

October 26, 2021

To: Colonie Village Planning Board

From: Christopher Houck
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RE: Planned Development of 29 Vly Rd

Dear Board Members,

I am writing this letter to go on record against the proposed development of 29 Vly Rd.

As stated by several residents during the last meeting, we believe an Environmental Impact study needs to be conducted prior to beginning any development. Personally, I feel that Colonie's over-development has already diminished a great deal of "green space" within the community.

Additionally, the lack of notification given to the residents of Vly road and surrounding area is unacceptable. I believe a DOT traffic impact study, as brought up in the meeting, is definitely needed. The possible influx in traffic would only increase the already dangerous conditions that currently plague the residents of Vly road, as well as Lorelee dr., Chris pl., and Hillside. As a resident of Vly rd for 55yrs, I know firsthand that pedestrian safety is already an issue and feel that additional traffic creates the potential for disaster. The lack of sidewalks already put residents that are walking or biking at risk, but the biggest pedestrian hazard in my eyes are the many students who must walk from their homes down Vly rd, around blind corners to get to their bus stop. As dangerous as this is year round, the winter brings the danger to an extreme level. As plows clear the snow, they create snow banks covering the shoulder of the road and as a result there is virtually no where to walk except in the traffic lanes.

The speed limit is currently 30mph and the weight limit is 4 tons, yet these traffic laws are violated daily. The current heavy flow of traffic, excessive speed and large trucks coupled with the lack of sidewalks is a recipe for disaster.

Vly road was built a long time ago, and with very few updates/modifications since, it has not been able to keep up with the increase in vehicle population.

Personally, I do not share in one man's vision to turn a village/town into a city.

In closing, for all the reasons stated above, I cannot accept the current layout and design that is proposed for 29 Vly rd.

Sincerely Yours,

Christopher Houck