

I am writing to give you information that should be considered before making your decision on this proposed development. In the 1960s, I grew up on Island View Lane across Asheville Highway from the location being considered. My family, as well as most others in the community were well aware that the Asheville Highway Dump was on property that is now included in the 6125 Riverview Crossing address. At this point in time, dump sites such as this were not regulated nor considered "clean" landfill sites. The chances that toxic items were dumped there are astronomical - especially as the general public was desperately unaware of what havoc this could wreak. There is no doubt in my mind that toxic substances have leached into the surrounding soil far beyond the confines of the dump site. The dump did close in 1970 due to Mr. Ralph Moore, the owner, considering it to be full.

I feel it would be a travesty to build ball fields for children on top of contaminated land. Nothing may happen for years, but eventually it will if the plight of other developments built on dumps or landfills is any indication. I myself feel that this would be a wonderful development- in a different location. I implore you to consider the safety and well-being of the children that will use these facilities before approving this. I know that you do not want your name and legacy attached to such folly and probable disaster in the future.

I have three articles from the Knoxville News Sentinel establishing when the dump opened, when it closed and the lack of regulations and oversight during this time period. Please contact me at 865-232-7770 if you need them. Thank you so much for your time and consideration!