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**From:** Commissioners  
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### County Commissioners,

I OPPOSE the proposed Zoning Map Amendment (ZMA) #20-01 for Wintergreen Nursery, Rural Conservation (RC) to Commercial Village (CV) which is located 1.1 miles from the entrance to my neighborhood.

Since Route 5/Leonardtown Road is the second highest road classification in Charles County and this intersection in question is the ONLY one with no Commercial Property on it, it is improper to even consider more commercial property at this intersection. There has already been a death of a teenager at this intersection, resulting in changes to the road pattern. Additional traffic for a commercial development is only create more driving hazards.

Traveling South on Leonardtown Road from Wintergreen Nursery 1.5 miles is a small shopping center with a gas station in Bryantown, traveling north 2.8 miles to Gateway Plaza is another shopping center with a gas station at the intersection. From Billingsley Rd at the intersection 1.6 miles away is another new small shopping plaza with vacant stores and yet again another gas station and convenience store. It is evident that we are inundated with commercial property in EVERY direction of Wintergreen Nursery. *We don't need or want more of the same commercial property!*

It is poor planning to change what is now a Special Exception into a new Commercial Village. The rezoning from Rural Conservation to Commercial Village will *only* benefit the Applicant, CG Land Acquisitions, LLC and will leave the residents with the loss of the rural atmosphere in this area of Waldorf. IF a commercial property is allowed it will affect tax paying residents with lower property values, quality of life, increased crime, and additional road congestion creating a public safety issue at this busy intersection.

A special exception easement was originally given to specifically the nursery business to be allowed to locate in a Forest Conservation Area. Since it won't be a nursery anymore the county should remove the Special Exception and deny the Commercial Village rezoning too. We do not need to make every intersection burdened with more of the same commercial property. **Please deny this rezoning.**

Thank You for Your Consideration,

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