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As a property owner in a semi-rural area - I guess it's called a rural/urban interface - which has and is subject to continual interest and encroachment by projects and proposals for development by companies and individuals, I have seen many land use disputes that may have needed resolution through the Land Use Board of Appeals. There is a large project nearby which is currently being contested, and for good reasons, in my opinion. Not all properties are suitable for construction, residential or otherwise. There are serious issues concerning sufficient water supply, situating septic tanks and many other kinds of infrastructure, fire safety and many more that current residents, municipalities and developers may disagree about. Failed construction projects can harm investors, prospective homeowners and nearby residents. The Land Use Board of Appeals needs funding to maintain its current level of service and for IT modernization & electronic filing, which would benefit all of its users.