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Sincerely

Name : Elaine Scudder

Address : 1899 Village Ct

Community (if applicable) : \_\_\_\_\_

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Address : 952 Wood Hall Dr

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Name :

Derald H. Stephens Leslie Stephens

Address :

120 Woodcrest Lane

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Address : 1831 VILLAGE COURT, MULBERRY FL 33968

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Paul Wactantury

Address :

1857 Village Ct Mulberry FL 33860

Community (if applicable) :

Imperial Place Condos

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Address : 95 Country Club Lane  
Mulberry FL 33860

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Name : Rita Hopperly

Address : 52 Wood Hall Dr, Mulberry

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Name :

Wiggins Joan Wiggins

Address :

Community (if applicable) :

Double Eagle Condos

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Address : 3225 Imperial Lakes Blvd

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5225 Imperial Lakes Blvd # 3

Address : Mulberry, FL 33860

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*DOLORES HAWKINS*

Address : *5225 Imperial Lakes Blvd #44*

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Name : RODGER ROBERTS

Address : 5225 IMPERIAL LAKES BLVD UNIT 47

Community (if applicable) : \_\_\_\_\_



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Name

DEBORAH ROBEAR

Address :

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Address : 5225 IMPERIAL LAKES BLVD #54

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Susan Dunigan  
SUSAN DUNIGAN

Address :

UNIT # 55

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*Patricia A. Summeralls*

**PATRICIA A. SUMMERALLS**

Address :

*5225 Imperial Lakes Blvd. # 48*

Community (if applicable) :

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Name : TERRI BEDFORD

Address : 225 Imperial Lakes Blvd - 9, Mulberry

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Address : 5225 IMPERIAL LAKES BLVD #26

Community (if applicable) : DOUBLE EAGLE CONDOS

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Community (if applicable) Double Eagle

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Name :

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Address :

*55 5225 Imperial Lakes Blvd #7*

Community (if applicable) :

*Double Eagle*

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Patricia Mieray

Address :

5225 Imperial Lakes Blvd #34 Mulberry FL 33860

Community (if applicable) :

DOUBLE EAGLES

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Address : 5225 IMPERIAL LAKES BLVD, APT. 39 . -

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*Kevin Humphries / [Signature]*

Address :

*4315 Creelwood Dr., Mulberry FL*

Community (if applicable) :

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 Jon E Snider

Address :

5225 Imperial Lakes Blvd Unit #2

Community (if applicable):

Double Eagle Condos

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Sarah Scott

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Judy Turbeville



Address :

5225 Imperial Lakes Blvd #15

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Address :

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75 Country Club Ln. Mulberry FL

Community (if applicable):

Country Club Estates

33860

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Larry demetriou

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90 Country Club Ln. Mulberry 33860

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Tom & Beth McGeamory

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Address :

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Sincerely

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Address : 32 Wood Hall Dr

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Address : 197 Wood Hall Drive

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Address : 161 Woodcrest Ln

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*William Kersey II*

Name :

*Jessica Kersey July William Kersey*

Address : *124 Woodcrest Ct. Mulberry FL 33860*

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Joy M. Schoon 10/16/2023

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Rodney Messenger

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35 Country Club Ln, Mulberry, FL 33860

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Jo Anne Weaver

Address :

54 MISTY MEADOW LN. MULBERRY, FL.

Community (if applicable) :

COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES

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**White, Margo**

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**Subject:**

FW: [EXTERNAL]: Proposed construction

Some people who received this message don't often get email from [jpschwartz@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jpschwartz@tampabay.rr.com). [Learn why this is important](#)

Dear Mr. Lindsey,

This email concerns the proposal for the construction of a 164 unit apartment on Shepherd Road in Lakeland. The parcel in question is located between the Publix Imperial Plaza and an already existing apartment complex. The parcel in question is a wooded area and backs up to the Imperial Lakes housing development. I am opposed to this construction for a number of reasons and hope you and your fellow commissioners will take what I have to say into consideration when making your final decision.

Shepherd Road is already heavily traveled and getting worse every day. Construction on this road would cause major problems. It has a concrete medium with two lanes of traffic either way. Reducing traffic to one lane while clearing of the land and construction takes place would be a traffic nightmare, especially during rush hour. If the construction were to take place from the back side, it would cause traffic problems for the residents of Imperial Lakes.

Aside from the traffic issues, clearing the land from the existing trees is likely to increase the flooding problems that already exist in Imperial Lakes. That area has had flooding problems for over 35 years. During the last storms and heavy rain, people could not even get into Imperial Lakes. Some parked their cars in Publix parking lot and walked, got rides from neighbors that had higher vehicles, slept in their cars or simply went to a hotel for the night. Another reason for not cutting down the trees is climate change. We need the trees! Because of all the new construction for housing developments on this side of town, we are displacing wildlife and they are now coming into our backyards, threatening our pets and children and destroying our gardens, both flower and vegetable.

Then there is the issue of schools. Sikes Elementary, a little further down Shepherd Road, already has many portables because the school building cannot accommodate all the students. Adding more students is going to make the problem worse. We are facing a teacher shortage as it is, making classroom sizes bigger is going to affect the quality of learning and make more teachers decide the stress isn't worth it. Building another school will cost money and will create the same problems listed above: cutting down trees, displacing wildlife, possible flooding.

The city of Lakeland and Polk County are both complaining about homeless people and camps and trying to figure out ways to combat the problem. Do you not realize that allowing new and expensive housing developments and apartment complexes to be built, that you are contributing to the homeless problem? Average people cannot afford the prices being asked for these properties. The wage in Polk County is not keeping up with the cost of living. So many of us are one disaster or job loss away from being homeless. Most families have to have both parties working and sometimes two or three jobs at a time. So 164 units will put up to 328 more cars on the road. All this traffic is destroying our roads and causing traffic congestion and accidents.

I suggest that before making a decision on this proposed apartment complex, you come to the area and see for yourself the traffic at rush hour, the current traffic pattern of turns onto and off of Shepherd Road, the amount of portables at Sikes Elementary school, and how crowded Publix parking lot can get during the day and especially

at rush hour time. Talk to residents of Imperial Lakes about the flooding issue and their experiences during the heavy rains.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Joan Schwartz

**From:** [Pereira, Ana](#)  
**To:** [Kaufman, Angela](#)  
**Cc:** [Suggs, Kay](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL]: Proposed construction  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 27, 2023 11:51:53 AM  
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Good morning Angie,

I wasn't sure what case this email pertains to but I wanted you to have it for your records. This email was sent to all the Commissioners. 😊

Thank you,



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**From:** Joan Schwartz <jpschwartz@tampabay.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 27, 2023 11:35 AM  
**To:** Lindsey, George <GeorgeLindsey@polk-county.net>  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]: Proposed construction

Some people who received this message don't often get email from [jpschwartz@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jpschwartz@tampabay.rr.com). [Learn why this is important](#)

Dear Mr. Lindsey,

This email concerns the proposal for the construction of a 164 unit apartment on Shepherd Road in Lakeland. The parcel in question is located between the Publix Imperial Plaza and an already existing apartment complex. The parcel in question is a wooded area and backs up to the Imperial Lakes housing development. I am opposed to this construction for a number of reasons and hope you and your fellow commissioners will take what I have to say into consideration when making your final decision.

Shepherd Road is already heavily traveled and getting worse every day. Construction on this

road would cause major problems. It has a concrete medium with two lanes of traffic either way. Reducing traffic to one lane while clearing of the land and construction takes place would be a traffic nightmare, especially during rush hour. If the construction were to take place from the back side, it would cause traffic problems for the residents of Imperial Lakes.

Aside from the traffic issues, clearing the land from the existing trees is likely to increase the flooding problems that already exist in Imperial Lakes. That area has had flooding problems for over 35 years. During the last storms and heavy rain, people could not even get into Imperial Lakes. Some parked their cars in Publix parking lot and walked, got rides from neighbors that had higher vehicles, slept in their cars or simply went to a hotel for the night. Another reason for not cutting down the trees is climate change. We need the trees! Because of all the new construction for housing developments on this side of town, we are displacing wildlife and they are now coming into our backyards, threatening our pets and children and destroying our gardens, both flower and vegetable.

Then there is the issue of schools. Sikes Elementary, a little further down Shepherd Road, already has many portables because the school building cannot accommodate all the students. Adding more students is going to make the problem worse. We are facing a teacher shortage as it is, making classroom sizes bigger is going to affect the quality of learning and make more teachers decide the stress isn't worth it. Building another school will cost money and will create the same problems listed above: cutting down trees, displacing wildlife, possible flooding.

The city of Lakeland and Polk County are both complaining about homeless people and camps and trying to figure out ways to combat the problem. Do you not realize that allowing new and expensive housing developments and apartment complexes to be built, that you are contributing to the homeless problem? Average people cannot afford the prices being asked for these properties. The wage in Polk County is not keeping up with the cost of living. So many of us are one disaster or job loss away from being homeless. Most families have to have both parties working and sometimes two or three jobs at a time. So 164 units will put up to 328 more cars on the road. All this traffic is destroying our roads and causing traffic congestion and accidents.

I suggest that before making a decision on this proposed apartment complex, you come to the area and see for yourself the traffic at rush hour, the current traffic pattern of turns onto and off of Shepherd Road, the amount of portables at Sikes Elementary school, and how crowded Publix parking lot can get during the day and especially at rush hour time. Talk to residents of Imperial Lakes about the flooding issue and their experiences during the heavy rains.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Joan Schwartz