

CITIZENS REASONS FOR A MORATORIUM

OVERALL STATEMENT:

Contrary to the opinions of some, the citizens of Mountain Creek Area do not outright oppose ALL development. What we oppose is the speed with which the open land is being snapped up by developers and the inadequacy of our current system to provide citizens with input on each individual development request. Further, in this place that is our home, there is no real process for looking at our area as a WHOLE. This piecemeal development is changing the character of our neighborhoods.

HISTORIC CHARACTER OF MOUNTAIN CREEK:

There are a number of already and as yet unrecognized properties in the Mountain Creek Area that are of historic significance to our county and even to the USA. You have already heard us talk of Camp Sevier. It is our goal to establish a commemorative park to honor the service of those WWI heroes and to define the boundaries and lands that are of historic significance to the USA. **TIME NEEDED: Teresa Slack, local historian with significant experience in Camp Sevier history is working to define the lands covered by Camp Sevier. This is a huge project and requires researching public records and identifying the farmers who leased their land to the Army. We must purchase land which requires the setting up of a 501.3.c and obtaining grants from multiple sources. We hoped location butts Farm, a perfect location, but raising \$3.5 mil is a huge challenge.**

INFRASTRUCTURE:

ROADS: Roads are built for a smaller population, as are many in the county. HOWEVER, there are short term improvements that can be made (reduced speed limits, lane expansions, traffic pattern changes). **TIME NEEDED: We have a plan, with Long Range County Planning Staff to do a ride around with SCDOT and County Traffic Engineers to define some of these issues and see what short term and longer-term solutions can be devised.**

SCHOOLS: You have heard from Greenville County Schools that schools in our community are at or near capacity. **TIME NEEDED: The District has requested a seat at the table to discuss mindful development that will ensure that students attend the school closest to their home.**

OPEN SPACE: We are simply losing our open space and the proposals that we are observing and seeing submitted have no relationship in lot size, construction and even setbacks and buffers to the existing homeowner properties. Currently, one developer has agreed to purchase land that is in no way suited to the zoning on it. The county has spent countless hours for his submittals in review and Planning Commission time on these submittals. We are talking about approximately 3000 citizens who have limited access to open space and places to gather and no mobility within the communities except by automobile **TIME NEEDED: To define an overlay for our community. Review zoning and work with landowners and developers to define and create requirements for the continuation of our suburban edge character. Another fallacy: we are eager to collaborate with developers who are listening and working toward a common goal.**