

RE- Fencing Waiver Request for 21355 Meadowbrook Rd

## 9. Statement of practical difficulties:

The Northville Cooperative Preschool is a non-profit organization that has been in existence since 1951. We are licensed by the State of Michigan and administered by a parent board and accredited teachers. We offer classes to children ages 21 months through 5 years. Although classified as a Day Care Center under State and Local ordinances, NCP is a preschool and does not offer full day programs for children of any age. Because of this, we are not required by the State of Michigan to provide daily outdoor activities for the children in our school. When our children do go outside, it is under close adult supervision, one class at a time, with a minimum adult to child ratio of 1:5. The largest number of children we would have outside at one time, other than for fire drills, would be 15.

The neighborhoods adjacent to 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., a.k.a. Meadowbrook Congregational Church, are generally free of fencing with the exception of yards with pools where the fences are required for safety. A fenced-in play area would be out of character for the location and would provide no benefit in regards to public safety. While the property is properly bermed and screened from the neighbors by trees, the fenced in play area would be visable from Broquet Rd. to the north and would be a relative eyesore compared to a field of grass.

We feel it is unjust to require us to create a fenced in play area, that we are not otherwise required to create, at significant cost and creating an ongoing maintenance burden. The fencing would be out of character for the neighborhood and could negatively impact the values of the homes on Broquet Road that have views of the lawn of Meadowbrook Congregational Church. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Mikulan NCP President 2009-2010





