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Another comment.

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Faizan,

I mailed you a hard copy of this so I am hoping this got to you because I just found out this was sitting in my outbox and was blocked

Thank you, Lynn Corley.

Find somebody to bless today.

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My name is Lynn Corley. My husband, Boyd and our three girls live right beside to the east of the current proposed subdivision, Paradise Valley. We are across the street from the proposed site of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Approximately 11 years ago we decided to move away from the hustle and bustle of city life to the quiet, peaceful rural setting of Roland. We absolutely love our solitude and have never looked back. We lived in Waterview for a few years which operated under their current WWTP. We purchased 40 acres on the backside of Waterview eight years ago and built our forever home. We have our own septic system and do not use the WWTP currently used by Waterview. When we first moved out here, I didn't even know what a WWTP was. I was born and raised in Little Rock and never had to even think of where our waste was going. As the years went by, we would hear grumblings of the Waterview WWTP. Grumblings of surrounding residents of Roland- "We fought against this WWTP for years," "We have to contend with the odors of this plant in our backyard," "There are NUMEROUS violations of this WWTP, and nothing ever happens." Basically, residents of Roland DO NOT LIKE having a wastewater treatment plant beside them. I get it, I wouldn't want it in my backyard either, ESPECIALLY if it is not maintained and held accountable for operating under the rules and guidelines set by ADEQ.

Fast forward to the current situation at hand, Paradise Valley. We were told this development was approved as Saddle Creek, a subdivision of Waterview and was going to be operating

under the existing WWTP. Currently Waterview has on the upward of 55 current homes using the current plant. Pretty small number of homes for this plant to have this many plant violations. I guess my question is, how are these plants held accountable? What happens when day after day, month after month, year after year, these violations keep piling up and nothing is done? I have learned so much from this current situation about how harmful these sewage plants can be to our environment, wildlife, plant and aquatic life and people if not properly maintained. If an operator of one of these plants does not adhere to the rules set before him, and now wants to operate another one, who is going to hold this one accountable if the existing hasn't been? The track record stands for itself. This WWTP site is going to flow into an unnamed tributary that connects to a STAGNANT, non - flowing bayou that empties in the Arkansas River. Families for generations have enjoyed this land where this proposed sewage plant is going. Keep in mind, we are in the country – we have wildlife, deer, ducks, pigs, cows, horses, fish, plant life, four wheelers, hunting. What happens to this wildlife? Where do they go, what do they drink? Do these families put on their waders and wade through effluent released by this sewage treatment plant? Is this our new norm? I have walked this land, I have seen first -hand, there is NO FLOW. No one from any of the above companies have even been out to check the flow and confirm this is the case, but instead is rubber stamped and it is up to the community (the people that have to live here), to fight tooth and nail to prove otherwise. But what I do know, and have countless videos and photographs, our stormwater flooding has exponentially increased in the last year. So much that we were wondering what in the world was going on. This is at our expense, not the developer. The developer has taken it upon himself to not place any value on the homes and land that he is affecting with the diversion of stormwater and where this treatment plant is going. The more he clears and builds, the more we are flooding. Who is held accountable for this? We have spent in excess of \$40,000 in the last year on rock work, ditches, and repairs due to flooding issues and diversion of his stormwater from Waterview to his surrounding neighbors. It is one of the most egregious examples of irresponsible development for our property and this community and quite frankly, unconscionable to me that this developer continues to break rules, not do what he is told, numerous violations and gets to move forward. This is an example of money and power over content and what is right, and fair gets pushed to the side. There is absolutely NO UPSIDE to this type of urban sprawl in a rural setting. We are miles away from the nearest grocery store, there are no schools, we have volunteer firemen, no police force a

two-lane road that doesn't have a plan to widen and don't have the infrastructure to support this many new homes and cars. Our property values will tank because we will have a SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT in my friends back yard and across the street from my home, MY HOME.

Keep in the mind, the set of plans that were approved were for this development to use the existing WWTP and become another subdivision of Waterview. This is what ADEQ and the Pulaski County Board approved. Thank goodness a few concerned citizens started doing research and found countless errors and violations and were able to bring it to the attention of the Pulaski County Planning Board, ADEQ and DOH. Another piece of this puzzle is, not a single neighbor, was notified of this sewage plant. I believe seven houses were notified by certified mail about the development, but never about the Plant. We live next door to the development and were NOT notified. This new development will be first phase 76 homes on 20 acres. The next phase will be 150 homes on 40 acres. Future phases up to 450-600 homes. Roland proper, our quiet country living only has approximately 750 people and maybe 250 homes. In reference to one of my first statements. Waterview's existing WWTP has maybe 60 homes using that plant and has countless violations on record. We are now facing potentially 600 homes daily dumping thousands of gallons of waste from a sewage plant into a stagnant bayou that we can only pray will be maintained daily and hourly. It is my understanding that CAW banned WWTP from dumping into their watershed. There is a reason they banned this, and they are being banned all over the country. In all our research, you can't dump effluent into sedentary water. Our community is now at the mercy of the sewage plant manager and ADEQ to hold this entity accountable and examine all the facts and violations that have been placed before you. I have read every single detail of your requirements. I have also read what actions will be taken if these guidelines are not followed. What about the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act? If we base this off the track record of the current plant, because that is all we must go by, the track record has proven repeatedly, it won't be maintained and we will be smelling odorous fumes, have dead wildlife, algal blooms, toxic chemicals and heaven forbid these families wading through treated effluent to hunt and fish.

This has been one of the most disheartening and anguishing experiences I have been involved in. I sit on a new board of community members, neighbors and now dear friends that are spending countless hours, money and resources to uncover the violations of this project. We

live and breathe this cause. These are our homes, our future, our children's futures. The value of the land we call home will never be the same if this goes through. How do you sell a property that is butted up next to houses that are feet apart (650 of them) and a WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT? How... we don't. We own 40 acres. With one decision, our acreage will be DEVALUED and diminished.

The weight of the world rides on the shoulders of these very few men and women that have pulled together every resource we have to protect this community. Knowing this community is depending on our team to protect our rural setting, to protect Mill Bayou and to get this WWTP stopped brings more sleepless nights and angst than you can possibly imagine. We work tirelessly and are so emotionally invested in this. This is not a community trying to stop development, it is a community that wants responsible development and what is BEST for this community. This developer owns 6000 acres, there are plenty other places he can put a tract home development and Sewage Treatment Plant that is not in the middle of the Roland and will not affect the lives of so many and change this community FOREVER. If you don't stand up and fight for what you know is right and fair, who will fight for you? The countless meetings with have had with the community all draw the same conclusion- If the developer would go back to his original plan to build another division of Waterview and use the existing WWTP, you would see a very happy community that would welcome new neighbors.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and for taking the time to listen to the community that will be greatly affected by this development. I would hate this public comment period to be opened just to appease the community and not be heard and valued. As you can see, we vehemently oppose the current urban design of Paradise Valley which encompasses, small homes on small lots, which necessitates the need for an additional sewage treatment plant.

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