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Comments : I would like to make a few comments about the proposed rezone "PL11 0240 Art Jensen" in which parcels could be reduced to 2.5 acres. I am concerned about the loss of what is clearly intended to be buffer between the more built-up areas to the Northeast and rural areas to the West and South. Allowing any more densification just contributes to reducing the rural flavor of the surrounding properties, particularly those utilizing westerly views over the parcels in question.

While I have been building a residence on my own ten acres, I have noticed that Bay View enjoys a substantial population of raptors and other large birds, including Great Blue Herons. These birds do not inhabit the 2.5 acre parcels because of the human proximity, but will hunt fields on the 5 and 10 acre parcels. If density was allowed to progress to the 2.5 acre level, I feel we could lose this very visible part of the Bay View environment.

This question may "only" concern upzoning two parcels right now, but as the owner of 20 acres in the Bay View Road area, I would have a difficult time understanding why I shouldn't be able to do the same. Loss of rural flavor and economic factors would almost certainly lead to not-so-incremental creep or low density sprawl in this entire area which would have a marked impact on overburdened drainage and schools, not to mention the rural flavor enjoyed by both residents and visitors alike.

As an area landowner who could potentially turn 3 buildable parcels into 7 or 8, I am opposed to allowing this manner of change to the existing plan.

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