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I am an adjacent landowner to this application and would like to comment. This undivided quarter section is currently used as agricultural land. If you remove a thirty acre parcel it will not be useful any more as agricultural land. It will be too small to farm and so that is certainly not an improvement nor a good use of agricultural land. It is far better to leave it in agricultural use. Secondly, thirty acres is a large chunk of land, much larger than would have been allowed in the past as a "farmstead". Thirty acres could be used for many different things and we are then at the mercy of whatever the parcel holder wants to use it for. What is the reasoning behind taking a thirty acre parcel out of the undivided quarter? There is no house built, although we did notice a water well being drilled. This is far too big of a parcel for one house so I can only assume more than one house will be built or perhaps some riding academy or dog care facility. It seems to me the County is going about this backwards. Why would you allow a thirty acre parcel subdivided if there has been no thought of what it is to be used for? Fragmenting farmland in this way is terrible. Farmsteads used to work just fine. I was unaware that farmsteads had been removed as the only way to get a first parcel out. That was never brought to my attention when all the planning changes were made a decade ago. Developer influence?

Thirdly: groundwater is an issue in our subdivision. All the precipitation runs right off that hill into our basement. We have had to tear our entire finished basement out and make expensive foundation repairs and install a heavy duty sump pump. Whatever is done on that hillside above our subdivision will increase ground water flow down into our properties. If multiple houses or any kind of water intensive industry is allowed in that thirty acre parcel it will have a very unpleasant impact on our quiet low key rural life. We have a community water well that we treasure and do not want disturbed by any additional subdivision on the northern boundary of our Sterling Estates subdivision.

Yours truly,

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