

Dear Planning and Zoning Commission,

My name is Kimberly Middleton, I reside at 2266 Knowles Road, Green Cove Springs. I am coming to you today as a lifetime resident of Clay County, a 28-year resident at 2266 Knowles Road and as a mother of two. This 25-acre property has been in my family for nearly 80 years. I built my life and home here with the full intention of my children building homes, raising families, and continuing the legacy that my family started. I'd like to address a few of my primary concerns and the negative impacts that will affect us if this rezoning moves forward.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

- The changes to the wetlands and drainage will affect the natural flow of water to all the surrounding areas. Will the 8.38 acres of designated pond area accommodate the 72-acres of water as well as the natural flow from the surrounding area? If not, the overflow will affect our 25-acres. It will follow the path of least resistance, compromising my ability to grow crops, feed my livestock, and provide my cattle with safe pastures. This will also contaminate our 2-acre spring fed pond.
- The natural wildlife (deer, turkeys, fox, osprey, bees and black bear) will all disappear.

#### **TRAFFIC**

- Knowles Road is routinely/daily used as a short cut by the public for various reasons.
  1. Clay High School traffic.
  2. Accidents on SR 16.
  3. Grid lock during the Fair.
- The addition of 400+ extra vehicles in the area with the proposed PUD will increase Knowles Road traffic issues.
- In the current 2 lane capacity of 315, a right-hand turn lane at SR 16, will not relieve the traffic congestion.
- A park at the corner of 315/315A/Rosemary Hill is a safety hazard. This intersection is inundated with commercial and construction vehicles along with every day citizens coming and going with NO TRAFFIC signal.

#### **COMPATIBILITY**

- The documents for the PUD proposal, use Magnolia West as a compatibility standard. However, the surrounding areas to this development are **NOT** a PUD nor are they Magnolia West. The surrounding areas are zoned AR and were not taken into consideration with the appropriate COMPATIBILITY standard. Who decides what's compatible?

I understand growth is inevitable. However, it must be responsible growth. This rezoning application is not an example of that. Forcing citizens in the surrounding areas to suffer the consequences of irresponsible growth, is not acceptable. Please take this opportunity to lessen the burden of an additional development to an already failing infrastructure by recommending that the development as it is proposed, be denied.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Kimberly Middleton