

taking into consideration inflation and calculating costs for Berrien County they will add up to the same conclusions: the farther out from existing services houses are built, the worse return the county will get on taxes.

- **Source:** ["The Local Government Fiscal Impacts of Land Use in Lowndes County: Revenue and Expenditure Streams by Land Use Category," Jeffrey H. Dorfman, Ph.D., Dorfman Consulting, December 2007.](#)

No matter where it is, whether it is Lowndes County, California, or Florida, the outcomes and costs are the same economically, environmentally, culturally, and more in every study and report. Over time that has gotten increasingly worse as more developments encroach on our rural and agricultural lands.

The citizens of Berrien County can not afford this development and others like it, as proof from the most recent U.S. Census Bureau report. The per capita income for Berrien County is roughly **\$10,000** less than the state average. The high poverty rate in Berrien County suggests a persistent challenge in achieving economic stability for a large portion of its population. Berrien County has a higher rate of poverty compared to the state's poverty rate.

I ask the Planning Committee to recommend denial, and I ask the Berrien County Commissioners to deny the subdividing needed for this subdivision. I ask you to uphold the standards, goals, objectives, policies, and plans that were set forth, by you Berrien County, in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update Berrien County & Cities of Alapaha, Enigma, Nashville, and Ray City along with adhering to the Berrien County Code of Ordinance. Look toward a sustainable and responsible growth model to prosper the county and its citizens. Allow our rural agricultural areas and crucial water resources to be protected and remain what it was intended for. Our farmland. Our food supply. Support and protect our farmers.

Sincerely Concerned Citizen,

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