

My perspective on this proposed EZ Stop development issue is from growing up fishing on nearby Turkey Creek and from attending Concord Presbyterian Church as a youth in the 1950s and 1960s. And very importantly I have several generations of ancestors buried there in the Masonic Cemetery. Most are close to Second Street. We visit the site with frequency and have parents and others buried immediately next to the street.

I have read the comments already stated by others and agree with their points. There are a myriad of ways that this EZ Stop development would be detrimental to our cemetery. Also, what would this development do to property values in Old Concord? I believe that a representative for EZ Stop stated previously that the property values never go down close to their store/restaurants. I don't know where all their facilities are located, but this is likely only true off of I-40 in Dandridge or near Crossville. Our cemetery and Concord would not benefit from such an intrusion.

I can't imagine a single positive contribution from this proposed project for these historic (and restored) properties. This location is ill conceived for this scale of development for many reasons. My comments and those of other contributors well cover the main issues. I would urge the commissioners to visit the cemetery and lodge property themselves to see how destructive this proposed project would be.