

July 5, 2021

Sustainable Delaware Ohio
Position Statement/Letter to the Editor
RE: Parcel No. 419240010420000, 2880 Liberty Road,
Delaware (Shakti Dara Ridge proposal)



Sustainable Delaware Ohio opposes the proposed development (Shakti Dara Ridge) on land that sits directly opposite of the Stratford Ecological Center on Liberty Road. The development is up for discussion at the Delaware Township Trustees Meeting on July 7, 2021 at 7 p.m. at the Delaware Township Hall at 2590 Liberty Road. SDO encourages as many concerned citizens as possible to attend the meeting to advocate for Stratford and the ecological systems it protects.

The development plan calls for 155 high density housing units to be built on former cropland with a natural wetland component that feeds into the adjacent Stratford State Forest Preserve. This proposed high density housing would negatively impact the water quality of Stratford's stream, wetlands and vernal pools. The additional noise, light and air pollution a housing development brings would be detrimental to the delicate ecosystems at work within the preserve as well as to the unique species who depend on them. Additionally, the sheer presence of so much housing—with its accompanying traffic—will change the very character of Stratford itself.

At a minimum, an environmental analysis and an Environment Impact Statement should be issued prior to any development on parcel 419240010420000 at 2880 Liberty Road, Delaware.

Stratford remains a deeply loved presence for present and future generations. To change the character of this beloved place—for yet another cookie-cutter housing development, which could be found anywhere at all, would be a tremendous loss for area residents and our area as whole. Let us do everything we can to preserve and enhance the unique quality—a quality synonymous with Stratford Ecological Center itself, for which no price can be named.

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The Board and members of Sustainable Delaware Ohio

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