

Character of the Area

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We moved our family to this area for tranquility, nature, wildlife and safety. We know that our kids can ride their bikes and scouters in the street safely. I know that I can run and walk on the road without being in danger and without pollution.

This past week Dodge Park was closed and traffic was rerouted on Carpenter Ln. The unusual amount of cars and trucks flew by at speed (even though posted at 25mph) and the trucks shook the windows of the house as they went by on the narrow road.

When people come to visit, they sit in our yard and the first thing they say is how peaceful it is. You can hear the birds singing and see big blue birds, tiny yellow birds, small black birds with red flecks on their wings, herons, geese, hawks, robins, hummingbirds. We have frogs, rabbits, squirrels, deer. You can hear the water in the fountain, children cycling by, people waking their dogs, etc etc.

A giant water plant would be so very out of character with the area and the detriment to the safety of our families and wildlife during years of construction of dust, noise, traffic and pollution to our peaceful neighborhood would be awful.

The safety of the community and wildlife during and after construction due dangerous chemicals that have to be transported to and then used at the plant is very worrying. It seems so wrong to destroy all this nature that is appreciated by our community.

This area is unique, it's a peaceful close knit community with multiple schools, churches and small family run businesses in close proximity. The County maintains strict guidelines of what is and isn't allowed to protect our rural communities and a giant water plant and all the safety issues and disruption would be a total contraction to the current land use laws and the nature of our community.