

To Village Trustees:

We are emailing our concerns regarding tonight's meeting as we had a prior engagement out of town we cannot change.

It is with sadness we recently learned of the proposed change to the Village of Aurora Zoning law changing the zoning for the lakeside property between Wells Road and the southern terminus of the Village from Institutional (or Open Space as noted in a recent handout) to a newly created district. This area is being proposed for the future to be Lakeside Residential, thus allowing for the building of structures removing the beautiful views we have all grown to enjoy as we drive south out of, or north into the village.

Reading the proposal for the Lakeside Residential District, which includes statements such as *"to protect the natural and aesthetic beauty of the lakeshore in the Village of Aurora for all of the citizens of the community to enjoy, and to enhance the experience provided to those living near"*, does not prevent the building of homes or businesses along this beautiful stretch of land. Nor does it appear to take into account Section 9.06 of the newly proposed law concerned with Steep Slope Regulation areas at the south end of the Village, stating *"The purpose of the steep slope regulations established in this section is to provide special controls over land development located in these sensitive environmental areas within the Village of Aurora."*

If there is such concern to protect the aesthetic beauty and the environment these sections imply, why change the area's zoning from Institutional to the newly created Lakefront Residential District? It leaves this stretch of land open to future interpretation allowing the development of homes or businesses blocking the views for the community to enjoy, and potentially causing flood and runoff issues where currently none exist. We all have seen where construction of any new facility can have a negative impact on neighboring lands, so why add to this risk?

We strongly oppose this change in the Proposed Zoning Law. It may provide a financial benefit to Wells College in a future effort to sell this property off, but it does not benefit the Village or its current residents. Sincerely,

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