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As a resident near Couch Mill Road in Hardin Valley, I am also deeply concerned about the 400-unit subdivision being proposed by Safe Harbor Residential on 132 acres off Couch Mill Road near Hardin Valley Road. Presently, the infrastructure in Hardin Valley has reached max capacity. Sewer, Gas, Electric, Water, Flood Control, Roads, Police, Fire, Health Care, Schools, and Commodities are all pieces of the infrastructure puzzle that are either over committed, underfunded, outdated, or non-existent. Increasing the growth of Hardin Valley without first improving the infrastructure will only exacerbate the problems and issues being experienced by the Community today. Where people live, work, and play, how they travel, and the quality of these experiences, depends in large part upon something few people ever think about: land use planning. Though perceived as a strictly bureaucratic process, land use planning is a prelude to the dynamic rise of new buildings, triumphant rebirth of towns, proud continuation of farming, and even the inconspicuous but meaningful task of protecting property values. As members of the Knoxville Knox County Planning Commission, you have accepted the civic responsibility of helping existing residents, businesses and property owners articulate and achieve a vision for how they want their community to look and function now and in the future. The Commission is not the controlling entity or final decision maker. The Commission's ultimate duty is to uphold the wants of the people for which it represents.