

The environmental impact of clearing 62 acres of forested land is immense. That land is a habitat for many animals, and these animals will be displaced if this forested land is cleared. The wildlife is important for local residents and is one of the biggest draws of the area. In addition, the changing of the contour of the land will cause water drainage and run off issues that will affect all of us. Changing the contour of the land will create erosion and water quality issues that will impact the area for years to come. It is shameful of Knox County to approve something that would cause such an impact to our wildlife and natural environment.

My second major issue with yet another housing development involves the roads and traffic. Campbell station is an already overburdened road. The section of Campbell Station Road that lies between Yarnell Road and Hardin Valley Road is riddled with potholes and is in need of serious repair as it is. More traffic will worsen the condition of this road.

We have already had two new developments built within the same area as the one that is being proposed. Right now, Campbell Station can barely accommodate the current amount of traffic generated by residents of the area. Another new development will overtax this little two lane road. Campbell Station Road already becomes congested during busy times of the day. Area residents do not want to have to have traffic lights installed to control traffic congestion.

Local residents' quality of life will be adversely affected by this new development. Adding 196 new families to the area will impact travel times and traffic congestion. It will also cause road conditions to deteriorate faster. In addition, Hardin Valley Schools are already operating at capacity. This development will overburden the school system which will affect teachers and students alike. Please do not authorize the rezoning of these two parcels! The last thing that Hardin Valley needs in another housing development.

Thank you for your time,

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