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Subject: Apple Manor request for a waiver

To Members of the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors.

I am writing on behalf of Friends of Pleasant Vale Church, Inc. and the many citizens in our neighborhood and around the County who support us to encourage you to deny the waiver sought by the developers of Apple Manor.

Friends is a 501 (c) (3) corporation organized by County residents who live in and around Scuffleburg to acquire, preserve and protect the historic Pleasant Vale Baptist Church which could have been lost unless public spirited citizens came forward to volunteer their hard work and generous financial support. Thankfully, the response to the Friends initiative was very positive, and we have been able to provide sufficient resources to stabilize the church building and to begin its restoration.

Pleasant Vale Baptist Church, organized in 1843, is an important part of the history and heritage of Fauquier County. Many of the founding families worshipped there, and many important events occurred there over the years. The property has been recognized as a significant historical asset and was identified as a compelling contributing property supporting the designation of the Crooked Run Valley as a Rural Historic District. Accordingly, protection of the church property, in all respects, is not only our corporate responsibility but also an important contribution to the heritage of the County.

Friends is concerned that granting the waiver sought by the developers of Apple Manor will lead to development that will have a seriously deleterious impact on the church and its view shed. At the present time, our view shed to the north and west is very much as it was when the church was first organized and the church building was erected. Development of Brushy Mountain as proposed by the developers of Apple Manor will change all that in a very unattractive way. Accordingly, absent compelling justification, the requested waiver should not be granted. And we are not aware of any reason why it should be approved.

Therefore, Friends fully and enthusiastically supports our neighbors who have provided you with more than sufficient facts and arguments to convince you to deny the waiver requested by Apple Manor.

Respectfully submitted,

Friends of Pleasant Vale Church, Inc.
By John L. Richardson