



Foundation for Global Sustainability

FGS Vision

A healed planet whose inhabitants enjoy life,
liberated of privation,
in harmony with each other and Mother Nature

FGS Mission

Encouraging and enabling individuals to bring about
an equitable, sustainable future

Major FGS Policies

Non-Violence – Equal Opportunity – Non-Discrimination
Living Wage – Consensus-based Decision Making

12/8/2021

RE: Case 11-F-21-RZ

Dear Planning Commissioners:

1) This is possibly the most scenic view of a rural holler with a wide-bottom end that one can still glimpse from Chapman Highway across Highland South Cemetery.

Except for some homes along the fringes and a small, reasonably compact industrial area, this view is relatively little disturbed and has remained so since the nineteen-fifties!

2) Very few soils in this part of Knox County are suitable for commercial crop production.

A substantial portion of the area under consideration for rezoning, i.e. the more level and moderately sloped extent, is the best area within miles for future community gardens or community-supported agriculture (CSA) endeavors.

Such initiatives have been trending nation-wide. They produce more nutrition and revenue per acre than grazing or the more common field crops. They increase community resilience by providing residents with fresh, high-quality, healthy local food. That also reduces its carbon footprint and it strengthens the regional economy because we don't have to pay far away producers and for long-distance transportation.

3) We must not waste our scarce scenic and natural resources.

Particularly not, when plenty unfilled space -- already zoned residential -- remains in the surrounding area!

Sincerely,

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