



Howard County

RECREATION & PARKS

SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of Land Exchange Between the County and Michael and Kristen Daniel

TO: Lonnie Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: John R. Byrd, Director
Department of Recreation and Parks

DATE: December 21, 2016

The County Administration requests favorable support of a land exchange between Howard County and Michael D. and Kristen M. Daniel.

The Department of Recreation and Parks supports the proposed land exchange between the County and the Daniels to resolve an Open Space encroachment issue. While we do not usually resolve these with a land exchange we feel there is a mutual benefit in this situation.

During a routine review of a nearby pathway complaint it was discovered that a landscape and mowing encroachment existed at 8330 Governor Kent Terrace, Ellicott City 21043 and had existed since the subdivision was completed because the developer had graded and seeded the area as part of the front yard, and it had been used as such ever since. Further review of the property revealed that a portion of the Daniels lot to the rear of the house included a steep forested slope adjacent to existing open space. It became apparent that a practical solution to the issue would be to allow a land exchange of existing forested land rather than imposing a fine for and removal/restoration of the encroachment which has a lesser environmental value.

Thank you for considering this proposal.

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