

My property shares the east boundary with the land we are discussing today.

I was informed by people at the gate of the Black Forest Farmer's Market about the commercial project on this land that had been dormant since the Black Forest fire in 2013. They had a table set up to sign a petition and there were many others there who, like me, wanted to find out about it. To say the least, I was alarmed and concerned by what I was told.

I had recently purchased my land with plans to build a modest home near peaceful neighbors I had met and liked... and still do like. I was told the following about this commercial project:

- The person who purchased the land was a wealthy developer from out of state who didn't care about the community of Black Forest and that he would run possibly 3 businesses from the property.
- There would be 2 buildings on the property to run businesses from: one would be for metal building distribution and possibly manufacturing. The other building would be used for the development of technological security devices for ID recognition like retinal scans and hand printing (biometric authentication). I was given a name of a website (I did not write down and do not recall any longer) When I looked it up, the technology was affiliated with criminal justice and involved similar devices as the FBI uses.
- I was told there would be much traffic coming in and out of the property such as trucks transporting the metal buildings for distribution. The security technology employees would be on the premises in the office building for their full-time jobs.
- This commercial development could cause much disruption in the community and decrease land value.

I was a bit panicked by this and seriously considered selling my land since it was directly connected to the west boundary of this proposed commercial property.

Since that time, I have investigated this development plan further and realize it to be very different from the information shared with me back in the summer. I have learned that the owner and his family have, in fact been residents of Black Forest for almost 50 years, and have a family-owned small business-- not a disconnected out of state developer. I have seen first-hand how tastefully the owner is improving this property.

I now realize there will be no manufacturing or distribution of metal buildings or anything else, nor will there be any mysterious security device development for biometric authentication. I am relieved to know that traffic will actually be minimal, and the project is within Black Forest Preservation Guidelines.

As far as the concern of this development causing disruption and decrease in land value, I even expect it to increase the value of my lot. The covenant that will follow the land in potential future sales will protect this lot from becoming something of the nature I (and many others) were originally informed it would be. I fully support what Mr. Haddock is proposing and believe he will be a good neighbor.

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