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Dear City of Arlington-

As a previous, 25-year resident of the City and a current, two-year resident of Arlington Heights I am gravely concerned about the proposed land use action for the Arlington Garden Apartments. With ever-shrinking open spaces, concerns of increased weather severity due to climate change, shrinking animal habitats and the sensitivity of our watershed I find it unconscionable that the City of Arlington would consider large scale, high density housing in the Stillaguamish River Valley. Basic observation skills would take note that the overwhelming majority of housing in the valley is perched on the surrounding bluffs. And anyone who lives in or visits the area during our wettest months would experience the reasons why; it's a river valley prone to flooding and is responsible for the absorption and retention of massive amounts of water. Projects such as the Arlington Garden Apartments can only make negative contributions to such a sensitive area. The rooftops, parking lots and runoff of antifreeze, motor oil and other chemicals will only continue to pollute the environment and make it even harder for our fish and wildlife to survive. As well, three story apartment buildings would be a blight on the valley and deliver another disastrous hit to the roots of Arlington's agricultural history.

The Stillaguamish River Valley is the WRONG place for high density housing. The City should be PROTECTING this land, not paving it over. I just can't imagine why the City wants to destroy the sensitive, scenic and irreplaceable Stillaguamish River Valley. There has to be better alternatives.

Thank you and I look forward to voicing my concerns during the December 19th community meeting.

Regards-

Larry Adamski