

My family has lived in Clarksburg Town Center since 2015. We have anticipated the development of our local library since we first heard about it a few years ago. When we recently heard that the county is considering moving the library out of our community and onto a parcel of land at the corner of 355 and Stringtown Road, we were disappointed and we hope, as residents of this community who will be using this library, that our voices would be heard and considered in this decision. We feel the plan should be kept as it has been since inception and that the library should be built on the planned space on Clarksburg Square Road between Overlook Park Drive and Public House Road.

Some points to consider:

- The location has already been developed. The library's parking lots has been built, paved, and walled in. Construction could start immediately. What will become of this space, which has already given to the county, if the library location is moved? I assume the county would need to sell the land back to developers, which would take time. Why go through all that? The developers would then need to raze the parking lot and then would most likely cram more townhomes into this space. It's a beautiful space and we already have plenty of residences, with more already on the way.
- The new proposed location is very narrow, overgrown, and undeveloped. Making it suitable for construction would take a lot of time. I invite you to walk past it and really take a look, as I did yesterday. Ask yourself what could be built there. Again, please consider that the original location is ready right now.
- The new proposed location is in an already very busy and congested intersection. Construction there will have a negative impact on busy county roads both during the build and afterward. The new location is also not as "walkable" from the community and is instead situated next to a four-lane road.
- Land for the new location would still need to be purchased and the plan for the new location apparently costs double what using the original location would cost. As a county taxpayer, this makes no fiscal sense.
- If affordable housing is a concern, please understand that many new homes, including multiple new townhomes on the corner of Burdette Forest and Clarksburg Square in the past few months, have been built since we've been here. Additionally, new multi-tenant housing is in the plans on Clarksburg Square Road (near the library location, incidentally).

For these reasons and many other, which I hope are expressed by my neighbors, I hope you will consider keeping the Clarksburg Town Center Library development plan in its original location. Please feel free to contact me if you need further information. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

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