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I believe the proposed changes to the rural landscape are too comprehensive in scope. You have already supported the creation of a Rural industrial Land Bank on property that is more properly used for agricultural purposes because of its decades long use for same. That was a very poor decision that I believe you would regret making if you took more time to examine the issues. Briefly, those issues are that there are many smaller parcels throughout the county already available for light industrial. The only lands that should be zoned that way should be land that is largely not useful for the primary purpose of land, to provide food for a growing population. There are locations that have already been damaged by prior use or that are not fertile and soil rich. The Lagler Dairy occupies and uses lands that have been fertilized by generations of cooperative dairy cows. The land adjoins other land used for agriculture. It is near a growing urban area and foresight says that we may not be able to bring in food from the standard areas faced with drought and climate disruption.

You are about to make another mistake in reclassifying far too many parcels into smaller parcels to make developers and a few land owners happy. If those large homesites were partially used for gardens to feed families it would not be so bad, but they are likely to be converted to lawns which consume huge quantities of water by those who don't believe in leaving that to nature, which works quite well. The ill-informed douse those lawns with gallons of Roundup so that not a single dandelion dare raise its head. All that poison goes into the soil and eventually to the water table. You have unwittingly contributed to further environmental destruction. Come back in a couple of generations and see the results.

Forest land is another issue. It is vital to wildlife that there be large tracts of forest land, not 20 acres here and there. Forests also play a vital role in cleaning our air. Smaller sizes means less forest land.

I urge you to reexamine, if nothing else, the huge numbers of parcels affected. You are merely giving David Madore his alternative by the back door.

Respectfully,

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