

## Sabrina Denson

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**From:** Belinda Lovern on behalf of Joyce Evans  
**Sent:** Monday, December 5, 2022 11:36 AM  
**To:** JD Dillard  
**Cc:** Jason Davenport  
**Subject:** FW: Rezone 2022-20

Fyi...

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From: Joyce <jrjones01@windstream.net>  
Sent: Saturday, December 3, 2022 3:33 PM  
To: Joyce Evans <jevans@lowndescounty.com>  
Subject: Rezone 2022-20

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Commissioner Evans

I am a resident on Skipper Bridge Road, just under 1 mile, from the intersection of Hwy 122 and Skipper Bridge where the subject property is located.

This property is currently zoned Estate Agriculture which request to rezone Crossroads Commercial.

I along with several others in the area are strongly opposed to the rezone and are opposed to a Dollar General as well as any commercial venture for several reasons

7 Dollar General stores within a 10 mile radius

This is a busy intersection already with traffic sight challenges (blind spot) with westbound vehicles coming over the bridge. Putting a store at this location will only make it worse.

There is a church across from the property

Many of my neighbors have multi acre holdings as do I and we live in an agricultural area by choice

There are plenty of commercial shopping areas available without putting one on this property

I respectfully ask that you strongly consider all of the above and do not support the rezone by voting NO.

Joyce Jones  
6565 skipper bridge road  
HAHIRA Ga 31632

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Belinda Lovern on behalf of Joyce Evans  
**Sent:** Monday, December 5, 2022 3:24 PM  
**To:** JD Dillard  
**Cc:** Jason Davenport  
**Subject:** FW: Rezoning at Highway 122 and Skipper Bridge Road

Fyi...

**From:** Gwen Rowntree <avagwen73@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 5, 2022 11:56 AM  
**To:** Bill Slaughter <bill.slaughter@lowndescounty.com>; Joyce Evans <jevans@lowndescounty.com>; Scott Orenstein <sorenstein@lowndescounty.com>; Mark Wisenbaker <mwisenbaker@lowndescounty.com>; Demarcus Marshall <dmarshall@lowndescounty.com>; Clay Griner <cgriner@lowndescounty.com>  
**Subject:** Rezoning at Highway 122 and Skipper Bridge Road

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6174 Skipper Bridge Road  
Hahira, GA 31632

December 5, 2022

Lowndes County Board of Commissioners  
327 North Ashley Street  
Valdosta, Georgia

RE: Rezoning – 3 Acres on the Northwest corner of Georgia Highway 122 East  
And Skipper Bridge Road

I would like to express my objection to the rezoning request listed above.

I have lived at my present location since 1983 and it has always been a residential and farming community. Skipper Bridge Road was dirt when we moved here and, yes, the paving of the road made it more convenient for travel. However, it has also increased the traffic considerably over the years. Also, when the bridge on Staten Road was replaced, the traffic increased again.

This intersection has become very dangerous and has seen many wrecks and several fatalities over the years. The placing of any kind of commercial establishment at this intersection would only increase this congestion. It is also a known fact that establishments of this kind in rural locations also increase the crime rate which is certainly not what we want in our community.

The noise level, lighting and truck deliveries would also be a detriment. There are already several Dollar General stores within 5 minutes of this area which are convenient for anyone wanting to shop there.

Again, this zoning request would not be a benefit to our community and I express my sincere objection to its approval. I understand that the Planning Commission did not give their approval for this rezoning.

Thank You

Gwen Rowntree

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**From:** Jamie Rowntree <jamierowntree@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 5, 2022 1:12 PM  
**To:** JD Dillard  
**Subject:** Rezoning of Highway 122E/Skipper Bridge Road - REZ-2022-20

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Good afternoon Mr. Dillard,

My name is Jamie Rowntree and I am owner of Lowndes Parcel 0067031B, which is in close vicinity of the proposed rezoning of three acres of rural property in reference to REZ-2022-20. I'm writing to voice my opposition to the suggested rezoning of this property for several reasons. This area, for several surrounding acres, is solidly residential, agricultural, and timberland. A move to establish a Dollar General store at this location is highly inconsistent with the area's properties for stretches in each direction of Highway 122 and Skipper Bridge Road. The store is also an unnecessary redundancy as such stores currently exist just a few miles eastward and westward down Highway 122. Adjacent to the property is my parent's pond (across Highway 122), which drains to the Withlacoochee River just a short distance away, and a broader concern is that trash from consumers and potential fuel runoff from delivery trucks would channel through the county and beyond with a store inserted at this location. The intersection of Highway 122 and Skipper Bridge Road also has a history of vehicular accidents with Skipper Bridge Road's sharp northward curve and elevation descent at this location. Traffic drawn to this site would no doubt raise the traffic accidents at this location. It is also understood that the individuals proposing the rezoning request are not inhabitants of this area, but rather relatives of the property owner, and are seeking financial gain in this instance.

I, among many other citizens in the vicinity of this area, request that the Planning Commission consider our opposition to this rezoning request in order to maintain the current surroundings of this area, which in effect will preserve rural Lowndes County's reputation as a desirable and quality place to live.

Sincerely,

Jamie Rowntree

6174 Skipper Bridge Road  
Hahira, GA 31632

November 28, 2022

Greater Lowndes Planning Commission  
325 West Savannah Avenue  
Valdosta, Georgia

And

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