

Dear Mayor McCarthy,

Thank you for your letter of July 7 informing us that a hearing will be held to discuss what to do with the Fernald property.

My backyard abuts the Fernald property. However, between my backyard and the buildings that are on the Fernald property, there is a small forest of maple and oak trees. The trees are in between two sets of fences, one that runs along my property line and the other along where the Fernald buildings are.

In the summertime, these trees offer a great deal of privacy and quiet between me and the Fernald buildings. Also, many different kinds of birds and animals inhabit the trees, and they are a joy to watch and listen to. Even in winter, the trees are covered with snow and quite beautiful, and wildlife roam through.

Whatever becomes of the center, I strongly urge you to NOT to allow cutting down these trees that are located not only behind my property, but behind many of the residents' properties as well. It is sickening to see green areas constantly being cut down. There is so much land at the Fernald, that no matter what it eventually becomes, surely that little area of forest can be saved.

Another thing to keep in mind is what will happen to the traffic on Trapelo Road and Waverly Oaks? If something like a hotel is built, traffic would not be so bad. However, if it becomes a shopping area, or apartments, it would be nightmarish. Both streets are one lane streets. I know none of my neighbors want to see any kind of apartments go up there. This is a quiet, peaceful, safe neighborhood, and we moved here because of those qualities.

Lastly, what will happen to Sandra's Lodge? Where will those women and children be relocated to? If they are not allowed to live there, will the city find another spot for them.

Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts.

Sincerely,
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