

PLEASE HELP US SAVE THE HISTORIC LOOK AND FEEL OF OCCOQUAN!



### **A rendering of the proposed Mill at Occoquan project**

Our quaint town and historic district is currently being attacked! We desperately need your help in keeping the overall historic look of our town from being destroyed! The planning commission has recently approved the plans for this development as submitted by the builder. As you can see from the rendering above the proposal is for a modern looking building that does not fit in with or complement the look and feeling of our historic town. Absolutely no effort has been made to complement or to blend in with the other architecture of the historic district of our town.

#### **Concerns regarding the current approved plans**

- The height of the building is considerably above the height limit currently approved by the town Council. This will overwhelm the skyline of the entire town. Look down Mill St. from in front of the Post Office. Now imagine a 7story building there
- Considerable the additional homeowner traffic that will be created especially at the end of Mill St.
- The builder has not yet committed to follow Occoquan parking requirements
- If requirements for owners and restraint parking is meet there may be less than 10 spaces remaining for paid visitor parking and will do nothing to solve the town parking problems created by the building
- Street parking will be overtaken throughout the town by guests of unit owners, or renters.
- The developer builds mostly modern apartment complexes in Arlington. Although this project is billed as condominiums there is no reason it could not be changed to apartments upon completion.
- There is a reasonable possibility that this large increase in town residents would trigger requirements for emergency and public access. This could be as drastic as requiring two-way streets for ingress and egress to provide necessary emergency access. This would then require a multi floor parking facility. Which buildings would we tear down to build that?
- **This would be the beginning of the end for our wonderful Historic small town!**

We need 3 members of the Town Council to vote no to stop this blight in our community. Please call, email, or talk to the members of the Town Council and the Mayor to politely but strongly express your concerns about what approval of this building project, as designed will do to our homes and to our lovely little town.

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Don't forget, we have as much time as needed in order to get it right! Once something is built it will be there forever!