

Subject: Impact of Development Variance Permits (DVP) on our communities.

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Your Worship & Members of Council,

At the Council meeting of December 20th council dealt with yet another development variance permit. I am not going to debate the merits for or against granting this specific permit. I just want to contribute to the general debate on granting any development variance permits.

Since there are some 28,000 single family homes in the District some members of council may well conclude that the granting of some 35 DVPs per year would have a negligible impact. I have a somewhat different view. Since a single DVP impacts about 8 adjacent homes and since the impact lasts about 50 years (a reasonable "life" for such a DVP) the number of homes impacted over a 50 year span is about $8 \times 50 \times 35 = 14000$.

So one sees that through granting a relatively small number of variances per year, over time, some 50% of the single family homes in the District will be impacted. Thus comes about the destruction of community plans by a thousand small cuts.

"Sustainability" is a key planning element for communities. I hope the above perspective will give everyone a more serious view of the long term impact DVPs can have on our communities.

Your truly,

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