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Hello,

I submitted my public comment regarding application MLDFY2024-0001 on your website, but I wanted to email it as well to make sure it was received. If it was received, please disregard this email.

I have concern regarding the trees along the northeast drainage ditch on the Boise Bible College property, 8695 W. Marigold. These trees are located behind my property, as well as my neighbors'. We are located in the Bentwood Subdivision on N. Willowdale Lane. I am specifically concerned about the mature willow tree, but all of the trees are important to the neighborhood. I am unsure if any construction or tiling of the ditch will impact the trees, or if there is a plan to remove them, that is the reason for my comments.

I urge all to consider the significant ecological and aesthetic value of these trees before making a final decision. The trees in question are not only a stunning visual asset but also serves several important functions that contribute to the quality of life in our neighborhood:

1. **\*\*Aesthetic Beauty\*\*:** The trees are a picturesque element of our landscape. Their graceful branches and vibrant green foliage add a natural charm that enhances the overall beauty of our surroundings. Their presence contributes to the serenity and visual appeal of our environment, offering a respite from the urban landscape.

2. **\*\*Privacy\*\*:** The trees also provide essential privacy for our homes. Their expansive canopies act as a natural screen, shielding us from the sights and sounds of the surrounding area. The removal of these trees would significantly impact our privacy and alter the sense of tranquility we enjoy.

3. **\*\*Wildlife Habitat\*\*:** The trees are a vital habitat for local wildlife. They support a variety of species, including western screech owls, hummingbirds, robins, squirrels, ducks, and occasionally, cooper's hawks and osprey. They plays a crucial role in sustaining these creatures by providing shelter and food. The loss of this habitat would disrupt and negatively impact the local ecosystem.

I recognize that development is necessary for our community's growth, but I believe it is possible to balance progress with the preservation of our natural assets. Its preservation would not only honor our commitment to environmental stewardship but

also enrich the community's quality of life.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Ainsley Miller