From: <u>Heidi Sluss</u>
To: <u>City Council</u>

**Subject:** public hearing regarding rezoning of Massillon Rd.

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## To Whom It May Concern:

I will not be able to attend the public hearing at our regular Council meeting TONIGHT at 7:05 at the Central Administration Building, which is in reference to rezoning 20.5 acres of land located at the corner on Massillon Rd and Wise Rd to Planned Development (PD) to allow for 74 condominium-style cluster homes. This is a change of zoning that will impact a portion of the landscape of our City. Councilman Speight asked that we, as residents share our thoughts.

I will be the first to admit that I am not well-versed in city planning. But I have been a resident of Green for almost my entire childhood and adult life. I moved back to Green with my husband to start our family because it's a wonderful community and has excellent schools. However, over the last 10-15 years, Green appears to have have become all about development, money, gas lines, and retirement communities. What about the green space? What about making sure we have the roads and infrastructure to accommodate all of the businesses, apartment complexes, and masshousing units that are being put in? Green has gone from a family-focused, mostly rural area to one of growth that the infrastructure has not been able to keep pace with.

How about making a Central Park that can actually accommodate the population that lives here? How about fixing the roads BEFORE you build something like this that is going to drastically increase the amount of traffic? How about putting in a swimming pool that our community can use rather than asking our residents to travel to other neighborhoods to utilize this resource? How about fixing the side roads, such as ours and Provens, that are crumbling to pieces and taking care of the tax payers that are already supporting the city.

It's frustrating to see the number of senior living centers, apartment complexes, and now mass condo communities changing the landscape of our city, cutting down more and more trees, and decreasing the amount of farmland. I guess it just comes down to the fact that Green is growing. What vision are we going for? And as we're growing, please make sure that the roads, stop lights, roundabouts, etc, can sustain the increased traffic that will inevitably come with this growth.

Thank you, Heidi Sluss 317 Divot Spur Akron, OH 44319