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Hi Don,

They briefed me on the plans a couple of weeks ago. Sorry I did not let you know. I've been trying to get them to do something about their drainage issue for many months - Alain asked me to keep the discussions private - for reasons unknown - and I honoured that request in hopes that our discussions would result in a viable solution. Hopefully what they are doing will provide some relief to the water issues in the neighborhood. They are significantly enlarging the pond - big enough to contain a 100 year storm (or so they tell me). It will be lined so stored water does not leech directly into the ground water. There will be an outflow pipe that goes part way to Fuller road. Water will be released slowly so that it flows into the stormwater system rather than the forest floor or, Warren street back yards. A pipe all the way could not be used since the existing swale also drains naturally occurring surface water in that area. The repaired and enlarged pond should prevent it from overflowing into the area upstream of Warren in all but the worst cases. It is NOT an ideal solution - that would have been to have never to have run the water there in the first place, but we're hoping it will improve the situation. It is unfortunate that Nano will not deal directly with the McKownville association anymore. At the very least they should have notified the immediate neighbors they were doing work before it started. They assured me many times that any expansion toward the North would NOT put water into their existing drainage system - instead they would put in a system that flowed to the north and east.

The unannounced construction is unfortunate. But I think it is going to be in our long term best interests. Construction is expected to take a couple of months - weather permitting - and should be complete before next spring runoff. Hopefully it will make a difference.

Sorry for not involving you in the discussions, they made it pretty clear that if I did they would halt them. I had to work in a manner that I thought would get the result I needed. The choice was to work with them, or to hire a lawyer and fight against them - at least that is the way I saw it. Perhaps selfish, but I think

the result will be at least as good as we would have got by fighting, and it was faster, cheaper, and easier.

You probably do not agree, and again, I apologize for that.

regards,  
David

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> Hi Neighbors:

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> I called the University----and yes it is NanoTech that is doing the work  
> back in the woods just north of Warren Street and south of Loughlin  
> Street--bulldozing and cutting trees and generally getting prepared to  
> work on the pond that is on the University property.

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> It is unfortunate that NanoTech did not keep neighbors informed about the  
> destruction/construction.

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> How would you like it if you looked out your kitchen window and saw people  
> with chain saws cutting down the woods directly behind your fence, animals  
> (raccoons etc.) running for cover, an access road being built and  
> bulldozers doing their thing? All without warning or notice. Terrible! How  
> arrogant can any government organization be?

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> Hopefully some more definitive information will soon be received from  
> NanoTech about the project--but the University does confirm that the  
> rebuilding of the pond is what is going on.

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> Don Reeb, president, McKownville Improvement Association

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