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To: Ray Burger: Dryden Planning Board, Dryden Town Board

From: Laurie Snyder, 36 Freese Road, Kim Klein, 14 Freese Road, Nat Lakin, 13 Freese Road

Regarding the proposed Maifly development for Freese Road.

We are very concerned by the scope of the Maifly Development. It is too dense for very awkward site.

We are also very concerned about the multi-story apartment buildings proposed to be built on unstable fill. We have watched this fill over the years, and it is a mixture of small aggregate and large clumps of mixed materials. Hard to imagine that this unstable site could be approved for 3 story apartment buildings.

As to the stated goal of increasing “affordable housing” in Tompkins County, this housing development does nothing to achieve this goal. There is no space allocated for children to play. And the rents will be too high for families working in Ithaca.

We are very concerned about the pollution and run off from the paved surfaces of the development that would enter the fragile ecology of Fall Creek.

We are also concerned that Fall Creek would become a partying site for the residents of the apartments as they will have very little recreational space in the development as planned.

The density of the plan and the increased number of parked cars commuting on HWY 366 would be hazardous for the cars, pedestrians, dog walkers, runners and bicyclists who frequent Freese Road.

All things considered, we hope the Dryden Planning Board and the Dryden Town Board can agree to reduce the density of the Maifly plan, or cancel it entirely.

It will also be a sad day to witness the demolition of a very old house on Freese Road.

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