



# TOWN OF WALDEN

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Dear Walden residents, friends & mountain neighbors,

The Lines Orchid property is under contract between the sellers—LOP, LLC— and the buyers, a developer for Publix grocery stores. I am writing today to update you.

The sellers have hired a PR firm to advertise their project. That is who has been sending mailers, emails, an online petition, and social media claiming to be “Friends of Walden Grocery Store.” “Friends of Walden Grocery Store” is a PR firm. None of this activity comes from the Town of Walden, and we are not involved in their PR efforts. The sellers and a lawyer for the developer have a meeting set for Monday, Sep 26, at St. Augustine Church. This meeting is not sponsored by the town, and we are not involved in planning this meeting.

The current proposal by LOP, LLC is substantially the same as the one submitted when Food City was the intended store—with the same problems.

1. How can they safely handle sewage from the store on a septic system? Walden has no sewer system.
2. What will be the traffic impact of a traffic light at Timesville Rd. & Taft Highway? There has been no traffic study.
3. How will they handle the increased stormwater that impervious surfaces like parking lots and roofs create?
4. The last plan submitted by LOP, LLC was found to be illegal and in violation of Walden zoning.

We welcome a proposal from the developer that is consistent with our land-use plan. A proposal that complies with the town center concept of Walden will be met with support. However, a proposal that simply attempts to circumvent our Walden land-use plan will not.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lee Davis".

Lee Davis  
Mayor