

Bryceson,

Thank you again for yesterday's meeting and for providing the Conditional Assessment Report and preliminary breach materials. We appreciated the openness of the conversation and, in particular, Toll Brothers' willingness to seriously investigate the possibility of a reservoir or retained-water solution behind 12675 Silver Fox Court.

There are two important reasons why preserving a meaningful body of water in this location matters. First, substantial water already flows downstream into the existing lake through the creek we share, potentially providing a natural and continuing water source for an appropriately engineered reservoir. Second, and most importantly for our family, the lake is not simply something we see from one portion of our property—it **defines the entire rear-facing** experience of our home, and a substantial source of irrigation that passes thru our creek (see attachments)

Nearly half of the interior of our house is oriented directly toward the lake. Our primary bedroom, kitchen, breakfast room, family room, holding area, upstairs second primary bedroom, and upstairs gym all face the water. Throughout these spaces, much of the traditional rear wall structure was intentionally replaced with expansive glass doors and windows, filling the home with natural light and uninterrupted views of the lake and surrounding environment. In total, **24 doors and 8 windows face the water**. The architecture of the home is therefore fundamentally connected to this view.

If the lake is simply drained and the existing water replaced by an exposed lakebed or materially different landscape, that new condition will not be confined to a small portion of our backyard. It will become the dominant view from virtually the **entire rear half of our home** and could remain part of the property for generations to come. That is why preserving water within this viewshed is so important to us.

The encouraging part is that **we believe there may be a solution**. Rather than approaching this as an obstacle to Toll Brothers' necessary engineering and safety objectives, we would like to explore whether the existing natural water flow and site conditions can support an appropriately engineered reservoir or pooling solution that addresses those requirements while preserving a meaningful portion of the water environment that is so integral to our home.!

After the meeting, we spent considerable time reviewing the materials you provided and discussing the site, its engineering challenges, and potential approaches with engineers and other professionals, as you suggested. Fortunately, Dejah and I had already begun developing our own thoughts after speaking with Jake several weeks ago about the dam. Rather than simply waiting for Toll's engineering team to undertake the entire exercise, we wanted to contribute constructively to the process. That is why I suggested exploring a reservoir or retained-water solution. I have attached a preliminary concept deck—not as a final engineering proposal, but as a tangible starting point that Toll's engineers, the project leadership team, our professionals, and our family can evaluate together.

Preserving some meaningful water feature is extremely important to us for reasons that extend well beyond aesthetics. We specifically chose our forever home, because its natural environment supports the way our family lives. My entire family meditates daily, and the water, wildlife, and tranquility are an important part of that experience. My mom, great grandmother, father, grandfathers, brothers, and aunts are lifelong outdoorsmen, and our tiny portion of the lake has an extraordinary fish population. A food source and a spiritual source as well as a great soil quality for farming. Killing the water kills it all. Combined with the farming capabilities of our property, the lake provides another connection to the land and its natural resources. Those qualities are also why we have continued making substantial investments in our home that embrace and take advantage of its unique setting, including the remarkable wildlife that lives around and depends upon the water.

For that reason, we would sincerely like to explore whether a portion of the existing water can be preserved through an engineered pool, reservoir, or similar solution—particularly within the primary sightline from our home. This is not a minor view corridor for us: **24 doors and 8 windows on the lakeside of our home face the water.** Our objective is not to interfere with Toll's legitimate engineering or safety requirements, but to determine whether those requirements and the character of our property can coexist. If there is a technically sound way to preserve meaningful water within that viewshed, we believe it deserves serious evaluation before the existing condition is permanently eliminated. Our starting point is straightforward: **we are not proposing that Toll abandon its proposed permanent breach or that the existing Irene/Tharp Lake dam continue to serve as the impounding structure for the water behind our property.** Instead, we would like the engineering teams to determine whether a **separate, independently engineered retained-water basin or reservoir** can be created adjacent to 12675 Silver Fox Court while allowing Toll's permanent breach and downstream stream-restoration work to proceed.

That distinction is important. The CAR itself identifies three alternatives—do nothing, breach the dam, or rehabilitate the dam—and concludes that the existing outlet works and available storage do not satisfy the applicable hydraulic criteria. It also explains that, under the breach alternative, the breach must be designed so that peak discharge for the various storm events is not greater than the current amounts. We therefore approached the reservoir/pooling idea not simply as an aesthetic request to “leave some water,” but as a **water-management and engineering question that should be evaluated within the context of Toll's overall hydraulic solution.**

The concept in the attached deck is intentionally preliminary. We are asking the engineers to evaluate whether a smaller retained-water system can be established adjacent to 12675 without relying upon the existing dam, with appropriately engineered conveyance, bypass, outlet and/or detention features so that the shared-stream watershed can safely pass through or around the retained basin and ultimately integrate with Toll's proposed breach and stream-transition system.

One reason we believe this is worth serious study is that **water conveyance and discharge management remain engineering considerations even after the existing dam is breached**. Rather than viewing our retained-water request as something necessarily in conflict with Toll's work, we would like to explore whether it can be engineered as a compatible component of the final water-management solution.

The survey information also reinforces why we believe the interface at our property deserves careful engineering attention. Toll's boundary exhibit specifically identifies portions of the creek centerline as the property line ("CL CREEK IS PL"), so the existing stream/property relationship is a real site condition that should inform the evaluation rather than be abstracted away in a conceptual drawing. The surveyor likewise cautions that streams and bodies of water may be subject to applicable state, county and local buffers or restrictions, which of course would need to be incorporated into any ultimately viable solution. We recognize that what we are presenting is a **concept, not an engineered design**, and we are deliberately not prescribing dimensions, elevations, storage volumes, outlet capacities or structural specifications. Those decisions belong with the hydrologic, civil, geotechnical and regulatory professionals after the appropriate modeling and field analysis.

What we would like to establish now is whether the concept is technically viable and, if it is, begin working collaboratively toward the best configuration. We are flexible on the precise geometry and engineering solution. Our objective is to preserve a meaningful waterfront condition at 12675 while allowing Toll to accomplish its development and dam-safety objectives without recreating the hydraulic deficiency that the current project is intended to resolve.

I think yesterday's meeting established a very constructive foundation for doing that. We appreciated the willingness of everyone at the table to look for solutions. We share that approach.

Please circulate the attached concept to the appropriate engineering team for an initial feasibility review. I have copied the lead engineer so that we can begin the technical dialogue directly and efficiently. Once both engineering sides have had an opportunity to react to the concept, I would welcome another working session where we can put the plans on the table together and determine what is technically achievable.

Thank you again, Bryceson. We are excited about the possibility of developing a solution that works for **12675 Silver Fox Court, Toll Brothers and the larger project**, and we are prepared to stay actively engaged with your team to help get there. We established a quality of life here and understand you too have your intentions with your property. We simply want a solution that is sustainable and allows us to live the same way we started the first day we bought our Shangri La.

Best,

Kevin Watson & Dejah Watson