

Statement from SAVE Colonie: A partnership for Planning  
on Town of Colonie Moratorium Proposal

SAVE Colonie has read the press release put out by the Republican candidates for Town of Colonie offices. Many of our members have been calling for a moratorium on development in the Town to protect the character of and quality of life in our neighborhoods, as the Town goes through a major update of its planning tools. This proposal appears to be a rational and well-thought out first step.

The Town has finally undertaken to update the Comprehensive Zoning and Land Use Plan from 2005. This document guided zoning and development decisions for the past twenty-six years. It's past time for an update. Also being reviewed is the Airport Area Generic Environmental Impact Statement, from 1991, upon which mitigation fees for developments in a large area of the Town are based, also well overdue for updating. Finally, the traffic study for the heavily traveled Albany Shaker Road corridor is in progress. It just makes planning sense to slow down the frantic pace of development in Colonie while these important planning tools are brought up to date.

SAVE Colonie is a non-partisan association of Colonie residents concerned about what we see as massive overdevelopment and the loss of character of our community. We do not oppose development; when development decisions are made, neighborhoods and existing residents' needs must come first. Professional planning requires data; our data in Colonie is twenty or more years old.

The partial moratorium being proposed is a strong and fair first step to protect the integrity of our neighborhoods while that data is being collected. We hope the current Town government will espouse this great idea, too.

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