

**To: Hanover County Planning Commission**

**Cc: Hanover County Board of Supervisors**

**From: Concerned Members of the Community**

**Re: Proposed use of Air Park Associates LLC Site and noise nuisance on neighboring properties**

**Date: 20 February 2020**

It is the position of the undersigned that the current proposal for the Wegmans distribution center poses a substantial risk to cause noise nuisance in proximity to the site. The risk of material impacts of noise nuisance is substantial enough to merit further and specific consideration by the Hanover County Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. We request a detailed noise study of the potential effects be commissioned to inform the site's development to address the leading causes of noise nuisance, and further address the needs of all citizens impacted by the proposed development.

More than 500 existing single family homes are within  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile of the proposed development site, and at least another 500 homes within 2 miles. The residents of local neighborhoods deserve to enjoy their homes, yards, schools, playgrounds, pools, sports fields, and roads without 365/24/7 noise nuisance generated by Wegmans facility and the truck traffic generated by Wegmans facility.

1. Significantly increased truck traffic will generate significant noise pollution that will affect homes and businesses located on ALL roads near Sliding Hill Road. Local residents will hear and feel vibrations of truck travel sounds and hear truck braking sounds.

**Local residents request that the Board of Supervisors request NO THROUGH TRAFFIC from VDOT for local neighborhood roads including Ashcake/Peaks, New Ashcake, Atlee Station.**

**Local residents request that Wegmans agree to voluntary road restrictions for its contractors and name brand trucks which will be monitored by GPS.**

2. Trucks unloading will generate sounds from trucks backing up and from backup beepers.

**Local residents request that Wegmans to agree to significant quiet periods (including holidays like Christmas and Easter) so that nearby residents have respite from constant noise and have extended hours of peace and quiet. Note that the local SuperValu DC is closed on Saturday and Sunday.**

**Local residents request that Wegmans use spotters and/or backup strobe lights to minimize noise - especially during evening hours.**

3. Wegmans facility may have generators for power outages.

**Local residents request that the generators be placed away from residential neighborhoods.**

4. Rooftop refrigeration units will generate significant noise that has the potential to travel for miles. Because the facility will be the tallest building in Hanover except Kings Dominion, Wegmans cannot use trees to buffer sound from its rooftop refrigeration units.

**Local residents request that Wegmans situate its refrigeration units on the ground and enclose them with concrete.**

**Local residents request that the refrigeration units be placed away from residential neighborhoods.**

5. Wegmans facility is designed as a V or L shape that will funnel noise towards Fox Head and Milestone.

**Local residents request that Wegmans re-orient its facility away from residential neighborhoods.**

6. Wegmans facility has truck bays on all sides including sides facing residential neighborhoods.

**Local residents request that Wegmans remove its truck bays that face residential neighborhoods.**

7. Wegmans facility will have a lot of truck driving and braking noises.

**Local residents request that Wegmans build a large earthen berm of up to 30 feet with trees planted on top to absorb the truck noise.**

8. Wegmans facility will generate a lot of noise that needs to be mitigated.

**Local residents request the Wegmans conducts a comprehensive noise study of current distribution centers that includes a measurement of DC noise and also recommendations for mitigating that noise.**

**Local residents request that VDOT conduct a noise study of local roads.**

**Local residents request a community meeting with VDOT about the possibility of noise barriers.**

**Local residents request that Wegmans fund and build an attractive solid noise barrier rather than a chain link fence with barbed wire facing residential neighborhoods.**

9. These and other noise nuisance issues have not been adequately considered, studied and mitigated by the county and Wegmans. The project should be deferred until such due diligence can be performed.