

BAREC: There are **17 acres of State owned (not privately owned) agriculturally zoned land** on Winchester Blvd. across from the Valley Fair Shopping Mall. It is located between Forest Avenue and Stevens Creek Blvd. The land still has many agricultural buildings and assets, including the visitor's center building, three green houses, and a variety of storage buildings. The site also has two wells, sewer, and power. The land is owned by the State of California. That means, "We The People" own this land. The **City of Santa Clara controls the zoning of the land** and would have to **change it** to allow any housing development to occur. **The City has the power to preserve this land.**

The State is in the process of trying to sell this land to SummerHill Homes and the City of Santa Clara. SummerHill homes is looking to acquire 10 acres for the development of 110 single-family residences. The lots range in size from 2,000 to 5,000 square feet. Individual units would be up to three stories tall (close to 38 feet tall) and range in size from 1,500 - 3,000 square feet. This is very different from the existing single story homes in the neighborhood. The City of Santa Clara wants to build a high density, 165 unit complex made up of two, four story buildings for low income senior citizens. That's almost 300 new families with lots of new infrastructure and vehicles.

There are many issues, but here are three of them:

Contamination:

There are known and documented contaminants on the soil when the site was used as a agricultural research station for over 70 years. Among them are dieldrin and arsenic. Dieldrin has been banned since the late 1980s due to its link to breast cancer and cancer of reproductive organs.

Traffic/noise on residential streets:

Most residential streets within the Valley Fair/Santana Row area will be affected. Many of the nearby streets will get even more congested and traffic filled. The current conditions will change for the worse.

Destruction of "Prime Farmland":

As we have all seen, the agricultural land in the area has been turned into housing. This happens when a land owner (a private individual) sells their property to a developer. It is now public record that this land is "Prime Farmland" and cannot be replaced. This land is not privately owned (it is State owned) and is perfect for local agriculture, education, and public uses.

How to get in touch with us:

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What you can and should do

(we have sample letters on our website)

1. Let the City of Santa Clara know you do not support the current project:

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2. Let the City of Santa Clara know you want them to work with the SaveBAREC group to find a compromise and better use for the land.

3. Tell the DTSC, Senator, and Congresswoman that the EIR and RAW poses an unacceptable risk to the neighborhood and the citizens of California.

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Timeline

Mar. 9	Mar 22	April 6	April 13	April 18	April 21	April 24	April 24	June 28 (tentative)	July 18 (tentative)
Draft EIR released (public comment period begins)	Draft RAW released (public comment period begins)	Public comment Historical and Landmarks Commission 7:00pm -Staff Conference Room, City Hall	Public comment Draft RAW 7:00-9:00pm -Westwood Elementary School -435 Saratoga Avenue, Santa Clara	Parks and Recreation Commission 7:00pm -City Hall Council Chambers	Public comment period on Draft RAW closes at 5:00pm	Senior Advisory Commission 10:00am -Community Recreation Center on Kiely Blvd. (before Kaiser Hospital)	Public comment period on Draft EIR closes at 5:00pm	Planning Commission Public Hearing, City Council Chambers. 7:00pm - Public meeting on Draft EIR and related development applications	City Council Public Hearing and <i>Potential Action</i> , City Council Chambers. 7:00pm - Public meeting to consider Draft EIR and related development applications