

We lived in Hamilton Mill proper, in a very nice house, but our two boys were bored with the lack of trees and yard we had. So, we sold our home to move onto more property. We all ride dirt bikes and love to spend time in nature.

When we bought this land, which consists of 6189, 6191, 6193, and 6195 Christy Lane, our plans were to use the land for our family. We wanted to have space to ride our dirt bikes, we love the creek so we can play around it, my boys have already picked out their climbing trees! It was not until we met with planning and zoning that we discovered the conditions that are placed on our lots. We did not plan to buy a neighborhood, and at no point in the purchase process was it ever disclosed to us.

Our vision for the 4 properties is to have 4 homes and a garage built on it, to keep our parents close to us and out of assisted living homes, and to use the land as it is. We want our boys to be able to ride their bikes to their grandparent's house and spend time with them. My mom collapses a lot from bad knees and my dad's work takes him out of town often. My husband's mother has lost use of one of her ankles and in the next 5 years is expected to be fully wheelchair bound. Being close to them, to care for them, is important to us. It is also important to us all that we keep as much independence as possible, not having them living in our home.

Aside from the family aspect of our plans, we want to use the land for its nature. We want to have a fun riding trail through the trees, for the bikes. We would like to use the beautiful walking paths that the deer have made along the creek. I would love to have a picnic table near the areas of the creek where the water falls! We would like to have a garden for our boys to grow their own fruits and veggies and understand where the food in the stores comes from!

Something we quickly learned by living in an HOA is that owning toys gets expensive in storage fees. Part of purchasing this land was the ability to keep all our belongings with us at home. We have a boat, jet skis, campers, dirt bikes, four wheelers, a bobcat farm tractor, and some antique show cars. We want to build a large garage to keep all these things properly stored and maintained.

The property is currently zoned R-I with conditions for 14 homes in a subdivision. We would like to have it match the surrounding properties as AR-III without additional conditions.