

Dear Town Council,

The town of Mansfield is about to embark on yet another major project that will greatly impact the taxpayers of the town, the Four Corners Sewer Project.

Before the taxpayer votes in favor of this project in November, we must take a closer look at recent projects and proposed projects and how our town leaders presented them to the taxpayer. It is about trust. Merriam Webster defines trust in the following way: belief that someone or something is reliable, good, honest and effective.

After the Storrs Center project that was presented to the public as a town center geared towards the citizens of the town with artist renderings that portrayed a lovely town center and buildings that don't look anything like what were on the initial drawings. Instead we have college housing, grotesque architecture, skyscrapers and expensive loans and maintenance costs. I am reluctant to trust our town leaders in any project especially one of the magnitude of the Four Corners Sewer Project.

Does the Four Corners need sewers? yes but we don't need another public private partnership that benefits a few and burdens the taxpayer and the homeowners forced to tie in. At the minimum the tax payer will be responsible for 3 million of the proposed 9 million dollar project; this most certainly will lead to a tax increase. I am concerned that the Four Corners could very well turn into another monstrosity similar to Storrs Center; after all it is a matter of trust.

I support organic growth not socially engineered communities. I would support a responsible sewer project under the right leadership, leadership that we can trust.

I am asking the public to reject this project when it goes to referendum. Are our town officials reliable, good, honest and effective? Their record speaks for itself.

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