From Lynn Hamim OP5

**Baldwin County Commission Meeting, October 15, 2019** 

## OPPOSITION TO REZONING – Z-19038, BANKESTER PROPERTY

## 1. GATHERED SIGNATURES:

From The Outdoorsman: 242

From neighborhood associations: 129+ (plus those submitted directly to the Commission)

- Total: 371+
- 2. THERE ARE DOLLAR GENERALS WITHIN 6 MILES EITHER DIRECTION OF THE PROPOSED NEW STORE
- 3. LOCAL BUSINESS, THE OUTDOORSMAN CONVENIENCE STORE, COULD BE FORCED TO CLOSE, BASED ON FALLING SALES IMPACT OF THE HURRICANE CROSSROADS DOLLAR GENERAL
- 4. SAFETY ALONG 225 WILL BECOME FURTHER COMPROMISED
  - There are blind corners at the bottom of hills in all four directions of the site
  - A center turning lane will be inadequate to address increased traffic flow
- 5. THE HISTORIC AND RESIDENTIAL 225 SCENIC BY-WAY WILL BE INAPPROPRIATELY INTERRUPTED
  - State Veterans Cemetery 2,033 veterans currently at rest here
  - Saluda Hill Cemetery established in 1824
  - Blakeley State Park one of the final battles of the Civil War, of local and national importance
  - Churches St. John's Catholic, East Point Baptist, Bromley Baptist, and Durant Chapel Baptist
  - This historically-rich area deserves to retain low impact residential zoning