

So far this is what people have been saying that have been signing the Dawson County Zoning Petition. (*Last Updated Sunday Sept 29, 2019*)

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This Petition and the comments will be delivered to the Commissioners prior to the October 17 Zoning Meeting. Comments will be released and updated for the general public every week between now and then.

I am signing because...

(Currently 74 comments)

- 1) "I was born and raised here and I do not like the direction we are going."
- 2) "I do not like the city development or the future suburbs moving into this beautiful rural place which brings more citizens that are not from this town who want to change the landscape because that think high density housing is right for Dawson."
- 3) "I don't want to end up with a bunch of over priced homes all over dawsonville. I had to move from Forsyth due to rent skyrocketing because of all the homes being built and people moving to the county. I would like to keep dawsonville as nice as it is now."
- 4) "It Forsyth county never will be"
- 5) "I have lived in Dawsonville for 20 years and the board is trying to turn us into something we are not."
- 6) "Because NO"
- 7) "I agree with what the Big Canoe residents * have presented in the petition. Also, I fear that the high density housing will bring additional crime and traffic and without additional funding to our Sheriff's Office for additional personnel and equipment, they would be under manned and under equipped for the additional crime and transportation requirements."

** Publisher's Comment: This is NOT a "Big Canoe" petition. It is just hosted on the publisher's news site, which happens to Focus on Big Canoe Investigations. This is for ALL Dawson County Residents! The writer has property in Big Canoe, but lives near the proposed Etowah Village site by Hwy 53 & 400.*

- 8) "I Love living in the country , hate all the traffic and congestion the mall and stores have caused! Had I known voting for the mall would have caused, I'd have voted against it!!"
- 9) "We do not have things in place to support continuous high density growth (fire trucks, police staff, etc.)"
- 10) "I disagree with the zoning efforts and the possible negative implications that Dawson county would have to deal with as a result."
- 11) "Dawson county needs to slow down the development"
- 12) "The area is over growing"
- 13) "I support Dawson County zoning and dont want the river to be polluted and the Indian mounds plus artifacts lost forever."
- 14) "I love Dawson County and want to make sure that while it will inevitably change and grow, it does so in a good and positive way that will allow for Dawson County to benefit and retain it's unique culture."
- 15) "Strain on water, infrastructure is not in place and won't be, preservation of the forest land and rivers"
- 16) "This plan would completely destroy the reasons I chose to move here to begin with."
- 17) "I moved to the country to be in the country. If we wanted the city life we would have moved to the city. DONs unnecessary with limited benefits"
- 18) "The people of Dawson County have spoken up and DO NOT approve of this uncontrolled growth~ Consider the residents of Dawson County continue to cherish Dawson County rural beautiful features, quiet for the most part, and small town feeling. This move must consider all the preparation that must be done before a HUGE project like this, ROADS, POLICE OFFICERS, MEDICAL FIELDS, SCHOOLS, and the will of the people~"
- 19) "I really don't know because I think it will do no good. Seems once it starts, nothing stops it. Our county is already gone, but doesn't hurt to TRY to keep it from getting worse. Developers usually win beause they threaten to sue and counties can't afford all the law suits."

- 20) "We dont need this"
- 21) "We dont want this or need this."
- 22) "Because I love our county we dont like the OVERCROWDING and TRAFFIC"
- 23) "I donts making the roads busier and bringing in more families. I miss our small town."
- 24) "I am a lifelong resident of Dawson County and I want my children to have the same opportunity to grow up loving the small town values that I was blessed to enjoy."
- 25) "I agree with petition. Don't need this cluster."
- 26) "Against high density housing, violation of long range plan and current zoning, and lack of transportation planning for medium to high density projects."
- 27) "I feel like there is enough High Density property in this county already."
- 28) "I agree"
- 29) "The growth in Dawson County is outpacing itt turn around if it had to, Housert think anything positive can come from any zoning changes. Our beautiful North Georgia mountains is a very special gift and I feel with a large development it would be in grave danger."
- 30) "I do NOT want the destruction of our beautiful county by allowing development to make us another Alpharetta/Cumming. Or padding the pockets of ANY government official/developer at the expense of the residents."
- 31) "I have lived here for 25 years, the growth in the 400 corridor is enough for this area."
- 32) "Lifelong Forsyth resident until 19 years ago. I see this affecting the quality of life and reason we moved to Dawson in the first place. Let suburban sprawl end with Forsyth. Please us it as an example of what could happen if you dont mind homes being build but these types of developments are eye sores to the whole community."

- 33) "If I wanted to live in a high density city, I would have moved to one."
- 34) "I don't stick to it and not bow to the almighty dollar and destroy what we all love about where we live."
- 35) "I love Dawson County and have the desire to maintain its rural country appearance which is a great part of our culture."
- 36) "I am a concerned homeowner in Dawsonville"
- 37) "Dawson County does not need more traffic and confusion. We like our county as it is."
- 38) "Sad that our little town has changed in such negative ways. I just want the growth to stop."
- 39) "Although I do believe that growth in Dawson County is inevitable, this kind of complex is not appropriate for us. This ""community"" will be approximately one-fourth of the entire population of the county when completed and fully sold/rented. The housing density will far exceed the limits the County has in place. By approving such a complex, a precedent will be established whereby future developers can do the same thing and we will have become another Gwinnett or Forsyth county."
- 40) "I live on the Etowah River and you will destroy my land. Also, we need to slow down some of the big growth."
- 41) "I object to the recent High Density Zoning efforts within our County (specifically in regards to the Dawson/Etowah Village Project, ZA 19-15), which I believe are in substantial violation of our Long Range Plan, and constitute a threat to the character of Dawson County."
- 42) "I live on a horse farm that has an Indian village on it. I do not want the sewer in my property nor do I feel the county can support the success of this project when there is one just like it up 400 in a wealthier area. Stupid idea!"
- 43) "I moved to Dawsonville because of its simplicity and safety. A place where I didn't all for building but this will only bring more problems to our county and well loved community."

- 44) "I believe Dawsonville has had plenty of positive growth but I dont want to live and fight traffic as in metropolitan areas. You will destroy charm that is left of smaller city life for all. Leave Dawsonville and her residents in peace!"
- 45) "Very concerned about Etowah river impact as well as the detrimental impact not only in town of Dawsonville but to access and flow of 400. The congestion to a small town such as ours is unthinkable and irresponsible."
- 46) "I agree with the above states"
- 47) "There is an area across from Gold Creek on Ga 136 that already is zoned for what the developer is attempting. Surely we don't need another Mega Development."
- 48) "I do not want the growth the traffic north of crime that comes with the growth"
- 49) "I am completely against mass developments that will forever change our way of living. Not just The Village but through out the county. I am also interested in putting a leash on our Chamber and want to be more involved in how impact fees are changed to appease businesses. It's just a matter of time before they are changed again for developers leaving us to pay for infastructure."
- 50) "My husband and i lived here our entire lives, except for 5 years that we had to move out of state for work. Those entire 5 years, we couldn't wait to get back home. Now, with all this out of control growth as son as my son graduates, I'm afraid we will moving again. I miss my old hometown and sad to see the uncontrolled growth the commissioner's are allowing in."
- 51) "I dont want to see the same mistakes repeated in Dawson. Etowah Village is only going to bring a traffic nightmare and a huge burden on existing county resources: schools, fire, police, roads.....etc. Not to mention the environmental costs to the Etowah River!"
- 52) "I am concerned"
- 53) "I do not want this in my back door. And the county need to focus on the future of this County (which are in our failing school system) and stop worrying about taking beautiful land and putting eye scores in it to sit sit empty like the 17 buildings at 53 & 400 are sitting now. Fill those before building more. The future of this County are going through the school system right (that can't handle more

kids) cause the kids that are in it now are not getting a good education now. Why make it worse. For your pockets? That's all this County wants money, money, money, and then claim there's now money for education. Get your head out of your butts already."

- 54) "I think this type of development is NOT what is BEST for our county, and does not represent the long range goals and visual aspect of the quality of life we hold dear here!!"
- 55) "We need to protect our county, we need zoning laws that are cut and dry."
- 56) "I am so disappointed in all of the removal of our beautiful trees, destroying our land that was lush and green for hundred of years. Disgusted with once beauty now red dirt, emptiness."
- 57) "Let's care about our mountain town. It's think Dawsonville is prepared for such a enormous growth. Many roads are in need of prepare already and in no way can our school system or fire and police can handle such growth. We are not prepared."
- 58) "It is very important to me that Dawson County keep high density zoning out of our County. We love Dawson as it is growing. We don't see any value this will add to Dawson County or us Thank you"
- 59) "I love Dawsonville"
- 60) "I do not believe this will be good for our county"
- 61) "The traffic is a major issue. DOT have funds to keep up with it? The infrastructure needs improved faster. I hate the way this County is becoming and makes me want to move out! I do not encourage or want to Welcome more people. If want to end up like Forsyth County, Fulton County. Why are businesses and apartments so close to 400 when it will NEED to be a 4 lane each way, There should be access roads running along 400 from one Plaza to the next. How are the Statistics on the death toll at the continuous flow? If you have MASS people, you need MASS transit. Do we want Marta or something like that? TOO Much!!!"
- 62) "Dawson is my Home and I feel that some of the Long range High density plans will ruin the hometown feel for all of our families in Dawson County! We have more pressing issues that need addressed before a Monstrous project the size of Etowah Villiage takes place. Let's make sure strong infrastructure is in place,

enough quality first Responders with adequate pay is in place, Traffic studies to make road improvements better and more safe and efficient. I Love Dawson County..let's keep it that hometown feel with being smart and due diligents in massive Growth proposals and recommendations. The people that are making changes and voting in these projects without getting feed back from their community should be held accountable and it's up to the people of Dawson who they vote for in these high decision positions!! Accountability is key to save Dawson from turning into another Gwinnett County and Many others!"

63) "Too much too soon."

64) "I am a life long resident of this county and do not want Dawson County to be like every other town between her and Atlanta. We are unique and have a awesome spirit. Let's not lose that."

65) "Dawsonville isn't just a place to live , I have raised my daughter here like many other people with families because it is a place that isn't caught up in all the congestion of a large city and crime , I believe in progress but progress that has the citizens best intrest at hand , I don't want this county to be swallowed up by large developers that think they can throw money around just to get what they want and not considering the citizens that have lived here all there lives and love this county just the way it is , please consider the people , not the gain"

66) "This is where I live, have a business. I moved here for quality of life."

67) "I want to protect my way of living"

68) "High density growth needs to be correctly managed in our county, so we don't end up like Atlanta. Moved here to have open space and mountain feel and am disturbed by the amount of CLEAR CUTTING for new development and cramming as much density as they can into them. Worried about quality of Etowah river which is our water supply once houses are built on it, fertilizer and other debris entering the water system. Think Flint Michigan."

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- 70) "The rampant growth is destroying Dawson County! Having lived my entire life in the southeast end of the county, I see it every day and it is heartbreaking. Please do not let greed turn our county into Forsyth County 2.0 or Gwinnett County 3.0."
- 71) "Our elected officials are not doing what is best for this county by limiting this type of growth."
- 72) "I live in close proximity to this site. I am concerned about the increase in traffic, as well as the tax burden on homeowners to keep up with increasing infrastructure demands that come with high density housing."
- 73) "We are prepared for this level of growth considering the development already underway."
- 74) "I agree with everything in the wording of the Petition."

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