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Town of Hinesburg
Attn: DRB (Mitchel Cypes)
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To whom this may concern,

As residents of North Road, we are submitting this letter in opposition to the proposed PR&R development for an 8-lot subdivision on the west side of Observatory Road. While the DRB is currently considering this development, this matter has repercussions for the entire town of Hinesburg.

The former town landfill abuts this development and is central to our concerns. Several nearby homes on Forest's Edge and Beecher Hill Roads have elevated levels of toxic substances in their water supply. The source is suspected of being the landfill. Point of entry (POET) systems have already been installed in several homes. A single POET system costs approximately \$10,000—a cost that was borne by the town. If the PR&R Development is approved, there will potentially be 8 more drinking water wells drilled on this parcel of land. Should contamination be found in any of these wells, is the town prepared to install additional POET systems?

Local landowners, environmental consultants, the Town of Hinesburg, and the State of Vermont are all seeking information and answers. But there are currently too many unknowns. To approve the PR&R development would be short-sighted and ill-advised and may have unintended impacts on neighboring properties.



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