



Georgia resident joins TrackRacket

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To the Editor:

I live in Dawsonville, Ga., where for now it is a beautiful, peaceful area of picturesque agricultural land, rural homesites with pristine waterways which are habitats for endangered species unique to the region, and more than 25,000 acres of protected wildlife management area.

Our city government discarded the Land Use Plan, aggressively annexed and recently rezoned rural agricultural/residential land to accommodate Atlanta Motorsports Park. Residents set about to ensure their rights were protected, as only bales of hay would be planned to stop the noise.

Looking for information, we took our battle to the Internet, where Michelle Post and I made acquaintance.

We have followed NJMP's history and current issues for information useful to proactively protect our community.

Residential property owners have rights, too.

It's unfair for business to reap profit while residential property values and quality of life plummet.

When businesses are allowed into existing communities, bringing with them increased traffic and exposure to constantly heightened noise levels, those businesses should be required to responsibly protect the interests of the residents they encroach upon by abiding by reasonable set decibel levels and providing proper, efficient, technologically proven noise barriers.

Stand as a community for fair rights to protect residential investments, and in doing so, raise the bar on planning commissions and elected officials who approve such developments adjacent to residential areas.

That's reasonable, ethical, accountable, successful growth where no one is victimized. Businesses can profit, residents can enjoy their property investments.

In solidarity, I joined TrackRacket. Anyone who believes residential property holders, the backbone of a community, deserve fair treatment, should join TrackRacket, too.

If you don't stand for your rights, you lose them while others profit at your expense.

We're watching in Dawsonville, wishing you success.

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