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## Regarding the Costco & Rapp Rd Development

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I am writing to state my opposition to the proposed project in Guilderland. I get all the pros and people in favor of jobs, sales tax, more housing, etc. They aren't bad arguments.

However, I got to see all those shopping centers, and sprawl, and development back in Indiana, and coming out here and just driving from Albany Int'l for the first time, I was struck at how gorgeous the region is. I'd never seen so many trees.

I think that though we need the housing, that the Costco and jobs created and maybe even the sales tax, won't be worth it. All we hear is how retail struggles, even in normal years competing with the internet. And we aren't talking high paid skilled jobs here, but the service sector. I'd take care of your greenspace while you have it, because it doesn't often come back, even after the mall, or big box store, or hotel, or apartments get old, decrepit, and neglected and fails to hold the interest of the community. Developers just move on and build the same stuff somewhere else.

Guilderland is special, and I gladly shop there in Stuyvesant Plaza before I'd set foot anywhere in Latham, but that goes to it's character and how it is. A Costco (I believe there is one in Latham) and more development just adds to the mess in my opinion and before you know it, it won't be any different than any other accumulation of sprawl you'd find with all the same junk in any other suburb in this country.