

We need as many people as possible to make statements to the Board of Commissioners. That can be as simple as “I am opposed to this rezoning.”

If you would like to go into more depth, however, here are some talking points, organized by topic. Please remember that you will only have three minutes to speak, so you may want to pick a single topic.

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#### **The Developer, Fenton Mill Associates LLC.**

- is well connected within the County government. The Developer sits on the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee and enjoys access to the County decision-makers that we, the citizens, do not have.
  - purchased this Rural Residential land with the intent of rezoning to build as many houses as possible – a goal that some in the County Administration seem to support.
  - tried to pass this rezoning application in March, at the height of COVID, while the public was focused on other matters. We believe this was timed to avoid public backlash.
  - claims he listened to the citizens at his two open houses, and revised his plan to meet our comments. He did not listen. Our unanimous comments were for no rezoning, and for him to develop the land “by-right” at 288 homes.
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#### **Our County Comprehensive Plan clearly states this land should remain rural in nature**

- That’s why we purchased homes here
  - Rural land provides:
    - habitat for wildlife
    - mental health benefits
    - aesthetic beauty that brings tourism (and the corresponding jobs) to our area
    - Chesapeake Bay protection
    - connection with our region’s history
  - Approval of this rezoning application will permanently alter the rural nature of the area.
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#### **Infrastructure**

- Our elementary and middle schools in Upper York are at or near capacity. The York County School Board has proposed over 50 million dollars in new construction in Upper York in the next six years, just to pay for the explosive growth to date. That money will come from our tax dollars.
- The additional residents will put a strain on medical, emergency and water availability

### **Explosive Growth**

- The Comprehensive Plan predicted 350 homes would be built in Upper York County between 2015 and 2020. Instead, 3,246 have been built or approved for construction. This DOES NOT include the Fenton Mill Living Application, which would add another 599 more homes.
  - Citizen surveys document that more than 80% of York County residents are dismayed at the explosive growth in the county.
  - Our tax money supports citizen surveys and the creation of the Comprehensive Plan. Don't waste our money by ignoring those reports.
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### **Traffic**

- This project will exponentially increase traffic in an already congested corridor near Lightfoot: Rochambeau, Mooretown Road, Richmond Road, Airport Road, 199 and I-64 will all see increased traffic, which will impact residents Williamsburg and James City County, as well as Upper York residents.
  - Fenton Mill Road is far too narrow for the increase of traffic
  - The area is heavily used by cyclists, and the dangers will be dramatically increased by the additional residents.
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There is **widespread opposition to this application**. Less than 2% of local residents have expressed favor for it. This area is the cradle of American democracy – surely the will of the people must matter.