees are vital to maintaining a healthy environment, including protection from flooding events. Not to mention they are a beautiful addition to our landscape. I'm sure that any future home-owners would appreciate having the shade from these grand trees that have grown for the past many decades. Let's find a way to build WITH nature, not against it! Thank you, Jimmy Stanton	10. (TMS#346-00-00-260)	FENWICK HALL ALLEE(Johns Island)	Jul 5 2022 9:44AM
Russ	Pritchard	2626 Bohicket Rd, Johns Island SC 29455	I don't understand why further development for housing is being allowed in this area until proposed road and traffic solutions are completed. It seems illogical to open the flood gate for multi family and large single family housing developers when traffic solutions needed today won't be in place till well after what's currently in progress along with what's already approved will be completed.	Agenda B-10	Fenwick Hall TMS-326-000-00-260	Jul 5 2022 9:48AM

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James	Stanton	3309 Cottage Plantation Rd. Johns Island, SC 29455	For consideration: please do not approve the removal of grand trees for this development. The ecosystem of Johns's island is fragile, and only being made more-so by the rampant and poorly planned large construction projects. Grand trees are vital to maintaining a healthy environment, including protection from flooding events. Not to mention they are a beautiful addition to our landscape. I'm sure that any future home-owners would appreciate having the shade from these grand trees that have grown for the past many decades. Let's find a way to build WITH nature, not against it! Thank you, Jimmy Stanton	11. (TMS#316-00-00-034, 036-045 & 057)	PLOWGROUND ROAD & RIVER ROAD(Johns Island)	Jul 5 2022 9:53AM
Mary	Walker	4588 retreat dr	Do not remove all those trees. On reason people move to Johns Island is because of the beautiful oak trees.	10	Fenwick Hall Allee	Jul 5 2022 9:57AM
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Kate	Tucker-Ostergard	2662 Coquina Drive Johns Island, SC 29455	I would like it noted that I'm against the removal of the insane amount of trees that these two projects are requesting to remove. The rural nature of Johns Island and our wildlife is being threatened by constant development, not to mention the lack of infrastructure and hazardous traffic and road conditions that this development is causing.	Fenwick Hall Allee PUD, Wooddale PUD	Fenwick Hall Allee PUD, Wooddale PUD	Jul 5 2022 10:04AM
Linda	Rackley	2414 Brigger Hill Road, Wadmalaw Island, SC, 29487	Variances should not be granted for any grand tree that is listed as GOOD condition on the Tree Removal Plan. The development plan should be modified to accommodate the trees. There is no requirement dictating such rigid house placement purposed with this cookies cutter design. Think out of the box!	B-11	Plow ground 7 River Road	Jul 5 2022 10:09AM

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Cynthia	McKinley	4266 Betsy Kerrison	<p>This request notes that all of the proposed trees are in poor health and should therefore be removed. The arborist report does not give recommendations; therefore it is difficult for a layperson to judge whether a given tree should be removed. Before granting this request, it would behoove the board to review each tree on an individual basis by asking the arborist whether the tree can be saved or if removal is the only solution. Additionally, the request for a reduced setback around the base of grand trees goes directly against the desire to protect them. In order to avoid further compromising the health of these trees, it is imperative that the construction setback be maintained as written. Otherwise, in a few years, those trees will also be in poor health and just may end up back on the zoning appeals docket. Note: The public should always have more than a few days notice for items such as this! Adding it to the docket over a holiday weekend virtually gives the public very little warning.</p>	B-10	Fenwick Hall	Jul 5 2022 10:15AM

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Shep	McKinley	4266 Betsy Kerrison Pkwy Johns Island 29455	TMS # 346-00-00-260 Request a variance from Section 54-327 to allow the removal of 17 grand trees. Request a special exception from Section 54-327 to allow the removal of four grand trees. Request a variance from Section 54-330 to allow a reduced impervious construction setback near the bases of grand trees. This request notes that all of the proposed trees are in poor health and should therefore be removed. The arborist report does not give recommendations; therefore it is difficult for a layperson to judge whether a given tree should be removed. Before granting this request, it would behoove the board to review each tree on an individual basis by asking the arborist whether the tree can be saved or if removal is the only solution. Additionally, the request for a reduced setback around the base of grand trees goes directly against the explicit measures to protect them. In order to avoid further compromising the health of these trees, it is imperative that the construction setback be maintained as written. Otherwise, in a few years, those trees will also be in poor health and just may end up back on the zoning appeals docket. Note: The public should always have more than a few days notice for items such as this! Adding it to the docket over a holiday weekend gives the public vary little warning. Shep McKinley Johns Island	#B-10	Fenwick Hall Allee	Jul 5 2022 10:15AM

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Cynthia	McKinley	4266 Betsy Kerrison	<p>This property is located in a creek basin and wetland zone and therefore does not lend itself to large scale development as proposed. Removal of so many grand trees (in addition to other vegetation removal) will considerably impact the ability of the soil to mitigate rain runoff and contribute to flooding. The existing stormwater requirements and wetland constraints on this parcel exist for an important reason. By approving a variance to the grand tree ordinance in order to allow a large development in this location, the board would essentially negate the purpose of the wetland and stormwater requirements: to protect the surrounding environment from human impacts and to mitigate flooding to the surrounding areas. Please consider each tree request carefully, considering the impact to the entire ecosystem, and not just the individual tree on its own. As sea levels rise and heavy rainfall becomes more frequent, saving and protecting mature trees (especially in low lying areas) will become more important. It may be worthwhile for the developer to consider a less dense or more environmentally friendly design, before cutting down large swaths of mature forest. Note: The public should always have more than a few days notice for items such as this! Adding it to the docket over a holiday weekend virtually gives the public vary little warning.</p>	B-11	Plowground & River Rd	Jul 5 2022 10:16AM

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Jennifer	Mills	2904 Bohicket Road, Johns Island, SC 29455	The continual removal of grand trees of all species on Johns Island and all of Charleston is concerning. Who is to say that a Grade C tree live another 5 years or 75 years? If you continue to use tree health as your measure to take them all down, I feel that we will soon have no trees left on the Island. And I can see you using this as your reason to take down all of the trees on River and Bohicket Roads if/when you get to doing any work on these Roads as a part of the County's "improvement" plan. Please figure out a way to work around the trees. I suspect many of them will be here long after we are gone.	#B-10 and #B-11	Fenwick Hall Allee and Plowground Road 7 River Road	Jul 5 2022 10:30AM
Greg	Norval	2362 Brinkley Rd. Johns Island Sc	I am writing to request that the removal of the grand trees (incl live oaks) be denied. These trees represent the beauty and history of Johns Island. I understand new development but I think that it can be done in a way that protects our island beauty.	BZA-SD	Johns island - Fenwick, Plowground	Jul 5 2022 10:35AM
mary	osusky	4041 Gift Blvd Johns Island	I only saw the name of one tree company that certified the trees needed to be removed due to poor health. I object to the removal of the trees unless more than one other company with ISA certified arborists agree with the assessment that all of the trees requested to be removed are in poor health	B-10	Fenwick Hall Trees	Jul 5 2022 10:46AM
Laura	Moses	874 Colony Drive, Charleston SC 29407	I am appalled at this request to remove 171 grand trees to make way for development on John Island. Johns Island is one of our few remaining rural areas in Charleston and should be protected from rampant development to preserve its natural beauty and ecological, historical and cultural value for current residents and generations to come.	B-11	Plowground Road and River Road	Jul 5 2022 10:51AM

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Sarajane	Dolinsky	3270 Privateer Creek Road	As a resident of Seabrook Island, who must drive through Johns Island almost every day, I find the request to remove hundreds of trees (including Grand Old Oaks) to ease the development of more housing especially deplorable. Almost every island resident living West of Charleston is aware of the results of such tree removal and it's impact on already stressed and inadequate island roadway (flooding is of special concern). While the current answer to the question of "why is there more Johns island housing development" is "money talks".....money will never replace the loss of our beautiful natural tree canopy....nor will it make up for the loss of resident, life if and when another emergency evacuation is ordered.		BZA-SD	Jul 5 2022 10:54AM
mary	osusky	4041 Gift Blvd Johns Island 29455	I object to the tree removals at this location. It appears that the majority of the trees requested to be removed are solely for the purpose of being able to develop the property. Only a small percentage of the trees requested for removal were due to poor health. We cannot allow the loss of healthy grand trees and the resultant loss of habitat for our wildlife as well as increase risk of flooding just to benefit developers.	B-11	Plow Ground Rd and River Road Wooddale PUD	Jul 5 2022 10:56AM
Angela M	Voorhees	3145 Olivia Marie Ln	Do not decimate the historical and environmental integrity of Johns Island by allowing the destruction of 17 Grand tress for a development that could easily include them. If done so the area around the tree root system should extend 30 feet from center and elevation should remain the same behind that boundary for the survival of the tree species. You are in an important position to oversee the care and growth of this unique and valuable island. Do your job. Respectfully, Angela M Voorhees Johns Island resident	10	FENWICK HALL ALLEE(Johns Island)(TMS#346-00-00-260)	Jul 5 2022 11:03AM

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Kate	Nevin	3211 Eenjy Lane Johns Island SC 29455	I think it is ironic that this subdivision name evoke the beautiful trees on Johns Island, but the developers actually are requesting to remove 17 grand trees. Laughable. AND ABSOLUTELY NOT. Nothing this development plants will ever be as beautiful as the grand trees. So, just find a way to work around them. Yes, I mean that seriously. Keep the trees and amend the plans so they actually make your PUD name factual.	#B-10	Fenwick Hall Allee PUD	Jul 5 2022 11:07AM
Lisa	Owens	3760 Seabrook Island Rd	I say no to tree removal IF it is for housing. We need more roads widened before more housing. If it is commercial, that would be different and I would say possibly worth it.	B 10	Fenwick hall allee	Jul 5 2022 11:10AM
Lisa	Owens	3760 Seabrook Island Rd	If tree removal is for more housing, our answer is NO. We need Roads first, not housing. Thank you!	B 11	Wood dale PUD	Jul 5 2022 11:12AM
Myles	Brandt	2153 Fort Pemberton Dr. 29412	Don't cut down the trees.	#B-11	PLOWGROUND ROAD 7 RIVER ROAD	Jul 5 2022 11:12AM
Kate	Nevin	3211 Eenjy Lane Johns Island SC 29455	Again. The developer evokes a beautiful woodland area with the marketing and name of the subdivision, yet requests to remove 171 grands trees - 26 of which are live oaks. No. Absolutely not. Everyone on the island and everyone that ultimately lives in that neighborhood deserves to have these beautiful trees. Plan around them.	#B-11	Plowground Road 7 / Wooddale PUD	Jul 5 2022 11:13AM
Myles	Brandt	2153 Fort Pemberton Dr. 29412	Don't cut down the trees!	#B-10	FENWICK HALL ALLEE	Jul 5 2022 11:13AM

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Steve	Green	River Rd., Johns Island	I oppose the variance request for the removal of 43 grand trees and I oppose the request for a special exception for the removal of 128 grand trees on TMS 316-00-00-043, 036-045 and 057, bordering River and Plowground Road, Johns Island. I have lived within a half mile of this property for the last forty years. Johns Island has always been known for its grand trees, and such destruction of the essence of the island is reprehensible! So why can't the developers come up with a design that maintains the character of the island? Leave the grand trees and call those lots a greenspace for the HOA. Certainly the new residents would love to see grand trees in lots next to their homes! I ask that you deny both the variance and special exception from Section 54-327. Section 54-327 was created as a standard for the City of Charleston to follow. There should be no exceptions in this case!	B-11	Plowground Rd. 7 River Rd. (Johns Island)	Jul 5 2022 11:16AM
Jennifer	Mitchell	3328 Cottage Plantation Rd Johns Island SC 29455	This notification saddens me. Our island is already experiencing massive amounts of flooding. Removing more trees and paving wetlands will only divert water to flood other adjacent areas. Building more homes is the answer. Renovate existing homes or find land that does not have live oaks or other trees that not only help with flooding, but also air and preservation of the natural landscape of the island. I oppose this build as a Johns Island resident.	2	Wooddale PUD	Jul 5 2022 11:17AM
Nancy	Harold	4454 Betsy Kerrison Parkway Johns Island	We are vigorously opposed to this variance to remove 17 grand trees. Johns Island can not sustain continual removal of this vegetation that supports a healthy ecosystem	B-10	Fenwick Hall Allee PUD	Jul 5 2022 11:29AM
Thoedore	Smith	3303 plow ground rd Johns Island	With the rapidly disappearing wildlife habitat on Johns Island I am against removing any grand trees. This will help preserve what little "ruralness" remains and help prevent animal/auto accidents.	BZA-SD : Jul 6 2022	BZA-SD : Jul 6 2022	Jul 5 2022 11:33AM

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Theodore	Smith	3303 plow ground rd Johns Island	I am against reducing the tree protecting zones as well as removal of any grand trees. Enough!	BZA-SD : Jul 6 2022	BZA-SD : Jul 6 2022	Jul 5 2022 11:37AM
Rose	McNamara	4021 Gift Blvd, Johns Island, SC	House overload for land size, causing more overbuild for Johns Island. This island cannot take more fill and build with numerous houses on small land tracts, displacing the natural landscape which is imperative for flood control. Johns Island roads cannot accommodate the huge amount of traffic this overpopulated development will create. It appears dollar signs are the main agenda and not preservation of the island.	BZA-SD	Woodall PUD, Plowground and River Rds	Jul 5 2022 11:38AM
Frank	Isusky	4041 Gift Blvd Johns island SC 29455	I oppose the removal of these glorious trees most appear to be in good healthy . We should not accommodate the builder if he did not due proper due diligence .these trees are part of what makes Johns island and we should not set a bad precedents	B-11	Wooddale PUD	Jul 5 2022 11:40AM
Raja	Hitti	2625 Alamanda Drive, Johns Island SC 29455	The proposal to have a SC heritage and landmark devastation in the form of Grand Oak tree removal is appalling and should be blocked and prevented at all costs and for any reason. The fact that it is so encompassing makes it that much worse, and no authority should consider this outlandish proposal anytime especially where we are witnessing live the destruction of much of Johns Island as it once stood so unique and beautiful. Please do not approve these PUD proposals, there are plenty other areas they can make money on	BZA-SD	Fenwick Hall Allee PUD + Wooddale PUD	Jul 5 2022 11:40AM
Joanna	Standish	4226 Betsy Kerrison Parkway, Johns Island, SC 29455	I am opposed to the removal of the grand trees, they should not be removed and are part of the charm of Johns Island. Once they are removed, this will set a precedent for the rest of the Grand Trees on Johns Island. The City of Charleston must seek other alternatives.	10	FENWICK HALL ALLEE	Jul 5 2022 11:40AM
Edward	Harold	4454 Betsy Kerrison Parkway Johns Island	We are VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED to the removal of 171!!! grand trees. Please do the responsible thing and protect the ecosystem of Johns Island	B11	Wooddale PUD	Jul 5 2022 11:42AM

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Thomas	McNamara	4021 Gift Blvd., Johns Island, SC 29455.	This proposed project will add more traffic congestion to an already overloaded community with major infrastructure challenges. The destruction of the natural habitat and removal of so many trees and Live oaks seems unconscionable and will only serve to further erode and compromise the rural nature and environment of Johns Island. I cannot understand the continued expansion and development of this island which appears to have no forethought with the main motivation being money.	11	Wooddale PUD near River an Plow Ground Roads	Jul 5 2022 11:46AM
Mark	Stratton	PO Box 231	The grand tree maps are low quality and are mostly unreadable, thus preventing any member of the public to have a fully-informed opinion regarding grand tree removal on this property. The developer should provide higher quality maps that allow members of the public to identify individual trees by number so that individual tree species, grades, and descriptions in the tables can be located on the maps. While the individual tree numbers and species are unintelligible on the maps, tree grade colors are mostly readable. The vast majority of grand trees on high ground where construction would commence were given a grade of C or worse, a seemingly biased outcome that favors the developer. Has the county conducted their own independent health evaluation of the grand trees requested for removal?	B-11	PLOWGROUND ROAD 7 RIVER ROAD	Jul 5 2022 11:56AM
Alison	Vaughan	3396 Trumpet Rd. Johns Island, SC 29455	NO to cutting any grand trees or live oaks. With all the development we need trees. The amount of development allowed on Johns Island is shameful. We are ruining the beauty of the island and further exasperating flooding and environmental issues. Please no lore cutting trees!	10 & 11	Fenwick Hall Plowground/River Road	Jul 5 2022 11:56AM

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Melissa	Funk	2039 Parkway Drive	First and foremost, living on John's Island is a privilege and the developers need to understand and appreciate what this island offers to the community, environment and beyond. The importance of the trees is the main focal point to Charleston's resiliency initiative against what nature brings this way. I am 100% in opposition of the tree removal.		Fenwick Hall Allee PUD	Jul 5 2022 11:58AM
Melissa	Funk	2039 Parkway Drive	First and foremost, living on John's Island is a privilege and the developers need to understand and appreciate what this island offers to the community, environment and beyond. The importance of the trees is the main focal point to Charleston's resiliency initiative against what nature brings this way. I am 100% in opposition of the tree removal. What story will John's Island have to tell after the grand trees are removed, I can't even imagine. It would be tragic.		Wooddale PUD	Jul 5 2022 12:00PM
Helen	Greenfield	River Rd. Johns Island	I oppose the variance request for the removal of 43 grand trees and I oppose the request for a special exception for the removal of 128 grand trees on TMS 316-00-00-043, 036-045 and 057, bordering River and Plowground Road, Johns Island. I have lived within a half mile of this property for the last forty years. Johns Island has always been known for its grand trees, and such destruction of the essence of the island is reprehensible! So why can't the developers come up with a design that maintains the character of the island? Leave the grand trees and call those lots a greenspace for the HOA. Certainly the new residents would love to see grand trees in lots next to their homes! I ask that you deny both the variance and special exception from Section 54-327. Section 54-327 was created as a standard for the City of Charleston to follow. There should be no exceptions in this case!	B-11	Plowground and River Rd Johns Island	Jul 5 2022 12:09PM

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Patrick	Napolski	28 Hanover Street	I am a resident of the Eastside neighborhood and object to the School District's request for removal of one grand tree. Bit by bit CCSD is ripping at the fabric of this neighborhood by changing the site plans and design of this project. The neighborhood is prone to flooding and the removal of any flood mitigation instruments (i.e., this particular tree) will be detrimental to the overall wellbeing of the neighborhood's infrastructure. CCSD is taking advantage of the neighborhood's residents. A granting of the requested variance is an approval of CCSD's tactics.	5	63 Columbus Street	Jun 30 2022 12:14PM
Mark	Hadlock	2245 NICHOLAS DAVID PATH, JOHNS ISLAND, SC	The number of developments under construction on Johns Island seems at an unprecedented level. The rules in place to protect our Island and environment are there for a reason. This board should be protecting our lands from unabashed growth for profit. There are plenty of places to build and expand in South Carolina. The parcel in question here, as stated in the Variance Test Explanation point #1, is "an extraordinarily challenging location". Must we then start chopping up our ecosystems and virgin forests to address this challenge? Or should the builder just move on and find a less challenging site so we can protect what we have. Or they are forced to leave the trees and build around them. If that's not feasible, find a new site, one "less challenging". Another consideration should also be heard here, and that's the level of building on Johns Island with no improvement in infrastructure and services to handle the hundreds, if not thousands of families moving into these new communities only to find increased traffic, crowded schools and unsafe roadways that our children have to walk along to catch a bus, or walk home from schools or bus stops. (Continued on next page)	#B-11	PLOWGROUND ROAD 7 RIVER ROAD	Jul 5 2022 11:01AM

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Mark	Hadlock	2245 NICHOLAS DAVID PATH, JOHNS ISLAND, SC	(Continued from previous page) This board should be serving as a governor of these activities, regulating the building activity to PROTECT and prepare our Island better for future population growth. If forbidding the clear cutting of these new housing development parcels prior to building, we save so much. Your board needs to protect our grand trees, landscape vistas and wildlife from environmental abuse, and stop making it so easy for builders to randomly cut down our beautiful oaks and forests to slap up unattractive housing tracts and apartment buildings. Living on Johns Island, it looks like unabashed growth with no thought to anything but new new new. Variances to chop down protected trees should not be granted to eliminate and develop old growth land/forests until there is a much more comprehensive plan in place to address the increased population levels, infrastructure issues while maintaining our fragile ecosystems. Sounds like the old "hurry up and wait". Hurry up and overbuild while you can, then let the local governments figure everything else out while its us, the residents, who sit in more traffic, watch our kids travel unsafe roads and pay more and more in taxes for watered down services. But don't worry, we'll have very large wealthy builders who will continue to poach our lands.	#B-11	PLOWGROUND ROAD 7 RIVER ROAD	Jul 5 2022 11:01AM

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Mark	Hadlock	2245 NICHOLAS DAVID PATH, JOHNS ISLAND, SC	<p>The number of developments under construction on Johns Island seems at an unprecedented level. The rules in place to protect our Island and environment are there for a reason. This board should be protecting our lands from unabashed growth for profit. There are plenty of places to build and expand in South Carolina. Must we start chopping up our ecosystems and virgin forests to build more here on John Island? Or should the developer just move on and find a less challenging site so we can protect what we have. Or they can be forced to leave the trees and build around them. If that's not feasible, again, find a new site or reduce the number of units being built in order to conserve the trees that are already protected (heaven forbid, making less of a profit). This developer is requesting the removal of 17 grand trees, including thirteen live oaks, and the "reduction of Tree Protection Zone for a number of trees". This should be a hard stop. Please stop advocating for the developers, and start advocating for the residents of Johns Island. Living on Johns Island, it looks like unabashed growth with no thought to anything but new new new. Variances to chop down protected trees should not be granted to eliminate and develop old growth land/forests until there is a much more comprehensive plan in place to address the increased population levels, infrastructure issues while maintaining our fragile ecosystems. Sounds like the old "hurry up and wait". Hurry up and overbuild while you can, then let the local governments figure everything else out while its us, the residents, who sit in more traffic, watch our kids travel unsafe roads and pay more and more in taxes for watered down services.</p>	#B-10	FENWICK HALL ALLEE (Johns Island)	Jul 5 2022 11:25AM

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William	Baker	1715 Emmets Road, Johns Island, SC 29455	I find it really ironic that the same governmental entity that is talking about a \$1 Billion flood wall to protect the city from flooding is looking to "export" it's same poor planning and stewardship of the land to city property located on Johns Island. Just delivered to me today was an article written about flooding mitigation. Here are some quotes from the article: "Nature plays an important role in mitigating floods. When water from heavy rainstorms or king tides runs rapidly onto our roads, it can temporarily overload the stormwater drainage system and cause flooding that may restrict vehicle traffic. But by maintaining natural areas on our properties, we can slow runoff. There are nature-based solutions that lessen the rate of runoff and allow more of the water to soak into the ground while also allowing the remaining surface water to drain gradually after the storm or high tide has passed. Some properties may be suitable for establishing a rain garden in low areas. A rain garden is a shallow basin made up of native perennials, shrubs, and flowers that collects and absorbs runoff. In addition to providing a level of flood mitigation, a rain garden can be aesthetically attractive and benefits our wildlife. Natural woodlands have more water-absorbing capacity than lawns, so it helps to maintain as many native trees and shrubs, and as much natural ground cover as possible. (Continued on next page)	B-11 and B-10	Wooddale PUD and Fenwick Hall Allee PUD	Jul 5 2022 11:33AM

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William	Baker	1715 Emmets Road, Johns Island, SC 29455	(Continued from previous page) Tree roots improve soil porosity and also soak up water, some of which then evaporates from the leaves. This process, called transpiration, continues to reduce storm water stored in the soil long after a rainfall event ends. An additional benefit is the cooling effect of the tree canopy. Nature plays an important role in mitigating floods. When water from heavy rainstorms or king tides runs rapidly onto our roads, it can temporarily overload the stormwater drainage system and cause flooding that may restrict vehicle traffic. But by maintaining natural areas on our properties, we can slow runoff. There are nature-based solutions that lessen the rate of runoff and allow more of the water to soak into the ground while also allowing the remaining surface water to drain gradually after the storm or high tide has passed." The two projects you are being asked to approve will impact over 188 Grand Trees on Johns Island. There is no mitigation or "credits" a developer can buy to offset the damage this will do to the environment. Flooding is already out of control in these areas and approving the developments with the number of trees they are looking to destroy is insane! I strongly urge you to NOT approve these develops on the grounds of flooding and woodland destructions. Thank you.	B-11 and B-10	Wooddale PUD and Fenwick Hall Allee PUD	Jul 5 2022 11:33AM

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Shep	McKinley	4266 Betsy Kerrison Pkwy Johns Island SC 29455	TMS # 316-00-00-034, 036-045 & 057 Request a variance from Section 54-327 to allow the removal of 43 grand trees. Request a special exception from Section 54-327 to allow the removal of 128 grand trees. Zoned PUD This property is located in a creek basin and wetland zone and therefore does not lend itself to large scale development as proposed. Removal of so many grand trees (in addition to other vegetation removal) will considerably impact the ability of the soil to mitigate rain runoff and contribute to flooding. The existing stormwater requirements and wetland constraints on this parcel exist for an important reason. By approving a variance to the grand tree ordinance in order to allow a large development in this location, the board would essentially negate the purpose of the wetland and stormwater requirements: to protect the surrounding environment from human impacts and to mitigate flooding to the surrounding areas. Please consider each tree request carefully, considering the impact to the entire ecosystem, and not just the individual tree on its own. As sea levels rise and heavy rainfall becomes more frequent, saving and protecting mature trees (especially in low lying areas) will become more important, especially on this side of Johns Island. It may be worthwhile for the developer to consider a less dense or more environmentally friendly design, before cutting down large swaths of mature forest. Note: The public should always have more than a few days notice for items such as this! Adding it to the docket over a holiday weekend gives the public vary little warning. Shep McKinley Johns Island	#B-11	PLOWGROUND ROAD 7 RIVER ROAD	Jul 5 2022 10:19AM