



Crossgates EIS

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Ken,

Please include the following in the public comments folder concerning the Crossgates EIS hearing this evening. (I am unable to attend the meeting).

At least some of the concern that I have about the 222 apartments proposed by Crossgates is its impact on the Rapp Road area, that is the historic community located nearby, the apartments, the Pine Bush preserve and the other nearby neighborhoods---- and the intersection of Rapp Road and Washington Avenue, Extension.

It need be remembered that the four way intersection includes Crossgates Commons which Pyramid also owns.

Had not Rapp Road--about 40 years ago-- been re-carved to service the Crossgates Commons entrance the impact on the PineBush and that area would have been quite different.

The point is--the EIS should include Crossgates Commons.

What Pyramid does at Crossgates Commons can impact the 222 apartments, just as whatever Pyramid does with the Crossgates site can impact the apartment house site. The Town and the public needs to know what this large area is slated to become. Many more properties have been acquired by Pyramid and it is not known what Pyramid plans to do with any of it.

Both Crossgates and Crossgates Commons are huge and have extensive vacant property.

It is my hope that the two Pyramid properties will become a model new community and neighborhood----with single family homes, row houses, apartments, easy public transportation access, easy access to shopping, entertainment, schools and parks and so forth--maybe even a pond or two--and very safe.

Probably the Town (and City and County) will not have another opportunity like this--to plan a large new residential community--for many more years,

Not to criticize other communities--but look how the Latham Circle area become nothing more than a big shopping center with no community at all.

It could have been so much more--and so could Crossgates/Crossgates Commons.

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