

**From:** [Amy Rusko](#)  
**To:** [Jennifer B.](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Comment on Rivertown Townhomes  
**Date:** Monday, September 18, 2023 8:36:00 AM  
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Jennifer,

Thank you for your comments on the Rivertown Townhomes project. The City is concerned with the soil stabilization as well and have issued comments to the applicant regarding these issues. The Neighborhood Meeting is required to be scheduled at the beginning of the project per the Arlington Municipal Code, and many times the site plan and project change drastically from start to finish. I will take a closer look at your overall property and specifically the tree that you have concerns with. I look forward to meeting you at the neighborhood meeting.

Sincerely,  
*Amy Rusko*



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**Subject:** Comment on Rivertown Townhomes

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Hello,

I am the owner of 414 E. Gilman Ave., the neighboring property of 416 and 422 E. Gilman Ave which is in the process of being developed by Rivertown Townhomes.

I am concerned about potential soil destabilization from removing so many trees from the properties. I am aware that new trees will be planted. But between the removal of the existing trees and the establishment of the new trees (which can take a few years), there is a risk of soil erosion and destabilization.

I am also concerned about the potential impacts to my property. I have a large, old Birch tree on the corner of the property. This tree is essential for stabilizing the corner of my property, which has a 15ft sheer drop-off at that point. I would like assurance from the developer that care will be taken to prevent any damage to the tree's roots, which could result in the death of the tree.

I will be participating in the community meeting on October 3.

Jennifer Benton