

## Pete Walter

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**To:** Laura Terway; Pete Walter  
**Subject:** LEG-19-00006  
**Attachments:** Photo Comparison Tool 2003.png; Photo Comparison Tool 2018.png

Hi Laura and Pete,

Kindly add this to the record for this evening's agenda item on the proposed Canemah wetland complex addition to the NROD inventory.

I am supportive of the proposal, and offer these brief comments.

I worked as a watershed planner in Ann Arbor, Michigan during the 1990s.

One of my projects, with the Huron River Watershed Council, was the "Advanced Identification of Wetlands" project, in which we developed a methodology to identify wetlands and their functional values based on aerial photographs.

I have gone to the City's "photo comparison tool" and captured the attached screen shots of the subject wetland for 2003 and 2018.

It seems to me that the delineated wetland is part of a larger wetland complex. The 2003 aerial suggests that the wetland extended over the rear part of 514 4th Ave., and even into the unimproved right-of-way of Jerome St.

The 2018 aerial, by contrast, shows the portion of the wetland on 514 4th Ave. to have been significantly impacted, including channelization, and the portion of the wetland within the Jerome St. ROW to have been filled altogether.

It would be significant to know the circumstances surrounding these impacts.

At least as far as 514 4th and the Canemah Cottages site, the addition of the wetland to the NROD could support a change in direction back towards protection and restoration of wetland functions and values, including water quality, habitat, and flood control.

Thanks,

Jim Nicita  
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LEFT photo:

2003



RIGHT photo:

2018

514 4th Ave.  
Wetland

Canemah  
Cottages  
Wetland

Jerome Street  
ROW Wetland