

Development, property owners' rights must be balanced

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With respect to the sequence of informational articles in the Northwest Observer regarding Summerfield Farms Village, I have read enough about the proposal for Summerfield Farms Village; I have heard enough about how such a development will harm the Town of Summerfield; and I have experienced enough to make the following comments about Summerfield Farms Village and the citizens of Summerfield.

First of all, have those who are complaining about Summerfield Farms Village lived in Summerfield all their lives, seen farm after farm turned into one development after another, and had their children sent to other schools because Summerfield Elementary has too many students?

And what about the environment? North Carolina is one of few states in this country with prime soil for agriculture. We all know that working farms are disappearing. Farming is hard work. My parents were farmers all of their lives and I live on that same farm. I hope they are proud of me for doing my best to preserve what they worked so hard to acquire.

People need a place to live. However, if those who are complaining have been part of the development process, do they really believe that someone else should not have the same ability to develop their land? What former farm is their house on? Were hundreds of acres divided up for the houses they live in while they enjoy the amenities of the Town of Summerfield? If so, what right do they have to complain about yet another development in Summerfield?

Summerfield Village Farms is going to create more traffic on roads and more use of open land in Summerfield for development. I am not for or against the development. Property owners should have the right to do whatever they want with their land. And every citizen of this country has a right to voice opinions about everything. I am not implying there is anything political about Summerfield Farms Village. Residents of the Town

of Summerfield should consider the sacrifices other farms have made so that they can live in a peaceful place we can all call home. Molly Byrd,
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