

Resolution to Protect the Arbor Chase Wetlands

Whereas, the neighborhood of Arbor Chase in West Lafayette, Indiana consists of 349 homes built adjacent to 44 acres of Indiana Wetlands, referred to here as the “Arbor Chase Wetlands”;

Whereas, the Arbor Chase Wetlands add beauty and financial value to the homes on which the residents of Arbor Chase pay Indiana property taxes;

Whereas, the Arbor Chase Wetlands provide sanctuary for magnificent trees that adorn the north end of our neighborhood and provide habitat for native wildlife including deer, birds of prey, coyotes, squirrels and other Indiana fauna;

Whereas, the homeowners in Arbor Chase and neighboring community of Westport bought homes with the expectation that the property adjacent to the wetlands would be protected from added development and traffic;

Whereas, the benefits of wetlands to Hoosiers, such as flood control and water quality, are well documented;

Whereas, [85%](#) of Indiana’s natural wetlands have already been lost;

Whereas, the Arbor Chase Wetlands, have been protected from destruction because of the State Regulated Wetlands Law, despite multiple efforts from developers to disrupt the habitat;

Whereas, Senate Bill 389, currently under consideration by the Indiana General Assembly, would repeal the State Regulated Wetlands law and potentially adversely impact the neighborhood of Arbor Chase;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Arbor Chase Board of Directors shall oppose efforts to repeal the State Regulated Wetlands law;

Therefore, be it further resolved that the Arbor Chase Board of Directors will call upon local and state leaders to assist the Board in rigorously protecting the Arbor Chase Wetlands from destruction, regardless of the status of the State Regulated Wetlands law.

Approved Unanimously by the Arbor Chase Board of Directors on Feb. 16, 2021.