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Subject: Annexation

I have lived in Monroe most of my life...54 years to be exact. I walked to the ice cream stand, to town...marched in the local parades when in the Girl Scouts, played in the woods and swam in the lakes. I chose to stay here to raise my family...so that my children could have the same opportunities as I did and loved so much. My son recently bought a home close by...and I hope that some day I will have the chance to see my 'one day' grandchildren grow to love our rural area as I have.

The land is beautiful...with rolling hills, lakes, ponds, trees, woods and small town businesses. A 507 acre annexation would strip the land only to replace it with high density housing. Our roads simply cannot handle this over population...nor can our sewers or water supplies. Why should the people that have settled in Monroe for the same reasons as I have mentioned above be slighted in their requests to maintain the beauty of their land...the reason they made Monroe their home in the first place?

I have seen many, many changes from the time I was a young child until now.

So, this letter is not written from someone who does not understand that growth in any community is inevitable. However, it should be smart growth, taking into consideration not just why we moved here, by why we choose to remain here. Growth that would negatively impact the environment- wetlands, wildlife whose habitats will be destroyed, overcrowding of roads, over taxing our sewer and water supplies, and destroying our view of trees and woods by replacing with high density housing is simply not acceptable.

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