

To The Honorable City of Green Representatives
Central Administration Building
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To City of Green Representatives:

My name is Autumn Groen, and I am a high school student currently living in the City of Green. Living close to the NEXUS pipeline, it is time to get past previous construction, but still look how future development may impact the City of Green; mainly how these areas will be used and how it will impact the environment. I am impressed at how Green maintains an eco-friendly and community friendly environment by including ten parks, one being a memorial park, as well as being the home to the Nimisila Reservoir and the Singer Lake Bog area, among others. It is important to not only take these areas into consideration, but also other areas around the city when it comes to future development.

One of the main concerns that I've had with previous construction was that it has been taking place in the Singer Lake Bog area, owned by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Construction has also been going on in or around other parks in Green. Areas around neighborhoods have been looked at, and this development can get in the way of some of the citizen's privacy or lifestyle. This was a sort of alert to me that even though there are many financial benefits to business, allotment or technical development, it is important to keep in mind that natural areas are important to the preservation of the city. I agree so far with the city's plan on purchasing the Raintree Country Club area because that way we can use it for benefiting the City and using its green space.

Another concern that I have is with the preservation of historical buildings in Green, such as the East Liberty School House, or Franks Farmstead. Since these buildings, among others, are on main roads and may come up for sale, it is important to take steps to think about keeping these buildings preserved, as they are more susceptible to damage or being taken down for commercial purposes.

Some benefits to keeping parks, historic sites and green areas include:

- **Community Engagement:** Programs for all ages can allow engagement from anybody in the community. They can be educational, or allow people to get outside and have fun.
- **Environment:** Green areas and parks can allow for designation of different species of plants and animals. Green spaces can also prevent more areas from adding pollutants that may be harmful to the people living or actively going to these areas. It can cost a lot of money to take out resources for commercial use and they may be environmentally harmful. Green spaces can be used to aim for cleaner energy.
- **Preservation:** Preserving historical areas can allow citizens of Green to study how Green has changed over the years, and the impact of these changes. It can allow for people outside of Green to visit and learn more about the positive changes that have been made. Preservation can also allow people to study Green's environment.

I believe that it is important to take new steps to create a cleaner and more eco-friendly environment. I believe that the right steps are being taken by the city so far, and keeping these goals in mind can keep our community healthier and cleaner.

Thank you for your time,

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