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Subject: Hearing Johnson and rinderman
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Hi

We live on the same block as where this house is going to be built

My questions

Environmental impact based on being so close to the reservoir, not sure how that was allowed.

Do they own the banks of reservoir as we walk through the woods and it has all the no trespassing signs now
If or when construction begins, I worry about my kids safety as people speed up and down mountain brook dr.

Thank you

John

From: **John Hammer** <johnthammer28@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, Dec 9, 2021 at 1:18 PM
Subject: Public hearing; Johnson & Rinderman, Mountain Brook Drive
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Cheryl,

Since I will not be able to participate in the Zoom meeting on Thursday, December 16, I would like to please submit the following discussion in order to have my opinion heard if this is considered proper. I do not wish to waste anyone's time and I appreciate the opportunity to contribute.

As a twenty four year resident of Mountain Brook Drive I have been told that I may express my opinion regarding the matter of developing the wooded land adjoining the cul de sac at the top of our road. The project is described as minor but I guess that depends on one's point of view. I have always felt that we were fortunate to live in such close proximity to a natural wooded area and former reservoir which has remained essentially unchanged through the years. I have many fond memories of past walks in the woods with my son and the dog. I was only partially relieved when a road block was created preventing access to the noisy off-road vehicle traffic that had begun and with that traffic the inevitable dumping of garbage and desecration of the landscape with discarded bottles and other careless waste disposal by inconsiderate individuals who had no regard for preserving nature.

I had been under the impression that a large portion of that land had been acquired by conservationist groups and declared a protected landscape but apparently not all of it. In my own opinion, I would not view favorably the construction of one or more houses and "related site improvements" in this relatively untouched woodland for several reasons. Apart from the principle issue of retaining the land as pristine as possible for the preservation of our dwindling wild life and for it's natural beauty as a forest, there is also the issue of the increased construction traffic on Mountain Brook Drive, the road surface of which has already been showing marked deterioration each year. The area under proposal for development abuts a hiking trail and would be in close proximity to the old reservoir affecting the wildlife that make their habitat there. They would most likely abandon it under the stress and noise of the construction. The rustic abandoned road would become a paved or gravel driveway for vehicular traffic, air and noise pollution.

I feel that the area in question has reached it's limit with the degree of development which can be sustained and still remain in harmony with the preservation of the natural habitat of the area's indigenous community, human and wildlife.

So, to summarize, I am not in favor of any further encroachment than has already been done nor the development through housing construction of the remaining wooded area above Mountain Brook Drive which many consider to be ecologically vital for the preservation of the Hudson Highlands.

Sincerely,

John T. Hammer, MD