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Don't rezone farmland into residential without improving S. Northshore Dr.

The single most impactful thing that Knox County can do for our safety, for our quality of life, and for our property values, is to give us an improved S. Northshore Dr. We need greenway, shoulders, and turn lanes. Please do not allow anymore development in this area without including improvements to S. Northshore.

Ten years ago the property along S. Northshore Dr was all farms, cows and horses. In the past 10 years subdivisions full of families have moved in. Cove Park, The YMCA, Wiegels, and the shops at Choto have developed along with these subdivisions. The only thing that hasn't changed is S. Northshore Dr.

S Northshore Dr is the only way to access Concord Park, Jefferson Park Subdivision, the YMCA, and all subdivisions west to Choto. S. Northshore Dr is narrow and has no shoulders. The sides of the road drop down into a tight, overgrown ditch. It is not walkable, and there is no where else to walk or ride a bike, other than in the traffic lane.

Concord Park is located less than 1/2 mile from Jefferson Park; a 10 minute walk if we had access. The proposed Harper's Cove subdivision will be even closer. At night we can see the lights at the baseball fields and hear the crowds cheering, but the only way we can get to Concord Park is to get in our cars and drive there.

If the Harper's Cove subdivision is approved, it will only be adding to the frustrated Knox County residents who do not have a way to walk or ride bikes on S Northshore Dr between Concord Park South and the Choto Circle.

This situation is a tragedy waiting to happen. Kids can not get home, get to school, or get to Concord Park on foot, without mixing with the traffic on South Northshore. Please do not wait for a tragedy to happen before improvements are made.

For our safety, for our quality of life, and for our property values, the residents that live in these subdivisions off South Northshore Drive don't just want a walkway, we need a walkway.

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