

Dear Members of the City Planning Commission and the Milwaukee Common Council:

I'm writing in regard to the proposed zoning change for the land at 9050 N. Swan Rd. I live adjacent to the property at 9031 N. 86th St.. I've lived here for 45 years. I am opposed to the development proposed by Royal Capital.

Eighty-sixth street is the only street of single family homes in the area bounded by 76th Street, Swan Rd, Brown Deer Rd., and Fairy Chasm. On Joyce Ave., one side of the street is single family homes, the other side is side-by-side rental units. I'm not in favor of adding an additional 1,145 units which is what is being proposed. That's just too many people.

I'm also opposed to the destruction of the wooded land that has stood for at least 45 years. Since receiving the letters about the development I've been contacting different organizations to see if there is a way of saving the land. I've been informed by a contact at the Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy that a study of the land (Hilltop Farm Woods) in 1999 found that the land is a critical species habitat with wetlands and hardwood forests which include a tree of concern (butternut). This information was from the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. After attending the town hall meeting on July 13, I know there has not been a recent environmental impact study done. A wetland delineation has not been done either. I have documented over 44 species of birds in my yard. These birds also live on the 51 acres that connect to Kohl Park and the Mequon Nature Preserve. If their habitat is destroyed, these birds will disappear. Now more than ever, we need more green space, not less. Increasing the carbon footprint of the area is not good for residents and Milwaukee with all its environmental issues.

Driving around the area of Brown Deer Road, one will see vacant properties. These would be much better suited to multi-family housing. No green space would be destroyed and after the buildings were up, trees and shrubs could be added to enhance the space.

In the time I've lived on the northwest side, I've seen the area slowly disintegrate. I feel adding this many people will have a further negative impact on my home and all the other residents.

I'm hoping that the good of the community overrides money in making this decision.

Sincerely,
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