

Sean and Monica Coakley
2031 & 2035 Wilson Pike
Franklin, TN 37067
November 7, 2017

City of Franklin
Planning and Sustainability Department
109 Third Avenue South
Franklin, TN 37064

Re: Mayes Creek Basin

Dear Mr. Andrew Orr and Planning Commission Members:

We are writing in regards to the Mayes Creek Basin proposal. We own two parcels of property within the affected area: 2031 and 2035 Wilson Pike, and we strongly oppose development that would change the existing rural character of our community.

We have had numerous discussions with the City and the County planning departments in recent years, including in connection with the approval of Tap Root Hills. Based on those conversations and the designation contained in Franklin's land use plan, we felt comfortable making the long-term decision to stay in our residence and make additional improvements to our property. We have acted in reliance on the decisions that have been made to date, and we urge the City to resist pressures to change its carefully-considered designation of this area as "Development Reserve."

About Us. We moved to Tennessee six years ago from New Jersey – the most densely populated state in the United States.¹ We left New Jersey for a better quality of life for our three children, all of whom have special needs. Our home at 2031 Wilson Pike sits on ten acres, with rolling hills, a pond and creek, and pasture. We have horses and farm animals, who provide therapy and companionship to our children. We also own the home and five acres at 2035 Wilson Pike, which we purchased for our children for when they are grown, since they will

¹ U.S. Census Bureau

have limited independence. We have been exploring agricultural uses for our property, in order to provide work opportunities for our children.

Our 15 acres on Wilson Pike is the calm, peaceful homestead that we dreamed of for our family. We have invested a great deal in our small farm, and are deeply concerned that development in the Mayes Creek Basin will harm our quality of life, disrupt the plans we are making for our children's future, and impair the value of our investment.

Character Area. Our community is referred to in the original Franklin Land Use Plan as "Seward Hall," and is identified by its rural character. More specifically, we are in what is known as "Area 4" of Seward Hall, which was described in the Land Use Plan as being significantly lower density and governed by "Rural" design concepts. Nearby areas of Seward Hall that are being developed – including Tap Root Hills – are not part of Area 4. The updates to the Land Use Plan in Envision Franklin may use different terminology, but the concept for our community is unchanged. The Development Reserve area is described as agricultural uses and single-family residences on significant acreage, which is consistent with the current uses in our area, and is how we have been expecting it to remain.

Impact of Recent Development. In the six years that we have lived here, we have experienced the impact of nearby development. There has been an increase in both noise pollution and light pollution. Our sky does not get as dark at night and stars are not as visible. Peacefulness on the weekend is disrupted by the growing number of leaf-blowers and trimmers.

Most evident is the impact that we see to our road, Wilson Pike. Wilson Pike was not included in the traffic impact studies that were completed for Amelia Park and Tap Root Hills, which is an oversight that we pointed out to the Planning Commission at the time. Although these developments do not directly connect to Wilson Pike, as the overall volume of cars in this area has grown, people predictably have looked for alternate routes and traffic has increased as a result. Back-ups at Clovercroft Rd. and at the single-lane railroad underpass are common, especially during morning and evening commutes. Wilson Pike used to be a favorite route for

cyclists, but is less so now that increased traffic had made it unsafe. Damage to fencing is common as speeding cars run off the narrow road, causing property damage and posing a risk to farm animals.

What we did not foresee is that as development has increased in this area, so has crime. Our house has been robbed twice in the past 18 months, the second time as part of a spree that included other homes in one of the new developments. Our car has been broken into in our own driveway. We have experienced vandalism and there is a significant increase in road-side litter.

Conclusion. All of these things point to the importance of proceeding with caution. We respectfully urge the Planning Commission to not change the land use plan for Mayes Creek Basin. It is in the long-term interest of everyone that we take measures to preserve the beauty and diversity within Franklin, which includes protecting our rural communities from over-development. Land owners who wish to develop have adequate opportunity to do so in the form of low-density residential uses that are consistent with the existing community and respect the quality of life of its current residents.

Kindest regards,

Sean & Monica Coakley

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Andrew Orr

From: Aaron McNulty <amcnulty@kytn.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 4:45 AM
To: Andrew Orr
Subject: Re: Mayes Creek Basin Study

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Hi Andrew,

Yes our property is at 3610 North Chapel

Aaron McNulty

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 14, 2017, at 3:15 PM, Andrew Orr <andrew.orr@franklintn.gov> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for attending the Mayes Creek Basin open house last week. I received your comment card about being favorable towards annexation. What is the address? 3610 N Chapel Road?

Thanks!

Andrew Orr, AICP, PEM | Principal Planner
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Andrew Orr

From: Amanda Lewis <amanda.elewis@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 12:39 PM
To: Ken Moore; bev@aldermanburger.com; danamclendon@mac.com; Michael Skinner; Margaret Martin; annpetersen@comcast.net; Clyde Barnhill; Brandy Blanton; Pearl Bransford; Vernon Gerth; gregglawrence@williamson-tn.org; wpatterson@buypatterson.com; Andrew Orr
Subject: Mayes Creek Basin Proposals

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Amanda Greene and I am a homeowner in the Watkins Creek Subdivision just outside of Franklin's city limits. I attended the "Mayes Creek Basin" meeting back on November 7th and have concerns about a particular option that was shown.

Option 2A shows that there are two areas of land (i.e. Ingram Farm) that have requested annexation into the city. If they are approved, then the city is required to provide them with key services such as sewer. Based on these requests, it shows the city proposing new sewer lines to connect both developments to the city's main line. Unfortunately, two of these lines are proposed to go through our community of Watkins Creek. The first line is planned to run up through the creek. As I was told, this path was chosen as it follows the creek which is a natural gravity line (no pumps needed for sewer). The second line would run through the back yards of our Watkins Creek neighbors.

If the city were to follow through with these plans, they would cause the following consequences to the environment and the community:

- 1) Major environmental impact:
 - a. Destruction of large trees which are natural habitats for the local and potentially endangered wildlife (i.e. birds, deer, turkey, frogs, etc.)
 - b. High risk of water contamination from the installation of the sewer system
- 2) Loss of rural character that all residents love and value in the neighborhood
- 3) Possible property and road damage from the sewer line installation
- 4) Possible pollution from construction and future deterioration of the sewer lines
- 5) Noise pollution for all residents during construction phase(i.e. digging and blasting).
- 6) Significant reduction in home values within the Watkins Creek Community

While I fully recognizes the economic benefit to the growth of Franklin, it must be balanced in such a way as to not destroy the rural character that brings people to middle Tennessee every month. We as a community have met and are unified in our opposition to the City's plan, -Option 2 A - and any option which includes a sewer running along any of our creeks. And I am aware that many of us have written to you voicing our concern. Please let me know who I should speak to in order to develop a new plan which would not require such destruction within the boundaries of our community.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Amanda Greene

Andrew Orr

From: Brian & Peggy Atwood <bpatwood@me.com>
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 3:02 PM
To: Ken Moore; bev@aldermanburger.com; danamclendon@mac.com; Michael Skinner; Margaret Martin; annpetersen@comcast.net; Clyde Barnhill; Brandy Blanton; Pearl Bransford; Vernon Gerth; gregglawrence@williamson-tn.org; Glen.Casada@capitol.tn.gov; Jack.Johnson@capitol.tn.gov; wpatterson@buypatterson.com; Andrew Orr
Subject: Tap Root Sewer Concerns

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Hello all,

My husband and I own a home at 3064 Cecil Lewis Drive in Watkins Creek.

I am writing to you today to express our extreme displeasure with several of your planned "improvements" to our area. Namely, the sewer line installation in Watkins Creek, the high density neighborhoods adjacent to our neighborhood, and the road connecting N. Chapel Road to Clovercleft all will be detrimental to the quality of life of the residents you represent.

Please note that we are well educated, informed voters, and we vote in all elections.

Our requests are simple:

1. Relocate the sewer line and preserve the beauty of Watkins Creek.
2. Do not zone Tap Root for high density housing.
3. Move the planned road to directly connect 96 - Murfreesboro Road to Clovercleft

Many thanks for your consideration.

Best regards,

Peggy Atwood

Sent from my iPhone

Andrew Orr

From: Vernon Gerth
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 3:57 PM
To: Eric Savoldi
Cc: Andrew Orr
Subject: RE: Strongly opposed to the current sewer proposal to go through Watkins Creek community

Good afternoon Eric and thank you for sharing your concerns. Several of your other neighbors have shared similar concerns/emails. The Open House facilitated last week was intended to invite feedback on future land uses in the Mayes Creek Basin. We were pleased with the level of participation. The Mayes Creek Basin is in the City Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) and an area the City had not studied or included in its land use plan, Envision Franklin. The illustrations shared during the Open House about future land uses, roads, and public sanitary sewer were conceptual. Extending a public sanitary sewer system into the Urban Growth Boundary would be a costly undertaking. This process begins with understanding the types of development and land uses. Envision Franklin does not and will not include sanitary sewer concepts. After the land use planning process concludes, staff will be able to model a variety of scenarios and generate cost-benefit analysis' to determine the viability of serving all, a portion, or none of the Mayes Creek Basin. Serving the Mayes Creek Basin (or rather those properties whose owners are interested receiving City services) would be inclusive of all City services presently available to City residents. Examples include police, fire, solid waste, streets, and sanitary sewer services.

Please know state law requires property owners to request annexation. In other words, City's do not have the authority to annex property without a property owners consent. A referendum is an option, but not a likely one. Equally important, during the Open House several of the citizens were not aware how the County's land use plan reads for this area. They were encouraged to contact the County's Community Development Office to understand more about the County's comprehensive plan and the zoning districts. Having citizens engaged and informed are critical to successful land planning.

Should you have any additional questions please contact our Long Range Principal Planner Andrew Orr andrew.orr@franklintn.gov. He is responsible for compiling citizen comments and is available to elaborate on specific questions. I hope this helps and invite you and your neighbors to stay involved.

Kind regards,

Vernon

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From: Eric Savoldi [mailto:Eric.Savoldi@microsoft.com]

Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 12:45 PM

To: Ken Moore <ken.moore@franklin.tn.gov>; bev@aldermanburger.com; danamclendon@mac.com; Michael Skinner <michael.skinner@franklin.tn.gov>; Margaret Martin <margaret.martin@franklin.tn.gov>; annpetersen@comcast.net; Clyde Barnhill <clyde.barnhill@franklin.tn.gov>; Brandy Blanton <brandy.blanton@franklin.tn.gov>; Pearl Bransford <pearl.bransford@franklin.tn.gov>; Vernon Gerth <vernon.gerth@franklin.tn.gov>; gregglawrence@williamson-tn.org; Glen.Casada@capitol.tn.gov; wpatterson@buypatterson.com

Subject: Strongly opposed to the current sewer proposal to go through Watkins Creek community

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According to the city website, the City of Franklin Envision Plan is a long term vision that will help guide the city in making land decisions, managing quality of the development, and determine timing and location of future growth. In the most recent Envision planning meeting, multiple options were presented for future residential development in our area. There are two areas of land (i.e. Taproot Farm) that have requested annexation into the city. If they are approved, then the city is required to provide them with key services such as sewer.

In Envision Plan proposal "Option 2A," they city is proposing new sewer lines to connect both developments to the city's main line. Unfortunately, two of these lines are proposed to go through our community of Watkins Creek. The first line is planned to run up through the creek. This path was chosen as it follows the creek which is a natural gravity line (no pumps needed for sewer). The second line would run through the back yards of homes in the Watkins Creek neighborhood.

The building of this sewer line would cause the following consequences:

1) Major environmental impact:

a. Destruction of large trees which are natural habitats for the local and potentially endangered wildlife (i.e. birds, deer, turkey, frogs, etc.)

b. High risk of water contamination from the installation of the sewer system

2) Loss of rural character that all residents love and value in the neighborhood

3) Possible property and road damage from the sewer line installation

4) Possible pollution from construction and future deterioration of the sewer lines

5) Noise pollution for all residents within Watkins Creek during the clearing and digging. This will likely include a large amount of blasting. In addition, this digging/" blasting" will take place within 50 to 100 feet of many homes.

6) Significant reduction in home values within the Watkins Creek Community

Our goal is to stop the development of the sewer lines in our community and work with the city of Franklin to find alternative solutions to future expansion. We understand the reality of the growth needs within Williamson County and want to help provide any support we can related to options that may involve Watkins Creek. However, the sewer line going directly through our community is something we cannot support and now we need everyone's help to remove this option from the discussions.

The entire Watkins Creek community is unified against the current sewer proposal Option 2A and any other sewer option destroying our creeks and trees. We ask our elected leaders to please save Watkins Creek and remove

Sewer Plan Option 2A from the list of potential options. Our HOA Board is open and willing to host constructive conversations on alternative solutions.

Regards,

Eric S. Savoldi

Watkins Creek Resident

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Andrew Orr

Subject: RE: Mayes Creek Basin/UGB Land Use Plan - Draft Response?

From: Jason Linden [<mailto:jlinden7@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 11:06 AM
To: Vernon Gerth <vernon.gerth@franklin.tn.gov>
Subject: Tap Root Farms Development

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Good Morning, Mr. Gerth.

Fall has firmly established its presence in Franklin; the cool, crisp air is refreshing!

I'm writing today to voice my concern regarding the proposed sewer system extension to support the upcoming Patterson Homes development at Tap Root Farms on Clovercroft Rd.

As a resident of Watkins Creek, I am concerned to learn the City of Franklin is considering Option 2A to run the sewer system through my backyard destroying the forest, scattering the wildlife we enjoy every day, and indeed the rural feel of our neighborhood. We choose Watkins Creek because of the very deliberate design of the developer to provide lots of green space and a rural setting. The proposed sewer expansion will change that forever by destroying hundreds of trees many of which are greater than a 100' feet tall and posing a significant risk to our creek. There is no way to avoid this based on the plans as presented.

Here is a photo of my backyard, most of which will be destroyed by the sewer system. Daily deer, turkeys, rabbits, and a few raccoons are running to and fro from the woods.



I fully recognize the economic benefit to all of Williamson County and the City of Franklin. However, we need to expand our region in a manner which preserves our beloved county while maintaining why we live here; escape from the metropolitan areas in a rural setting. Destroying our forest, creek, and chasing wildlife further out of the county goes counter to this.

We as a community have met and are unified in our opposition to the City's plan, -Option 2 A - and any option which includes a sewer running along any of our creeks, due to the environmental, financial, and quality of life impact it would have on our community. We ask for your help to develop a new plan which would not require such destruction within the boundaries of our community which resides in Williamson County and not inside of the City of Franklin.

Are you able to share the details of Option 1 or 2B? Our community has a very strong voice and if we understood the alternative options on the table, we might be able to voice our support.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

Jason Linden
615-815-5243

Andrew Orr

From: Jennifer Hammer <jjinatl@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 2:47 PM
To: Andrew Orr
Subject: Watkins Creek/Sewer

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Mr. Orr,

Thank you for your time in speaking with one of my HOA board members, JR Greene, about our neighborhood's concerns with commercial and residential development in and around Watkins Creek Subdivision.

I wanted to follow up with you as well.

As a homeowner in the Watkins Creek subdivision, I learned of the City of Franklin's plan to run multiple sewer lines through our community to support a new development of a to-be annexed 250-acre farm. The farm in question, Tap Root Farms, is currently working with Wes Patterson, Patterson Homes, to annex and develop their property in Franklin into single family homes.

While the community of Watkins Creek fully recognizes the economic benefit to the growth of Franklin, it must be balanced in such a way as to not destroy our own neighborhood's quality of life.

During a recent planning meeting with the City of Franklin, Vernon Gerth – the Assistant City Administrator, presented Option 2A for the Mayes Creek Basin area, which calls for at least one sewer project to run through our neighborhood.

In order to accomplish this project a sewer line would be installed parallel to our creek, requiring the destruction of hundreds of trees and local animal habitats surrounding the creek. Not only would this be detrimental to the look and feel of our community as these are some of the only remaining tall trees in the community, but it would be detrimental to the local wildlife as well.

We as a community have met and are unified in our opposition to the City's plan, -Option 2 A - and any option which includes a sewer running along any of our creeks, due to the environmental, financial, and quality of life impact it would have on our community. We ask for your help to develop a new plan which would not require such destruction within the boundaries of our community.

Thank You for your time & service to our community.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Jennifer Hammer

[Outlook](#) for iOS

Sent from my iPhone

Andrew Orr

From: Jennifer Johnson <jennifer.johnson1109@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 3:55 PM
To: Andrew Orr
Subject: Watkins Creek - Mayes Creek Basin

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Dear Mr. Orr,

I'm writing to you as a concerned homeowner in the Watkins Creek subdivision. Our community recently learned of the City of Franklin's proposed plan to run multiple sewer lines through our community to support a new development by Patterson Homes. Tap Root Farms is currently working with Wes Patterson of Patterson Homes to be annexed into the City of Franklin and develop their property into single family homes.

During a recent planning meeting with the City of Franklin, Vernon Gerth – the Assistant City Administrator, presented Option 2A for the Mayes Creek Basin area, which calls for at least one sewer project to run along the creek that backs up to our home in Watkins Creek Subdivision.

One of the main reasons we bought our home is that it backs up to a hearty tree line and creek, which is very rare these days in a lot of the newer subdivisions. I have pictures of my son (at 2 years old) and husband exploring the trees and creek behind our home. I remember that day vividly as it was his first time exploring in what we now call "the woods." It brought a smile to my face thinking of the fun and learning experiences he would get to experience in our backyard as he grows older. The Mayes Creek Basin Option 2A – and any option which includes a sewer running along any of the creeks is opposed by my family and community of Watkins Creek.

As natives of the Franklin/Nashville area, my husband and I (along with the community of Watkins Creek) recognize the economic benefits of Franklin growing, we just want to see it done in a way not to destroy our neighborhood. Please listen to us and consider our concerns – we are not asking to stop the growth in Franklin, we are asking for your help to develop a new plan which would not require such destruction within the Watkins Creek subdivision.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,
Jennifer Johnson

Andrew Orr

From: Vernon Gerth
Sent: Saturday, November 18, 2017 4:06 PM
To: Jimmy Ogilvie
Cc: Andrew Orr
Subject: RE: Watkins Creek Sewer Proposal Option 2A

Good afternoon Jimmy and Penny and Angela and thank you for sharing your concerns. Several of your other neighbors have shared similar concerns/emails. The Open House facilitated last week was intended to invite feedback on future land uses in the Mayes Creek Basin. We were pleased with the level of participation. The Mayes Creek Basin is in the City Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) and an area the City had not studied or included in its land use plan, Envision Franklin. The illustrations shared during the Open House about future land uses, roads, and public sanitary sewer were conceptual. Extending a public sanitary sewer system into the Urban Growth Boundary would be a costly undertaking. This process begins with understanding the types of development and land uses. Envision Franklin does not and will not include sanitary sewer concepts. After the land use planning process concludes, staff will be able to model a variety of scenarios and generate cost-benefit analysis' to determine the viability of serving all, a portion, or none of the Mayes Creek Basin. Serving the Mayes Creek Basin (or rather those properties whose owners are interested receiving City services) would be inclusive of all City services presently available to City residents. Examples include police, fire, solid waste, streets, and sanitary sewer services.

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Should you have any additional questions please contact our Long Range Principal Planner Andrew Orr andrew.orr@franklintn.gov. He is responsible for compiling citizen comments and is available to elaborate on specific questions. I hope this helps and invite you and your neighbors to stay involved.

Kind regards,

Vernon

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From: Jimmy Ogilvie [mailto:JOgilvie@ourcoop.com]

Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 9:05 AM

To: Ken Moore <ken.moore@franklin.tn.gov>; 'bev@aldermanburger.com' <bev@aldermanburger.com>; 'danamclendon@mac.com' <danamclendon@mac.com>; Margaret Martin <margaret.martin@franklin.tn.gov>; 'annpeterson@comcast.net' <annpeterson@comcast.net>; Clyde Barnhill <clyde.barnhill@franklin.tn.gov>; Brandy Blanton <brandy.blanton@franklin.tn.gov>; Pearl Bransford <pearl.bransford@franklin.tn.gov>; Scott Speedy <scott.speedy@franklin.tn.gov>; Vernon Gerth <vernon.gerth@franklin.tn.gov>
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Subject: Watkins Creek Sewer Proposal Option 2A

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City of Franklin Government Officials,

As a life time resident of Williamson Co and a 34 year resident of the City of Franklin, my wife and I elected to move back to the county in 2015. The Watkins Creek Community is now our home and we choose this area because of its close proximity to Franklin while at the same time, the ability to enjoy the beauty and nature of Williamson Co.

As presented in the City of Franklin Envision Plan proposal "Option 2A", the proposed sewer line will have negative results to our home and lot as our lot backs up to the mentioned creek site. Here are a few of my concerns:

- 1) Building the sewer line to run along the creek at the back of my property will have a substantial environmental impact. This area is a natural habitat for deer, wild turkey, and other wildlife species we enjoy seeing on almost a daily basis. Construction would also involve the loss of all the large trees which surround this creek area.
- 2) Possible property/structural damage (with blasting) and road damage within our community.
- 3) The area behind my house (and several of the neighboring homes) is a manmade water retention area that was built when the subdivision was built. The retention area would be impacted either temporarily or permanently by this project. Water runoff and/or flooding could lead to other problems.
- 4) Risk of water contamination during the proposed sewer line installation.
- 5) Blasting of rock to lay a sewer line will cause maximum damage too many homes in our subdivision. The blasting in Amelia Park is felt in our homes in Watkins Creek and has had negative settling effects.... even that far away. I can't imagine what the effects/damage would be to existing homes if that blasting occurred mere feet from our property lines. As a homeowner, what recourse would we have? How long would a process like this take?
- 6) Significant reduction of home values within our Watkins Creek community.

I would like to ask each of you to explore other options—"Please save Watkins Creek and remove Sewer Option 2A from the list of potential options".

Again, as a prior, long-term resident of the City of Franklin, "preservation" was and has been the key word relating to new projects that were brought before the Mayor and Alderman. We need the same stringent guidelines to "Preserve" our Williamson County beauty and home values.

Thank you for your time. If you would like to speak with me, please feel free to call. 615-714-3212

Sincerely,

Jimmy & Penny Ogilvie

1056 Watkins Creek Drive

Franklin, Tennessee 37067

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Andrew Orr

From: Kim Milan <kcm716@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 1:54 PM
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Cc: Andrew Orr; Andrew J. Milan
Subject: Watkins Creek - Taproot Development / Sewer Line
Attachments: 10312017 DEER 1.JPG; 10312017 DEER 2.JPG; 08042017 MORNING TRAFFIC_1.JPG; 08042017 MORNING TRAFFIC_2.JPG; 08132017 BABY.JPG

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Hello all,

My husband and I are residents of Watkins Creek subdivision and reside at 3428 Stagecoach Drive.

I am writing to you today to express our extreme displeasure with several of your planned "improvements" to our area. Namely, the sewer line installation in Watkins Creek, the high density neighborhoods adjacent to our neighborhood, and the road connecting N. Chapel Road to Clovercleft all will be detrimental to the quality of life of the residents you represent.

Additionally, I have attached pictures of the frequent visitors we aim to protect.

Please note that we are well educated, informed voters, and we vote in all elections.

Our requests are simple:

1. Relocate the sewer line and preserve the beauty of Watkins Creek.
2. Do not zone Tap Root for high density housing.
3. Move the planned road to directly connect 96 - Murfreesboro Road to Clovercleft

Many thanks for your consideration.

Best regards,

Kimberly C. Milan

Andrew Orr

From: Kimberly Milan <kcm716@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 3:26 PM
To: Brandy Blanton; Vernon Gerth; annpetersen@comcast.net; gregglawrence@williamson-tn.org; Pearl Bransford; Michael Skinner; danamclendon@mac.com; wpatterson@buypatterson.com; Ken Moore; bev@aldermanburger.com; Clyde Barnhill
Cc: Andrew Orr; Andrew J. Milan
Subject: Re: Watkins Creek - Taproot Development / Sewer Line

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Hello all,

Many of you have responded to our community's messages with a canned response meant to appease us.

We are not amused, nor are we fooled.

How many of you would allow or have allowed similar actions to take place in your own neighborhoods? If it were happening to yours, would you allow it to proceed?

It is the equivalent of realizing your village is on the brink of pillaging and your children are about to be stolen, and you are incapable of stopping it.

In this case the village is Watkins Creek, and the children are the precious wildlife that is safe here.

Best regards,

Kimberly C. Milan
312.502.1667

Sent from my iPhone - please excuse typos.

On Nov 17, 2017, at 1:54 PM, Kim Milan <kcm716@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hello all,

My husband and I are residents of Watkins Creek subdivision and reside at 3428 Stagecoach Drive.

I am writing to you today to express our extreme displeasure with several of your planned "improvements" to our area. Namely, the sewer line installation in Watkins Creek, the high density neighborhoods adjacent to our neighborhood, and the road connecting N. Chapel Road to Clovercleft all will be detrimental to the quality of life of the residents you represent.

Additionally, I have attached pictures of the frequent visitors we aim to protect.

Please note that we are well educated, informed voters, and we vote in all elections.

Our requests are simple:

1. Relocate the sewer line and preserve the beauty of Watkins Creek.
2. Do not zone Tap Root for high density housing.
3. Move the planned road to directly connect 96 - Murfreesboro Road to Clovercroft

Many thanks for your consideration.

Best regards,

Kimberly C. Milan

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Andrew Orr

From: Vernon Gerth
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 3:38 PM
To: Laura Osbun
Cc: Andrew Orr; Eric Stuckey; Emily Hunter; Kelly Dannenfelser; James Svoboda
Subject: RE: Option 2A

Good afternoon Laura and thank you for sharing your concerns. Several of your other neighbors have shared similar concerns/emails. The Open House facilitated last week was intended to invite feedback on future land uses in the Mayes Creek Basin. We were pleased with the level of participation. The Mayes Creek Basin is in the City Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) and an area the City had not studied or included in its land use plan, Envision Franklin. The illustrations shared during the Open House about future land uses, roads, and public sanitary sewer were conceptual. Extending a public sanitary sewer system into the Urban Growth Boundary would be a costly undertaking. This process begins with understanding the types of development and land uses. Envision Franklin does not and will not include sanitary sewer concepts. After the land use planning process concludes, staff will be able to model a variety of scenarios and generate cost-benefit analysis' to determine the viability of serving all, a portion, or none of the Mayes Creek Basin. Serving the Mayes Creek Basin (or rather those properties whose owners are interested receiving City services) would be inclusive of all City services presently available to City residents. Examples include police, fire, solid waste, streets, and sanitary sewer services.

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Kind regards,

Vernon

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From: Laura Osbun [mailto:osbun@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 4:07 PM
To: Vernon Gerth <vernon.gerth@franklintn.gov>
Subject: Option 2A

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Dear Mr. Gerth,

We are homeowners in the Watkins Creek subdivision and have learned of the City of Franklin's plan to run multiple sewer lines through our community to support a new development of a to-be annexed 250-acre farm, Tap Root Farms. This proposed sewer line would run directly behind our house. This proposed plan will require the destruction of hundreds of trees and local animal habitats surrounding the creek. This would be detrimental to the look of our community, our home values and would also be a detriment to the trees and local wildlife. Everyday, we have does, bucks, wild turkeys and rabbits grazing in the green space and woods behind our house. We purchased our house three years ago in our neighborhood because of all the trees and green space that it offers. The explosive growth within our surrounding area is slowly ruining the beauty of the hills, trees and wildlife that many people originally moved here for, and the reason people fall in love with our area.

Our neighborhood currently has its own sewer system, and the secondary fields are directly to the east of the creek. Running a sewer line through our neighborhood has no direct benefit to us and in fact, could potentially damage the existing fields of our own system. Also, we have a concern that any digging and/or blasting done to lay the lines could potentially structurally damage our homes since they are roughly 100 feet from the creek.

While we, and our neighbors in Watkins Creek, fully realize that the area must continue to grow in order to meet the demands of the people moving to our area, it must be balanced in such a way as to not destroy our quality of life. We feel that we should not have to sacrifice our enjoyment of our home in order to meet the demands of a developer unrelated to our neighborhood. This plan would not only enrich his pocketbook but would take money from ours due to the decreased value of our homes. Our home that now backs up to trees but would then back up to an empty field if this plan is implemented.

We as a community have met and are unified in our opposition to the City's plan, Option 2 A and any option which includes a sewer running along any of our creeks, due to the environmental, financial, and quality of life impact it would have on our community. We ask for your help to develop a new plan which would not require such destruction within the boundaries of our community.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Max and Laura Osbun
1040 Watkins Creek Dr
Franklin TN 37067

Andrew Orr

From: Margaret Phillips <clovercroftmanager@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 5:15 PM
To: Andrew Orr
Subject: Mayes Creek Drainage Basin

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Good Morning Andrew. This is Margaret Phillips from Clovercroft Veterinary Hospital. My husband, Jim Phillips, and I are both veterinarians and we are the owners of Clovercroft Veterinary Hospital. We received the October 23rd notice from the Planning and Sustainability Department regarding the land use study involving the Mayes Creek Drainage Basin. For a variety of reasons, we missed the November 7th public meeting as well as the December 1st close of the online survey, however, we want you to know that we have a strong interest in this project. We would like to be included and notified of upcoming events regarding Envision Franklin and this project. We would also like to learn the pros & cons of annexation into the city of Franklin.

Thank you for noting our preferences, and again, I sincerely regret that we have not already done our civic duty and participated in the discussions.

Sincerely,

Margaret Phillips, DVM, DACVD
Clovercroft Veterinary Hospital
4180 Clovercroft Road
Franklin, Tennessee 37067
615.790.8585
www.clovercroftvets.com

Andrew Orr

From: NICK GOODWIN <nick.goodwin@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 1:54 PM
To: Andrew Orr
Subject: Save Watkins Creek, Stop the Sewer System through our Community

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Mr. Orr

This email is to communicate my family's concern and disapproval of the proposed plan for a sewer system expansion to run along/through the area along the Creek that traverses our neighborhood community, Watkins Creek.

We purchased our home in the development because of how it embraced nature and maintained the natural beauty of the area. My family loves that we have daily encounters with animals ranging from deer and groundhog to birds, lizards and turtles. The plans we have been shown can only adversely affect all of these benefits and detract from the value of our homes and quality of life. It has become extremely apparent in a very short amount of time that our entire development is united against this proposed action and it has only further galvanized our neighborhood community. I am formally appealing for your support of our neighborhood, its families and the greater good of my fellow residents and for you and your fellow leaders to oppose the proposed sewer plan and remove it as a possible option from the list currently under consideration.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter and I hope that we can count on your support on-going!

Nick Goodwin

Watkins Creek

3451 Stagecoach Drive

Franklin, TN 37067

Andrew Orr

From: Vernon Gerth
Sent: Saturday, November 18, 2017 11:15 AM
To: NICK GOODWIN
Cc: Andrew Orr
Subject: RE: Save Watkins Creek, Stop the Sewer System through our Community

Good morning Nick and thank you for sharing your concerns. Several of your other neighbors have shared similar concerns/emails. The Open House facilitated last week was intended to invite feedback on future land uses in the Mayes Creek Basin. We were pleased with the level of participation. The Mayes Creek Basin is in the City Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) and an area the City had not studied or included in its land use plan, Envision Franklin. The illustrations shared during the Open House about future land uses, roads, and public sanitary sewer were conceptual. Extending a public sanitary sewer system into the Urban Growth Boundary would be a costly undertaking. This process begins with understanding the types of development and land uses. Envision Franklin does not and will not include sanitary sewer concepts. After the land use planning process concludes, staff will be able to model a variety of scenarios and generate cost-benefit analysis' to determine the viability of serving all, a portion, or none of the Mayes Creek Basin. Serving the Mayes Creek Basin (or rather those properties whose owners are interested receiving City services) would be inclusive of all City services presently available to City residents. Examples include police, fire, solid waste, streets, and sanitary sewer services.

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Kind regards,

Vernon

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Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 1:43 PM
To: Vernon Gerth <vernon.gerth@franklintn.gov>
Subject: Save Watkins Creek, Stop the Sewer System through our Community

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Watkins Creek

3451 Stagecoach Drive

Franklin, TN 37067

Andrew Orr

From: Vernon Gerth
Sent: Sunday, November 12, 2017 7:54 PM
To: Eric Stuckey; Ken Moore; Emily Hunter; Kelly Dannenfelser; Andrew Orr; Paul Holzen
Subject: FW: Opposition to Mayes Creek Basin Sewer Project

Good evening. I noticed you were not included in Mr. Hammer's e-mail and wanted you have a copy.

Vernon

From: Robert Hammer [mailto:roberthammer@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 12, 2017 4:49 PM
To: bev@aldermanburger.com; danamclendon@mac.com; Michael Skinner <michael.skinner@franklintn.gov>; Margaret Martin <margaret.martin@franklintn.gov>; annpetersen@comcast.net; Clyde Barnhill <clyde.barnhill@franklintn.gov>; Brandy Blanton <brandy.blanton@franklintn.gov>; Pearl Bransford <pearl.bransford@franklintn.gov>
Cc: Vernon Gerth <vernon.gerth@franklintn.gov>; gregglawrence@williamson-tn.org; wpatterson@buypatterson.com; jrgreene13@gmail.com
Subject: Opposition to Mayes Creek Basin Sewer Project

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Dear Franklin Aldermen,

I'm writing to you as a homeowner in the Watkins Creek subdivision after learning of the City of Franklin's plan to run multiple sewer lines through our community to support a new development of a to-be annexed 250-acre farm. The farm in question, Tap Root Farms, is currently working with Wes Patterson, Patterson Homes, to annex and develop their property in Franklin into single family homes.

While the community of Watkins Creek fully recognizes the economic benefit to the growth of Franklin, it must be balanced in such a way as to not destroy our own neighborhood's quality of life.

During a recent planning meeting with the City of Franklin, Vernon Gerth – the Assistant City Administrator, presented Option 2A for the Mayes Creek Basin area, which calls for at least one sewer project to run through our neighborhood. In order to accomplish this project a sewer line would be installed parallel to our creek, requiring the destruction of hundreds of trees and local animal habitats surrounding the creek. Not only would this be detrimental to the look and feel of our community as these are some of the only remaining tall trees in the community, but it would be detrimental to the local wildlife as well.

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I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,
Robert Hammer

Andrew Orr

From: Sherry Dedmon <sherrydedmon@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 18, 2017 9:33 AM
To: Ken Moore; bev@aldermanburger.com; danamclendon@mac.com; Michael Skinner; Margaret Martin; annpetersen@comcast.net; Clyde Barnhill; Brandy Blanton; Pearl Bransford; Vernon Gerth; gregglawrence@williamson-tn.org; wpatterson@buypatterson.com; Andrew Orr; rep.glen.casada@capitol.tn.gov; rep.jack.johnson@capitol.tn.gov
Subject: Watkins Creek

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to voice my sincere concerns for my neighborhood. I respectfully ask that you consider an alternate route for the sewer access that does not destroy the beauty, the trees and home of an abundance of wildlife in the Watkins Creek Subdivision. I am not opposed to new neighborhoods but request that you protect the integrity of our existing homes. The appeal of our neighborhood is one that celebrates the rural heritage of Williamson County.

Thank you for your kind consideration of my request.

Sincerely,
Sherry Leipzig
3011 Cecil Lewis Drive

Andrew Orr

From: Vernon Gerth
Sent: Saturday, November 18, 2017 3:59 PM
To: Tari Maurer
Cc: Andrew Orr
Subject: RE: Mayes Creek Basin and Watkins Creek

Good afternoon Tari and thank you for sharing your concerns. Several of your other neighbors have shared similar concerns/emails. The Open House facilitated last week was intended to invite feedback on future land uses in the Mayes Creek Basin. We were pleased with the level of participation. The Mayes Creek Basin is in the City Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) and an area the City had not studied or included in its land use plan, Envision Franklin. The illustrations shared during the Open House about future land uses, roads, and public sanitary sewer were conceptual. Extending a public sanitary sewer system into the Urban Growth Boundary would be a costly undertaking. This process begins with understanding the types of development and land uses. Envision Franklin does not and will not include sanitary sewer concepts. After the land use planning process concludes, staff will be able to model a variety of scenarios and generate cost-benefit analysis' to determine the viability of serving all, a portion, or none of the Mayes Creek Basin. Serving the Mayes Creek Basin (or rather those properties whose owners are interested receiving City services) would be inclusive of all City services presently available to City residents. Examples include police, fire, solid waste, streets, and sanitary sewer services.

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Kind regards,

Vernon

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From: Tari Maurer [mailto:tlmaurer@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 9:44 AM
To: Vernon Gerth <vernon.gerth@franklintn.gov>
Subject: Mayes Creek Basin and Watkins Creek

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Dear City Administrator Gerth,

My husband and I reside at 1081 Watkins Creek Drive in the Watkins Creek subdivision in the eastern portion of Williamson County.

Recently, I was made aware that one option of the Mayes Creek Basin plan being developed for this area of the county has proposed a sewer line to run along the creek that traverses through the middle of our subdivision. This sewer line would NOT service Watkins Creek as our sewer is a STEP system overseen by Tennessee Wastewater. This sewer line would service areas of currently undeveloped land that surround our neighborhood currently known as Tap Root Farms.

I am very opposed to this sewer proposal (and actually all the development that the sewer line would service) for a variety of reasons:

- The creek and the wildlife that inhabit this area would be at best disturbed and at worst displaced. It is not unusual to see deer and turkeys on our morning walk coming from the creek area in our neighborhood. This creek area also provides a wonderful outdoor learning environment for all the neighborhood children who frequent it to identify trees, look for frogs and other creek animals, and just enjoy the peacefulness of nature.
- This sewer line would require the removal of an abundance of trees and bushes that surround this creek. This natural habitat would be disturbed and destroyed by this sewer line installation and would never return to its natural state.
- What an inconvenience this would cause to all the residents of Watkins Creek for absolutely no benefit to our neighborhood. The equipment, the noise, the additional traffic would be very intrusive for the months it would take to install this sewer line. In the future, spillage from these lines could be a possibility which would have a negative impact on our neighborhood.
- I also believe this would not add any value to our homes and could actually adversely affect their value.

I am aware that you cannot stop progress in a town as wonderful as Franklin, but I moved to this area of the county to be surrounded more by nature than housing developments and people. Isn't the quaintness, wonderful schools, and rural areas what drew us to Franklin in the first place? Let's try to keep this wonderful city, wonderful!

Thus, I respectfully ask that you find another way to provide sewer service to this undeveloped area instead of going through the Watkins Creek subdivision.

Thank you,

Tari Maurer

1081 Watkins Creek Drive
Franklin, TN 37067

Andrew Orr

From: Trang Wadsworth <trangwadsworth@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 8:51 AM
To: Andrew Orr
Subject: Re: Survey

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Hello,

No not exactly. The neighborhood is filled with mobile home on 1 acre lots. Much of this properties do not perk for a custom build due to the Williamson County perking requirements. Many landowners are stuck with a piece a land they can not develop unless they only put a mobile home on their lots. Due to these strict requirements that Williamson County/city hold land owners too in this neighborhood; we are only allowed to put mobile homes/trailer home on these lots. Which in my opinion depreciates the area and the overall look of the neighborhood is diminished to mobile homes going down in value not up in value. This does not benefit the city/county or the land owners.

Sewer in this neighborhood will resolve this issue.

Please keep me posted

Thank you

On Wed, Dec 13, 2017 at 12:56 PM, Andrew Orr <andrew.orr@franklintn.gov> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

We are still early in the process. If I recall correctly, you are desiring sewer because of the high cost to install an updated septic system? We will present our public outreach results at the January 28th Joint Conceptual Workshop.

We did meet with County staff a few weeks back, but it was mainly to fill them in our study and also understand the school capacity in this area.

Thanks,

Andrew

From: Trang Wadsworth [mailto:trangwadsworth@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 1:12 PM
To: Andrew Orr <andrew.orr@franklintn.gov>
Subject: Re: Survey

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Can you provide me with an update to your meeting with the county/city for N. Chapel Rd. Franklin, TN?

Thanks

On Tue, Nov 21, 2017 at 8:51 AM, Andrew Orr <andrew.orr@franklintn.gov> wrote:

Please see the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mayescreek>

Andrew Orr, AICP, PEM | Principal Planner

[109 3rd Avenue South | Franklin, Tennessee 37064](#)

P: [615.550.6741](tel:615.550.6741) | E: andrew.orr@franklintn.gov

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Andrew Orr

From: ahaile <haile17@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 7:55 PM
To: Andrew Orr
Subject: Watkins Creek, Franklin

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November 17, 2017

Vincent and Angela Haile
1130 Watkins Creek Drive
Franklin, TN 37067
Haile17@comcast.net
Hm: 615-905-8605
Cell: 512-658-3488

Andrew Orr,

We are writing to you as homeowners in the Watkins Creek subdivision in Franklin. We are in direct opposition to the City of Franklin's plan to run multiple sewer lines through our community to support a new development of Tap Root Farms. The farm is currently working with Wes Patterson, Patterson Homes, to annex and develop their property into single family homes.

***The potential sewer plan just so happens to run directly behind our home and the very thought of losing the trees and natural aesthetics that made our home an appealing purchase 3 years ago, is unacceptable. While the community of Watkins Creek recognizes the growth of Franklin, it must be balanced in such a way as to not destroy our own neighborhood's aesthetics, home values, and quality of life.**

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We look forward to hearing from you and we thank you, in advance, for your support.

Respectfully,

Vincent and Angela Haile