

# Protest Map

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City of Norman Planning Services Division  
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Subject: Opposition to Rezoning for Proposed Development

Dear Members of the Zoning Commission,

I write to you today with great concern regarding the proposed development project and the potential rezoning that accompanies it. I urge you to carefully consider the following points before making a decision that could have irreversible consequences for our community.

Firstly, I would like to draw attention to the plan to raise land by hauling in dirt. While this may seem like a viable solution for the developers, it poses significant risks for nearby property owners. Such elevation changes have the potential to disrupt natural drainage patterns, causing water to redirect towards existing properties. This alteration increases the likelihood of flooding and poses a threat to the safety and well-being of our community members.

Additionally, the proposed retaining pond is insufficient to address the drainage problems that will arise from the introduction of additional hard surfaces. The City of Norman's own website highlights the vital role of the affected floodplains in flood storage, conveyance, and reduction of flood velocities and peaks.

*"Floodplains and wetlands provide breeding and feeding grounds for fish and wildlife, create and enhance waterfowl habitat, and protect habitats for rare and endangered species. The floodplains are an important asset to the City of Norman. They provide open space, aesthetic pleasure, and areas for active uses such as parks. "*

- <https://www.normanok.gov/your-government/departments/public-works-department/stormwater-division/flood-hazard-protection>

By allowing more hard surfaces to replace these crucial floodplains, we risk diminishing their effectiveness in flood prevention and compromising the water quality of our city.



Moreover, the runoff of residential lawn chemicals resulting from this development poses a serious threat to existing agricultural land use. The City of Norman has recognized the importance of protecting water quality through the enactment of the Manufactured Fertilizer Ordinance and the Water Quality Protection Zone Ordinance. These measures aim to improve water quality and prevent pollution caused by the runoff of harmful substances. Allowing this proposed development to proceed would contradict the city's own efforts and put our agricultural land and livestock at risk.

Lastly, the introduction of additional septic tanks and water wells associated with the proposed development poses considerable risks to the supply and quality of water for both existing agricultural and residential use. The potential for contamination and depletion of our valuable water resources cannot be overlooked. Our community depends on access to clean and sufficient water, and we should prioritize its preservation for the benefit of current and future generations.

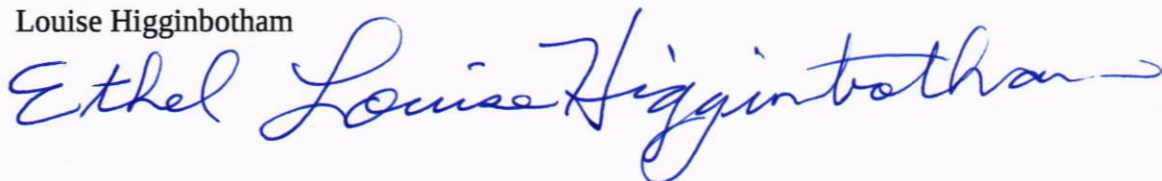
I implore you to review the City of Norman's own website and consider the strong case it makes against the proposed development. Our floodplains, wetlands, and agricultural lands provide essential benefits to our community, including flood control, water filtration, wildlife habitat, and open spaces. Rezoning for this development would jeopardize these vital assets that contribute to the health, beauty, and ecological balance of our city.

In light of these concerns, I respectfully request that you reconsider the rezoning proposal and carefully evaluate its potential impacts on our community and environment. Let us prioritize sustainable development practices that protect our natural resources and preserve the well-being of our residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will make a decision that reflects the best interests of our community and upholds the values outlined on the City of Norman's website.

Sincerely,

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