

Member of the Planning Commission December 18th 2003

Gentlemen:

We the following homeowners in the Historic District of Riverton, Virginia would like to make known our concerns with Wal-Mart locating in our village. Riverton, the first village established in Warren County, began in 1736 when Thomas Chester's Ferry transported barges up and down the Shenandoah River. Although now a part of the Town of Front Royal, Riverton still retains its identity as a quaint village.

Wal-Mart would be out of place in our tiny community. There is no room for road enhancements between our aging bridges. The traffic congestion and noise would be a deterrent to any new buyer to locate in Riverton. A mega-shopping complex like Wal-Mart proposes would destroy Riverton's special character as a village.

You the members of the Planning Commission have a responsibility to us as taxpayers to help keep the Historic District of Riverton secure. We the owners of the historic homes in Riverton take great pride in the fact that these homes have been saved over the years. We have preserved our homes and the town has promoted our community as a gateway to Front Royal. A Wal-Mart at the proposed location would destroy those investments and accomplishments.

There are over 85 homes and buildings in Riverton that have been designated as part of the Riverton National Historic District. To protect our homes and the special qualities of the Riverton community we implore the planning commission to turn down this zoning request from Wal-Mart. Help us preserve this important part of Warren County history. Would you build a Wal-Mart on Chester Street?

Sincerely,

Philip Charles	Deanna Mehoves
David Edwards	John Mehoves
Webb Davis	Gertie Miller
Brenda Elsea-Ramey	Hillard Miller
Bonnie Kerns	Jean Wilson