

## Hummel, Robert

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hi,

My husband and I live at 8 Cherry Street and our driveway is on Birch Street, one home away from the proposed structure. I wanted to share my concerns regarding the teardown and rebuilding of 261 Orchard Street. I am concerned regarding the disruption to the water table and the size of the proposed home.

I am worried that extending the house and patio 10-15 feet from the original footprint will reduce the natural landscaping that is currently absorbing rainfall. As a result there is a risk that the overflow will be diverted into neighboring yards. Many of the neighbors have put in french drains or other solutions to manage the overflow of water. When there is a heavy downpour these systems are overwhelmed until the rain subsides.

I am also concerned with the size of the proposed structure. The current house has less than 1,500 total square feet of living space. Each floor of the proposed structure has 1,477 square feet for a total of 3,000 to 4,500 (including basement). The new house would be significantly oversized in comparison with the neighbors homes. Most of the homes on Orchard Street are 1,400 - 1,900 square feet.

I would welcome a new family to the neighborhood. I am hopeful a solution can be found to reduce the risk of disrupting water runoff and ensuring the home complements the current neighborhood.

Regards,

Gail and Mark Stafford  
8 Cherry Street