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**Cobblestone Estates Homeowners Association Passes Resolutions Pertaining to
Proposed Wal-Mart Supercenter**

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Andrew Hamilton, the President of the Cobblestone Estates Homeowners Association, announced that the Association Board of Directors has passed two resolutions pertaining to a Supercenter which Wal-Mart Stores proposes to locate at Wabash Avenue and Meadowbrook Roads in Springfield.

“Cobblestone Estates Homeowners Association is a not-for profit corporation charged with the responsibility of maintaining the common areas in Cobblestone Estates Subdivision, immediately adjacent to the proposed Supercenter. The Association’s directors are elected by and are responsible to the homeowners in the Subdivision,” said Hamilton. “Naturally, the Association is very concerned about the traffic, drainage and quality of life impacts of the proposed Wal-Mart Supercenter on the neighborhood, and joins with the Southwest Springfield Neighbors Association in its concerns.”

Hamilton continued, “The first of these two resolutions tells the City Council of Springfield that the Association is opposed to any affirmative acts by the Council, such as approving subdivision variances or zoning requests, which would facilitate a large retail development adjacent to residential properties. The resolution also asks the City Council to consider passing amendments to its Zoning Ordinance to protect residential subdivisions from the possibility of having large retail developments adjacent to residential areas. Such ordinances have been passed around the country by many other cities.

“The second resolution deals specifically with the problem of drainage, the fact that nearby detention ponds owned or operated by the Association and other subdivision boards are threatened by runoff by the proposed Supercenter, and the fact that there appears to have been no drainage study conducted. The resolution demands that prior to any other action by Wal-Mart Stores regarding this proposed development, that Wal-Mart stores fund a comprehensive drainage study by independent engineers and consult with the Association and other concerned groups. The resolution also states that the Association will do whatever is necessary or appropriate to protect its drainage works from Wal-Mart’s excessive runoff.”

Copies of the resolutions are available on request. For further information, contact Andrew Hamilton at 546-7525.

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