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Knox County Planning Commission
Knox County, Tennessee

I am writing to express concern over the Rezoning Request of the property at 5027 Tazewell Pike. I live in Bradford Place next door to this property. My greatest concern is for significant increased risk in flooding as well as significant increase of traffic on Tazewell Pike which is an already overtaxed traffic artery.

The property has sink holes, caves, and two spring fed creeks running through it. It already floods during heavy rain events at both the upper and lower sections. Additionally, storm water drainage from Beverly Acres is directed to the upper section of the property, adding to flooding of the upper section. All the water runs into the creeks at the bottom of the property. The creeks run through our property and joins the creek out of Fountain Gate. The entrance to Fountain Gate continues to flood Tazewell Pike during heavy rain events. An increase in Bradford Place drainage risks flooding our small roads and potentially cutting off access to the majority of our homes.

With recent increased development in the area this section of Tazewell Pike has experienced many more traffic accidents which resulted in one fatality and frequent road shut downs. It currently is a constant challenge to merge safely in and out of Tazewell Pike traffic. It is already a dangerous stretch of highway. Furthermore, there is limited alternate routes to access the homes and communities in this part of the county should the highway be closed for flooding and/or traffic accidents.

Please consider leaving the zoning as is or at least denying the request for 10 units/acre and stick with the planning staff recommendation.

Thank you,
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