

Wangard Development

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To: Village President Neil Palmer <npalmer@elmgroveswi.org>;

Good morning:

I am sending you this email because I read the paper and saw the Wangard Development proposal. I think on a smaller scale this would be good for downtown Elm Grove but what they are proposing is too much and we do not have the infrastructure to support an apartment complex of the size they are proposing. Downtown Elm Grove on Juneau, Watertown Plank Road, and Legion cannot support additional traffic as I drive this frequently during rush hour and it is a zoo and then add the train to the commotion – not good!

My family lives on Marcella Avenue and as it is we are a known roadway through the village...cars speed and do not stop at the stop light at the end of Lilly Road. This will not help the problem we face as 187 apartments will increase the traffic as people will continue to cut through but now the volume will increase due to 187 new apartment buildings....How will this development effect the flood zone? People move to Elm Grove for the community, the park and the cuteness of downtown Elm Grove. Please do not destroy this cuteness with 187 apartments – children will not be able to bike to RJ Ice Cream after school anymore because of the additional traffic on Juneau and Legion and the quaint Elm Grove feeling will be lost. That will be a lot of additional car traffic and how will that be handled?

Please road trip to Avenir in Milwaukee and The Reef in Wauwatosa. Those apartments are both owned and operated by Wangard and are virtually on top of each other. The Reef is attractive but they are on top of each other. Where The Reef is located there was nothing just wasted ugly space so anything is an improvement to what had been there so I believe The Reef was needed. The Reindeers space is in the heart of our downtown and I recommend that we build but let's not lose the identity of Elm Grove – please restrict the number of buildings and units they are proposing. Please keep it quaint and reduce what they are proposing!

We can keep Elm Grove quaint and move forward but we really shouldn't lose that special feeling that the village provides with children and families biking and enjoying the outdoors. Please reduce the number of apartment units.

Thank you.

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