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If this comes to fruition the historical value of our small town will be lost. We have seen many towns take advantage of "growth opportunities " and watched with growing concern as they became home to crime and violence in record numbers. As the feel of small town disappeared, and brought instead locked doors, alarm systems, unknown neighbors, increased bullying, increased traffic, larger highways, pollution, crime...ect.

Would it bring revenue? yes. Jobs? yes. Even some good people? Yes.

But we know from watching it happen all around us. We will lose more then we gain. Our simple life will be replaced and very quickly we will be just like every other city/town with Large corporations moving in and Mom&Pops closing down. Please don't let this happen. We do not need to be a town of more and bigger. We need to be Stevensville. Growth isn't inevitable. Growth isn't for the best, Growth is our choice. Let's choose to support our mom & pop shops, let's stay as picturesque and neighborly as we already are. Let's stay the Stevensville that we all know and love.

respectfully,

DeAnna B.