

Development 1-B-23-DP

I am unable to be at the meeting on Thursday but wanted to share my concerns/suggestions. Thank you for providing a way for me to do so.

I have lived in my current residence (8126 Greenwell Rd.) for 13 years of which this land has been undeveloped. We have helped maintain and care for this property in various ways, treating it as if it was our own. The owner has always been very kind to us. My largest concern is the invasion of privacy for me on my property. The development goes behind AND beside mine with no trees to buffer.

I am also concerned about the increased light and noise pollution 12 homes will bring. Street and flood lights will affect the aesthetic of the nighttime country landscape and filter into our home. We live in this part of Knoxville to be able to live in an uninterrupted environment where we cannot hear and see our neighbors coming and goings. It is my understanding that these will be rental homes which often means a frequent change of hands.

My last concern is for the loss of habitat. This land is home to hundreds of species, including many migratory birds and owls, and the recently endangered Monarch butterfly. Some of the hardwood trees on the property are over 100 years old, including a Shagbark Hickory that isn't commonly seen in our town anymore.

I realize I cannot stop the development of the land but I did want to share my concerns in hopes that considerations can be made so that it happens in the least invasive way for all surrounding neighbors.

I suggest leaving native hardwood trees where able; after construction replanting native landscaping to attract similar bird/insect/butterfly species back; planting buffer strips to aid with privacy, noise and light pollution with Hybrid Poplars, Leyland cypress, or Green Giant arborvitae.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I'm grateful you provide an area for the community to express their concerns and suggestions!

Thank you,



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