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Mr. Butler,

I have already submitted a written public comment.
You sent me the acknowledgement on behalf of the OPSB.

I'm not at all savvy about OPSB operations.
So I'm assuming you are staff and assigned to this case.
I'm writing directly to you upon learning the "staff" has recommended denial.
But because of my lack of knowledge, I felt obliged to reach out.

My purpose is to reiterate and emphasize my most important logic point.
Project construction and resulting topography changes will increase flooding.

I have an overall objection to more flooding in the general area.
But it is crucial the 8 acre property my wife and I own **NOT** have added flooding.
It lies at a junction point where two ditches drain into the Little Ottawa river.
The south ditch is a conduit for runoff from thousands of acres, many in the project footprint.
So is the north ditch but runoff comes from the north and west, not the southwest.
During the worst storms now, only a small portion of our property doesn't flood severely.
Thankfully, my home is on this small portion but it just barely avoids flooding.

Even a small increase in the high-water mark will likely result in damage to my home.

Hopefully, my points will bolster an overall opinion about flooding reached by the staff.

Therefore, will you please add this submission to the official case records and acknowledge its receipt?

Respectfully,

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