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Tonight, Howard County will consider using our "Rain Tax" to subsidize the costs of maintenance of private septic systems and other costs of private home-ownership. Note that nothing in this proposal gives any indication that failed septic systems is a problem in Howard County or that these other subsidized modifications of private homes will help the problems that are leading to erosion of our stream beds or pollution of the bay.

Has the destruction of Ellicott City and loss of two lives there not taught us that there are real problems with rain water that need to be addressed? Using these public funds to cover the costs of private home ownership is a disservice to the victims of the July 30 flood, to the taxpayers of the county, and to the state of Maryland. It does not address real problems that need solutions, and instead funnels tax revenues to private home owners for routine maintenance and elaborate modifications of their homes.

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