

# Country in the city

## Proposal would put 6 houses in undeveloped area

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Developer Carol Peoples is seeking city permission to build a cluster of six single-family housing units on a 2 1/2-acre wooded site on the northwest corner of Edgemont and 10 Mile in the western edge of Southfield, near the Farmington Hills border.

That area, sometimes referred to as the "country" part of the

city with woods, wildlife areas and streams running through it, requires the largest residential lot sizes in Southfield—a minimum of 20,000 square feet per residence.

"I'm seeking the cluster option (attached single family houses) because I want to save as many trees and preserve as much of the nature of the area as possible," Peoples said. "But I've made up my mind that if they (the city)

don't want it that way I can do it the other way."

The other way is with each house separately on its own lot which would not require special site plan hearings and approval by city council. The cluster option — building the houses in a group surrounded by the land collectively — is possible under the zoning but only with favorable recommendations from the city planning department, the planning

commission and city council action.

A public hearing on Peoples' request was scheduled for last night's planning commission meeting, but city planner Barbara McBeth said it would be tabled at the request of the applicant because her tree survey of the property had not yet been completed. The planning department's pre-hearing recommendation will be delayed, McBeth said. "We're

waiting to see what the tree survey turns up."

Despite the proximity to streams, there are no wetlands on the property that would hinder the development, McBeth added. Peoples, a resident of Southfield for more than 15 years, has developed residential and commercial property in Michigan.

The houses in her proposed development would be up to 2,600 square feet in size, she said.

While "fill-in" single family homes have continued to be built in Southfield neighborhoods, few residential developments have gone up in the city in recent years. The largest development is Sussex Woods, a 60-lot project that's been under construction since the late 1980s.

Also, McBeth said a seven-house development is under way at Fairfield and 11 Mile.

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