

NEIGHBORS OPPOSITION TO DEER CREEK PROPOSAL FOR CUP AND REZONE

The neighbors support the club as a community organization that focuses on providing ways to educate and recreate with local and neighboring residents. This has been the focus of this club in the past, and it would be nice to see that continue. **But we oppose the club's proposed C.U.P. and rezone of farmland to recreational land for the following reasons:**

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

1. The proposed **increase in number of events and maximum capacity of events to 300 people** would turn our small, dead-end road into a high-traffic, commotion-filled area, which would:
 - **Substantially impair the values and diminish the enjoyment of our properties.**
 - **Be detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare** of Miller Road residents due to more cars, more speeding, and limited access of emergency vehicles at the end of the road due to overflow parking.
 - **Fail to meet the C.U.P. standard mandating that "Adequate measures be taken to provide ingress or egress to minimize traffic congestion in public streets."** Miller Road is the **ONLY** entrance and exit to the club, putting the **full burden** of **increased traffic** on our small residential road. **This is not the club's fault, but it is a situation that cannot be changed.**
2. The current level of **Benzene** in the soil from the clay pigeons is **24 times higher than the limit for human safety**, and the **lead** from all the shot over the years has **oxidized in the soil**, making it impossible to remove by the profitable method other gun clubs have used. These **contaminants are at risk of washing onto neighboring properties and into the Sugar River**. This threatens the **health, safety and general welfare of the people, lands, and waters of our township**. Increased shooting under current practices will only increase the problem.

REZONING REQUEST

The rezone of 20 acres of farmland (which supported three generations of farm families) **for (unspecified) recreational purposes goes against the Primrose Land Use Plan's farmland preservation priorities**, which discourage uses of land that conflict with farming. If this rezoned farmland becomes an extended shot fall area, **the club's current practices would contaminate the land, making it unfarmable, AND increase the threat to the health, safety and general welfare of the people, lands, and waters of our township.**

We appreciate the efforts the club has made over the last few years to expand their parking, change their parking lot light, scale back their proposal, and test for contaminants.

We regret that we cannot support the club in their proposed C.U.P. as it does not adequately address remaining issues.

Whatever C.U.P. the club ends up with, it seems clear that it must include a plan to clean up the existing contamination and to continue their activities without further contamination.