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Subject: Open space vs proposed PUDs

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Hi Mary. Just wanted to put in our two cents' worth concerning the proposed senior housing PUDs in our neck of the woods.

We moved here in 2003 from Glenwood because we loved the view of Storm King from our third floor condo in Shibui. We also love the outdoors and hiking with our dogs and thus value the open space along Castle Valley Blvd., Mt. Medaris, the gravel pit behind our condo, and the trails around Kathryn Senior Elementary School.

We recognize that Senior Housing is a worthy cause, and that we probably sound like typical NIMBYs, but we strongly believe that we need to preserve the open space that makes New Castle a place that we want to live. We've seen that space shrink dramatically in the past decade, not to mention a corresponding decrease in wildlife habitat. (We often watched deer and elk grazing in our back yard and even observed foxes rearing their kits in the gravel pit behind our condo and meadows along the flatirons, but now that's a rarity.)

We know that land use and zoning decisions are a balancing act, but urge the Council to give weight to the opinions of residents like us by adopting policies that preserve the area's dwindling open space and wildlife habitat.

Thanks for your service to our community.

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