

**I would like to speak to Section III. Legislative intent and purpose.**

I am summarizing the content by saying -- you want to discourage people from purchasing vacation and investment property in Aurora so that the properties can be purchased by **families that will live here permanently**, resulting in your ability to have a **bigger pool of volunteers for the fire department and ambulance service**, share in the cost of municipal water and possibly get involved with village government.

Aurora is a tourist village within a **very large Ag district**. Over the years as family farming has transitioned to Agribusiness and joined corporate America, big Ag has purchased our family farms resulting in a decrease in our population, small businesses and job opportunities. The land in our school district is 73.5% Ag - (80% of which is owned by approximately a dozen companies); residential is 19.8% and 6.7% is other.

In recent years, our school boards have been more interested in proposing budgets that keep school taxes below the state maximum increase **than increasing educational opportunities** for our children. **Instead program offerings have gradually decreased even though educating our children is the most important thing we do.**

Families with children who are looking for employment and would volunteer for the fire department and ambulance service are not going to be moving to Aurora any time soon.

Who doesn't want to make sure fire and ambulance services are available when needed. Consider paying people to do the job instead of giving them tax breaks as some are advocating.

People who can afford to purchase property in Aurora should be **encouraged** to do so.

We have the wonderful facilities of The Inns of Aurora, Wells College campus and its great history, the Morgan Opera House, wineries and breweries, MacKenzie-Childs **and an amazing story to tell visitors about the history of our country that has occurred in the area.**

Especially with the recent announcement of the closing of Wells College and the loss of 140+ jobs, **this is the worst possible time for the village to be doing anything restrictive. Please do not move forward with this proposed law!!!**

If you haven't already done so, I recommend you google the **Urban Doom Loop**.

I believe you will find it very informative for your decision making process.

Thank you.

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