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**From:** Carola Dunn [caroladunn@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2006 11:50 AM  
**To:** TAYLOR Paula L  
**Subject:** annexation RR & SC

As a River Road resident, I want to protest the wholesale involuntary annexation of streets in this area, without any consultation with residents affected. Whatever happened to representative government?  
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**From:** Julie Schaum [seiluj@clearwire.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2006 11:50 AM  
**To:** TAYLOR Paula L  
**Cc:** seiluj@clearwire.net  
**Subject:** River Road annexations

Greetings Paula,

I am writing to express my opinion to you about the recent spate of street annexations occurring in the River Road community. I moved here over 3 years ago from south Eugene into an infill area of River Road. It seems to have put me square in the middle of my un-annexed neighbors' wrath. "*She* lives in one of those *infill* houses, you know the houses with the curbs, gutters, sidewalks and lots of cement." Even though we love our house and the neighborhood, we have never been thrilled with the amount of cement on our property or the small size of our lot.

Still, I remain steadfast in my belief that infill is a good thing for Eugene and that it is inevitable and right that the un-annexed areas of both River Road and Santa Clara be included in the city.

But I agree with many of my neighbors that further annexations must be done right. They must conform to the rural character and continue to reflect the history of the area.

I've learned the extreme distrust of this community for the city is not wholly without merit. Maxwell Road is an abomination and waves a red flag up and down River Road. This can't happen again for example, in River Road on North Park, Horn Lane, Oak and Kourt, and Stark in Santa Clara.

Individual property annexations are one thing. Extending them to entire streets, or sections of streets, is another matter entirely. This action only fuels the already smoldering flames of many River Road and Santa Clara residents.

I've attended several River Road Community meetings and learned other communities in Oregon have been successful maintaining beautiful annexed streets without curbs, gutter, sidewalks and so much impermeable cement.

I am confident the City of Eugene, after it updates the City Annexation policy, will do it's best to listen hard to the bruised community and proceed with annexation in a way that maintains our rural feel and beautiful historical neighborhoods.

In the meantime, I urge the city to stop annexations other than individual properties.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.  
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**From:** Stephan Willow [ultrawillow@qwest.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2006 7:20 PM  
**To:** TAYLOR Paula L  
**Subject:** City annexation policy in River Road & Santa Clara

Paula,

As a citizen who makes data-based decisions as a teacher and a homeowner I am concerned about changes in the city's procedure in annexing county roads in the River Road and Santa Clara neighborhoods. When we purchased our home in 2001 we did so knowing that, unless we subdivided and built another structure on our property, we would remain county residents for a long time. I recognize that an island could be formed if our house was surrounded by city properties and annexation could then take place.

While my personal views of growth do not coincide with those of many in the management of the city I do recognize that it will happen regardless of my opinions.

Recently, there have been minor adjustments to a neighborhood, such as the building of a couple of houses on a rather lengthy street, which have been utilized to annex the entire street and the homes that are attached to it.

There is a difference in the feel of River Road that has a great deal to do with the structure of streets and houses that make it more relaxed, homey and warm than most of Eugene. We chose this area for our home for those qualities. To have the city begin massive annexation because a couple of buildings have been completed will destroy the integrity of our neighborhood.

Annexation, likewise, forces the city to do massive upgrading and maintaining of existing street structures which do not need upgrading. Growth may be inevitable, but destruction of healthy, viable neighborhoods does not need to be an element of growth.

Sincerely,

Stephan Willow