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CITIZENS of LANCASTER - "the law is on your side"

Do not believe the myth: Growth is coming and you cannot stop it!!!!

The reality is growth may come but citizens and local communities do not need to bend over at all costs to help it along.

Habitat, our water supplies and the Bay's water quality do not need to be sacrificed!!!!!!

Local Quality of life does not need to be sacrificed!!!!!!

We do not have to just take it!!!!!!

Lancaster County has grown well at a measured pace and we should make sure any changes are necessary before making them!!!!!! Why is our government not willing to protect the very things that make the County unique? Will the "pitch" be, look at the quality of life and rural area - oh by the way, we plan to make it look like Reston, or Myrtle Beach or Virginia Beach or (pick one) right after you decide to buy here?

Where are the data and actual experiences in similar rural counties to validate the approaches being advocated?

Who benefits from what is proposed? I know of no locality in Virginia where increased density and development has not increased tax rates. That includes localities with proffers, which Lancaster does not have!!!!

The process so far to revise our Comprehensive Plan appears to ignore what citizens and residents said they want: No increased density and preserve the rural character of the county. Instead the recommendations are for more density and more development. The additional density is on top of current zoning districts that are already more suburban than rural in lot sizes.

The proposed changes do not protect sensitive land or waters and provides no data to show that density increases or clustering will result in any better results than the current plan.

The proposed changes and discussion papers are located at the County's web site: <http://lancova.com> under the Public Hearing Schedule and at this site <http://folcva.org/compplan.htm>. Plan to attend the Planning Commission meeting on February 15 and the Board of Supervisors Meeting on February 22 and ask that the changes be sent back until they protect our rural character and natural resources.