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To: Planning
Subject: Opposition to Nixon & Dhu Varren Rds development

To Whom it May Concern on the Planning Staff,

My name is Jennifer Tunison and my husband and four children live in the FoxFire subdivision. We are extremely opposed to the proposed new development on the corner of Nixon Rd and Dhu Varren Rd. The following are some of the points I want to make about it:

1. Why does every bit of green space need to be filled in? That is one of the cool things or was a cool thing about Ann Arbor, the appreciation for green space and parks and nature. A bit of nature right in the city! How awesome is that!
2. There is a beautiful wet land on the north west corner of Nixon and Dhu Varren. I drive by that wet land at least four times a day. I see turtles, King Fishers, Great Blue Herons and other really amazing wild life. Can't we just leave some of this alone?
3. Where are all the children in this new development going to go to school? Are you just going to cram them into Thurston and Logan? People actually move to Ann Arbor for the schools, but by taking advantage of that, the schools are going to suffer. Who wants their kid to go into a class room where the number of kids is pushed to the max limit?
4. Is it for the new tax money? Seems like other things such as encouraging new businesses into the city would be better. Did anyone have to approve the sale of the old Pfizer facilities back to U of M? I don't know. Yes, it filled the buildings, but as far as I know, U of M doesn't have to pay property tax. Maybe a tax paying business should have had incentives for buying those facilities.
5. The Nixon and Dhu Varren Rd corner is already very congested. Even if they put in a round-about or a light, it is not going to change the fact that that corner will continue to be a mess. Why do we want to make that worse?

Living in Ann Arbor is special. It's a quality of life that a majority of towns/cities in Michigan don't have. Don't turn this city into another giant piece of suburban sprawl.
Please, Please consider to NOT allow this development to happen.

Thank you for your time,
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