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Keith Self
County Judge
Collin County
2300 Bloomdale Rd., Suite 4192
McKinney, TX 75071

Re: Outer Loop location

Dear Judge Self,

Thank you in advance for your attention to the following facts and points of view:

My wife, Carol, and I own property in the Chambersville area of northern Collin County. This specific property is being considered as the “technically preferred” route for the “Outer Loop”.

This property is part of a historically significant area. We are only the fourth owner of this property since its original settlement in 1847 by the pioneering Chambers family.

Currently we operate a business, Chambersville Tree Farms on the property employing 18 people. The proposed route will go exactly through the farm taking out our metal building of 6,000 sq. ft. which is the center of our operation.

We also operate an event-site activity on this property called Chandler’s Gardens, named after the Chandler family who owned the farm from about 1895 until 1998. This event activity has, as of now, either hosted or booked 32 weddings with 2012 bookings just ramping up. This business owes its successful operation to the beauty and quiet serenity of this unique property. Both of these attributes will be destroyed by the location of the outer loop on this property.

Located on this property are also the following horticulturally significant gardens:

- a. “Chambersville Heritage Rose Garden – Dedicated to the preservation of over 300 roses, some of which date back to the late 1700’s. This Garden is only 1 of 4 in the United States, recognized by The World Federation of Rose Societies as an outstanding garden for the preservation and study of Heritage Roses.
- b. “Legacy of Legends Rose Garden – Displays approximately 200 modern roses including one of the largest collections in the south, of Dr. Buck Roses (approx. 90 in total).

- c. “Centennial Circle of Trees” – Dedicated in 2010 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. It is a garden of approximately 200 native and adapted trees planted in a great circular pattern, 2,160 feet in circumference. The trees are all labeled and indexed for study purposes, so that schools can conduct field trips for children’s learning events. Some 50 to 60 McKinney ISD science teachers have enjoyed an introductory field trip here in 2010.

This property also has hosted several Cub Scout and Boy Scout camp outings, one of which was an overnight event attended by approximately 350 scouts, their parents and leaders from all parts of Collin County.

“RoseDango”, beginning it’s fourth year, is an event held here, which annually draws approximately 275 rose lovers from all of the U.S. as well as internationally. Attendees are treated to educational seminars and the opportunity to observe and study over 500 varieties of roses in the two rose gardens. Many of these attendees are overwhelmed by the serenity and beauty of the property.

Carol and I believe you can see that we are dedicated to the responsible stewardship of this unique property for the benefit of the citizens of Collin County. For us, this is not just a piece of raw, undeveloped dirt, it is more than that and we are sharing its serenity and beauty with the citizens of Collin County. The location of a multi-lane, super highway upon this unique property will totally destroy it. Once lost, it will be totally lost forever!

The “southern route” is a better choice and the correct location of the “Outer Loop” when all attributes are considered and not just the mercenary and “technically preferred” attributes.

Again, thank you for your attention and consideration. Please help us preserve this unique part of Collin County and do not locate the outer loop here.

Sincerely,



Dean Oswald