

To: Knox Planning Commission

From: Clara and John Ernst

Re: Opposition to case 10-I-21-PA

We used to live in Amherst Ridge community and on Amherst Rd. from 2016-2020, and still visit our kids living on Amherst Rd. often. We have many concerns about the rezoning and building on this property.

- The current traffic issues are concerning. A lot of people use this road as a cross thru and travel at high speeds. Adding more traffic is a safety concern, not only for the current residents accessing their driveways and mail, but for the kids at bus stops and living here. Traffic volume is already backed up, so adding more people here will only create more bottlenecked areas. These were meant to be back roads with less traffic and speed. Even over the years we lived here, it has gotten much worse.
- We need to preserve the wildlife and trees in this area. This was their land first and we are forcing them to relocate, if they even can, pushing them into current resident's yards and onto the dangerous roads. These trees provide us with clean air. Air quality will surely be affected without them.
- Flooding is a serious problem in this entire area. Removing trees will only cause more water damage and run-off problems.
- The devaluation of property doesn't seem to be a choice for current residents anymore. They work really hard to raise the value of their homes, and with developments like this, they are forced to deal with and accept the city's decision.

What comes next after the deforestation and wildlife displacement, condo building and increased flooding, overpopulation and traffic/road issues? Please consider keeping the current zoning as low density residential / single family home.