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Subject: File Number: ZAC-25-037, 25T-202508 Opposition to Rezoning – Greensville (Water, Agricultural Land, and Cumulative Impacts)

Dear Members of the Planning Committee,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed rezoning of agricultural land to residential use in Greensville.

My primary concern is the impact on **groundwater**, as this community relies entirely on **private wells drawing from a shared aquifer**. Increased residential development will place additional strain on both the **quantity and quality of water**, through increased extraction, reduced natural recharge, and greater risk of contamination from septic systems and runoff. Many residents are already experiencing declining or failed wells, and further development will only exacerbate this issue.

This proposal also represents the **permanent loss of agricultural land**, which plays an important role in groundwater recharge, drainage, and maintaining the rural character of the area.

Equally concerning is that this application is being reviewed **in isolation**, despite multiple development proposals currently facing Greensville. Each has implications for water supply, environmental health, and infrastructure capacity, yet there has been **no meaningful assessment of cumulative impacts**. Reviewing these applications individually risks overlooking the combined effect on the aquifer and the long-term sustainability of the community.

Approving additional development without fully understanding these cumulative impacts creates potential long-term consequences, including increased pressure on municipal infrastructure and costs to taxpayers if water servicing becomes necessary.

I respectfully urge the Committee to **refuse this rezoning application**, or defer it until a comprehensive cumulative impact assessment is completed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Amanda Andrews