

**ONLINE PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Joy	Loper	<p>We don't need another storage facility on the northern end of Roswell Road!</p> <p>We need to develop this area in the same manor as the City Center area.</p> <p>With quick access to the Northridge Exit of GA400, we could attract a lot of High End business with nice restaurants and evening actives like comedy clubs, music/ dance clubs, etc..</p>
Connie	Dyak	<p>We need to revitalize our area and another storage facility will contribute nothing to that goal. We need businesses that will attract people to our area. Shops, restaurants, small businesses. Storage facilities are plentiful and another one is not needed or will be of any help in regenerating our town. We are in a losing race compared to Roswell and Alpharetta in new development.</p>
Johnny	Simpkins	<p>I received a letter letting me know that I live within a certain distance from this location. While I'm sad to see the Gun Club go, I'm happy to see new interest. I believe in free market economy who I won't comment on the developers choice of retail, being self-storage, but will instead focus on my interaction with this property.</p> <p>I walk my dog along Roswell Road and he enjoys the open grass field that currently in front of the Gun Club. If approved, I'd hope guidelines are implemented that conserves the grass space lines Roswell Road, maybe even add benches/large rock or a small pocket park.</p> <p>Additionally, Self-Storage places tend to have enclosed fenced parking. Hopefully, that won't be allowed along Roswell Road, and instead located at the back of the property, if at all.</p> <p>Other than that, I wish the developer all the best regards.</p>

Kelly	Schriver	<p>The Winterchase Townhome community is the best kept secret in Sandy Springs. Conveniently located just south of Northridge, the community is tucked quietly off Roswell Road. Brantley Road kind of sneaks up on you, because the neighborhood sign and community are hidden from the main road. I love that fact. When I purchased my home in 2002 there was an Aaron's Rents store at the corner. I used Aaron's as a landmark when giving directions. Then the store was sold or leased to a flooring company. Again, I used it as a landmark- but was never affected or inconvenienced by the store. When the building [once again] changed to the Sandy Springs Gun Club, that is when the trouble began. Numerous cars driving into the neighborhood to turn around, parking on all sides of the street, up to Roswell Road, where it was hard to turn into and out of the neighborhood. I have to admit, I was happy to see the gun club closed. But now I am freaking out about the proposed self storage facility and hope the decision makers with Sandy Springs will side with the homeowners on Brantley Road. We will be seriously affected by the one year construction and ultimate operation of such facility, while not receiving any benefit from it. Please consider the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The use and proposed 720 units will concentrate a great deal of storage activity and potential loading and unloading on and around this very small area.</li><li>2. The proposed plan will undoubtedly cause safety issues to enter/ exit Brantley Road, as well as to the loading area (which is directly behind several homes) and leasing office.</li><li>3. The storage facility will bring no tangible benefit to the neighborhood- and Brantley Road is our only way in/out of the neighborhood. The road was not constructed to handle a lot of traffic.</li><li>4. Aren't there already 3 self-storage facilities within 1 mile north/south of this location? My neighbors and I are extremely concerned about noise, mess, and the potential effect on our property values.</li></ol>
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Teresa	Royall	<p>Our family is united in strong opposition to the application for a continuing use permit to build a self storage business right next to the entrance to our street and townhomes. This use, which would include 720 units of people moving their goods in and out would be a nightmare. As it is, we have a very difficult time turning onto a very busy Roswell Rd. Imagine what it would be like to add people with various often poorly tied-down cargos adding to unsafe entry and exit situation! Additionally, this will degrade the quality of life and home values in our neighborhood.</p> <p>Please vote down this unnecessary request.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>Teresa Royall</p>
MALCOLM	ROSEMAN	<p>The developers proposal to develop storage facilities where the Gun Range is would be detrimental to the homeowners and apartment renters in Grogans Bluff. It would seem to me that a friendlier business could be found for this space.</p>
Bruce	Kessler	<p>The last thing the north end needs is another storage unit. Especially right on Roswell Road. The notion that there is a shortage of such capacity in the area is not enough reason to take viable commercial space out of the marketplace permanently. Once this land becomes storage space it will likely remain so forever. It provides no useful retail frontage. And just because there is an office building adjacent is not cause for allowing more tall construction that only makes the area less attractive for residents both present and future.</p>

Susan	Witt	<p>I have been a resident of Sandy Spring and have resided in Grogans Bluff since 2003. I am adamantly opposed to the proposed storage facility at the current site of the Sandy Springs Gun Range. The North end of Sandy Springs needs development that will raise property values and attract more commercial businesses that will service the residents of the area. Storage facilities will not raise the property values, they will only decrease property values. Storage facilities attract transient residents, something our end of the city already has an issue with that impacts our end of the community and school systems. Further, there is already a plethora of storage facilities on Roswell Road north of Abernathy toward the north end of the city limits. We do not need any more. We urge you to deny this petition and allow a commercial business that is more suitable to the type of growth the north end of Sandy Springs needs and deserves.</p>
Mayte	Suarez	<p>There are two storage facilities already two blocks away from the site. We don't need another one. A 3 story box building will impact in a bad way the Roswell Rd view and the office building and businesses around it. The space needs to be reused in another way, that will enhance the view and also (hopefully) bring jobs to the community. I'm really against this project.</p> <p>Thanks for your consideration</p> <p>Mayte</p>
Peter	Boucher	<p>I strongly oppose allowing this eyesore to damage the beauty of this residential neighborhood.</p> <p>Please do not approve the project.</p>

Matthew	Fabrizio	As a current Grogan's Bluff homeowner, I am strongly against a storage development going up at the entrance of our beautiful and unique residential neighborhood. There are already numerous storage lots located both north and south of this location along Roswell road. This type of development devalues our property and further detracts from it natural aesthetic.
Monica	Cooper	We do not need a storage facility close to high value homes. We are totally against this proposal as it will; permanently affect the value of our homes. This needs top be place elsewhere in the city!
Lainie	Bardack	I am extremely disappointed to learn of the possibility of a self storage facility occupying the lot where the gun range used to be.I strongly feel that such a facility with have a significantly detrimental affect on my property value. As a home owner in Grogans Bluff I have watched through the years as neighbors have had to sell homes they purchased for hundreds of thousands of dollars less than they have paid. Three real estate agents have warned me that houses in my neighborhood are extremely difficult to sell. The general consensus is that the overall appearance of the entrance to the neighborhood—multiple apartments and signs etc—are to blame. Adding a self storage facility further detracts from the appeal of our neighborhood and adds to the trashiness of Roswell road in this section. Thank you for your consideration.

Mark	Moncino	<p>A 3 story storage facility would be, in a word, unsightly- a few hundred yards north of the proposed site, one can see another unsightly storage facility and on the east side of Roswell rd</p> <p>Our home values have just now started to recover from a decade of little increase — allowing rezoning to allow a storage facility, is not what we need on Roswell road.</p> <p>Due to aesthetics, this would not be allowed on Roswell road south of Abernathy-the same should be true north of Abernathy</p> <p>Please do not allow rezoning to occur</p> <p>A maximum 2 story office building similar to the office buildings just north of this site — fine. But a tall structure that clearly belongs in an industrial zones area, does not need to be front and center on Roswell rd</p>
Miyon	Brown	Request the city not approve this rezoning. A self storage facility doesn't fit the character of the location. This area is too residential. Thank you for your consideration.
Tonye	Hannah	We have three exiting storage centers within 1.1 miles. This proposed one is too close to our neighborhood. We have enough exiting commercial business next to our entrance. Thank you.

Douglas	Hubert	Dear City Staff / Zoning Commission members. My wife and I reside at [REDACTED], which is in the Grogans Bluff Sub Division and just around the corner from this proposed project. We kindly ask that you REJECT this rezoning application as this building will unalterably change the character of this section of Roswell for the worse. This section of Roswell Road is characterized by forested lands, the consulate for Nigeria (which has strong tree/foilage cover) and a low rise-office building that is reasonably well hidden off of the street. This proposed building has highly colorful signage and the new building will feature have several additional stories (over the present one-story structure). We believe there has been an effort on behalf of the city to keep the character of the northern corridor or Roswell Road as commercially muted as possible - and this proposed structure will destroy this aesthetic and depress property values in the area. We thank you for your consideration of such. Doug & Joanne Hubert
Steven	Money	There are at least 11 storage facilities within 3 miles of this location already and the addition of another storage facility will only further redirect the area into a more industrial location with less of a permanent community. In order for this Northern Sandy Springs area to thrive there must be more permanent housing development and not temporary storage.
Sara	Levy	Opposing the storage unit in consideration in place of the gun range. We already have 3 with in a mile radius, not necessary.
Suzy	Scheinberg	Oppose storage facility so near neighborhood and school.
Chris	Hett	This seems to contradict the plan for revitalizing the north end.
Steve	Fineberg	This neighborhood does not need storage units built so centrally on Roswell Road in a very residential area with many other storage opportunities. This cause of more congestion in the area is not worth it and is not needed.

Barbara	McElhanon	Hello Sandy Springs staff- thank you for allowing comments regarding upcoming projects. I have spent a majority of my life in Sandy Springs and am so proud of the development occurring in city center. Now that I have been on the north end for 8years, I can see such potential especially given the proximity to the river! If there is a need for another storage facility in our area- please not center stage! Hidden behind trees??? Appearance requirement? (Like Dunwoody village). Thanks for considering all involved who love this area.
Adam	Friedlander	<p>The addition of a storage facility at this location will not only cause increased traffic at an already treacherous location, but also add a horrible eyesore to a neighborhood on the brink of becoming beautiful. When we decided to build a home on Grogans Ferry Road in 2013, it was the promise of new development and rejuvenation that sealed the deal for us. An ugly, multistory storage facility will be a step not only in the wrong direction, but a step toward making this part of Roswell Road uglier than it has ever been, all while filling a non-existent need for residents. There are plenty of storage facilities nearby - there's no need to tank property values and harm the city's tax revenue by placing a doomed-to-fail monstrosity at the front of one of the most beautiful neighborhoods in the city.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Dr. Adam Friedlander</p> <p>Director of Pediatric Emergency Medicine</p> <p>Northside Hospital</p>
Marianne	McGee	I am not in favor of building a storage facility on this prime piece of frontage property on Roswell Road. This use of the property is not in keeping with the vision of revitalizing the North End. There are several other storage unit companies in the vicinity, so the area is not lacking in these types of facilities.
Cathy	Lockwood	U190006 - There are too many storage facilities along Roswell Road in Sandy Springs. This area is improving, but the storage facilities are preventing that.

Matt	Yoels	I strongly oppose the idea of adding yet another storage facility on Roswell Road near the entrance of Grogans Bluff. We have plenty of similar facilities within 1-2 miles along Roswell Road.
Stacie	Martin	It is absolutely absurd to add yet another unsightly storage facility on the north end of Roswell Rd when there are already 4 such facilities. Given the city's focus on revatilizing the north end, this does not provide more jobs, a better quality of life or add to the revitalization of the area. It does speak to how negelected the area is and would potentially lower property values of the homes nearby. If the city truly wants to revitalize this area, then denying this permit should be simple.
Renee	Weiniger	I am not in support of another storage facility on Roswell Rd. It's not the type of "development" we'd hoped for on the north end.
Shane	Westerhold	Please do not put another self storage facility off a main road. I just moved to sandy springs from close to cheshire bridge where there were more self storage facilities than i can remember.
Erin	Shaughnessy	Another self storage facility is not the kind of revitalization we want to see in Northern Sandy Springs. This kind of facility does not add to the charm of our city. We would love to see northern Sandy Springs flourish like historic Roswell, where property values increase and families want to send children to the public schools. A self storage facility is not the way to get there.
Jeffrey	English	I don't think that adding this storage facility is really helping to revitalize North Sandy Springs. There are already a number of Storage facilities very close to this location. What we really need are some things to draw people to the north side. Something like parks, restaurants and shopping.

Michael	Maurice	There are 3 storage facilities within 1 mile of that location. How many more do we need? That is a fairly small parcel, looks to be about 1 acre. Looking at the three other facilities, they are sitting on 3.9, 2.5, 3.9 acres. A 3+ story building wedged right along Roswell Road is going to look horrendous and do nothing to "revitalize" the Northend. We need business that employ people or housing that bring the property values and incomes in the area up. Build bigger houses so people won't have to store their stuff or provide places for people to work that also improve the look at feel of the area.
Tom	Dunn	Storage unit on Roswell Road would end all hope of revitalizing the North End of Sandy Springs.
Steve	Goldman	Please do not grant this request as it is not on line with the nature of this area. I live in Grogans Bluff. It is not appropriate to build a large storage facility in the front of our residential and highly taxed community. Please remember that we vote.
Julia	Swanson	To whom it may concern. The last thing Roswell Road needs is another storage facility in this area. As a resident for the last 20 years of the north district... We would love to see more restaurants and nicer shops. Thanks for your consideration best Julia Swanson
Richard	Smoth	Don't want another storage unit place in this area.
Peggy	Buckner	With 3 other storage facilities in the surrounding area, this would definitely not be the best use for this space. We need something that would improve the North End - such as a high end grocery.
Mary	Young	We do not need another storage facility in this area.
Janna	Conklin	We do not need another storage facility in this area. There are already plenty of storage facilities. Storage facilities tend to bring crime as well. There was a stabbing less than 2 years ago at the storage facility across the street from where this is planned.  We want business that bring growth, employment, and revitalization to this area.

David	Williamson	I and my family firmly oppose this development. A prominent and visible self storage facility is totally opposing the North End Revitalization plans. This would be a step in the wrong direction for our city.
ROBERT	FRIEDLY	I don't support another storage facility in North Springs. We need more housing and retail to create jobs for our residents and customers for our business owners.
Jeremy	Fentress	A quick google search shows that there are approximately 20 storage unit locations within 5 miles of this location. There is literally one 3 tenths of a mile down the street from this proposed location. This facility will be significantly larger than the existing structure and back of the napkin math suggests that the building footprint will take up approximately 1/2 of the lot square footage. Other comparable storage unit locations are situated on lots 3x or larger. While there are other 3 story buildings in the vicinity this one will have a footprint that is approximately 30% larger than the office building next door. This warehouse will look like a monstrosity from Roswell rd and will lead to additional congestion and noise. Further the building will not be aligned with our desire to revitalize the north end - we need upscale restaurants and retail locations to enhance the "curb appeal" of the north end making it a more desirable location to live and drive more stable and increased property values. A new storage warehouse will not do that. I am strongly against this development - please deny this petition.
Anita	Padgett	Aware that we already have several nearby storage facilities in this area, my husband and I oppose the building if another. We had hoped that any new development in the north end would provide a badly needed, enhancing "upgrade" to this part of Sandy Springs - but a storage facility will not do so. Please consider something else that will.  Thank you.
Tyler	Ross	Does not seem like we need this. Likely a step in the wrong direction.  At Least it would be close to the Police Dept, so when it gets broken into they can respond more quickly.

Louise	North	<p>I strongly oppose plans to approve construction of additional storage facilities in a prime area of north Sandy Springs. There is already a significant amount of storage and adding more takes us in the wrong direction in terms of attracting restaurants and other amenities for the families that live in the area. There is a growing difference between north and south Sandy Springs, and so future development should work to level this difference.</p>
Sean	Allen	<p>At a time when we're trying to focus on revitalizing the Northern End, this seems like a leap in the exact opposite direction. There are already three other storage facilities within a few miles. A building that large on that small a plot would be ugly and contrary to the overall design the city seems to be going for with the ten-year plan -- a plan we're big fans of.</p> <p>I hope the city will deny the petition and protect Roswell Road from becoming even uglier and more dangerous. A four-story storage blob on a small lot can't avoid being an ugly addition. Large trucks coming in and out of the storage facility would have to try and navigate in and out near intersections that are already problematic. This intersection doesn't have a light, forcing these trucks to try and navigate across a steady stream of traffic. It is right next to a residential entrance and awkwardly opposite an apartment community entrance and an office park -- making a light nearly impossible. We have enough problems with the eternally delayed light at Grogan's Ferry Road.</p> <p>Please please don't let this happen!</p> <p>Thank you-</p> <p>Sean and Andrea Allen</p>

Tara "Adenah"	Raymond	NO!!!! We don't need another Storage Facility.
Reshunda	Redmond	I really don't think we need another storage facility in this area.
MC	Petermann	As a resident who wants to see revitalization in the north end, where people from all across the state want to come to Sandy Springs to live, work and play — I am hopeful we do not allow another storage facility to be built along our main road. Aside from being a complete eyesore, it offers no value to the area and does not support a vision to make Sandy Springs a well respected and thriving destination. We can do better.
RAY, JUDY	RISNER	We in no uncertain terms STRONGLY OPPOSE the proposed Conditional Use Permit Case for a Storage Facility at 8040 Roswell Rd. The proposal is an affront to the homeowners in Grogans Bluff at 8000 Roswell Rd and adjoining homeowners in neighborhoods at Bentwater, Woodcliff, Barrington Hill, Huntcliff, Overton Hills, etc. We take pride in maintaining and upgrading our properties and we perceive a storage facility to be a threat to our property values and frankly an aesthetic insult by the City of Sandy Springs to Grogans Bluff, the neighborhood where Eva and John Galambos were residents! There is an existing Storage nearer to Grogans Bluff than Dunwoody Place to the north, and another Storage south of Grogans Bluff nearer than Dalrymple Rd. Many residents are already questioning the wisdom of the apartment building epidemic in the city of Sandy Springs, and this proposal if not rescinded will bring more discontent with our city officials and be met with residents' organized opposition to the city planners. We are hopeful that this uproar can be avoided by a denial of what we see as an unacceptable proposal for a Storage facility on the vacant gun range property. Sincerely, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Risner [REDACTED]

Heather	Jones	<p>I do not believe we need another storage facility in this part of Sandy Springs. To me it doesnt fit the long term plans of the city.</p> <p>I was present at all of the NE task force meetings, and storage facility was not a focus of any of the planning meetings.</p>
Jennifer	Plum	<p>Another storage facility in this area is not needed. The parcel is not large enough and would be far better utilized with retail suitable for north end revitalization. Thank you for supporting my comment.</p>
Rachel	Hett	<p>The last thing we need is another storage facility in the area. They are ugly and do nothing to better the community. I can't imagine there is really enough need to support this and is not in keeping with the idea of revitalization. I would prefer to see something that would increase value and/or bring jobs.</p>
Judith	Roe	<p>I am directly across from the proposed building for 720 units , three story high. We are very angry in Winterchase and Grogans Bluff as to why they are doing this site. Five minutes away are two more self-storage units that are only 70% full at this time. A better use of this land would be a Urgent care facility, a dental care, or flooring and carpet as before. Our neighbors like the Sandy Springs gun club as the police were always there for their license. Why not consider resending the zone rules and letting them repair and renew the facility.</p> <p>I am available for a phone call at [REDACTED].Thank you</p>
Brian	Smith	<p>As a resident of Sandy Springs and a proponent of the current efforts for redevelopment and improvement for North Springs...and a resident of Grogan’s Bluff I strongly oppose the development of another storage facility along this portion of Roswell Road. Not only are there several complexes with a mile or so ...it also does nothing to improve the values and draw for our area! We have an opportunity for great improvement for our area and a storage facility does not fit that bill in my opinion. Thanks for your understanding. With Regards, Brian Smith</p>

Art	Farmer	There are already too many storage facilities, at least three, within a mile of this location. Way too many.
Marc	Greenstein	I am opposed to the construction of a storage facility at 8040 Roswell Road in Sandy Springs. I am member of the Grogans Bluff Community.
Cynthia	Swann	Those of us who live in the north end of Sandy Springs are looking forward to a way to enhance our area in the future; to beautiful it,. to upgrade the shopping strip malls, and to have the apartment complexes appear as lovely places for families to live. We don't need or want commercial self-storage facilities. We want our area to be as beautiful and inviting as the new City Springs, and we have a waited a long time for improvements so please don't approve another undesirable commercial establishment.  Thank you,  Cynthia Swann
MICHAEL	BERNSTEIN	This is the spot where the Sandy Springs Gun Range closed north of Quick Trip. There are constant accidents that occur currently. This facility will not help. I will add this as well to the comments.
Deborah	Schneider	I heartily condemn the approval of another Storage facility in Roswell Road in Sandy Springs. There already 3 facilities nearby. This is not what we need to improve the north end.
Jane	Green	Please reject this project. We have three storage unit centers close by and there is no need for a 4th. Please allow something that employees people or adds to the neighborhood in a positive way. PLEASE do not allow another storage place. Thank you.
Mary	Vargo	The North end of Sandy Springs does not need  another Storage Facility Co. Please do not  approve the building of another storage

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Jan	Roesner	<p>Sandy Springs Council and Mayor,I CANNOT BELIEVE you are even considering approving a 720 unit, 3 story (with a basement), Self Storage Facility to be built at 8040 Roswell Road!! You will absolutely destroy the quality of life for the townhouse owners at Winterchase on Brantley Road. Have any of you ever driven down Brantley Road? It is a very short street with a cul de sac at the end. It CANNOT handle the number of trucks that would miss the turn (don't tell me about the signage that will put up-it will not be effective!), drive to the end of the street and turn around in the cul de sac.The relatively peaceful, quiet street which most homeowners desire will cease to exist. From 6A-10P EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK, we will hear rental trucks and moving vans driving on our street and loading &amp; unloading their trucks at the loading dock that can only be accessed from Brantley Road. Many residents bedrooms are on the back of their houses which would be just feet away from the back parking lot of the Storage Facility. That is unacceptable! There is no need for a Storage Facility in north Sandy Springs. All the development of the thousands of apartments/condos/ townhouses just built (or in the process of being built) is south of here near Hammond Drive &amp; Sandy Springs Circle. Build a Storage Facility down there. We already have 2-3 storage facilities near Brantley Road that have availability. They are not full!A Storage Facility of this magnitude would dominate, overwhelm and overpower Brantley Road. This street would become primarily a commercial, not residential area.A Storage Facility would present many safety hazards. Students trying to catch the school bus and people out walking their dogs would have to dodge rental trucks.Please do not take advantage of us because our townhouses are not in the \$500,000-\$1,000,000 range. We are still Sandy Springs taxpayers. The residents of Grogans Bluff subdivision directly behind us are adamantly opposed to the approval of this Storage Facility and they do own very expensive homes.There will be a mass exodus of homeowners selling their homes and leaving Brantley Road if you approve this Storage Facility. I will be one of them. I will do my best to sell my townhouse before construction begins and our property values go down because of the Storage Facility.Thank you.Jan Roesner [REDACTED]</p>
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Irina	Martino	Has anyone considered the safety of the children? Allowing this project to go forward would impact the kids catching the school bus at the corner of Roswell Rd and Brantley. They are not used to watching for U-Hauls, Truck or additional traffic. KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE
Judith	Roe	<p>There is a culture of GREED regarding this proposed property! Our neighbor children are in danger as they walk on Brantley Rd early in the morning when it is dark and then again in the afternoon after school. The school bus picks them up at the corner of Brantley &amp; Roswell!</p> <p>To the council and mayor; this is a residential area and needs to protect our children and those of us who walk on Brantley Rd. What were you thinking to allow this to be considered? As a 81 year old, who walks on Brantley , I am now frightening at the traffic that will be on this narrow lane. Do not allow this to be completed! It is a disaster in the making! We are all very anger at the Sandy Springs council for thinking this is acceptable! Judith Roe</p>
Larry	Torri	Please DO NOT allow yet another self-storage facility be built in North Springs. We need high-end construction and businesses, not another storage facility.
Conrad	Smith	While Roswell continues to thrive with upscale restaurants, shopping and arts district, Dunwoody is developing exciting neighborhood amenities in its master plan, and the heart of Sandy Springs now boasts a wonderful new Performing ArtsCenter and nearby upgrades, the North Springs area remains a dismal stretch of properties devoid of upscale dining, shopping, or historical and outdoor attractions. We deserve better and the city of Sandy Springs can do better.
Ana	Sterling	I am opposed to building a storage facility on Roswell Rd where the old Gun range used to be.

Patti	Grayson	I am writing to express my displeasure about the proposal to build a storage facility at the sight of the previous Sandy Springs Gun Club. Building a storage facility at that sight defies the goal of revitalizing the north end of Sandy Springs. Shops, restaurants, parks and public areas should be built in this area -- not an ugly storage facility that will not enhance the north end. A storage facility should not be built at this location.
Jm	McGraw	Our household strongly opposes the plan to build a self storage facility at 8040 Roswell Rd. Another self storage facility is certainly not needed to support the North Springs Community. We already have one just to the North of Ison Rd and another one just to the south of Morgan Falls Rd. If the need is to support all of the new the new apartments and town homes that are being developed in the center of Sandy Springs then it should be positioned closer to them. The value of properties in North Springs continues to decline while property values in other parts of Sandy Springs are dramatically rising. If we don't do something to improve the area in North Springs and promote new retail and restaurants along with single family housing the area is in jeopardy of continuing to decline which can only lead to more crime. Crime in our area is already on the rise.
Faith	Greenstein	Good morning, I am a resident of Grogans Bluff. I am writing to voice my opinion about building a storage unit on Roswell Road near the entrance of our community. This storage unit will be an eye soar and serve no purpose in this area. There is already a storage facility a mile or so up the road. It will add more congestion to area. I am 100% against this concept.
Eric	Krouse	<p>We really do not need another storage facility in this area. There are two within 1 mile of each other from this projected site. What value does that bring to the homeowners in the area whom pay big taxes?</p> <p>I am sure the city of Sandy Springs, with its beautiful growth does not want to neglect the long standing citizens of this area.</p> <p>My vote is NO.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration,</p>

		Eric Krouse
Cathie	Andress	<p>I urge the planning commission to not approve the construction of a self-storage facility at the space currently housing the Sandy Springs Gun Club and Range on Roswell Road. I don't believe such a business will do anything to improve the property values of the homes in the immediate area, one of which is mine. This area of North Springs is a dismal stretch of businesses and I believe something more attractive that will employ more people would be a better use of that property</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
Stephen	Kaplan	<p>I do not believe a storage unit is in the best interest of revitalizing the North Springs area. Home values in that area are already depressed. Bringing more business that are unsightly and do not offer shopping and dining that makes a more enjoyable living environment will not help attract people to our area and will continue to depress home values. Our area of Sandy Springs is a sore thumb and needs businesses that will help remove that stigma rather than perpetuate it.</p>

Jennifer	Schultz	<p>I am a resident in the Grogans Bluff Subdivision. The proposed storage unit would be located on Roswell Rd in front of our neighborhood. North Sandy Springs is in dire need of revitalization. We have no upscale dining, no upscale shopping areas, and no outdoor attractions. While significant investment has been made in all nearby areas (South- and mid-Sandy Springs, Dunwoody, Roswell), North Sandy Springs continues to stand out as a neglected area. Multiple vacant buildings, closed businesses, etc create significant eye sores and drag down property values. The addition of (yet another) Self Storage unit facility does nothing to improve the area. It only brings negative qualities with it: Ugly/uninviting appearance, additional trucks/traffic, etc. It sends a message that North Sandy Springs is a dismal, depressing place to live, and shows that the city government has placed zero priority in helping to revitalize this wonderful area.</p> <p>This location is convenient to Ga 400, Roswell, Dunwoody, Marietta, etc. Surely, a quality business (that engages residents and visitors) can be found to put in this location.</p>
Anthony	Marmo	I do not approve this storage facility on Roswell road.

Juli	Camrud	<p>I am writing to voice my disapproval of the plans to build a massive self-storage facility in the space currently housing the Sandy Springs Gun Club and Range, just north of the entrance to Grogan’s Bluff on Roswell Road. In the opinion of many local residents, this self-storage unit will be an unsightly and unappealing business presence, one that will negatively impact our home values going forward and label our neighborhood a depressing, value-dropping stretch of real estate. North Springs already suffers from “dead” outdated vacant shopping areas, poor street lighting and a general lack of revitalization., So I am writing to voice my opposition to this choice, with the goal of helping to prevent it. As you likely know, the City of Sandy Springs (COSS) Task Force devised and submitted a plan recently to revitalize the North Springs area. While there are proponents and opponents of certain plan elements, all agree that the North Springs area needs such an effort and investment. We do NOT feel that a self-storage unit qualifies as a “revitalizing” presence! On the contrary, at over 110,000 sq. ft., and three stories tall, the planned 720-unit building will be a massive, ugly and uninviting, quality-of-life killing development. Trucks will be loading and unloading regularly, bringing with them cumbersome traffic and noise. It won’t even qualify as a jobs producer, as it likely will employ only two or three persons only. Most importantly, the business will do nothing to help revitalize the area, engage residents and visitors or enhance its quality of life. While Roswell continues to thrive with upscale restaurants, shopping and arts district, Dunwoody is developing exciting neighborhood amenities in its master plan, and the heart of Sandy Springs now boasts a wonderful new Performing Arts Center and nearby upgrades, the North Springs area remains a dismal stretch of properties devoid of upscale dining, shopping, or historical and outdoor attractions. If a large, 3-story, 110,000 sq. ft., 720-unit, truck-friendly self-storage facility is the first piece of the revitalization promised, I say no thank you! North Springs deserves better! Thank you.</p>
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Kathy	Graivier	<p>I am against the proposed storage unit to replace the gun club. There are several storage units in our current area and an additional one just lends itself to making our North Sandy Springs area more of an Industrial zone. Also the footprint of the building will be much larger with possible trees having to be taken down. Again, a looming industrial site will not add to our property values but detract from them. We are homeowners in Grogans Bluff. We were told that our area of Sandy Springs would be revitalized. This is not a step in that direction. Please do not approve give them a special use permit.</p>
Judith	Roe	<p>The children will be in danger walking to the bus stop in the am and afternoon as it is at the corner of Brantley and Roswell Rd. The corporation has not been truth full and deceptive with the information that discussed to Daniel. He wrote a message saying we had agreed to certain things. We are very much in opposition to this storage facility. In fact, we are angry with the council and mayor for allowing this to be considered! Shame on them. It will ruin out small neighborhood. Grogans Bluff is in opposition to this as well. Why are the council members and mayor dumping this on our doorstep. WE DO NOT WANT IT!!!</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Judith Roe</p>

Juanita	Carper	<p>I strongly oppose the 3-story facility proposed for 8040 Roswell Rd. I live on Brantley Rd which is a 2-lane road with no sidewalks which runs along-side this property on the left side and along the back side until you reach our subdivision (WINTERCHASE) which was established in 1987. We have 39 townhouses, 7 of which (including mine #205) would be impacted as we share a property line with the proposed 720 unit storage facility at 8040 Roswell. I was told at the last meeting that this storage facility would be 20 ft. from my property line. This is not acceptable. I don't need a 3-story with basement bunker- style concrete building with no windows and a loading dock to accommodate 2 moving vans in my back yard open daily from 6am to 10pm. ALSO, on the left side of Brantley Rd is 8010 Roswell Rd which is a 3-story office building with parking facilities for 175 cars. These cars use Brantley Rd to enter and exit since the only other exit for them is right-turn only. Another 3-story building across from the one (8010) we already have now would cause too much congestion. Our residents and children who walk Brantley Rd to catch the bus on Roswell would be at risk. I respectfully request that you deny RRB Development the Conditional Use Permit and look for another builder who needs a smaller footprint for this prime location. Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion. JUANITA CARPER</p>
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Hilary	Fentress	<p>Springs area is in need of such an effort and investment. We do NOT feel that a self-storage unit qualifies as a “revitalizing” presence! On the contrary, at over 110,000 sq. ft., and three stories tall, the planned 720-unit building will be a massive, ugly and uninviting, quality-of-life killing development. Trucks will be loading and unloading regularly, bringing with them cumbersome traffic and noise. It won’t even qualify as a jobs producer, as it likely will employ only two or three persons only. Most importantly, the business will do nothing to help revitalize the area, engage residents and visitors or enhance its quality of life. While Roswell continues to thrive with upscale restaurants, shopping and arts district, Dunwoody is developing exciting neighborhood amenities in its master plan, and the heart of Sandy Springs now boasts a wonderful new Performing Arts Center and nearby upgrades, the North Springs area remains a dismal stretch of properties devoid of upscale dining, shopping, or historical and outdoor attractions. If a large, 3-story, 110,000 sq. ft., 720-unit, truck-friendly self-storage facility is the first piece of the revitalization promised, I say no thank you! I grew up in East Cobb and avoided Roswell Road south of the river as a nasty seedy place you never wanted to be. When my husband I decided to relocate from Chamblee, I never imagined we would find a house in Sandy Springs off Roswell Rd. and it took months for me to become ok with the area. One of the things that helped was knowing that the area was being looked at for re-development much like Chamblee is undergoing right now. I know there are no guarantees but this was not the kind of redevelopment I contemplated. We have wonderful beautiful residential areas off this stretch of Roswell Road, please support development that will increase property values which in the end will benefit everyone in the City. Thank You,Hilary Fentress</p>
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Mary Heather	Breedon	<p>Comments on Behalf of Winterchase Townhome Community</p> <p>My name is Mary Heather Breedon. I reside at [REDACTED], Sandy Springs, Georgia, in the Winterchase Townhome Community. Winterchase is adjacent to Tax Id. Parcel 17 0024LL0742, also known as 8040 Roswell Road. In July of 2019, I agreed to be the representative from Winterchase to represent our community as we worked with the Sandy Springs Council of Neighborhoods in opposition to U19-0006, which is RRB Development's Request for a Conditional Use Permit for a self-storage facility at 8040 Roswell Road. Evidence of Opposition</p> <p>Three-quarters of the 40 households in Winterchase state within notarized affidavits, that they oppose the development of a self-storage unit at 8040 Roswell Road. Specifically, the Affiants state their addresses and make the following statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I reside in the Winterchase townhome community along Brantley Road, which is adjacent to Tax Id. Parcel 17 0024LL0742, also known as 8040 Roswell Road.</li> <li>• I oppose the City of Sandy Springs granting a Conditional Use Permit (Case U19-0006) for the proposed self-storage unit at 8040 Roswell Road.</li> <li>• Even giving consideration to the promises contained in RRB Developments Updated Site Plan filings on July 26, 2019, I believe my quality of life will be adversely impacted by the proposed development of a three story, 53 foot tall self-storage building because of increased traffic along Brantley Road, security concerns, noise pollution, loss of the existing hardwood tree canopies along the sides of the parcel, and light pollution.</li> <li>• I believe multiple self-storage units exist at a less than full occupancy rate within a two mile radius of the proposed self-storage unit project at 8040 Roswell Road and there is not a need for additional self-storage units within the North End of the City of Sandy Springs.</li> <li>• The proposed self-storage project does not help fulfill the objectives that I support in the North End Revitalization Task Force's Report and improve my community.</li> </ul> <p>Thirty household representatives out of 40 possible Winterchase addresses signed affidavits. Of the addresses not represented within the affidavits, only one declined to sign upon being contacted and instead elected to just file their own comments in opposition. The remainder of unrepresented addresses were unable to be reached for signature for a variety of reasons, likely unrelated to the proposed development. The signed and scanned affidavits were submitted to Sandy Springs Planning and Zoning Office via email on August 8, 2019.</p> <p>Storage Units within a Two Mile Radius</p> <p>The North End does not need additional self-storage facilities because multiple facilities with vacancies operate within close proximity to Brantley Road. The use does not provide any otherwise unavailable benefit to the community. Specific self-storage facilities currently in operation within a very close proximity include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extra Space Storage, 8115 Roswell Road, Sandy</li> </ul>
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Amir	Levin	Building such a large self-storage facility in the area goes against the whole premise of working to revitalizing and the North Springs end of the Roswell Rd of Sandy Springs. It would be huge disappointment and lead to further depreciation of home values.
Ellen	Chalef	<p>The self storage unit is a business that will do nothing to help revitalize the area, engage residents and visitors or enhance its quality of life. It will lower our property values</p> <p>The North Springs area remains a dismal stretch of properties devoid of upscale dining, shopping, or historical and outdoor attractions. We go to Roswell for meals and entertainment. Please do not allow this to be built.</p>
Chris and Jacqueline	Stewart	<p>We are medical professional that recently relocated from Midtown to Sandy Springs (Grogan's Bluff - Bentwater) to accommodate our growing family. We were excited when we heard about the revitalization plans as the stretch in North Sandy Springs is definitely in need of such a change. However, we <b>STRONGLY OPPOSE</b> the construction of the storage unit as this will be an unappealing business presence that will not engage visitors or residents, enhance quality of life nor will it contribute to revitalizing our community. It will add trucking traffic and noise. It will bring our home values down - giving our community a depressed and lowly reputation, which makes us not want to raise a family in such an area. Instead, we would love to see the empty deserted buildings be filled with trendy/upscale restaurants and shops, historical or outdoor attractions/venues, as the surrounding communities have successfully accomplished. Please do <b>NOT</b> approve the storage facility! Respectfully, Chris and Jacqueline Stewart <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span></p>

Monica	Cooper	<p>We are totally against a storage building being constructed at the site of the Sandy Springs Gun Club. The residents of Grogans Bluff take great pride in our neighborhood. We have worked hard to maintain our subdivision and our properties, and we want to make sure that our investment in this community and this city are recognized and respected.</p> <p>Any revitalization of this area should bring value, and not detract from value. With a storage facility just south of here, this is not needed or welcomed.</p> <p>Please do not approve this initiative. We need our elected officials to be just as concerned about us as citizens of Sandy Springs as they are about others.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
Debbie	Wagner	<p>I am adamantly opposed to the storage facility on Roswell Road near our subdivision. It's so disappointing that it would even be considered. This is NOT the upscale development we need and deserve. Please vote NO! On this permit.</p>
Edwin	Mmereole	<p>Our neighborhood and surrounding areas deserve better than this. The proposed development will negatively impact our neighborhood. I am opposed to this plan.</p>
WILLIAM	KIRK	<p>The "giant" storage facility is not in the best interest of the adjoining neighborhoods or the community. There is already a large storage facility on the opposite side of Roswell Road.</p>
Joseph	Barnes	<p>There are now already 3 storage facilities within 1/2-1 mile of this proposed project.. It is very close to an extremely busy and dangerous intersection, and would sit in front of town homes and an established neighborhood of upscale homes.. I feel the property should be used for more appropriate and smaller commercial projects that would be more in line with the proposed redevelopment and revitalization of North Sandy Springs area... Dr. Joseph Barnes</p>

Jan	Roesner	<p>Planning Commission, City Council, &amp; Mayor, Here is some much needed feedback for you about RRB Development, LLC. I went to both meetings. I found Daniel &amp; his team to be inept and unprofessional. During the course of two meetings with RRB, they repeatedly lied to us, could not answer our questions, and talked to us in a condescending manner. For example, RRB stated that the Public Storage and Extra Space Storage facilities located close to Brantley Road are full. Teresa Sanchez (Brantley Road resident) checked both of these facilities while sitting in the 2nd meeting &amp; they both had availability! She immediately informed everyone at the meeting. When caught in a lie and called out on it, RRB didn't seem to mind a bit. RRB was outright dishonest and it was obvious that they just made up answers to many of our questions. The residents of Brantley Road and Grogan's Bluff subdivision are ADAMANTLY OPPOSED to the approval of a storage unit at 8040 Roswell Road. We realize that a commercial business will go in there, however, a 3 story (with a basement) building housing 710 units, storage facility would be the absolute WRONG CHOICE. Jan Roesner [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p>
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Melissa	Mortimer	<p>U19-0006 Storage Unit Proposal (8040 Roswell Rd Sandy Springs, GA 30350) to replace Gun Range</p> <p>Dear Madams and Sirs,I am a major proponent of the City of Sandy Springs movement since my husband and I moved here in the early 1980's and subsequently purchased a single family home in Grogan's Bluff. My status as a a taxpaying, law abiding, active voting resident in Georgia coincides with my home ownership in Sandy Springs in 1986. I believe in our community and have been active in supporting local non profits (CAC, SSEF, Heritage SS) and our local schools (WES, ISE, SSMS, NSHS), through monetary donations, providing hands-on support, and volunteering my time. I shop and dine in our city, and have been attending performances at the new City Center. But I have lost my faith in our city council as they move forward in support of a Storage Unit just outside of Grogan's Bluff. Having a gun range on the edge of our precious neighborhood was bad enough. Now the city wishes to desecrate it further by building a self storage unit in its place. There are so many empty buildings in the strip malls along Roswell Road that are a blight in the northern area of Sandy Springs. Since they are commercially zoned, why are you not utilizing those in the capacity of self storage rather than destroying our house values with unnecessary and purely profit motivated structures and businesses that have no business being near our homes. The now defunct Kroger Shopping Center has plenty of parking and a very large elevated building that would meet more of the criteria for a Storage Unit than the small parcel of land in front of our neighborhood. Fulton County recently raised our property taxes for 2019 based on an increase in the value of our homes from the prior year. The noise and traffic from the construction and eventual usage will put an added burden on property tax paying individuals like me. However the addition of a commercial building that sells storage space will surely lower the newly assessed value going forward. I urge you to vote against this rezoning that will do nothing but add a painful burden of lower home values in a neighborhood that has added to the beauty of Sandy Springs since its development 34 years ago. This is the very subdivision that housed your first mayor, Eva Galambos. Is that how you wish to honor her memory? Respectfully yours, Thespi Mortimer, [REDACTED] Sandy Springs Georgia, 30350-3143</p>
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G. Paul	Neitzel	<p>I am writing to strongly protest granting a conditional use permit for the construction of a 100,000 sq ft storage facility at 8040 Roswell Rd. This is the site of the former gun range that has been out of business since it experienced a fire. Our north-corridor area already has several storage facilities; it appears to me that any need for such storage is, rather, in the heart of the city where all the new residences have been built since the City Springs development has taken place. I suggest the developers look for a property in closer proximity to, and more convenient for. these residents, e.g., east of Roswell Road in the neighborhood of Hammond Dr. I am a retired Georgia Tech engineering professor who is a 29-year resident of Sandy Springs and a 28-year resident of Grogan's Bluff. Grogan's Bluff is a neighborhood of 156 residences in the \$500K - \$1M price range and the home of our late founder, Eva Galambos. For my entire 28 years here, north Sandy Springs has been a dumping ground of sorts for fast-food restaurants, strip malls and nail salons, none of which have positively impacted the value of our property. As you are aware, our region is home to four dilapidated shopping centers greatly in need of renovation or razing. There is neither a single high-quality restaurant nor any upscale retail shopping anywhere between Dalrymple Rd. and the river; instead we are the home of the former Big Lots and dollar stores. If the city is truly interested in serving the needs of those of us on the north side, a storage facility accessible by large trucks, day and night, is not the image most of us desire to see. The proposed building is enormous, ugly and would sit right on Roswell Rd. almost adjacent to the entrance to Grogan's Bluff. The residents of the homes that abut the land would be even more negatively impacted, in terms of not only their property values but also with added noise and congestion. When we moved to the Atlanta metropolitan area in 1990, our realtor asked if she could show us properties in Marietta. My response was that I refused to live in a community requiring me to give directions to my home relative to something called the "Big Chicken." I have similar strong feelings about the proposed project here on Roswell Road. Dr. G. Paul Neitzel</p>
Robert	Sayer	We have too many self storage facilities. Please do not allow another one!

Shannon	Wilks	<p>I do not support the use of this property as a self storage complex. The area under question is surrounded by school, apartment and neighborhood traffic. The potential for accidents will greatly increase as another point of entry/exit onto a dangerous section of Roswell Rd. The use of this property as self storage is not a significant job creation project and will not significantly increase tax receipts. Redevelopment of this area is needed, but please consider the neighbors that share this area as you decide.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Shannon Wilks</p> <p>155 Grogans Landing</p> <p>Sandy Springs, GA. 30350</p>
william	oliver	<p>I am strongly against having a Storage Facility approved to be built on Roswell Road where at present there is a gun club/firing range. Such a facility will impair the beauty of our community communities, which are Grogans Bluff and Bentwater.. Please don't let this happen. William Oliver [REDACTED], 30350. 25 year resident at this location, and 50 year resident of Sandy Springs.</p>
Maureen	Burke	<p>Please vote NO to this request for another storage facility within walking distance to my home. Zoning decisions are so important and can enhance or destroy an area. There are 2 storage facilities and we do not need a 3rd at this location. It's not a good use of the space and does not promote a neighborhood feel. It promotes an industrial focus. Please preserve and enhance our neighborhood by carefully selecting the proper use of that space. Please vote NO. Thank you</p>
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**COMMENTS VIA EMAIL**

Heather Breeden:

On behalf of Winterchase Townhomes and the Sandy Springs Neighborhood Association, Ronda and I continued to express on disapproval of the Proposed Self-Service Storage Unit that requires a Conditional Use Permit. In good faith, we listened to the proposed changes and expressed our intention to continue to oppose the modified plan.

Ray and Judy Risner:

Regarding the proposal for a Self Storage Unit at 8040 Roswell Road, please be advised that we are vehemently against it and strongly urge you to reject the developer's request for a Special Use Permit from your Commission.

The proposal is an affront to the homeowners in Grogan's Bluff at 8000 Roswell Rd and adjoining homeowners in Bentwater, Woodcliff, Barrington Hill, Huntcliff, Overton Hills, etc. We take pride in maintaining and upgrading our properties and we perceive a storage facility to be an insult to our aesthetics and a bad fit for our quiet residential neighborhoods, and also a threat to our property values. The north corridor of Sandy Springs is currently dismal and all future plans for development should be aimed at upscale developments such as dining, retail and recreation facilities.

We are counting on you and the Mayor and the City Council Members (copied) to protect our north Sandy Springs corridor from such encroachments.

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North Springs deserves better! Thank you.

G Paul Nietzel:

Dear Mayor Paul, Members of the City Council, and Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission,

I am writing to express my strongest resistance to the granting of a special-use permit for the construction of a self-storage facility on the property formerly occupied by the Sandy Springs Gun Range. As a 29-year resident of north Sandy Springs—specifically of Grogan’s Bluff, the former home of our founding mayor Eva Galambos—I have been anxiously awaiting development on the northern side of our city. Although I am thrilled by the happenings in the City Springs area, those of us on the north side have been relegated to living with decaying strip malls containing dollar stores and nail salons, bars and fast-food establishments and a dearth of up-scale dining and/or shopping. Grogan’s Bluff, which will be impacted negatively in terms of property values by the proposed facility, is a community of 155 homes with many long-term residents like myself.

Northern Sandy Springs, with its proximity to the Chattahoochee River, offers surroundings unparalleled to our south and is deserving of better treatment. I am heartened by talk of a walking/biking trail in the vicinity of the river. The proposed facility is an ugly behemoth, to be erected prominently on Roswell Road, rather than situated (hidden) behind other property. It provides nothing positive to our community—virtually no job opportunities for residents and a steady stream of box trucks arriving at inconvenient hours to load/unload material. The neighbors in the condominium community immediately adjacent to the proposed facility will fare even worse than those of us in Grogan’s Bluff. If there is indeed a need for new storage facilities of this type, I would assert that it is in the vicinity of City Springs, where a plethora of condominiums and apartments have been built, not in the north.

I strongly urge the Planning and Zoning Commission, and, ultimately, the City Council, to reject this request for a special-use permit for this facility. We in the north have been promised better and deserve better than this. I understand that the owner of this property has an interest in selling it. I would recommend that this individual court other types of prospective buyers.

Thespi Mortimer:

Having a Gun Store on the edge of our precious neighborhood was bad enough. Now you further wish to desecrate it by building a self storage unit in its place.

There are so many empty buildings in the strip malls along Roswell Road that are a blight in the northern area of Sandy Springs. Since they are commercially zoned, why are you not utilizing those in the capacity of self storage rather than destroying our house values with unnecessary and purely profit motivated structures and businesses that have no business being near our homes.

I urge you to vote against this rezoning that will do nothing but add a painful burden of lower home values in a neighborhood that has added to the beauty of Sandy Springs since its development 34 years ago. This is the very subdivision that housed your first mayor, Eva Galambos. Is that how you wish to honor her memory?

Alpha Sinha:

Dear Commission Members

I am a resident and home owner in the Grogans Bluff neighborhood. I vehemently oppose having an UNSIGHTLY, VALUE-REDUCING, 720-UNIT SELF-STORAGE UNIT right in front of my neighborhood!!

This self-storage unit will do nothing to enhance or revitalize North Springs nor bring jobs to the area. There are also many storage facilities on Roswell Road, many of which are just under mile.

Please do not approve this storage facility.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this correspondence and that we can count on you to do the right thing for our neighborhood and the North Springs community generally.