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Subject: New construction

As a resident of this city for almost 13 years. I want to lend my support to all of the new residential home construction. I am keenly aware that housing is sorely needed.

However, along with new housing opportunities, I hope the planning commission is keeping in mind the lack of green space. Yes I understand that our community has significant access to beaches, water ways, etc. I am speaking in regards to recreational playing fields.

I am on the Siuslaw Youth Soccer Board as an at large member. I am not currently speaking for the board in this letter. I am acutely aware, due to my position, that Miller Park is quickly becoming too small for soccer and baseball/softball. With all of the construction, I hope that we will attract more families to remain or move to our great community. Given that possibility the city should plan more parks that can be used by families for large field games in the future: soccer, baseball, La crosse, softball, etc. I think those spaces will encourage more families to remain or to move here.

Thank you,

Nicole Harklerode