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Miami County Commissioners:

I am opposed to the petition for creation of a new municipality, “Golden”. I own a 31 acre parcel without a residence at the dead end of 223<sup>rd</sup> St. west of Antioch that I purchased exactly for its rural character and access to Corps of Engineers land. (Parcel #4572)

However, I know of too many places where “not in my backyard” activists have squelched development for the longer term detriment of their communities. Nearby, I suspect Gardner lost more than they gained with opposition to the intermodal facility, although they have still gained much in the associated development. A new municipality would add another layer of government to the area with inevitable new expenses (and taxation) for duplicate administration and services. While the well-intentioned short term goal may be preservation of the rural character of the area, inevitably a new municipality would soon find reasons for zoning restrictions against a whole host of things (outdoor burning, shooting, RV parking, building designs, noise, smelly agricultural operations, and others).

I expect the area will continue to see considerable population growth and residential development regardless what happens with the Golden petition. Ironically, an argument could be made that acreage devoted to modern industrial and logistics facilities could have less impact than residential lots! It’s a blessing to be in an area with good prospects for growth, development and prosperity, and *planning* to guide the growth. Miami county seems to be on the right track without another municipality in the mix.

Best wishes,

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