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The unsung beauty that lies east of this forgotten river can at times be plentiful. Relevantly, there is a tiny, calming thicket, cradled by a quiet hill, that delicately swaddles the backyards of our townhome development. Devastatingly (in February) the thicket - and its illimitable winged and four-legged inhabitants - was immeasurably diminished by the unsparing shears of development. Along with the felled trees went our natural shield and semblance of security. As new homebuyers, our first introduction to the disquieting danger of that seemingly quiet hill came in the form of skull-cracking gunfire – right in our backyard. The menacing authors of that horrifying exchange of gunfire, unashamedly made their way from their apartment (Pomeroy Gardens on Pomeroy Rd) on the bottom of the hill, and up the hill, snaking through the once thick labyrinth of trees; to aimlessly exchange gunfire. The latter scenario has played out more than once, and the resulting enfeebling fear has engulfed us all. Fearsomely, we are constantly caught between "warring" neighborhood crews, whose unfocused bullets: violently shatter our windows, blindly slash their way through multiple rooms of our homes and horrifyingly speed past window cats and their human companion. The impact has been inexpressively despairing – hence, the long-term, long-suffering residents of this block have my entire heart.

Another apartment building (which will effectively be planted right next to the aforementioned complex) may quite possibly exacerbate our precarious plight. Policing resources are historically low and teetering on the edge of failure. Adding 40-80 new residents (in 1 complex) will further fatigue, much needed police presence, in our profoundly troubled community. Already, there are approximately 1100 apartment units within a quarter mile of the proposed apartment dwelling (2424 Pomeroy Rd). Due to this precipitous increase in population density - park and nature spaces, community facilities, playgrounds and other amenities, that would lend to the overall mental and physical well-being of residents are nearly nonexistent.

Yet another apartment complex will further suffocate the cramped and constricted residents of both Elvans and Pomeroy Road(s) – as we are inextricably connected.

Please know, that this objection should in no way be linked to NIMBYism. We have lived in unequivocal fear of our lives for the entirety of our time as new homeowners – one year this month – and have deeply earned our say. No one (including many of the long-term residents who *live in* apartments want yet another apartment complex). This compact area is overwrought with beautiful people who have been dealt the ugliest of circumstances. Placing even more potentially marginalized souls in unyielding spaces, would be a detrimental misuse of the developer's imagination.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C T".

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