

Hello,

I would like to request that this rezoning request be denied for the following reason:

-Adding another neighborhood with direct access will negatively affect the already congested traffic flow on Hardin Valley Rd.

-Traffic Safety- there is a need for a west-bound turning lane at this development if developed.

- Preservation of existing wetlands on the property

- This development will directly disturb the current wildlife especially of our local turkeys and deer.

- We would request that this development follow the Knox County Northwest Sector Plan

-Current zoning all around this development is R1 residential and we would request that it not be different than surrounding developments.

- As a Chestnut Grove resident, we would ask for the mature trees and vegetation to remain. This would address several neighborhood needs:

- Preservation of current wildlife patterns

- continued noise buffer from heavy traffic on Hardin Valley Road

- Continued preservation of greenspace which is important to what the Hardin Valley Community is.

-As a Chestnut Grove resident I notice that the deer and turkeys follow the same paths which includes the forestation of this development. We currently have a turkey nesting in our yard which would include this forest area at the hillside of this development.

Because of these concerns and issues, I request that the current zoning designation remain, that the application for rezoning be denied, and that no other zoning options be considered. If the planning commission decides to change the zoning, then I request that the decision be guided by the Northwest Sector Plan, the Hillside Protection designation, the existing development bordering most the proposed property and the other recommendations which are outlined above.