

Dear Debbie

At a recent meeting the Board considered your request for support of a change in the comprehensive plan for your 17 acre property on the Northwest corner of Sweetwater Dr. and Silverbell Rd. As you know, that area is located near the last major wildlife corridor from the Tucson Mountains to the Santa Cruz River. For this reason, we want to proceed cautiously. I am sure you will agree that this area is very important, and a large part of its significance is in fact due to your own efforts in the establishment of the Sweetwater Preserve, which now provides outstanding connectivity between the lower Sweetwater Wash and preserved areas of the Tucson Mountains. We are concerned that a change in the comprehensive plan for your property might provide a precedent in the area, leading to difficulty in keeping undesirable development at bay in the critical areas of the existing broad wildlife corridor. We are also concerned that the hilly areas on your site might need to be leveled for a co-housing development, creating excessive damage. Given these various issues, the Board felt that support for a change in the comprehensive plan at this time is premature. We would like to study the issue further, and perhaps see a more detailed proposal for how your site might be developed before we could provide our support. We do understand that the last thing that you would want is a development that would be damaging, but we do feel that given the critical nature of this area, a variety of factors need to be considered before we could make a decision. We do hope you understand our caution.

Sincerely

Bob Gilby

President