

Anael Dominguez (Administration)

From: Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning)
Sent: Thursday, February 5, 2026 8:24 AM
To: Karen Shore
Cc: Jennifer Rivera (Administration); Anael Dominguez (Administration)
Subject: Re: Planning Staff Submission – Opposition (3290 & 3294 Athens Hwy)

Thank you for your comment. This will be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners.

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Please note, as of January 20, Community Development and Infrastructure departments, including Planning and Zoning, have been temporarily relocated to 2829 Browns Bridge Road, the Hall County Government Center Temporary Annex.



From: Karen Shore <karenshore74@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 8:48 PM
To: Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning) <kelliott@hallcounty.org>
Subject: Planning Staff Submission – Opposition (3290 & 3294 Athens Hwy)

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Dear Planning & Development Staff,

We are writing to formally express our opposition to the proposed development at 3290 Athens Hwy and 3294 Athens Hwy adjacent to our agricultural residence at 3286 Athens Hwy. The proposed use is incompatible with the surrounding agricultural and residential character and raises serious concerns related to safety, historic preservation, and long-term land-use compatibility.

A significant concern is that the proposed development appears to be located directly on or immediately impacting a historic cemetery containing marked graves. Development on top of or directly over a historic burial site raises substantial preservation, ethical, and planning concerns. We respectfully request that Planning Staff give significant weight to the cemetery's historical importance and the potential disturbance and loss of contextual integrity associated with this proposal.

Our property requires frequent access for horse trailers and farm equipment, and increased commercial traffic along Athens Highway presents legitimate safety risks. If approval is considered despite these concerns, we respectfully request that the following binding conditions be included in any staff recommendation:

- 12-foot privacy fence and landscaping buffer maintained by the developer
- Security cameras limited to the development side only
- Operating hours restricted to 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- No light spillage onto neighboring properties
- A deceleration lane extending upstream past our driveway
- No additional buildings or future expansion without public review
- Appropriate setbacks and permanent preservation measures protecting the historic cemetery

We respectfully request that this submission be included in the Planning Staff Report and official record.

Sincerely,
Karen Shore
Steve Klacik

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