

11CA004-11RZ007

**From:** Cleone Rene Thatcher [mailto:Cleone.Thatcher@usd.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 25, 2011 7:46 AM  
**To:** gmweb  
**Cc:** rthatcher@regionalhealth.com  
**Subject:** File Number 11CA004

Hello,

I am writing this letter in response to an inquiry sent to me by the City of Rapid City regarding a proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment. The premises affected is the SW1/4 NE1/4 less right-of-way and NW1/4 NE1/4 all located in Section 35, T2N, R7E, BHM, Rapid City, Pennington County, SD. I own property adjacent to the affected premises (2N, 07E, Section 35, Mallow Addition, Block 6, Lots 16-24). There is one house on my property, rented to the same family for the past 10 years.

I am opposed to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment. My primary concern is the potential for increased population density in the area. Rapid City must strive to protect the remaining low density residential areas within the city. Low density housing neighborhoods improve the quality of life and the beauty of our city. There is currently a higher density residential area to the east of the park forest land. A well-planned city intersperses higher density residential with low density to create aesthetically pleasing neighborhoods.

If the Comprehensive Plan Amendment is approved by the City Planning Commission my suggestion is to include a requirement that a portion of the land involved be set aside as a neighborhood park. Public parks are an important part of every city and the people of North Rapid would certainly benefit from additional public park land.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this in more detail.

Sincerely,

Ruth Thatcher  
605-394-9652  
[rthatcher@regionalhealth.com](mailto:rthatcher@regionalhealth.com)