



Colt Park Foundation  
8 Shultas Place  
Hartford, CT 06114  
9/25/2022

Planning & Zoning Commission and Inland Wetlands Commission  
RE: 9/27/2022 Agenda Item V. E. 121 Wawarme Ave – Request for Special Permit for a  
Cannabis Cultivator and Product Manufacturer

Dear Madame Chair and esteemed Commissioners,

The Colt Park Foundation is endorsing River Growers' application for a Special Permit as a Cannabis Cultivator and Product Manufacturer. We believe that this business is ideally suited to the location. It will stabilize the property adjacent to Colt Park and the neighborhood. The building is in good repair, has existing roof structure to support solar energy reducing its energy consumption, has more than adequate parking, and will not significantly increase the traffic in the area. There is a large body of potential laborers from Hartford very close by in the neighborhood off of Wethersfield Avenue.

Our only concern is the ongoing issue of the crowd which the food trucks on Wawarme attract. They attract non-residents to this area. These visitors are not interested in the park, but race down Wawarme, Ledyard, Elliot East, onto Wethersfield Ave down to Brown/Airport Road (stopping in the liquor store), onto Brown up to Franklin Ave, and make a right onto Shultas Place to return to Wawarme Ave and regroup. The food trucks are in compliance and shut down at midnight, but the partying and circuit riders continue until after 2am. They are drunk, loud, and litter to such an extent that there is no hope of cleaning it up until Monday. We are concerned that this crowd will be problematic for the security of the business. HPD monitors the situation, but as soon as an emergency call comes in, they must leave and so, the madness goes unchecked until they return. Why are the food trucks the issue? The signal "party" to this

crowd. On a typical Friday, Saturday and Sunday night there are about 100 motorcycles and cars on Wawarme, and an equal number on Ledyard. This requires considerable effort by the police, the streets are lined with litter and the noise from loud exhaust systems, revving of engines and music blasting is unbearable to those who along the favored circuitous route. We recommend moving the food truck location to Airport Rd, well away from residential areas. During the daytime, the Los Amigos Softball League pays for three food trucks under the veranda in Colt Park on Sundays. There is no need for more trucks up on Wawarme. We make these recommendations in support of this new business and ensure its success.

*Donna S. Swarr*

Donna Swarr  
Colt Park Foundation, Chair

## Paul Ashworth

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**From:** Sean Reynolds <rsean2166@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2022 8:10 PM  
**To:** aimee.chanbers@hartford.gov; Paul Ashworth  
**Subject:** Cannabis facility

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It was brought to my attention that the city is thinking of allowing a cannabis facility on East Elliot St. After all the work that went into cleaning up the area I feel it is the wrong spot for such an establishment. The fact that a school is in close proximity makes it an even worse choice. In my opinion there are much better options within the city. Thank you for hearing my two cents.

Sent from my iPhone

## Paul Ashworth

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**From:** Vincent Santavenere <gsant\_vx@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2022 10:05 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Aimee; Paul Ashworth  
**Subject:** 121 Wawarme Avenue Zoning Application

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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Vincent Santavenere, I am a Hartford resident and I am opposed to 121 Wawarme Avenue being used for a cannabis cultivator product manufacturer. The proximity to a school and city park for families is concerning to me. While I support new businesses coming to Hartford, I believe there are alternate locations in the city that may be able to accommodate this type of manufacturer out of view. Drug addiction is rampant, any promotion whether legal or not is not acceptable next to a school where impressionable young people pass by each day. Please deny this location for the requested zoning application.

Sincerely,

Vincent Santavenere  
55 Bloomfield Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06105

## Paul Ashworth

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**From:** Waldy Rivera <waldyr79.wr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2022 6:58 PM  
**To:** Paul Ashworth  
**Subject:** 121 Wawarme Ave Permit

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I noticed online that there is an application for Cannabis cultivation at 121 Wawarme Ave. As a long time Hartford resident I feel that because this location is very close to schools, church and a park, I am apposed to the city approving this use. I feel that there is enough crime in the surrounding area and this sort of operation can potential increase crime in an area that is surrounded by young children. I frequently walk the track with my grandchildren and will not feel safe with this sort of operation at this facility. Thank you for understanding my concerns.

Waldemar Rivera  
860-816-8669

## Paul Ashworth

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**From:** morrisonyamarie@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2022 9:35 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Aimee  
**Cc:** Paul Ashworth  
**Subject:** Land Use

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To whom it may concern,

> My name is Yamarie Morrison, and I am writing to inform you that as a life long resident of Hartford CT, I am opposed to a Cannabis Manufacture being opened up on 121 Wawarm Ave. I am pro cannabis and I fully support the business, but I am not comfortable with one being opened up right behind a high school full of young adults. My concern stems from these young adults being easily influenced by how easily accessible it will be for them to purchase cannabis instead of focusing on their education. I would strongly prefer if the business was relocated to a more secure location. If you have any questions please feel free to respond to this email or contact me @ 860-269-5425.

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> Sincerely,

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## Paul Ashworth

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**From:** Craig Devivo <cdevivo@act-america.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2022 2:19 PM  
**To:** Paul Ashworth  
**Subject:** Opposition to Marijuana Cultivation

**Importance:** High

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Hello Mr Ashworth

I would like to express my opposition to Marijuana cultivation operation for 121 Wawarme Ave and 132 E. Elliot St Hartford. There are several schools within a close proximity and feel this would be detrimental to the community that is already suffering!

*Thank you*  
Craig DeVivo  
860-874-4600 mobile

**From:** Omar Montalvo III <montalvoomar3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2022 10:17 AM  
**To:** Hartford Planning Division  
**Subject:** 121 Warwam Ave, Hartford

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in regards to the cannabis cultivation zoning on 121 Warwam Ave, Hartford. Once I became aware of a canaibis cultivation zoning location in my community, I unfortunately had to speak up not because of the cannabis but because of the location. I believe there are many other spots in the city that would benefit from this but not Warwam Ave where there are many schools around it.

Thank you,

Omar Montalvo

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Thank you,  
Omar Montalvo III

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cell: (860) 913-9411



**To:** The Hartford Planning & Zoning Commission

**From:** William Lindlauf, CT Resident

**Date:** September 27, 2022

**Subject:** Proposed cannabis cultivation business at 121 Wawarme Avenue

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter regarding the proposed cannabis cultivation business at 121 Wawarme Ave in Hartford. While I strongly support the cannabis cultivation business in Connecticut and believe that it has the potential to provide significant opportunity to the members of our community, I do not believe that 121 Wawarme Ave is an appropriate location for this industry due to its very close proximity to Bulkeley High School and Alfred E. Burr Middle School. According to State of Connecticut law, you must be 21 years of age to legally possess and consume marijuana, and I am concerned about what message would be sent to the students at these schools if they can look out the window of their classroom and see a cannabis cultivation facility. I ask that this commission carefully consider this concern in making their decision.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Lindlauf". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "W".

William Lindlauf