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Boma project still up in the air

Residents concerned about impact on rural feel

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It's been six months since residents living near the southwest corner of Turnberry Road and East Douglas Road met with city officials and project planners to discuss the Boma Project Development Plan, and still there are no development plans on the table.

The Boma Property, 80 acres annexed into the city March 7, is expected to include 150 single-family homes.

Jim Birdsall, a project planner for the Boma Property, was unavailable for comment.

Area residents in April met with city officials about the property. Among the concerns, residents fear the area will lose its rural feel, the major reason many residents live in the area.

The annexation still has residents in the Richard's Lake, Adriel Hills and Serramonte Highlands subdivisions whispering about the possible changes to their community.

"This is a quiet area and Fort Collins still needs a place that has open land and space," said Mary Raymond, who lives less than a mile from the Turnberry Road and East Douglas Road intersection.

South Fort Collins can have all the development they want, but over here, this area is earthy, she said.

"Pretty soon Fort Collins won't look anything like it did when I was growing up," she said.

"We prefer not to have any development in the area," said Erin Smith, who lives at the intersection of Brightwater Drive and Longboat Way.



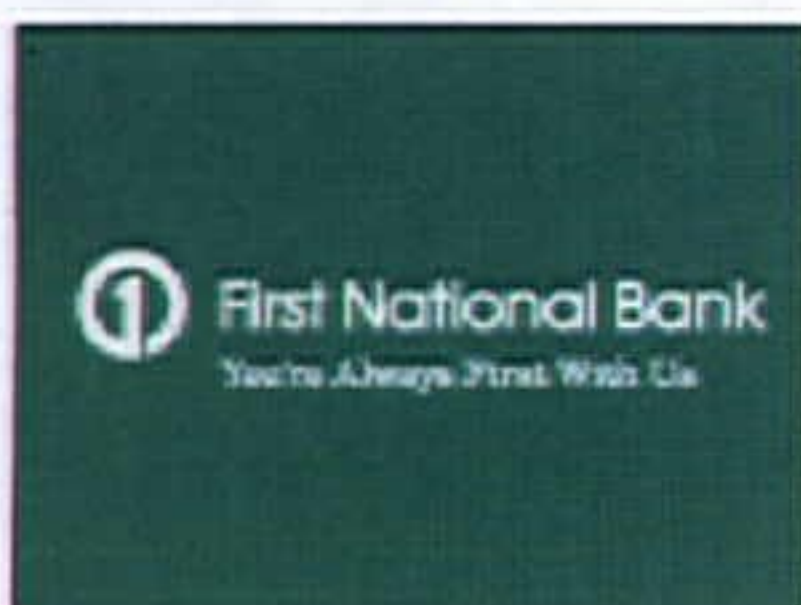
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Smith also thinks the majority of development should stay in south Fort Collins.

"Many of us moved out here because it's quiet and has a nice feel," she said.



While David Cruz said he can't get enough of the area, he said there isn't enough development in the community and he wouldn't mind having a few retail stores built.

"I need a gas station or some type of convenience store," he said.

People have to realize, even though this is a nice quiet area, eventually it's going to be developed, he said.



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