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Commissioners,

When making your decisions about this application and plot of land, please consider the importance of farmland preservation and the reasons of why it is extremely important.

This land is still being used to produce hay to feed animals, it floods significantly when rainfall is present, it used to be an airstrip registered with the FAA, the airplane hangar is still present, as well as two barns. Wildlife still reside here and depend on this land.

Preserving farmland is so important. It protects air quality, provides shelter for wildlife, protects watersheds and provides a place for flood water to go. In a time where it is so easy to just say, "yeah that works, we can approve that" please consider the long term impact applications like these can have on our rural heritage. We need to conserve certain areas before we have nothing left and regret it later.

If you approve this request, please limit it to as little density as possible. Our current sector plan specifies 2 units per acre in the rural area. Please uphold this plan.

Also, portions of our farmland NEED to be protected. This is also stated in our Northeast County sector plan.

Page 16 in the Northeast County Sector Plan discussing the rural nature of our area and suggest placing conservation easements on parts of farmland.

Page 25 discusses the concerns about losing farmland to residential development.

Page 54 under Land Uses says, "maintaining the rural character within the Northeast County, particularly in the Corryton area."

Please consider and uphold our sector plan. If possible, place a condition in this property to leave a portion of it untouched.

You have a responsibility to those who helped create this sector plan, a responsibility to the citizens of this area that came before you and will come long after, and a responsibility to our heritage.