

Hello,

My name is Elan. I am a 16 year old highschooler that lives in Aurora. I am writing this email concerning the demolition of the McGordan house to create more infrastructure in the small village of Aurora New York.

Now I understand that when you read this email you might think to yourself why should we care what a 16 year old thinks. You should care because in the future my generation is going to be the ones that will have to deal with the repercussions.

Even I can see the changes that have been happening to the small town over the course of only a few years. When I was a kid my parents and grandparents had no problem sending me off through the village by myself because it was safe. Now the sides of the streets are so crowded in the summer you have to be extra cautious to avoid getting hit by a car. The village is too small for that many people. With that amount of people they also bring a large amount of garbage both on the land and in the lake. During the summer you can collect about a full 5 gallon bucket of trash every 100 yards or so, it's horrible. We have such a beautiful lake and people are just using it as a trash can. When you start to think about pollution you must also consider not only the physical waste people are bringing but also the noise pollution caused by speedboats and loud cars. Some of which you can hear 3 miles up the hill out of town. Peace and relaxation are another one of the main reasons why the locals love Aurora.

I love the little village of Aurora. I spent most of my childhood running around it and swimming in the lake. People come to Aurora because it is small and beautiful. So please don't turn it into some tourist trap. That would ruin it for everyone.

I just hope that whoever is reading this email really understands the love that the local people of Aurora have for their small village. So this is me asking you to please stop building and expanding. I don't want the once small peaceful village I once knew to turn into a place that values money and profits over its community. Just take a look around and talk to the people who have lived there for generations. Please stop creating more. I'm asking not only for myself but for my family and friends of Aurora. We all just want to enjoy the village for generations to come.

Thank You,

Elan VanArnum