

My name is Amanda Greene. I live at 201 Whites School Rd in South Knoxville. I work in equipment services and have lived on this road since 2004, my family having lived on this road, specifically, since the early 1900s, as my family were the original owners of some the original farmland that is now being used for future development. My great great great grandfather is who donated the land to build Whites School to begin with. I am invested in preserving the area, as it is beautiful and rich with wildlife that is trying to avoid the highways and developments that are continuously being created in the area.

Do not get me wrong. I am interested in growth for our community. I just do not believe that this is the kind of growth that our community needs. It is irresponsible, and quite frankly, seems more like an effort for developers to make money of their own rather than bring any sort of progress and growth to the area that already has family histories tied to it.

I disagree with this development, and I've formed a list of reasons below.

This will add unnecessary additional travel to the small roads of Whites School Road, Evans Road, Sevierville Pike, as well as Chapman Highway. Chapman Highway, as you know, which is already closed off for left turns onto the road. This will only make traffic heavier, leading to a higher potential for wrecks and a buildup of emissions from the cars traveling the road.

All we have been told about the area is what it is being zoned for, but no one will tell our community members what the plans actually are. How will they benefit the community that has already spent decades living in this area? How will this affect our taxes? How will this benefit us for living in the area prior to development? Will it benefit us at all? As the people who have lived in this area far longer than the developers have been cutting down our trees, we deserve answers.

Adding a new development will mean adding a bigger sewer system to suit the needs of a larger community. How will this affect the homeowners that already live in the area? I, along with others in my community, do not want a sewer system that only benefits the new development while potentially harming and/or deeply inconveniencing those who are already there.

Our community has no interest in our tax dollars paying for this project, including but not limited to: reworks of the electricity grid, new road developments, a new sewer system, etc.

There are wildlife galore in the woods that are in the current path of development. Many of those animals have nowhere else to go, as roads have been built around their homes, isolating them into what's left of the woods. All this is doing is destroying their habitats, which only causes harm to the environment.

Flooding is already an issue in our area. A new development would just make it worse.

Our schools will not accommodate the number of families that could be moving in to this development. Make plans to better provide for the kids that are already here before throwing more into the mix. This will only lead to overcrowding in schools, meaning that the students will not receive any sort of valuable education due to an overwhelming student to teacher ratio.

I, and my fellow dry hollow community members, ask that you put the needs of the developers aside, and think about the needs of the community. The community believes in growth, but they do not believe in losing the beautiful and natural environment that makes us feel at home here. If you choose to go through with this development, you will be destroying a beautiful community for no other reason than personal greed. That is not okay with us.

Thank you.

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My daughter above is a whole lot smarter than me, for that I am thankful. I am a simple person and was raised to believe that the truth would stand when the worlds on fire, and that mustard seed faith can move mountains.

So, I come to you with that mustard seed faith, speaking only the truth.

The developers attacking our community know nothing about the area, the history, or the people. It's obvious they have never lived here. They focus on what's best for their wallets, not what's best for our community.

My name is Candy Caldwell Greene. When I lost my grandmother, I moved home and still live in that house today at 223 Whites School Road. My mom, Judy Caldwell, lives next door at 301 Whites School Road. I have spent over 50 of my 57 years at home on Whites School Road.

My great uncle's family still own their family home/farm. They are my neighbors at 217 Whites School Road. Their original home still stands in the woods beside my daughter's house. My papaw used to tease me that there was a man's leg in that house, but, actually, there was. My great uncle lost his leg in the World War II saving his men. One of his old wooden legs may still be in that house. A hero by anyone standards, his name was Dale Roberts. I find it appalling that they have graded out in front of that small white house and part of his property, without his family's consent.

Just the proposal of rezoning case 1-K-24-RZ is already negatively affecting our lives and community, our little road can't handle the construction workers vehicles from the Chapman Highway project. Day cab trucks pulling in trailers with mobile equipment take up the entire road and are damaging it. There are times just backing out of my driveway is a challenge. The traffic on Sevierville Pike is just as dangerous.

I also own property at 8310 Clemons Road, which is a dead-end road beside my house. My grandparents were Clemons, which explains the name. It has never had nor needed a Dead End or Speed Limit sign until now. It just dead ends into the fence that used to be the Roberts farm property line, which is my family. There are a total of 4 homes on this road, and it dead ends in front of my little 94-year-old neighbor's house, she has lived there her entire life. It's a tiny road that 2 cars cannot pass on. We still have deer, turkeys, etc crossing and in our yards on a daily/nightly basis. Our littles play in our yard. There are people and equipment trying to find shortcuts only to find out its dead end and turning around in driveways and driving in yards to pass each other or find their way out of there. Evans Road is having the same problem, it's as narrow as Clemons, if not worse.

I have reached out Mike Reynolds and he is going to have someone check about signs. For that I am thankful, but it doesn't make the problem go away. Our little single car roads can't handle the traffic now, if this is approved, you will destroy our community, putting our way of life and lives at risk.

We live in a basically no crime area, we can still leave our doors and cars unlocked at night. This development would not only bring traffic but increased crime and create fear and insecurity. It would take our peace, only in the name of greed.

The mountain they propose to destroy is where my Mamaw and her family lived and played, at the cabin on the creek. The house across the street from my home is where my mom was born. Our family has worked to preserve the tranquility and safety of the land that was passed down to us. This entire area is community is the truest sense of the word. Bower field was the place our families have grown up playing ball, cheering, at camp, and celebrating life together, they are trying to steal that too. Valley Grove Church has grown up with us and continues to do so.

We have lived together, worked together, played together, and prayed together for generations. Our hopes and prayers are that we are allowed to continue to do so for generations to come, and that you stop this rezoning request.

Lord, we come to you in prayer to cover and protect our community. Satan is using the greed of Thunder Mountain Properties to attack the community that has been built and sustained by your love for generations of our families. They are trying to take away our peace.

We stand together, knowing you are among us. Faith can move mountains ... and keep them beautiful.

Lord, please cover us with your mercy, grace, protection, and love. We are claiming victory over Satan and the evil that these developers want to bring to Dry Hollow Community and South Knoxville.

Let us put on the Armor of God and continue to fight the good fight. Boots to the ground, always in prayer: Knowing our victory is with you.

Amen.

Please don't destroy our community.