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Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2026 3:54 PM

To: Planning <planning@cranstonri.org>; Bruggemann, Jonas <jbruggemann@cranstonri.org>

Subject: City Planning Commission Meeting Sept 1 - 425 Hope Rd Development Plan

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Dear Members of the Cranston City Plan Commission,

I am unable to attend the in person meeting this evening and am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed development at 425 Hope Road and to respectfully ask the Commission not to approve the proposed Comprehensive Permit.

I understand that Cranston needs housing and that responsible development is an important part of a growing community. However, I believe the proposed introduction of multiple duplexes at this location is fundamentally inconsistent with the existing character and scale of this part of Hope Road.

The surrounding neighborhood is predominantly made up of large, single-family homes on reasonably sized properties, with substantial open space between homes. This low-density residential character is a defining feature of the area. Introducing a significantly denser development consisting of multiple duplexes would represent a substantial departure from the established pattern of development and would permanently change the character of this neighborhood.

I am also deeply concerned about the environmental impact of developing this particular property. Wetlands directly abut the land, and the property and surrounding natural areas currently provide meaningful habitat for abundant wildlife. Residents regularly observe deer, coyotes, bobcats, and other wildlife using this area. This is not simply undeveloped land waiting to be built upon; it is part of an existing natural ecosystem that provides habitat and wildlife movement through western Cranston.

The potential impacts of clearing, grading, roads, driveways, utilities, stormwater infrastructure, lighting, and increased human activity should be carefully evaluated before allowing this type of development to move forward. I am particularly concerned about the potential effects on the abutting wetlands, stormwater runoff, drainage patterns, wildlife habitat, and wildlife corridors.

I respectfully ask the Commission to require a thorough evaluation of these impacts and to consider whether a development of this scale and density is truly appropriate for this location. The fact that a particular type of housing may be permissible through a Comprehensive Permit should not eliminate the need to consider whether the proposed scale, density, environmental impact, and neighborhood compatibility are appropriate for this specific site.

I strongly urge the Commission to reject the proposed Comprehensive Permit for 425 Hope Road and to preserve the existing character and environmental integrity of this area.

Thank you for taking the concerns of neighboring residents into consideration. I hope the Commission will give careful consideration to the long-term impact this development could have on our neighborhood and the surrounding natural environment.

Sincerely,

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From: Matthew Hawkins <matthewhawkins90@gmail.com>

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Subject: 425 Hope Road

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Dear Members of the Cranston City Plan Commission,

I oppose the proposed Comprehensive Permit for [425 Hope Road](#) and respectfully ask that you reject it.

I understand that Cranston needs housing and that responsible development is an important part of a growing community. However, the proposed multiple duplexes would create a density and scale that are inconsistent with the surrounding neighborhood of large, single-family homes and open properties. This development would significantly change the established character of Hope Road.

I am also concerned about the environmental impact. Wetlands about the property, which currently provides habitat and wildlife corridors for deer, coyotes, bobcats, and other wildlife. Clearing and developing the site could affect drainage, stormwater runoff, wetlands, habitat, and wildlife movement.

Please carefully consider whether this level of development is appropriate for this location and require a thorough review of its neighborhood and environmental impacts. I urge the Commission not to approve the proposed Comprehensive Permit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hawkins

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