

Do not destroy, displace foxes

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I am a Fort Collins resident whose home borders a proposed student-housing complex by developer Campus Crest. My family and I have had the immense pleasure of viewing numerous fox families and other wildlife for many years in the field behind our house. My children look forward to fox babies every spring. We follow their development through the summer and into the autumn, enjoying the many adventures the fox families go on in our neighborhood.

I have recently noticed markers next to 14 fox dens located within Campus Crest's proposed development area in the field. I can only assume these markers are to direct efforts for destruction or displacement of the foxes in this area. I acknowledge that destruction and displacement of wildlife are frequently consequences of development - construction of my own home likely had the same impacts. I am writing this letter, however, to urge Campus Crest to delay destruction and/or displacement of these fox families until a development has been approved.

Campus Crest, I do not know why the fox dens are marked today. Your first development proposal was denied and your second development proposal has not yet been reviewed by city staff or the Planning and Zoning Board. City Code states and city staff has ruled that fox den elimination may not be undertaken until a development is approved. Our city has rules. Developers should have to follow them. Please do not destroy or displace the foxes.

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YES, at least she's dressed!

NO, I have *some* rules!

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