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I grew up at 3540 Laurel Dr. In 1977 four generations of our family came together to buy the property. My family still owns the property. One of the driving factors to buy that particular property was the 3 acres of forest and a clean running stream. Over the last 45+ years the stream has drastically changed. The amount of water in the stream has drastically decreased, except during rain events when it becomes a torrent from run-off. The bio diversity has plummeted and algae blooms are pervasive. When Brawners Estates was built the creek was silted over for years. The proposed building at what i know as the Star of the Sea school property will undoubtedly silt the stream again. Not shown clearly on the maps is a dry drainage that runs right into the proposed building site. These construction site silt fences are never maintained during work. We supported the creation of the woodland protection zones. For the county to now turn its back on us to favor a particular land owner is outrageous! The Mattawoman Creek is being threatened at every turn. Enough! Once this land is developed there will be no going back. There are much better suited places to build affordable housing. I agree that it is needed but strongly disagree with this location. Additionally, more notice should be given to the adjoining properties and the community as a whole when these changes are proposed. The county commissioners are supposed to represent their constituents. You wont know what we want if you dont include us in the discussion! This is clearly a case of spot zoning to benefit one land owners and developer. I vote No on this zoning change and i ask the commissioners to do the same!

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