

January 14, 2014

William F. Boswell, Chairperson
Rochester Hills Planning Commission
City of Rochester Hills
1000 Rochester Hills Dr.
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Dear Chairperson Boswell and Planning Commission Members,

We are writing to submit our comments concerning the rezoning requests for parcel nos. 15-23-152-022, 15-23-152-023, 15-23-301-202 and 15-23-301-023.

Our residence is located at 148 Grosvenor Dr and our property currently backs to a large office complex located at the Rochester Rd and Yorktowne Dr. intersection. One of the parcels in question is located kitty corner to the back of our property.

We have been residents here for almost 3 years, choosing this wonderful city as a location to raise our family. We especially love our property because of the beautiful forested buffer provided between us and the office complex which provides 6 months of seclusion from the commercial spot, while it also allows us access to so many amenities in the area. We also love that this area extends behind our neighboring lots, stretching as far as the power lines.

But, as a result of living near such a commercial area we endure year round parking lot lights blaring into windows on the back side of our home. We hear constant traffic from Rochester Rd., car alarms from the parking lot, middle of the night snow plowing and salting and daily crack of dawn dumpster emptying that resonates throughout our entire neighborhood. Forget even trying to turn left out of Yorktowne. It's easier to go out onto Avon.

Much of our forested buffer had already been cleared when condos were attempted to be built before our recession, leaving an unsightly scar in the wooded area behind our house. We would like to state, that while we prefer this area behind the current Fifth Third Bank be untouched, we would in the least, like to see this area remain in keeping with the single family homes that we have in the area. Businesses built in front of the Eddington subdivision, we believe, are inevitable, but we would hate to see an apartment-like complex come to this area, increasing the number of occupants and thus cars. We would not appreciate additional parking lots, lighting and commercialism at the edge of our subdivision.

Thank you for your consideration.


Sincerely,
Tom and Heather Hughes
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