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What airborne biological contaminants were present in air, water, and soil samples at the proposed Farmers' Market site? Were these tests even performed during the environmental study?? I suspect they were not and that, too, is reckless and unconscionable. There is no doubt that the hard-working farmers, bakers, and crafters will suffer financial distress due to this worse-possible location for the market. I will not purchase foodstuff from the sewer plant location and I guarantee that I will not be alone.

The give-away of our land to a large corporation for profit-motive along with a PILOT scheme to evade taxation is a serious abuse of the citizenry of Plattsburgh. It is not too late to steer this project back to a scale that benefits the Plattsburgh populace. Please reconsider and do the smart and right thing.

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Negative impact of certain aspects of the DRI are of grave concern to me and many city residents. My greatest concern is the transfer of the city's Durkee Street parking lot to Prime LLC and the relocation to the sewer plant of the Farmers' Market.

The original concept for revitalization involved enhancement and expansion of the Market at its current location which would be a huge magnet for increased foot-traffic in our downtown while providing an attractive venue for community to gather, shop, converse, and interact with fellow residents. A smaller scale residential apartment building could co-exist with the current Market-site and would alleviate so much of the opposition to the current plan.

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Mr. Mayor, you were inspirational during an interview with Tom Hallock of Mountain Lake PBS when you described your vision for the DRI in the early days of your mayoral role. You spoke of encouraging foot-traffic in downtown... a fountain, a mural, seating, the market perhaps... to draw people from one point of interest to another - e.g. the Strand, the library, the McDonough monument - even the Kent-Delord museum and Gazebo. Those exciting ideas have been abandoned and as a result, the character of our downtown area will be forever ruined.

The large apartment building will be a deterrent to foot-traffic and the promised ambience for community members.

The loss of the parking lot and reconfiguration of Durkee street is also a deterrent to community interaction. This area will be a private residential enclave with no amenities for the public.

3.

The historical and cultural character of our city will be negatively impacted by the construction of a large, modern apartment complex in our city center. A project of this magnitude is better suited to the lakefront area that has lately been dubbed "HARBORSIDE." The apartment dwellers will want to be near the "action" of downtown, but not right in the midst of the city core. Especially the retiree-clientele would prefer the lake view over the cityscape of Durkee and Bridge Street... and such a locale would certainly justify the proposed \$1K rental fee for a small apartment.

And lastly, our city center is a "food desert" and extraordinary measures must be taken to ameliorate this problem. It is counter-intuitive to relegate the Farmers' market to the sewer plant. It is outrageous and unconscionable!