Outlook

Comments on the Overdier Eco-village Zoning Change Request

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Members of the Northport Planning Commission:

I am writing to you today to express my opposition to the Overdier Eco-village development plan. I am not opposed to the Mission and Goals of the applicants but to the project's location adjacent to the Leelanau Township Cemetery.

My family (the Blackens) arrived in Northport in 1870. Five generations are buried at the Leelanau Township Cemetery. The Cemetery is a hallowed zone in the Northport area. I visit the Cemetery on a regular basis to pray, reflect and honor those Blackens that have been buried there. My sister, mother, father, grandparents, and uncles are buried very near the property line of the proposed development. I know many Northport residents who frequently visit the Northport Cemetery for the same reason that I do.

Building 8-10 homes, community gardens, gathering spaces and walking trails immediately adjacent to my family's gravesites will severely impact the precious time I, and hundreds of Northport residents, spend in this well-kept, peaceful cemetery. This project will become a construction site for many years and will also impacting senior neighbors.

The underlying proposal is an honorable one but should not be permitted to violate the space where we pray and remember our deceased loved ones.

Please reject the zoning change requested at this location.

Thank you,

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