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MAYOR'S OFFICE

US Army Corps of Engineers  
South Dakota Regulatory Office  
28563 Powerhouse Road, Room 118  
Pierre, SD 57501

Sir:

This letter is in response to the public notice we received from your office regarding Application number: NOW-2007-1231, Applicant: Lestrangle and Whittingham, LCI, site grading and filling in an unnamed tributary to Rapid Creek for commercial development.

We are hoping you have taken the time to personally survey this area and realize that the aforementioned drainage and unnamed tributary will have an effect on the 53 acre commons area owned by the adjacent home owners association into which the tributary drains. This is a swimming and fish pond with wild life habitat that also serves as a drinking water aquifer re-charge area for the Madison aquifer.

We are very concerned about pollutants caused by a parking lot to be established over the fill which will ultimately drain into our commons and eventually the Madison aquifer.

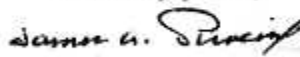
Therefore, we are requesting a public hearing to be held to consider this application.

We also, ask that you do an Environmental Assessment pursuant to the National Policy Act.

With water quality becoming an urgent issue our nation needs to change from a do anything anywhere mentality to building according to the topography of the land.

As you know Rapid City is way behind in developing and implementing a comprehensive storm water plan to protect our waterways (Rapid Creek) and identified aquifer. We would like to caution the Corps of Engineers not to listen to our city administration as their prime interest is the tax revenue not the water quality that may be impacted.

Sincerely yours,



James A and Gerda I Phoenix

Cc: US Army Corps of Engineers, District Commander, US Army Engineer District  
US Forest Service  
Mayor Rapid City, SD

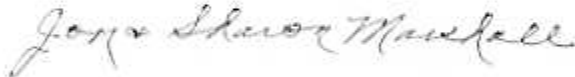
Saturday, July 14, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

We read with interest the Rapid City Journal article on the south side development along HY16. It was noted in the article that there is already some commercial development in the area, such as The Maze, that will be eliminated. However, there was no mention of the home that sits behind The Maze. A commercial development with the new road access will put the road right next to that residential property putting that resident in a potentially dangerous situation and within a high environmental noise area. I would hope that the Planning Commission and the Board would not approve requested zoning changes until that single residential concern is satisfactorily resolved. If the property is not purchased by the developer, an environmental study complete with plans to minimize the noise and traffic pollution to the residence should be required before any permits are awarded. This property is NOT over the hill and removed from the proposed development. It is on HY16 directly behind The Maze, not visible from the highway.

Please do the right thing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jon & Sharon Marshall".

Jon and Sharon Marshall  
(Concerned citizens)