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The Albany County Planning Board recently recommended against the rezoning of Loughlin Street stating the proposed increase in density would be extreme in comparison to present use and homes in the neighborhood. An overwhelming majority of affected McKownville residents agree.

There are reasons why people move to the suburbs. Having five- and six-story buildings looking down on them is not one of them.

The traffic impact on Fuller Road from the build-out of SUNY Polytechnic Institute and University at Albany already tests the capacity of Fuller Road. Adding cars from 173 apartment occupants would only increase the danger for students and residents on one of the main arteries between Central and Western avenues.

Will the property tax revenue increase (if any) offset the increased water, sanitary and storm requirements imposed by 173 residences vs. the 11 residences? Will it also offset the cost of fire, police, sanitary sewer, water, school and other services? Probably not, since Dawn Homes has indicated they intend to ask for tax abatements.

Ground and storm water problems exist in McKownville. Ultimately, the problem flows to Albany's turn-of-the-century infrastructure that is failing. The proposed 173 apartments would add to the ground water and storm water problems (and costs) for both the city and McKownville.

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