

I would like to add my comments on the proposed rezoning of the parcel at Harvey Road and Northshore Drive in Knox County, and I ask that you deny this request. The infrastructure can not support the continued development in this area of the county.

The section of Northshore Drive that runs between Harvey Road and the Concord Traffic Circle is currently a narrow 2 lanes. It is already congested and dangerous. These roads have no shoulders. When there are accidents or blockages there are no other streets to detour off. Northshore must be widened if development as proposed continues. However, this would be difficult and expensive. In this 3.6 miles there are 2 bridges, recreational facilities, subdivisions which were allowed to build up to the road easements, and rocky terrain.

Past the Concord Traffic Circle 1.6 miles east on Northshore Drive is Westland Drive and the best entrance onto Pellissippi Parkway. This section is also 2 lanes with a narrow bridge and a narrow curve around Concord Park in which the terrain is very steep. Here the road collapsed into the lake and was rebuilt a few years ago.

Harvey Road is narrow and curving until it reaches Choto Road. Choto Road is wider however, it leads to a sharp turn into a narrow railroad underpass. This 3-way stop is a bottleneck and traffic problem now.

There are other factors as well. In Loudon County just a few miles from this intersection there is a new housing development currently under construction. It can be projected that many if not most of these cars will be feeding onto Northshore soon.

Please deny additional development in these remote areas until the infrastructure can support it safely for the current residents.