

## Abandonment of county-owned property at Westbard/Ridgefield intersection

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### [EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Mr. Willis:

I reside at 5524 Westbard and am writing in favor of the abandonment mainly so that the intersection at Westbard/River may be closed off. The recent installation of two No Left Turn signs at River has mitigated the traffic problem substantially. However, since it is still physically possible to go through the intersection there is a substantial remnant of law-breaking drivers who do so unlawfully. These fall into four categories: 1) Those who make right turns from River onto Westbard 7-9 am Mon-Fri; 2) Trucks over 10,000 lbs GVWR; 3) Those who make left turns from Westbard onto River and 4) Speeders. All categories negatively affect residents' quality of life, especially 2. Categories 3 and 4 are inherently dangerous. The present situation has the effect of giving law-breaking drivers an advantage over law-abiding drivers as there is next to no traffic enforcement from Police. The only way to deprive the law breakers from the benefit of their unlawful actions is to close off this intersection. Thank you.

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