

## Village Farm Agrihood

My name is Kirsten Edwards. I was born at Seton and raised in a neighborhood in SE Austin that has since been demolished due to chronic flooding caused in part by overdevelopment upstream. I can't think of a better city to raise my three children, and we're incredibly lucky to live in the Village Farm agrihood where we have a close community and access to fresh food and green space. But while I'd like to think that our development policies are wiser and more intentional than they were in the Wild West 70s and 80s, I recently read that our area is losing 17 acres of farmland per day to development. I'm not an expert, but this doesn't sound sustainable, prudent, or wise.

I would love to see our beloved city actively support and encourage the development of agrihoods not only so other families can have access to the things mine does, but also so that we can avoid the careless development errors of our past and ensure a sustainable future for our reason.

Thank you for your time.