

# THE BEDFORD CITIZEN

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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While The Citizen appropriately focuses on stories about things directly occurring in Bedford, occasionally we need to look beyond our borders at what is happening in neighboring towns that have the potential to impact us. This is one of those occasions.

A development company is proposing a large townhouse development just over the Lexington/Bedford line on Grove Street. They currently have a purchase and sale agreement for 13 wooded acres bordering both the Burlington Landlocked and the Wright Farm conservation tracts. The proposal is to build 36 units in a cluster with a loop road creating two entrances on Grove.

The potential negative impact on Bedford is significant including environmental damage to fragile ecosystems, increased traffic on an already dangerous and congested Page Road, and significant noise, pollution and heavy equipment traffic during what will certainly be a protracted building process.

A grass roots community effort in Lexington is fighting this proposal and has created a website, [www.SaveLexington.com](http://www.SaveLexington.com) which includes a link to a Change.org petition that currently has over 1600 signatures. To help give a sense of the magnitude of the project, I've created a composite image of the area using the developer's own sketch of the development.

There will be a Lexington Planning Board meeting this evening specifically to discuss this project. It's at 7PM at the Lexington Town Hall. Since a special permit will be needed for construction to commence, this is not a done deal. It, therefore, behooves everyone who is interested to make their voices heard.

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