

Issues Concerning Future Wal-Mart Construction in Pullman

IMPACT OF WAL-MART SUPERSTORES

- When Wal-Mart first enters a town, they undercut local businesses. They are being sued for this in Florida.
- Wal-Mart discriminates against women and minorities.
- Wal-Mart routinely depresses wages in towns and cities.
- Over 75% of Wal-Mart's sales typically come from business taken away from existing stores.
- The proposed location for Wal-Mart is away from downtown, so beneficial spillover effects for neighboring businesses will be minimal.

IMPACTS ON YOU

Taxes

- Wal-Mart requires more public services than they generate in revenue.
- Wal-Mart shifts its corporate responsibilities to taxpayers, increasing your taxes.
- A typical Wal-Mart store with 200 employees costs federal taxpayers \$420,750 a year in subsidies for low wages and poor/no benefits.

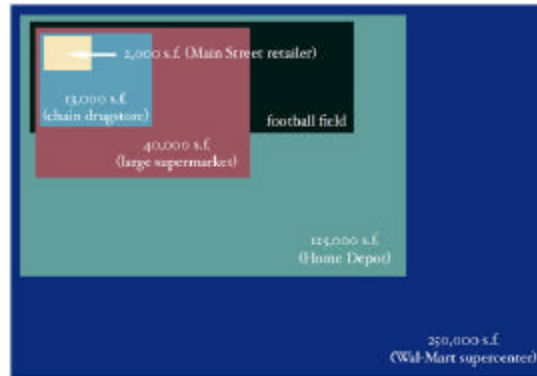
Jobs

- Wal-Mart destroys three (better paying) jobs for every two it creates in a community.
- When a new Wal-Mart Supercenter opens, an average of two grocery stores close.
- Wal-Mart's substandard pay and benefits force nearby stores to cut their workers' pay and benefits – which may include your job.
- Property values will decrease because of crime and safety issues.
- Wal-Mart has taken an extreme anti-union stance, and has frequently been cited for breaking national labor relations laws.

References for the information given on back

SIZE MATTERS!

Wal-Mart has applied to build a Supercenter at the intersection of Harvest Dr. and Bishop Blvd. It will be 223,000 square feet and have 1,000 parking spaces (Safeway has 265 spaces).



<http://www.newrules.org/retail/howbigisbig.html>

TRAFFIC & SAFETY IN YOUR AREA

According to Wal-Mart's own traffic study, there will be **11,000 more trips daily to Bishop Blvd.** and traffic on residential streets will also increase.

- Pedestrian and cyclist **safety will decline.**
- The proposed Wal-Mart site will dramatically increase traffic on:
 - Bishop
 - Grand
 - Sunny Mead
 - Crestview
- **All of these are direct routes to schools**
- Air and noise **pollution will increase.**

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- **Come to PARD meetings**
Thursdays, 7:00 pm
Community Congregational Church/UCC meeting room
525 NE Campus

- **Voice your opinion**
Call or write to:

Mark Workman, Public Works Director
Pete Dickinson, Planning Director
John Sherman, City Supervisor
Glenn Johnson, Mayor
City Council

City Hall address and telephone number:
325 SE Paradise Street, Pullman, WA 99163
(509) 338-3208

- **Petitioning**
PARD is gathering signatures to be sent to Wal-Mart, pledging not to shop or work at Wal-Mart if it locates in Pullman. To sign the petition or help gather signatures, come to a PARD meeting or email petition_coordinator@pullman-ard.org

- **Donate to PARD**
Donation will be used to hire professional legal help and support for the campaign against a Wal-Mart in Pullman.

All donations are confidential but not tax deductible. Checks should be made out to Pullman Alliance for Responsible Development (or PARD)

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**PULLMAN ALLIANCE FOR
RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT (PARD)**
www.pullman-ard.org

What is P.A.R.D.?

We are citizens from Pullman and the wider Palouse area, including farmers, professionals, business people, teachers, students, retirees, waged workers and homemakers dedicated to preserving and improving the best qualities of our regional community. We have joined in the Pullman Alliance for Responsible Development to help ensure that development decisions in this region reflect and respect:

- The rights of working people to earn a living wage
- Protect and encourage local businesses
- Maintain unique qualities of the town and the region
- Improve the quality of life for residential neighborhoods
- Seek environmental and economic sustainability
- Uphold principles of fairness and social justice for all the diverse members of the citizenry.

We will use a variety of democratic means including, but not limited to, lobbying government officials, letter writing campaigns, public education, petitions and initiatives, support for changes in local ordinances, litigation, and when necessary boycotts, demonstrations and other forms of non-violent direct action. We believe the current political structures in place in Pullman and elsewhere on the Palouse could be far more open to democratic debate and decision making by the citizens. We are dedicated to achieving greater governmental accountability and responsibility.

REFERENCES

The information given in this pamphlet come from a variety of sources including but not limited to:

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<http://www.ci.pullman.wa.us/>

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All of these articles and more may be accessed at
http://www.pullman-ard.org/paws_campaign_docs/wm_resources.php

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