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To whom it may concern,

I wanted to take this opportunity to add my comments for the expansion of the urban growth areas. I applaud the city's attempt to get ahead of the population growth. I have lived in city limits, lived in the "doughnut hole" and gone through annexation. Currently I live just outside the city limits off of road 100. The problem with the development of urban growth areas is the Franklin County Planning Commission does not adhere to any planning requirements. I have personally gone to several meetings and the commission sides with the developers every single time. Roads are not improved. During the development of Archer Estates and Spencer Estates along Burns and Kohler Road, the planning reports stated the roads are too narrow and not up to the standards the current amount of traffic requires. Even knowing this, the developers were not required to improve the roads. Despite having gang mailboxes on main arterial roads, no sidewalks were put in. Fences and brick walls were put up as development boundaries and no maintenance is provided, leaving a garbage and weed strewn road. Current county restrictions about access to arterial roads and house fronting them are also ignored in favor of maximizing developer's profits. All of these issues become a problem down the road when the urban growth area is eventually annexed into the city. At the very least it puts undue burden on homeowners. If these infrastructure problems are to be fixed, the homeowners have to fund a lid out of their own pockets despite having paid taxes already. When putting in these new urban growth areas I urge you to go after the county and require them to adhere to the minimum level of city developments to avoid the problems the county keeps handing you.

Thank you for your time,

Tony Bachart