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Comments: Hello,

The proposed development of the Holland Lake Lodge would be a mistake. I'm sure you will get many comments about the current aesthetics of the lodge and how building something new would be an eyesore in such an attractive spot. I would certainly agree. However I think the biggest issue is simply the environmental impact that having 150 plus people will have on a small lake like that. Having grown up in Minnesota and spending the majority of my life on or near lakes I have seen first hand the degradation of the lake environment simply by having that many people concentrated in one area. You will certainly have shoreline erosion and if motorboats are allowed you will also have motor oil and gasoline being spilled into the water on a regular basis. The biggest concern I would have is controlling the effluent that makes its way into the lake from whatever septic system is in place. Having a system or systems designed to handle that many people, no matter how state of the art, will almost certainly pollute the lake and cause harm. In case after case in Minnesota, over time the liquid from the septic system eventually finds its way through the soil and goes into the nearby lake. It causes the lake to become increasingly turbid because of algae and the health of the lake deteriorates. The irony in this is everyone comes to "the lake" because it is so beautiful but it becomes less beautiful because everyone is there. I urge you to deny the proposal for the sake of keeping the environment on Holland Lake healthy.