

Carner, Jeanne

From: Mcgavern, Megan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 8:43 AM
To: Carner, Jeanne; Planning Commission; [REDACTED]
Subject: Safety concern regarding Application No. UP-1061-25 Lafayette Gun Club Inc
Attachments: SKM_458e25120809280.pdf

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Good morning Mrs. Carner. Attached is a letter addressing my concerns with the above construction. I will be attending the meeting with Mr. Jensen on the 10th. Thanks very much for your time last week and explaining everything.

V/R,
Dr. Megan B. McGavern, DO, MS, FACP

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Cole's Horse Autism Therapy Station

To Whom It May Concern,

I am the property owner of [REDACTED], which is zoned RC (Resource Conservation) on the map provided with the letter of the notice of public hearing for Lafayette Gun Club application # UP-1061-25 dated 11/14/25. I attended a meeting with York County to better understand the changes and construction plans on Tuesday December 2, 2025.

My father taught me how to shoot guns at a very young age and while an AD Navy physician, I earned my sharp shooting pin. I am not here to contest really any of the anticipated construction plans the Lafayette Gun Club has outside of ensuring that there is added safety put up with the outdoor shooting range being moved closer to my property. I think it only prudent to add additional berms to prevent any potential injury/accidental death.

The approximately 17.5 acres that makes up [REDACTED], is actively used daily by my horses and staff who provide autistic children and/or adults, their families and therapists with therapy sessions throughout the day. Directly behind the berm that approximates to the perimeter of my land, is an outdoor sensory classroom which includes a large outdoor chalk board, a mailbox for the children to ride up to on the horse, a sensory pond and sensory walkway, a bridge built by a local Trail Life troop, and many other features that make this a truly special and sacred place for our children.

I do hope you will strongly take this into consideration and ensure the protection of this most vulnerable population.

V/R,

[REDACTED]

Dr. Megan B. McGavern, DO, MS, FACP

Founder, Executive Director CHATS

Carner, Jeanne

From: Bradecich, Dessi
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 1:44 PM
To: Carner, Jeanne
Subject: FW: UP-1061-25

Jeanne,
Please see below.

Dessi B

Dessi M. Bradecich ▪ Principal Planner ▪ Planning Division ▪ dessi.bradecich@yorkcounty.gov ▪ (757) 890-3495

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, December 6, 2025 10:01 AM
To: Planning Commission <plancomm@yorkcounty.gov>
Subject: UP-1061-25

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Please recommend approval of the subject application on December 10th for the following reasons:

1. Reduction of noise. Moving indoor higher caliber shooting into a sound suppressive facility will greatly reduce noise pollution in the Brandywine subdivision.
2. Reduction of noise. Concurrent with the new indoor range, the existing shotgun range will be resighted 80 yards south and reorientated to the left. This will reduce noise pollution in the Jacob's Spring subdivision.
3. Tax benefit to the county. Adds a \$3-4M facility to the property roll.

Thank you for your attention.

Geoff Gavrila
[REDACTED]
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Carner, Jeanne

From: Greg Peterson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 2:46 PM
To: Carner, Jeanne
Subject: Objection to Application No. UP-1061-25 (Lafayette Gun Club Indoor Range)
Attachments: Letter to Zoning Commission.docx; Police Reports.pdf; b598e4cf-986c-482d-9a3a-25c4a4614b2e.PDF.pdf

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached my formal objection letter regarding Application No. UP-1061-25, the request by the Lafayette Gun Club for a Special Use Permit to establish a new indoor firing range at [331 Dare Road](#).

As a resident directly adjacent to the facility, I have documented safety concerns supported by multiple police reports of projectiles escaping the property. My letter outlines why this proposal does not improve safety, in fact increases risk by intensifying use, and fails to meet the standards required under York County's zoning ordinance.

I respectfully request that my letter be included in the official record for this application and considered during your deliberations.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to protecting the public welfare.

Sincerely,

Greg Peterson
[REDACTED]

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December 10, 2025

To: York County Planning Commission

From: Greg Peterson, [REDACTED]

Re: Objection to Application No. UP-1061-25 (Lafayette Gun Club Indoor Range)

I am a resident of [REDACTED] directly adjacent to the Lafayette Gun Club. I am a retired Air Force Veteran with over 30 years of experience around military gun ranges, a qualified Air Force small arms expert marksman, a lifelong hunter, a graduate of multiple hunter safety courses, and was a trained Scoutmaster responsible for my Troop's safe use of firearms. I understand firearms safety and range operations, and I am submitting this objection to Application No. UP-1061-25, which seeks a Special Use Permit to establish a new indoor firing range at 331 Dare Road.

Documented Safety Failures

- **July 2024:** A shotgun pellet (buckshot) was found in my swimming pool. A police report was filed with the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office.
- **April 2025:** Two 9mm projectiles landed in my backyard. A second police report was filed.
- **2025 (Neighbor's Property):** My neighbor filed two police reports after shrapnel landed on their deck. The Gun Club temporarily shut down the metal target lane closest to his house, but resumed use, resulting in another incident. Only after the second report was the lane permanently closed.

After the first incident, I met directly with the gun club. They denied the bullet came from their range and did not offer to review or share any safety procedures or protocols. Looking at this in totality, they have demonstrated a lack of accountability and a reactive safety culture that fails to protect adjacent properties.

Legal & Zoning Standards

The Lafayette Gun Club's outdoor ranges were built in 1950, before York County adopted its zoning ordinance in 1957. As a result, those ranges are considered legally non-conforming uses. While they are allowed to continue operating, they cannot be expanded or intensified unless brought into compliance with current zoning standards.

This history matters because the applicant is now seeking a new Special Use Permit to expand the Gun Club by adding an indoor range which would increase the intensity of use and the risk for more bullet/shrapnel escapes. Unlike the grandfathered outdoor ranges,

this request must fully comply with today's zoning ordinance and performance standards, including the requirement that adjacent properties be protected. Given the documented incidents of bullets and shrapnel escaping into neighboring residential yards and decks, the applicant has not demonstrated the ability to meet those standards. The Commission therefore has both the authority and the responsibility under Section 24.1-115 to deny or condition this permit to protect public welfare.

Shotgun Range Relocation Risk Analysis

The applicant proposes to relocate the shotgun range approximately 150 feet south, claiming this will reduce noise for nearby residents. However, noise reduction does not equate to safety. The critical issue is whether projectiles, specifically shotgun pellets, remain fully contained on the property under all firing conditions.

Shotgun ranges generate a wide shotfall zone, with pellets dispersing far beyond the target line. Unless the entire shotfall zone is mapped, engineered, and contained with berms and baffles, pellets can and do escape. This is not theoretical; multiple police reports already document projectiles reaching residential properties.

Relocating the range south may deepen it within existing berms, but it also shifts the shotfall zone closer to other residential boundaries. Berms alone cannot contain upward muzzle elevation or high-arc target presentations. Without overhead baffles and strict lane orientation, pellets can clear berms and travel into neighboring yards.

The applicant has not submitted a certified shotfall zone analysis, nor engineering drawings for baffles or containment structures. Absent this documentation, the relocation cannot be assumed to reduce risk. In fact, it may simply move the danger from one set of homes to another.

For these reasons, I request that the Planning Commission require, as a condition of any Special Use Permit:

- A certified shotfall zone analysis stamped by a professional engineer.
- Engineering drawings for overhead and forward baffles to physically limit muzzle elevation and swing angles.
- Operational limits on shot size, target presentation, and lane orientation to ensure all pellets remain on site.
- Independent safety audits and immediate suspension if any projectile is found off-site.

Without these safeguards, this expansion poses an unacceptable risk to public welfare and fails to meet the performance standards required under Section 24.1-457.

In conclusion, York County zoning law requires that Special Use Permits protect the public interest. The Lafayette Gun Club has already failed to do so. Approval of this application would place residents at continued risk and contradict the intent of the Comprehensive Plan. I respectfully urge the Planning Commission to recommend denial of this application, or at minimum impose strict conditions to ensure public safety.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Peterson





Incident Information

Agency Name YORK-POQUOSON SHERIFFS OFFICE		ORI VA0980000	Case # 2402957
Date / Time Reported 7/7/2024 4:57:51 PM		Last Known Secure 7/4/2024 12:00:00 AM	At Found 7/6/2024 11:00:00 PM
Location of Incident [REDACTED]		Disposition Inactive	
Reporting Officer FRIZZELL, RYAN C Y52		Assisted By	

Approved On:	Supervisor Approval
	Supervisor:

Offense Information

Offense WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	
Location Type Residence/Home	Completed Yes
Entry	Exit
Tools	Type of Security
Weapons Shotgun	Criminal Activity Using/Consuming
Hate/Bias None (No Bias)	

Victim Information

Name	Age	Sex	Victim Type Society/Public	Resident
DOB			Race	

Victim Of
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS

Injuries

Addresses

Phones

Emails

Employer/School/Military

Relationship to Offender



Witness Information

Name: PETERSON, GREGORY GEORGE

DOB: [REDACTED] Age: 55

Addresses: Home [REDACTED]

Phones: Mobile [REDACTED]

Emails: [REDACTED]

Employer/School/Military: [REDACTED]

Sex: Male

Race: White

Resident: Resident

Property Information

Property Type: Ammunition - Other Caliber

Status: Information Only

Manufacturer: [REDACTED]

Vehicle Year: [REDACTED]

Vehicle Color: [REDACTED]

Drug Type: [REDACTED]

Property Owner: [REDACTED]

Notes: [REDACTED]

Description: shotgun pellet

Count: [REDACTED] Value: [REDACTED]

Model: [REDACTED]

Body Style: [REDACTED]

Serial Number/VIN: [REDACTED]

License Plate/State: [REDACTED]

Color: [REDACTED]

Drug Quantity: [REDACTED] Drug Measure: [REDACTED]

NIC#: [REDACTED] VIC#: [REDACTED]

Officer Narrative

Incident: WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS

Victim: PETERSON, GREGORY GEORGE

Summary: On 7/7/2024 I D/S Frizzell was dispatched to [REDACTED] for a report of a shotgun pellet being in their pool. When I arrived I spoke to Mr. Peterson who stated that he found a single shotgun pellet in his pool on 7/6/2024 at 11:00 PM. He stated that he found it while walking in the pool when he accidentally stepped on it. He believed that the pellet might have been a ricochet from Lafayette gun club but could not be certain due to the fourth of July being so recent.

Mr. Peterson stated that he has not spoke with the owner of the gun club at this time yet but stated that he is going to speak with him about it soon. He also just wanted this incident documented at this time due to the pellet being in the pool.

This is the first time he has found any type of bullet or pellet on his property since living there.

D/S Frizzell.



Agency Name YORK-POQUOSON SHERIFFS OFFICE			Incident Information		
Date / Time Reported 4/19/2025 1:06:40 PM			ORI VA0980000	Case # 2501402	
Location of Incident [REDACTED]		Last Known Secure 4/19/2025 1:06:40 PM		At Found	
Reporting Officer WILLARD, NICHOLAS A Y41			Disposition Not a Crime/Other Service		
Assisted By					

Approved On:	Supervisor Approval
	Supervisor:

Offense FOUND PROPERTY		Offense Information	
Location Type Residence/Home		Completed Yes	Exit
Entry		Type of Security	
Tools		Criminal Activity	
Weapons			
Hate/Bias None (No Bias)			

Name PETERSON, GREG GEORGE				Other Entity Information	
DOB [REDACTED]	Age 56	Sex Male	Entity Type Reporting Party	Race White	Resident Resident
Addresses					
Home [REDACTED]					
Phones					
Mobile [REDACTED]					
Emails					
Employer/School/Military					



INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION
Internal Copy



Property Information			
Property Type		Description	
Ammunition - 9mm Caliber		one blue and one bronze 9mm projectile	
Status		Count	Value
Found		2	00.00
Manufacturer	Model	Serial Number/VIN	
Vehicle Year	Body Style	License Plate/State	
Vehicle Color		Color	
Drug Type		Drug Quantity	Drug Measure
Property Owner		NIC#	VIC#
Notes			

Officer Narrative

On 4/19/2025, I received a call for found property at [REDACTED] Upon arrival, I came in contact with Mr. Peterson, who resides at that residence. He stated he found a projectile that landed in his back yard today, to which he believes may have bounced off of a steel target at Lafayette Gun Club, which is right behind his house. Mr. Peterson also stated that he found a projectile that landed in his back yard about a week ago as well. Both of the projectiles are 9mm, one blue in color and one bronze in color. Mr. Peterson stated that he also went by the gun club to ask if the projectiles came from them, to which they said no.

I collected the projectiles and placed them in Property and Evidence locker #5. No need for testing. A property sheet was added to the report as well.

Nothing further

BWC on

D/S Willard

Carner, Jeanne

From: Bradecich, Dessi
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 11:01 AM
To: Carner, Jeanne
Subject: FW: Planning Agenda 10 Dec

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Dessi M. Bradecich ▪ Principal Planner ▪ Planning Division ▪ dessi.bradecich@yorkcounty.gov ▪ (757) 890-3495

From: Sandra Culver <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 10:45 AM
To: Planning Commission <plancomm@yorkcounty.gov>
Subject: Planning Agenda 10 Dec

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Application No. UP-1061-25, Lafayette Gun Club. I am attaching two pictures taken from inside my kitchen looking out the patio door. I would like the Planning board to understand just how close the gun club is to my backyard. I'm situated on the canal so there is approximately 75' between the current berm and my property. I will be speaking at the meeting. The first picture shows the shotgun range building, center, and another, unknown to me, building. The second photo shows the current berm and fence line. Sandra Culver, [REDACTED]





Carner, Jeanne

From: Bradecich, Dessi
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 10:59 AM
To: Carner, Jeanne
Subject: FW: Lafayette Gun Club Expansion

Here is an email that just came.

Dessi M. Bradecich ▪ Principal Planner ▪ Planning Division ▪ dessi.bradecich@yorkcounty.gov ▪ (757) 890-3495

From: Rebecca Lawrence <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 10:46 AM
To: Planning Commission <plancomm@yorkcounty.gov>
Subject: Lafayette Gun Club Expansion

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To whom it may concern,

U understand there is to be a planning committee meeting tonight regarding the expansion of the Lafayette Gun Club. I write as a citizen owning property adjacent to the gun club, and I am requesting that any approved expansion include protection from bullets & shrapnel in order to protect myself, my neighbors, but especially my CHILDREN in this matter. As I understand it, covers, baffling & berms are the normal requests for protection with berms being of the highest level. I am requesting the highest level of precaution be taken/required of the gun club expansion. It is imperative that we keep our neighborhood safe. My youngest child is a 6 year old little boy who loves to play in our yard and in our cul de sac; under the right circumstances, shrapnel could kill him. I am asking the planning commission and the gun club to take that into consideration when making any decisions.

Unfortunately I cannot be at the meeting tonight; I am thus asking the commission to take the concerns listed herein by virtue of this email.

Thank you.

Rebecca C. Lawrence.

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Carner, Jeanne

From: Bradecich, Dessi
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 11:04 AM
To: Carner, Jeanne
Subject: FW: Concern Regarding Proposed Expansion of Lafayette Gun Club

Here is a third one

Dessi M. Bradecich ▪ Principal Planner ▪ Planning Division ▪ dessi.bradecich@yorkcounty.gov ▪ (757) 890-3495

From: Masterstaff, Cyndi L. <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 10:28 AM
To: Planning Commission <plancomm@yorkcounty.gov>
Subject: Concern Regarding Proposed Expansion of Lafayette Gun Club

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Dear Members of the York County Planning Commission,

I am writing as a homeowner on Brandywine Drive whose property backs directly up to the Lafayette Gun Club. While the club predates our neighborhood, and we fully understand that it cannot be removed, we *do* expect to coexist safely. Unfortunately, recent incidents have made that expectation feel far less certain.

Several neighbors have found shrapnel in their yards, and police reports have been filed. The purple-marked shells linked them directly to the range. If standing, stationary target practice is already sending debris into residential properties, I'm deeply concerned about what an expansion—especially with more dynamic shooting activities—could mean. The risk of someone being injured is not hypothetical; it's already too close for comfort.

Noise is one thing. Flying metal is another.

I also want to raise an environmental concern. A natural spring runs through this area, feeding into our local watershed. Increased use of the range means increased lead deposition, and lead does not remain in place. As you know, what enters the watershed ultimately ends up in drinking water sources. This is a real public health risk that deserves careful evaluation, not an afterthought.

This neighborhood includes families, children, and vulnerable populations. Just beyond the tree line is an equine therapy center that serves autistic children—another group that would be impacted by both noise and any potential safety incident.

Given that York County has ample undeveloped land, it seems reasonable to explore alternatives for expansion—whether that means relocating certain activities or establishing a second site away from homes and community services.

We are not asking for the gun club to be shut down. We are asking for the county to prioritize safety, health, and responsible land use before approving any expansion.

Please take these concerns seriously and ensure that protective measures—not assumptions—guide your decision.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Cyndi Masterstaff & Richard Muhich
[REDACTED]

I would like the following to be read tonight in my absence:

Good evening. My name is Cyndi Masterstaff, and I live at [REDACTED] directly behind the Lafayette Gun Club. I'm here tonight because my family, my neighbors, and I deserve to feel safe in our own backyards.

We're not here asking for the gun club to be removed—we understand it was there long before us. What we *are* asking is that the County take our safety seriously before approving any expansion.

Recently, several homeowners on my street found shrapnel in their yards. Police reports were filed. The purple-marked shells made it clear where the material came from. If stationary target practice is already sending debris into residential properties, it raises an obvious question: what happens when the activities increase, or when shooters are moving, running, and aiming in different directions?

Noise is an inconvenience. Flying metal is a safety hazard.

This isn't just about my house. Our neighborhood is full of families with children who play outside. Just beyond the tree line is an equine therapy center that serves autistic children—kids who rely on that space for calm, structured support. They're just as exposed to any risk coming off that range.

I also want to highlight an environmental concern. A natural spring runs through this property and into the local watershed. More activity at the range means more lead on the ground, and lead has a long memory—it does not stay where it's dropped. Eventually, it moves into the water sources that communities rely on. Any expansion needs to account for that risk with real environmental review, not assumptions.

York County has large areas of undeveloped land. If the gun club needs more space, there are options besides pushing more activity toward an established neighborhood and sensitive community programs.

We're simply asking that the County put safety, health, and responsible planning ahead of convenience. Before approving any expansion, protective measures must be identified, required, and enforced.

We want to be good neighbors. We just need the gun club—and the County—to do the same.

Thank you for your time.

Drink more H2O,

Cyndi Masterstaff
Public Education Coordinator
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To: Carner, Jeanne
Subject: FW: Application UP-1061-25

For Your LGC Case.

Dessi M. Bradecich ▪ Principal Planner ▪ Planning Division ▪ dessi.bradecich@yorkcounty.gov ▪ (757) 890-3495

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, January 5, 2026 10:16 AM
To: Planning Commission <plancomm@yorkcounty.gov>
Subject: Application UP-1061-25

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Please recommend approval of application UP-1061-25 for the following reasons:

1. Reduction of noise and potential off-range releases. Moving indoor higher caliber pistol shooting into a sound suppressive facility and conversion of the existing indoor range to low power .22 only will greatly reduce noise pollution in the Brandywine subdivision and ensure all spent bullets and bullet splatter remain on the LGC property during high caliber pistol practice, events and matches.
2. Reduction of noise and potential off-range releases. Concurrent with the new indoor range, the existing shotgun range will be resighted 75 feet south and reorientated to the left and restricted to low power #8 shot or smaller. This will reduce noise pollution in the Jacob's Spring subdivision and ensure no shot falls into the lake or adjacent properties.
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Thank you for your attention.

Geoff Gavrila
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Carner, Jeanne

From: Bradecich, Dessi
Sent: Monday, January 5, 2026 3:41 PM
To: Carner, Jeanne
Subject: FW: Application UP-1061-25

Jeanne,
Please see below, For your LGC case.

Dessi B

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, January 5, 2026 3:25 PM
To: Planning Commission <plancomm@yorkcounty.gov>
Subject: Application UP-1061-25

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Thank you for your service to our citizens.

Donald A. Streater
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Carner, Jeanne

From: Planning Commission
Sent: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 12:52 PM
To: Carner, Jeanne
Subject: FW: Supporting Application UP-1061-25

Jeanne,
Here is another support for LGC.

Dessi M. Bradecich ▪ Principal Planner ▪ Planning Division ▪ dessi.bradecich@yorkcounty.gov ▪ (757) 890-3495

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 8:36 AM
To: Planning Commission <plancomm@yorkcounty.gov>
Subject: Supporting Application UP-1061-25

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Very supportive of application UP-1061-25; please recommend approval by the Board of Supervisors.

The proposed facility changes at the Lafayette Gun Club (LGC) will significantly reduce noise pollution and the potential of off-range releases, especially for the Brandywine and Jacob's Spring subdivisions. Moving indoor high-caliber pistol shooting into a new sound-suppressive indoor range will greatly reduce noise pollution and ensure ammunition/splatter remain on the LGC property. Additionally, changes to the sighting and orientation of the shotgun range will also provide such benefits to the surrounding communities. As a related benefit, the new 3-million-dollar facility will provide additional property tax revenue.

This all seems like significant benefit to the county! Please recommend approval.

Warmest Respect and Regards,

Mike Webb
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: Bradecich, Dessi
Sent: Thursday, January 8, 2026 8:37 AM
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Jeanne,
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Dessi M. Bradecich ▪ Principal Planner ▪ Planning Division ▪ dessi.bradecich@yorkcounty.gov ▪ (757) 890-3495

From: Mike King <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 4:35 PM
Subject: Application UP-1061-25

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Thank you for your service to our citizens.

Mike King
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From: Bradecich, Dessi
Sent: Friday, January 9, 2026 11:03 AM
To: Carner, Jeanne
Subject: FW: Lafayette Gun Club

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From: Richard Sustello <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 8, 2026 4:31 PM
To: Planning Commission <plancomm@yorkcounty.gov>
Cc: Zev York <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Lafayette Gun Club

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To: York County Planning Board

I am a resident of Winders Pond Development in York County which is a neighborhood adjacent to the Lafayette Gun Club. The LGC is a long term neighbor and an asset to the County providing recreation and education to the shooting sports enthusiasts of our county and the surrounding communities.

It is my understanding that LGC is proposing to build a new indoor shooting range. This new state of the art range would provide a larger, quieter and safer indoor shooting range. It is also my understanding that this new indoor range will substantially reduce the noise level, especially at night, compared to the current indoor range where shooting can be heard during the night. This would be a welcome improvement to the neighborhood's ambiance during the nighttime.

I am the President of the Winders Pond Homeowners Association, and I can report that the LGC range improvements have been discussed and no one on the WPH Board opposes this development. I cannot speak for everyone in the neighborhood, but I am sure that most everyone would appreciate the reduction of gunfire coming from the range at night. I fully support the efforts of LGC to improve their facility for the enjoyment of the community and to provide a more peaceful environment to the neighborhood at night.

Sincerely,

Richard Sustello
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Carner, Jeanne

From: Bradecich, Dessi
Sent: Friday, January 9, 2026 11:04 AM
To: Carner, Jeanne
Subject: FW: Application UP-1061-25

Dessi M. Bradecich ▪ Principal Planner ▪ Planning Division ▪ dessi.bradecich@yorkcounty.gov ▪ (757) 890-3495

From: Adam Marr <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 8, 2026 7:55 PM
To: Planning Commission <plancomm@yorkcounty.gov>
Subject: Application UP-1061-25

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Please recommend the Board of Supervisors approve application UP-1061-25 for the following reasons:

1. Reduction of noise and potential off-range releases. Moving indoor higher caliber pistol shooting into a sound suppressive facility and conversion of the existing indoor range to low power .22 only will greatly reduce noise pollution in the Brandywine subdivision and ensure all spent bullets and bullet splatter remain on the LGC property during high caliber pistol practice, events and matches.
2. Reduction of noise and potential off-range releases. Concurrent with the new indoor range, the existing shotgun range will be resighted 75 feet south and reorientated to the left and restricted to low power #8 shot or smaller. This will reduce noise pollution in the Jacob's Spring subdivision and ensure no shot falls into the lake or adjacent properties.
3. It is a tax benefit to the county. It adds a \$3M facility to the property roll.

Thank you for your service to our citizens.

Adam Marr
LGC Member
York County Resident

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From: Bradecich, Dessi
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Subject: FW: Lafayette Gun Club Special Use Permit

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From: Kevin Welker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 8, 2026 10:39 PM
To: Planning Commission <plancomm@yorkcounty.gov>
Subject: Lafayette Gun Club Special Use Permit

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Good evening,

I have been in communications with Zev York at Lafayette Gun Club and he has brought up their proposal to install a new indoor gun range that would benefit the surrounding neighborhoods. The claim is that the new indoor range will be better insulated therefore reducing the exterior noise much better than their current facility offering better noise reduction for the neighborhood especially during the nighttime hours. I hope they are able to obtain the special use permit to move forward with the new facility.

Respectively,

Kevin Welker
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Carner, Jeanne

From: Bradecich, Dessi
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2026 8:30 AM
To: Carner, Jeanne
Subject: FW: Special Use Permit Application UP-1061-25, Lafayette Gun Club

Good morning, Jeanne,
Another LGC letter of support.

Dessi B.

Dessi M. Bradecich ▪ Principal Planner ▪ Planning Division ▪ dessi.bradecich@yorkcounty.gov ▪ (757) 890-3495

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, January 9, 2026 12:37 PM
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Subject: Special Use Permit Application UP-1061-25, Lafayette Gun Club

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Dear Commissioners,

I fully support the Lafayette Gun club application for a special use permit to improve their facilities. The addition of a new, fully enclosed indoor range takes advantage of new technologies and construction standards that will reduce noise to the surrounding area. This also increases safety as it moves shotgun activity to a more central location in the club footprint which provides for a larger buffer zone between the shot fall area and the surrounding properties.

I urge you to recommend approval of the application and forward it to the Board of Supervisors. If you have any questions, please call me at the number below.

V/r
Todd Mathes

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Carner, Jeanne

From: Jason DeLucy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2026 7:02 PM
To: Planning Commission
Cc: Itxel DeLucy
Subject: Statement of Support for Lafayette Gun Club Project

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Dear Members of the York County Planning Committee,

My name is Jason DeLucy and my wife, Itxel, and I are property owners in the Jacob Springs division in Yorktown, Virginia. Our home is located at [REDACTED], and our property line directly borders the Lafayette Gun Club.

I regret that we are unable to attend the 14 January 2025 public hearing in person, but wanted to ensure our perspective was formally shared with the committee.

As recently retired Air Force veterans and parents of two children who spend a lot of time in the wooded area of our property, we wanted to do our part to ensure we had clarity of what was being proposed. To that end, I recently met with a member of the club's board, toured the property, and took time to understand the proposed plans for the project. After those conversations and seeing the layout firsthand, we do not believe the project will negatively impact our property or quality of life in any way. We feel the club is transparent, respectful, and willing to listen to neighboring concerns, which we truly appreciate.

We also want to recognize the positive role the Lafayette Gun Club plays within the surrounding community. Their emphasis on safety, responsibility, and community involvement is evident, and we believe this project reflects those same values.

For these reasons, we would like to express our support for the club's proposed plan and appreciate your consideration of our input.

Respectfully,

Jason R. DeLucy and Itxel DeLucy

Carner, Jeanne

From: Greg Peterson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 7:49 AM
To: Carner, Jeanne
Subject: Follow-Up on Lafayette Gun Club SUP (UP-1061-25) – Need for Enforceable Safety Measures

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Good morning,

Please provide this to the board in advance of tonight's public hearing. Thank you.

Dear Members of the York County Planning Commission,

Thank you again for your time and thoughtful consideration during the recent hearing on the Lafayette Gun Club's Special Use Permit. I appreciate the Commission's willingness to listen to both the applicant and the surrounding community, and I also want to acknowledge the gun club's recent efforts to work collaboratively with us.

I am writing to provide additional clarity regarding the safety concerns that have been documented over the past two years and how they relate to the proffers currently before you.

As you know, multiple police reports since 2024 have documented projectile escapes from the Lafayette Gun Club — specifically 9mm rounds and buckshot landing on my property and my neighbor's deck. Through discussions with the club, we now understand there were two root causes: **Lane Zero**, which was the closest firing lane to the Brandywine subdivision, and the **use of metal targets**. These were the sources of the documented escapes.

The club has taken positive steps by moving Lane Zero and discontinuing metal targets, and I genuinely appreciate those actions. However, **neither of these measures has been submitted as a proffer**, meaning they are not enforceable conditions of the Special Use Permit. As you know, unless a measure is proffered, the county cannot rely on it, enforce it, or ensure it remains in place in the future. The same is true for the proposed third-party review process, which the club has indicated may be offered later but is not part of the current proffer package.

This is especially important because the activity covered by this permit is **recreational**. Recreation should never place surrounding homes and families at risk. While most club members may use the range for a few hours a week or month, our community is exposed **24 hours a day, 7 days a week**. We live with the consequences of range operations continuously. We are the ones who have found bullets in our yards, shrapnel on our decks, and projectiles in our pools. The risk is not theoretical for us — it is lived experience.

Now that the various county departments are aware of the documented escapes, the risk to life and property, and the potential legal liability, I believe the focus must shift from recreation to safety. The zoning ordinance requires that a Special Use Permit protect adjacent properties and public welfare. That standard must be met before recreational expansion is approved.

I also want to acknowledge that the Lafayette Gun Club has long prided itself on promoting safe and responsible gun ownership, and that mission is a benefit to the community. However, the documented projectile escapes are inconsistent with those values. They undermine the club's own safety message and, unfortunately, provide ammunition for those who oppose responsible gun ownership and the Second Amendment. Ensuring enforceable safety measures is not only in the community's interest — it is in the club's interest as well.

Your responsibility is not to redesign the range, but to determine whether the Special Use Permit — as currently proffered — meets the zoning requirement to protect adjacent properties and public welfare. Because the proffers do not include the measures that address the root causes of the documented escapes, the application does not yet meet that standard.

I believe a collaborative solution is possible. If the applicant proffers the safety measures they have already implemented — relocating Lane Zero and discontinuing metal targets — I would fully support moving forward. I simply ask that approval be based on enforceable conditions that reflect the real causes of past incidents and ensure the safety of the surrounding community.

Thank you for your continued attention to this matter and for your commitment to the safety and well-being of York County residents.

Sincerely, Greg Peterson [REDACTED]

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Carner, Jeanne

From: Mcgavern, Megan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 8:21 AM
To: Carner, Jeanne; Planning Commission; [REDACTED]
Subject: Update on Gun Club communications

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Good morning Mrs. Carner. I am writing to let you know I will not be in attendance at tonight's meeting regarding the Gun Club building projects. Since the last meeting, Zev York reached out to me and took myself and Mr. Jensen to the gun club. We also had Zev York and 2 other Gun Club members come to CHATS and walk the property. I feel comfortable that he has our safety in mind and has told me for the time being they have ceased using the range closest to our area until they have reviewed all their written procedures and safety officer training to ensure its all in line with their activities and CHATS activities. He also ensures me they are working on getting an independent reviewer. I do not have any further concerns regarding their construction and think we have a good working relationship moving forward. Please feel free to share this communication at the meeting tonight.

V/R,

Dr. Megan B. McGavern, DO, MS, FACP
CHATS Executive Director, Founder

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Carner, Jeanne

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 10:57 AM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Support Application No. UP-1061-25, Lafayette Gun Club

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Dear Planning Commission,

I support Application No. UP-1061-25, Lafayette Gun Club indoor range.

I live in adjacent [REDACTED] subdivision built in the early 1980s. The gun club was established in 1948, well before most residential housing units were built. **Homeowners should take responsibility when purchasing a home or establishing a business and, if they object to living by a gun range, should conduct their search in a different locality.**

The indoor range is a unique, safe addition to the Lafayette Gun Club and the York County Community. It will also be additive to our tax base.

As a 21-year resident of York County and a homeowner for all of those years in adjacent [REDACTED] subdivision, I fully support this application.

v/r,

Ann Grigorian
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Carner, Jeanne

From: Randy Yokum <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 1:11 PM
To: Planning Commission; Drewry, M. Wayne
Subject: SUP Application No. UP-1061-25

To all this may concern.

I am writing in support of the subject use permit.

As you know, Lafayette Gun Club is seeking approval from the Planning Commission and ultimately the Board of Supervisors to proceed with construction of a new indoor firing range. I have personally spoken at length with key representatives of the gun club regarding this proposal. There is no valid reason to deny this request. **As a state of the art facility, the indoor range will significantly reduce noise and improve overall safety and should be approved without delay.**

It is also important to note that the gun club is a for profit entity and that this approximately three million dollar improvement will result in increased real estate tax revenue for York County.

The initial meeting held on December 10, 2025 included staff approval but was tabled by the Planning Commission due to unrelated concerns raised by members of the surrounding public. None of those concerns were specific to or applicable to UP-1061-25.

I strongly urge approval of UP-1061-25 **without further delay.**

Sincerely,
Randall Yokum

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