



Frank Brother Farms, Early Morning, September 26 2014

This is the view from our yard. We have hundreds of photos of this view from all four seasons. We post it on Facebook regularly to the awe, wonder and envy of our friends around the world. To us, this vista is a part of the Town of Poughkeepsie history.

The proposed MacDonnell Heights Center development will forever change the landscape of Dutchess Turnpike which has already been changed over the years by commercial development. The Town in its code indicates Historical perseveration as a necessity, not a nicety or something that sounds good, but as a necessity.

It is so sad to consider losing such an integral piece of the Town of Poughkeepsie's history for a development that by many accounts is ill-conceived.

I was speaking with the owner of the Overlook Golf Course over the summer and he was telling me that there used to be a dairy railroad that went from the dairy plant in the city over to the farm that was once where his golf course is, over to Frank Brothers and made its way all the way out to Armenia and then circled back into the city with the daily pickup of fresh milk to be processed.

With each development that is undertaken, another part of our history disappears.

Development and growth are a part of life, but preserving history is also so very important.

It would be such a shame to see this disappear.

I'd like you to add this to the collection of letters and concerns as part of the assessment for this project.

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