

April 20, 2020

The Honorable Tony R. Buffington  
Blue Ridge Supervisor, Loudoun County  
Board of Supervisors  
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Re: Wright Farm Homeowners' Association—Warfield Court Road Abandonment

Dear Supervisor Buffington,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input regarding the proposed road abandonment of Warfield Court. The Wright Farm Homeowners' Association is obviously a key stakeholder in this decision, and we respectfully offer the following arguments to support our request that Warfield Court be abandoned, removed in its entirety, and the two adjacent property owners' deeds be amended to reflect them as the sole landowners.

A review of the comments from county staff, that your office provided, showed no objection in abandoning Warfield Court from the Transportation Planning & Traffic Engineering Division, the Fire Marshal's Office, and initially from the Fire-Rescue planning staff. Review by the Office of the County Attorney appeared to show no adverse impacts from vacating Warfield Court. Community Planning and Zoning Administration, both from the Department of Planning and Zoning, as well as the Fire-Rescue planning staff later on, offered objections against abandoning Warfield Court.

Regarding Fire-Rescue's assertion that Warfield Court can reduce travel and response times to the Warner property: A simple look at a map shows the quickest emergency response times to properties located on or off of Purcellville Rd (e.g., the Warner property) from the Purcellville Public Safety Center is west along Hirst Rd, and right onto Purcellville Rd going over the Route 7 Bypass. It is inconceivable why emergency vehicles would first go east on Hirst Rd, then north on Berlin Turnpike, through the increasingly congested Route 7 Bypass interchange, then left on Wright Farm Dr to the end, left on Carmichael Pl, and finally right onto Warfield Ct, followed by stopping to remove the lock or barrier emplaced to prevent access to unauthorized vehicles, and then proceed to an emergency located on the Warner property. This opinion is informed by the fact that one of our board members is a long time Loudoun County volunteer firefighter/EMT who has driven fire and rescue apparatus from the Purcellville station for the past ten years.

Community Planning initially offered a robust objection to the road abandonment, in part, because it did not allow for a more complete street network allowing adjacent parcels inter-parcel vehicular traffic. Sixty days later, Community Planning was waiving the vehicular connection requirement, and only proposing emergency vehicle access for public safety, and bicycle/pedestrian access. As the previous paragraph refutes, public