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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 8:25 AM  
**To:** BOCC (Only Commissioners) <[BOCC@alachuacounty.us](mailto:BOCC@alachuacounty.us)>  
**Subject:** Further destruction of Haile community

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Dear Board,

Please do not support building a road from Haile Blvd. to Parker Rd. This thoroughfare will completely destroy a pleasant area that many people with dogs and other walkers enjoy. Not to belittle that yet again woods will be destroyed that are homes for many animals. You already did that on Archer Road across from 91st St. That street is now a thoroughfare for the apartment dwellers to get to Newberry Rd. Please do not continue to destroy the Haile community. If you persist in further developing SW GNV you could expand Archer Road to Parker instead, as the road and the wide sides are already present. By the way, I've lived, as did my Mother in GNV for over 50 years and really wonder, what happened to "GNV - the Tree City"?

Sincerely and hopefully,

Day Bennett, #180 The Links, Haile

**From:** B Carew <bcarewbc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 1, 2023 4:21 PM  
**To:** BOCC (Only Commissioners) <BOCC@alachuacounty.us>  
**Subject:** Proposed Extension of Haile Boulevard

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Alachua County Board of County Commissioners:

I am writing in reference to the Hickory Sink/Lee Property potential development to come before the Board next week. As a resident of the southwest corner of Haile Plantation, I am adamantly opposed to any proposed cut through road extension at the current end of Haile Boulevard (aka SW 46<sup>th</sup> Blvd). As you know, Haile is a planned development spreading across 1,700 acres with approximately 2,600 households. I moved to Gainesville nearly six years ago specifically because of the magnificent tree canopy on Haile Blvd., and the peace and beauty of the walking trails adjacent to the boulevard. Coming from another state, but uncertain of where I would want to live, Haile Boulevard and the broader Haile community sold me on Gainesville and specifically on Haile. It was beautiful, easy and pleasurable to walk around, with reasonable traffic patterns for a community of its size. It is a well-planned asset for Alachua County; increasing the traffic not just from any potential new development to the west, but also with general traffic coming off of Parker Road from further established locations will seriously and negatively impact that asset. Please do not destroy the quality of life of so many current residents. Everyone I have spoken with in reference to this potential road expansion stands in absolute opposition. We vote NO.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Carew

September 20, 2022

Dear members of the Alachua County Commission,

My name is David Hastings; I am a resident of Alachua County. I appreciate the opportunity to express my concerns about possible zoning changes in the Lee Property. I have numerous concerns; I will address three:

**1.) SPRAWL**

The location is far from the urban core of Gainesville, bordering both critical habitat for preservation, and agricultural designated lands on most of its borders. This is development in an undeveloped area which encroaches on the natural environment and will expand the built environment. This will in turn encourage more sprawl in the area and serves as a serious risk to the sensitive wetlands. We need more development closer to the urban core, where existing mass transit and infrastructure can be best utilized.

Urban sprawl has high environmental, economic, and social consequences. It leads to higher emissions from vehicles and loss of open space and environmental amenities. It increases the cost of providing key public services, exerting pressure on county finances.

Sprawl results in more traffic, more congestion, more greenhouse gas emissions, less green space and loss of precious wildlands we treasure. This sprawl is not inevitable if we engage in smart and thoughtful planning.

**2.) Important Gopher Tortoise habitat**

Longleaf pine forests are some of the world's most biologically diverse ecosystems, and provide critical habitat for 29 threatened and endangered species, including gopher tortoises. The gopher tortoise is an indicator of longleaf pine ecosystem health. The effects of habitat destruction have greatly reduced the gopher tortoise population; it is now listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act throughout the western part of its range.

Setting aside land for a Gopher Tortoise reserve and relocating Gopher Tortoises from other areas is not a viable alternative since it results in increased density which is not sustainable, and can result in the eventual demise of the relocated animals.

**3.) A new golf course**

The Special Area Study provides little information about the proposed golf course. We know that golf courses can be a significant source of nutrient pollution and require substantial irrigation, resulting in the over pumping of groundwater. The water and fertilizer used by the proposed golf course on this vulnerable karst system can cause substantial impacts to the Floridan Aquifer and our local springs. The impact on the Floridan Aquifer and water quality is not worth the possible benefit when so many other (nine) golf courses exist in Alachua County.

Does Alachua County really need more golf courses and intensive development far from the urban core, distant from existing businesses, centers of commerce and education? To residents of Alachua County, this property is invaluable given the ecologically precious lands, the unique habitat and remarkable biodiversity. This land should be protected not developed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments about this proposed development.

**From:** Paul Kroeger <kroegpe@gmail.com>

**Date:** November 2, 2023 at 6:48:32 PM EDT

**To:** "BOCC (Only Commissioners)" <BOCC@alachuacounty.us>

**Subject:** FCL Timber, Land & Cattle, LLC Special Area Study and Development Project

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing regarding the proposed development of the Lee family property on the west and east side of Parker Road. We live just to the south of the proposed development and attended the recent public information session that was held at Terwilliger elementary school. Unfortunately I found the session wanting and uninformative.

What we did glean is that there are two proposed development paths. Our hope is that the "conservation plan" will come to fruition. The last thing the Hickory Sink area and our water source needs is 4000 homes sitting on top of it. I strongly encourage the county to do whatever it can to purchase and preserve the land as is.

Additionally, in my opinion the use of 500 acres for the proposed UF 36 hole golf course (east of Parker Road) would be a dramatic waste of water (using up to 1,000,000 gals/day per the SAP) and at best serve a very limited set of residents. Your own plans call for more county recreational facilities, but does Alachua county need a premier golf venue that will serve the few? There are so many residential areas with limited access to parks due to development patterns - this golf course will do nothing to alleviate that and the water usage will be equivalent to 1000s of houses. It is worth noting that as other golf courses have closed (e.g., WestEnd) this proposal wants to build another. How does that make sense?

I'm a UF graduate (PhD, 1988) and I support my graduate school alma mater, but the existing UF golf course on campus has served the university and can continue to do so. We need more small neighborhood parks not remote golf courses that will

serve only those with extensive means. Thanks in advance for your attention.

Kind regards,  
Paul Kroeger, PhD.

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Archer, FL 32618

Sent from my iPhone



Lindsay Haga:

We have a single family home abutting the subject property, in the Westfield Commons unit within Haile. When we purchased our home, the subject property had and has a future land use that would allow clustered development at 1 unit per 5 acres. We deemed the allowable development density to be compatible with our single family home.

There is a proposal to change the future land use that will allow much denser mixed use development on the subject parcel. We are concerned with visual, noise, and odor impacts associated with a dense mixed use development depending on where the parcel non single family uses are allowed and occur.

We request the following to ensure any future land use change that is adopted is not a nuisance to existing development:

1. A 250 ft vegetated buffer between Haile and the subject property;
2. Location of non-residential uses "internal" to the proposed land use such that noise, light, visual impacts, and odors are consistent with what would have been allowed and expected if the property were to be developed in a clustered manner at a one unit per 5 acres as allowed in the current future land use plan.

Sincerely,

David Richardson

Cindy Richardson

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**From:** Felicia <[feliciabethr@gmail.com](mailto:feliciabethr@gmail.com)>  
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**Subject:** Haile road

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Hello!

I am very concerned with the idea of opening up the road in Haile Plantation. When a road expansion is planned for a neighborhood, it's important to consider both the potential benefits and drawbacks. While road expansions can improve transportation infrastructure, they may also bring some negative impacts. These can include increased traffic, noise pollution, changes in the neighborhood's character, and potential environmental concerns.

I am a concerned citizen and live on Haile Boulevard and it is already difficult to cross the main road with my little dog. Also, coming out of my neighborhood there is a blind spot and it's tricky to see the on coming cars and trucks. It would be dangerous to have more traffic in this area. Please advise the community counsel leaders to vote again this proposal. Thank you for listening.

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Greatly appreciated,  
Felicia Rodriguez



## Jim Sheets

BOCC  
12 SE 1st Street  
Gainesville, FL32601

RE: Parker Rd/Lee Proposed Development

Commissioners:

I attended the excellent 10/2 presentation concerning the proposed large development along Parker Road. I talked with the property owner Mr. Lee as well as the golf course designer, both of whom were forthcoming and open to questions. I live in Haile and I offer my thoughts:

I favor the "conservation easement" option but with the immediate elimination of the Haile Blvd. "Potential Project Entrance". This, if approved, would be disastrous to the Haile community and destroy our "main street" with a huge increase in traffic not only from heavy construction traffic but also a future greatly increased commuter load. A "planner" should not be allowed to alter an established and highly successful community with this insult. This is not planning but engineering at its worst.

I raised my concern with the golf course designer and directly asked him if the elimination of the Haile "entrance" would in any way impact his part of the project to which he answered "no" and didn't really care one way or the other.

While I have no objection to UF golf course proposal itself, consideration must be given to Haile's own golf course. Should UF open their golf course to the public, it would directly and unfairly compete with Haile as a taxpayer supported entity.

I would also suggest that the proposed golf course should not in anyway be considered "mitigation" for the commercial and residential development.

A golf course is anything but "natural". It relies heavily on pesticides, fertilizer and water. It is certainly not wildlife friendly no matter what the developer will try to tell you.



I urge you to immediately eliminate Haile "Project Entrance" from consideration.



Sincerely yours,

Jim Sheets

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**From:** Linda Tuttle <tuttlelee64@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2023 5:04 PM  
**To:** BOCC (Only Commissioners) <BOCC@alachuacounty.us>  
**Subject:** Don't Destroy our Home

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Board of County Commissioners,

Please do not destroy the Haile Community by putting a road through to Parker Road. Widen Archer Road. Since Archer is already a road, it would be cheaper and quicker to simply make it wider. The Haile Community is the only place of its kind in Gainesville. So much of Gainesville has already been destroyed by builders wiping out the beautiful trees and animal habitats. Roads should have been considered before all the building started. It was obvious to all that the roads couldn't handle all the building that was going on. Putting a road through Haile will obliterate this community.

Thank you,  
Linda Tuttle

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-----Original Message-----

From: Peggy Willumson <[peggywillumson@gmail.com](mailto:peggywillumson@gmail.com)>

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Subject: Parker Rd/Lee Development

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Commissioners:

I understand the right that the Lee Family has to sell their property, even though the environmental impacts on that land could be devastating. Our Haile-Watch group was copied on a letter that Jim Sheets sent to you, and I agree with his assessment below:

"I favor the "conservation easement" option but with the immediate elimination of the Haile Blvd "Potential Project Entrance". This, if approved, would be disastrous to the Haile community and destroy our "main street" with a huge increase in traffic not only from heavy construction traffic but also a future greatly increased commuter load. A "planner" should not be allowed to alter an established and highly successful community with this insult. This is not planning but engineering at its worst."

I agree with Mr. Sheets. Making a through road of SW 46th Blvd would create a traffic nightmare for the residents of Haile and ruin the quiet neighborhood we have come to love and appreciate. There could be more pedestrian and bicycle accidents (including danger to children), such as seen on 75th Street and on University Ave. Please see the wisdom of leaving our road just as it is now.

Peggy Willumson  
9821 SW 55th Road