

I am completely for additional housing that is desperately needed in Knox county. So I'm not at all against something like this for Knox County. HOWEVER, Knox county has, and likely will continue, to ignore the needs of East Knox citizens. I understand that we are not South Knox, or Farragut, but Knox County has really failed the east side when it comes to zoning, infrastructure, schools, and its community plan vision. So I have to fully state how against this development I am specifically because Knox County will not provide support or resources that would be needed with these apartments.

In 2010, and again in 2017 East Knox County plans were published that came along with a whole host of recommendations for the future growth and development of East Knox. From zoning plans, to road/traffic improvements, to community development centers. These were well thought out with community engagement and support. Looking at these 10-15 year old recommendations and virtually ZERO of them were implemented, not from lack of community support, but from lack of County level support.

In November 2025 an East Knox Mobility Report was finalized indicating the needs for road improvements and better traffic patterns for safety reasons on the roads immediately around this proposed development. The report specifically mentions Strawberry Plains Pike and Asheville Highway as areas with "high concentrations" of vehicular crashes (page 4). These roads are already identified as dangerous and need improvement BEFORE this proposed development, and adding hundreds of extra houses on these dangerous roads is only going to make it worse. However, based on the lack of action from recommendations over the past 15+ years these new recommendations will likely also continue to be ignored.

A completely separate (but also ignored) factor is the schools. The schools are already over capacity, underfunded, understaffed, and woefully antiquated from a structural perspective. The teachers and staff are amazing at these schools, but a frequent topic of discussion is the lack of County level support. These additional kids would put even more strain on the system that is broken.

Based on historical trends Knox county will continue to ignore the east side of the county in favor of improvements out west. Which is absolutely their prerogative, but if you are going to ignore the east side, please ignore it in all aspects and leave the zoning as-is, or similar to the surrounding area already established.

[2010 East County Sector Plan](#)

[2017 East Knox Community Plan](#)

[2025 East Knox Mobility Study](#)