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East Monroe DPEIS Comment

Comments on the Draft Phased Environmental Impact Statement (DPEIS) for the East Monroe Amendment to the City of Monroe Comprehensive Plan and Concomitant Rezone will be accepted through Friday, March 30, 2012.

Please make your comments as specific as possible and address either the adequacy of the DPEIS and/or the merits of the alternatives discussed.

Name*
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Comments:*Comprehensive Plans in my opinion are put in place to assure a long term continuity for the future of a community and should rarely be changed unless an overwhelming change in circumstance has taken place, that a change would benefit the vast majority of the citizens, and they have come to the legislative body in mass to ask them to make the change. Zoning and annexation is a difficult issue. Questions I would want answered before making a decision on this matter would be to ask when it was annexed, why was it annexed, what was the legislative intent for the annexation. Why was it brought into the City when clearly has a natural barrier from the core of the city and from residential area's as well. Over the hill or under the hill. When it was annexed how was the type of zoning chosen? Why did the council at that time not bring it in as commercial? What has changed since that time? Was it brought into the city in exchange for another property? Land swap? Something that the council specifically did that would run with the land regardless of ownership to assure the citizens that it would stay limited open space. An honest unbiased historical perspective is needed. Items are added to the comp plan for a variety of reasons and sometimes it is to make sure they stay the same and can not, will not and should not be changed. My understanding since 1996 is this property was to act as a natural agricultural oriented property, which is a buffer from sprawl, gives an historical perspective to the City of Monroe, its roots, and was done as a trade off for development in another area. This area was to remain mostly undeveloped except as currently defined by its zoning classification. Personal property rights are important to me and I would not stand in the way of the applicant developing the property to the full extent of the current zoning. As this is the same zoning as when the applicant purchased the property the City of Monroe should act as a responsible steward of the communities long standing promise of maintaining these parcels with the current zoning unchanged. I urge all current council members to seek the truth from independent sources on the historical perspective of this property. Opinion from city staff, the applicant or anyone who stands to gain financially from this zoning rezone must be carefully weighed. This entire process must be done in a scrupulously honest way with full disclosure. My hope will be that the council will maintain the current zoning as was the intent of previous councils and urban commercialism is not allowed in East Monroe. The growth management act seems to be based on this very tenet. Sincerely, Vickie Mullen

Submitted comments are considered a public record and subject to public disclosure.

Comments can also be made at a public hearing regarding the DPEIS held before the City of Monroe

Comments can also be made at a public hearing regarding the DPEIS held before the City of Monroe Planning Commission on Monday, March 13, 2012 at 7:00 PM. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers at 806 W. Main Street, Monroe.

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The following form was submitted via your website: East Monroe DPEIS Comment

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Comments: Comprehensive Plans in my opinion are put in place to assure a long term continuity for the future of a community and should rarely be changed unless an overwhelming change in circumstance has taken place, that a change would benefit the vast majority of the citizens, and they have come to the legislative body in mass to ask them to make the change.

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