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Dear Councilmember Sigaty and the rest of the County Council:

I am writing this email and requesting that you vote against Bill 16-2017. This decision to move land from one category to another is unnecessary. Landowners can petition in the next year to move their land to a different zoning structure in preparation for comprehensive rezoning.

We have significant issues in our schools (overcrowding) and in stormwater management (both the Bay, Wetland management and stormwater management re: Ellicott City) that demonstrate we haven't thought through the urban impacts of development of this land.

I urge you to proceed with caution, to setup our County for success and to create a plan that is thoughtful and properly commented on by the residents of the County to create the best outcome for our community at large.

Respectfully submitted, Wendy Moomaw 20759

Executive and Leadership Coach Wendy Moomaw, LLC 443-540-1901





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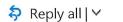
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Hello, Councilmembers,

I am reaching out to all of you, and in particular my Council member, Mary Kay Sigaty, regarding proposed legislation that would allow increased development in western Howard County. I appreciate that there is huge demand for new housing in our county. At the same time, as I'm sure you know, the septic system development that would be allowed by this legislation could have a significant negative impact on the watershed and the Bay. I am one of many Howard County residents who values quality of life and environmental quality over increased development and tax revenue. I urge you to reject CB 16. Thank you.

Linda Leslie Columbia, MD



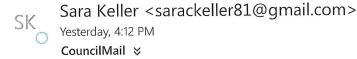


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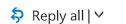
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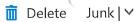
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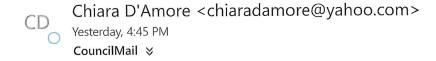
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Opposition to CB16 - tiers legislation



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Dear Howard County Council,

As an environmental scientist and educator I am writing to ask you to vote against CB16. When the Sustainability Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act (a.k.a SB236 or the "septic bill") was passed by the state of Maryland in 2012 it was in important, if somewhat complex to implement, step to preserve farmland and the Chesapeake Bay. The Howard County Council worked diligently to develop an appropriate tiers map for the county in 2013 and this is not the time to change it. Environmental legislation to protect our common resources and the health of the ecosystems on which we depend is in jeopardy at the federal level. We can expect the onus to protect environmental health to be pushed increasingly towards the states. However, under Governor Hogan's administration we are not seeing the type of environmental leadership that Marylander's need and deserve. For example, there has been no enforcement action against Cecil County's non-compliant SB236 map and as a result they have formally adopted a map that is out of compliance with the law. Just because one county does the wrong thing does not mean that we should follow suit. Howard County has been and should continue to be a leader in environmental stewardship – of both farmland and the Chesapeake Bay – especially when we cannot county on leadership further "upstream".

When the Howard County Council voted about this issue in 2013, then Senator Allan Kittleman stated on Twitter and Facebook that it was a "very sad day" for the county as the council "votes to take away farmers' property rights." These sentiments coupled with the irresponsible precedent set by Cecil County and the Hogan administration help to make sense of Mr. Kittleman's current efforts to loosen tier maps for Howard with CB16. That doesn't make changing the zoning of thousands of acres of farmland in western Howard County, from Tier IV (farming and conservation) to Tier III (housing development), right for the long-term well-being of our county and state. Negative consequences of CB16 include:

- Changing the tiers map to make ~36 farms more valuable to developers and about 200 properties less valuable. Currently ~200 properties in western Howard County can be subdivided up to 4 times. Owners can sell their right to subdivide in an exchange program so developers need to buy up these rights to subdivide more than 4 times on a certain property. Thus, if you want to keep farming, you can get paid for agreeing not to subdivide. CB16 would automatically let larger farms to be subdivided, thus the farmers who want to keep farming will not be paid for not subdividing and those who sell to developers will get paid directly. In the end, this bill helps developers, gives an incentive to farmers for subdividing, and takes away an incentive to commit to not subdivide.
- This amendment to PlanHoward 2030 would affect property in the Upper Patuxent Rural Legacy area, violating the Resource Protection Initiative and the Environmental Protection Initiative adopted in the Plan. This area is the only part of Howard County that retains any streams that are clean and healthy enough to be classified as Tier II -- the highest quality -- by the





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high environmental standards that farmland is. Farmers in the Agricultural Land Preservation Program are not only compensated for keeping farms in agriculture, but have plans for nutrient management, soil conservation, and water conservation. Building hundreds of new homes will have a severe impact on the rural environment, starting with the deforestation and loss of ground cover.

- New housing developments in this part of the county would require use of septic systems, further increasing the deleterious environmental impact. Septic tanks are a significant source of water pollution, chiefly nitrogen, a nutrient that in excess quantities feeds algal blooms that block sunlight and reduce life-giving oxygen in the water. Along with phosphorus and sediment, nitrogen is regarded as the single greatest source of pollution for the Chesapeake Bay. Homes that depend on septic systems generate four times more of it than those connected to central sewage lines.
- The bay cleanup is facing too much uncertainty with Scott Pruitt's appointment to head the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to afford the lax approach coming out of Annapolis. If Governor Hogan and members of his cabinet are unwilling to enforce the tier map requirement, counties with a conscious and commitment to the future well-being of our people and place need to do so. If we do not reject CB16, western Howard County will see unnecessary and damaging development, millions of taxpayers dollars spent on agriculture easements and other forms of open space preservation will have been wasted, and other counties will follow the negligent precedent created by Cecil and Howard County. The Chesapeake Bay has little chance of recovery if Maryland isn't willing to protect its open spaces and reduce sprawl and this happens at the county level.

There are some individuals who believe that to own a piece of land is to have an unlimited ability to build on it whatever they like. However, the right of Marylander's as a whole to have clean water and a healthy Chesapeake Bay needs to be asserted more than an individual right to profit via the development of land that is in a relatively natural state. Please make your commitment to clean water progress and meeting the Chesapeake Bay goals and requirements clear by voting no on CB16. We are counting on you to put human and environmental health before personal and corporate profits.

Thank you for your service,

Chiara D'Amore, Ph.D.

Columbia, 21044 (Ms. Sigaty's district)

2/22/2017 Mr. Kittleman



Mr. Kittleman



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I can hardly get out of my driveway now, as it is. If you change the zoning, it will only make things worse, and add to the destruction of our beautiful county. I respectfully request that you not change the zoning in Tier IV. Thank you.

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Submitting this testimony on behalf of the Howard County Green Party.

Joan Pontius

Coordinator - Howard County Green Party.

Howard County would benefit by the preservation of agricultural properties and open spaces. However, the proposed Council Bill CB16-2017, which would allow the subdivision of agricultural parcels, has potential to greatly undermine farming and open spaces in Howard County. Not only will having the county's farmland divided into smaller parcels decrease its agricultural value, but the subdivision will also increase the purchase price of land and increase property taxes for future farmers. Compliance of setback requirements will be problematic for the resulting smaller parcels, since the setback will need to be applied to each new property line, further decreasing the agricultural value of the property.

Furthermore, subdivision of farms could contribute to non-agricultural use of the properties which would lead to the need for additional infrastructure such as roads and schools. The increase in impervious surface from eventual improvements in non-agricultural properties will contribute to stormwater runoff, which last year resulted in significant property loss in Ellicott City and the loss of two lives.

In summary, this bill has the potential to be detrimental to the interests of Howard County and passing the bill, especially in view of the current challenges that Howard County is facing, would be irresponsible.





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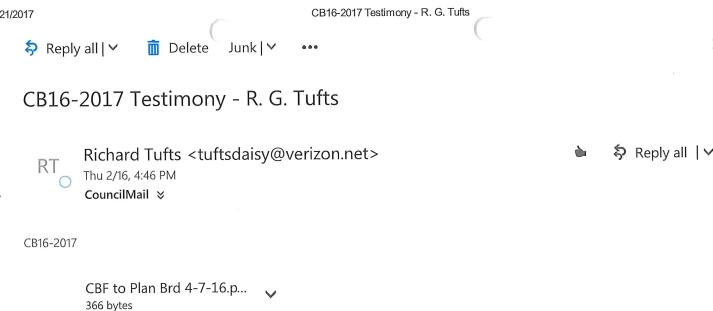
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In reference to the proposed "ROLL BACK "TIER IV" PROTECTIONS ON 1,615 ACRES IN THE WESTERN

Message: COUNTY", can you please advise the exact land tracts that are referenced and would be impacted by this bill ? Don Don Howell 2918 Florence Road Woodbine, Maryland 21797

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I regret my wife and I will be unable to present this testimony before you on February 21, 2017, but hope you will read it with the same sincerity as it is written.

We support our farmers one hundred percent. We support WHAT Council Bill 16 - 2017 proposes. We do NOT, however, support HOW CB16-2017 proposes to do it. We are, therefore, opposed to Council Bill 16 - 2017 and amending the current Growth Tiers map.

This legislation will open approximately 1,600 aces of land in the Rural Conservation District, which will allow up to 300 house to be built. This will result in more runoff, septic systems, and polluting of streams, rivers and most importantly... the Chesapeake Bay.

For years Land in Howard County has equated to Development. Wherever there's Land, "Build a house on it." Farm Land is Development Land when it is used to build houses. We believe we urgently need to preserve our Farm Land and use it for farming... NOT development.

Testimony given before the Planning Board by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in April 2016, strongly expressed their concerns of the proposed tier map and text amendment. The facts given in their testimony have not changed. Rather than reiterate those facts, which we agree with, we have attached CBF's testimony below. The CBF stated, "The Chesapeake Bay, along with the Patapsco, Tridelphia Reservoir, and Centennial Lake watersheds in Howard County are listed on the Federal 303(d) list of 'impaired' water due to excess nutrients [i. e., nitrogen and phosphorus] and sediment." The Patuxent River can also be included on this list.

Nitrogen and phosphorus are the nutrients that pollute our waters. It is these nutrients from both run off and septic systems that cause algae blooms, less underwater grasses and negative impact on bay wildlife. Plus they can negatively contribute to decreases in Howard County tourism and recreation in the Bay.

when did you or your children last swim in the Chesapeake?

This scientific knowledge is known by most yet continues to be ignored. Bad legislation continues to be proposed without apparent consideration to negative impacts on the environment. Rather than legislation that will have negative impact, we suggest an alternative that we believe will have positive impact and that most Howard Countians can and will get behind. **Farm-to-Table.**

The Office of Community Sustainability has a number of smart initiatives that encourage farmers to raise farm products for consumers to buy. And more are on the way. Efforts such as the Roving Radish put farm products on consumers' tables, in co-ops and local restaurants. This is just beginning in our county. With proper support and promotion, we believe this could serve as a viable alternative. We urge you to give it a chance. Successful Farm-to-Table movements flourish elsewhere (see the web site below *). They are enabling farmers to use their land for farming NOT Development, and to sell their products for tables. We believe consumers want this as evidenced by the popularity of Community Supported Agriculture farms and Farmers' Markets in our county. We strongly feel our county should continue to support, advertise and give the efforts a chance. Yes, it will take time whereas immediately amending the Tier map will not. But we like the consequences of the former rather than continuing to pollute our most precious resource.

We know from the results of scientific studies by Maryland's Department of the Environment that development pollutes streams, rivers and the Chesapeake. We know that opening land for development will add negative amounts of nutrients, nitrogen and phosphorus, to our waterways. We also know the Chesapeake Bay has been declared a NATIONAL RESOURCE. Howard County, along with our neighboring counties and states, has a responsibility to and MUST clean it up. It is everyone's responsibility!

Ladies and gentleman with all this information and knowledge, We fail to understand how responsible people can ignore and continue to pollute our most valuable resource - water. Moreover, we fail to understand why people who appear concerned continue to "kick the can down the road" and put off their civic and community responsibilities.

We urge you look upon this time as an opportunity to choose the better alternative - protect, support and promote Land for Farming and choose the smarter alternative.

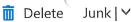
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Thank you very much for your consideration.

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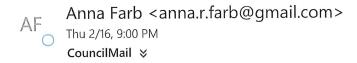
Respectfully, Katherine G. Tufts Richard G. Tufts Daisy, Howard, MD ×







Opposition to Bill 16-2017; public hearing February 21, 2017





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As the council did before, I ask that you reject Bill 16-2017, which would change the zoning of thousands of acres of farmland in western Howard County, from Tier IV (farming and conservation) to Tier III (housing development).

I grew up in Columbia, and I now work here on stormwater issues. I have seen my neighborhood and community change immensely, with only the newer developments having to address the resulting stormwater from impervious surfaces. And we all saw the devastation of the recent flood in Ellicott City, in part caused by uninhibited development upstream. Sprawl robs our communities of valuable green space, ecosystem services, and fertile farmland.

I second the Sierra Club's testimony that "building more housing developments will worsen stormwater runoff by adding more impervious surfaces (driveways, roofs, streets). Homeowners' lawns are not held to the same high environmental standards that farmland is. Farmers in the Agricultural land Preservation Program are not only compensated for keeping farms in agriculture, but have plans for nutrient management, soil conservation, and water conservation."

Thank you for your consideration.

Anna Farb 6259 Audubon Drive Columbia, MD 21044 443-745-2794 2/21/2017 CB16-2017



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To whom it may concern,

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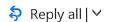
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- It is bad for the Chesapeake bay
- We have already plenty of development in Howard County
- It does NOT infringe on the landowners rights: it just make curb development
- It will increase traffic in an area that is already at full capacity.

I hope you will veto the amendment of PlanHoward 2030!

Respectfully

Francesca Galbani 12301 Howard Lodge Drive Sykesville, MD 21874

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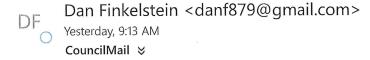




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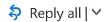
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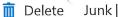
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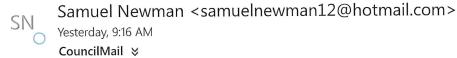












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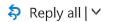
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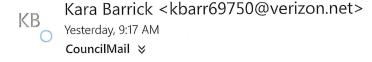






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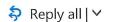
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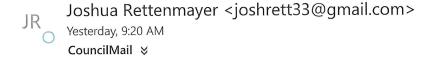














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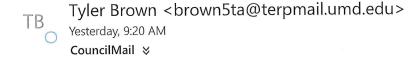


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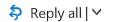
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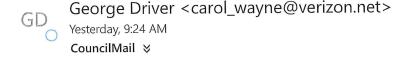
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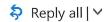
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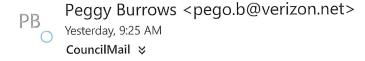














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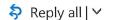
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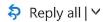
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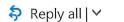
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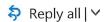
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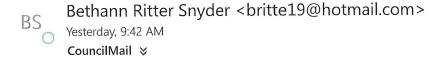














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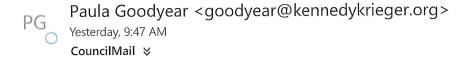




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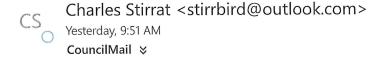
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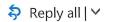
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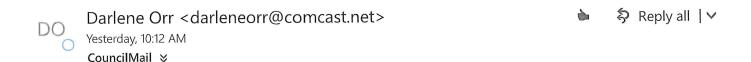
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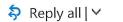
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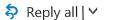
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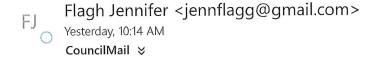
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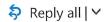
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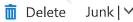
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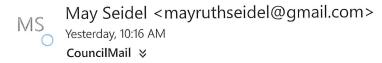
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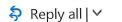
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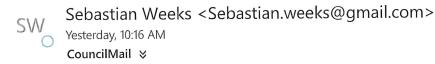
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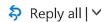
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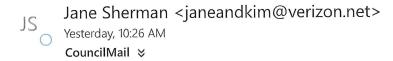
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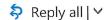
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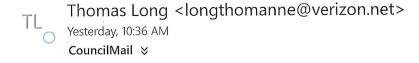
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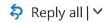
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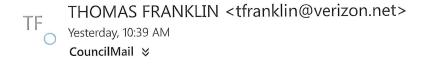




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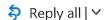
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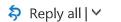
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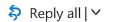
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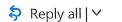
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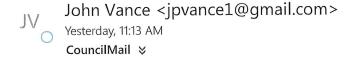














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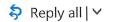
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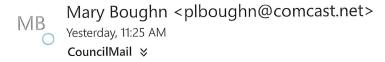






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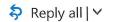
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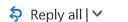
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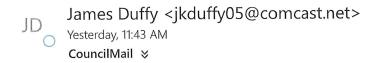




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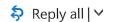
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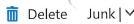
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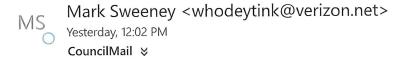


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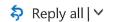
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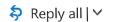
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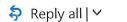
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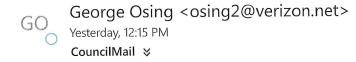
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Best regards,

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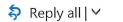
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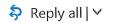
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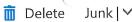
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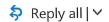
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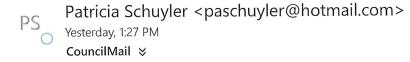
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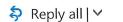
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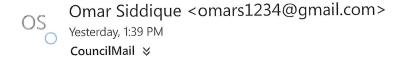
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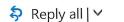
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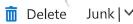
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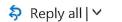
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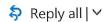
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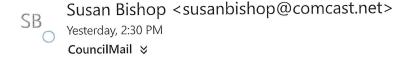
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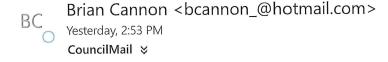






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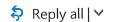
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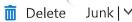
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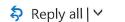
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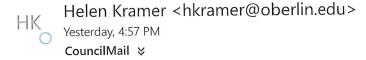


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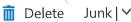
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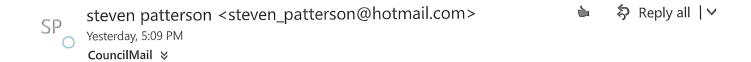
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Please vote no on this bill. Myself and many others moved to this part of Howard County because it has a rural feel to it. Please do not allow more and more high density growth in this area.

Rt. 32 is already a rough commute and more homes will simply make it worse which will eventually drive home values down along with the tax base since the commute will not be doable for many people.

The environment and the bay will suffer as more and more runoff is created from the homes and roads which will come from these developments and their septic fields. Howard County has been doing well on this front for years, let's not turn that progress back now.

Please vote no when this issue comes up this week.

Sincerely, Steven L. Patterson 12455 Howard Lodge Dr. Sykesville, md





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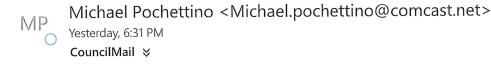
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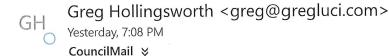








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Please, therefore, do what you can to stop CB16-2017 from becoming law.

Sincerely,

Robert Hollingsworth 947 High Stepper Trail Sykesville, MD 21784

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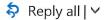
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All,

We understand that a vote on moving CB16-2017 is imminent. For those who are interested in writing to their representatives, here is the email that I just sent. The councilmail@howardcountymd.gov address reaches all members of the council.

Thanks, Bernie

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Dear Mr. Fox,

I am a constituent and resident of Howard County for 7 years. I am writing because I understand that there is still a possibility that CB16-2017 might still move forward. I am opposed to CB16-2017 and request that you please vote against enacting it.

My wife and I were attracted to this area precisely because of its rural character and the possibility of owning horses and riding them. Even in the timespan of only seven years, we have repeatedly seen good farmland converted into cluster subdivisions, often with a density exchange to further increase the density and harm from the perspective of anybody who is not personally making money from the deal. We oppose CB16-2017 for several reasons including the following.

- 1) Route 32 is already very busy, and routinely jammed and dangerous during the morning and evening commutes. When we turn on to Rt. 32 from River Road, it is already very dangerous. We believe that it is irresponsible to do anything that would add further traffic to Rt. 32 without addressing the already existing problems and dangerous situation.
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- 3) We believe that cluster subdivisions are completely incompatible with the existing development out this way (and destructive of it in fact). They are certainly inconsistent with farm operations, where the new suburban homeowners would certainly object to distractions such as tractors on the roads and farm noise early and late in the day. They are even inconsistent with the existing subdivisions on 3 acre and larger lots that still preserve much of the rural and often wooded lifestyle.

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Yours sincerely, Bernard J. Rauscher 12301 Howard Lodge Drive Sykesville, MD 21784 ×



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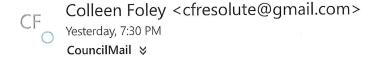












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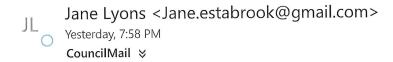
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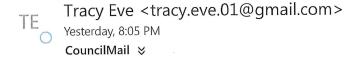
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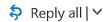
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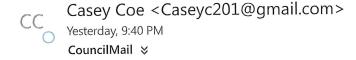
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I urge you to reject Council Bill No.16 - 2017, the revision to the Growth Tiers in PlanHoward 2030. The protection of streams in the Upper Patuxent Rural Legacy and the health of the greater Chesapeake Bay should take precedence over the rights of property owners who wish to develop farm and conservation land preserved under current zoning law.

Deforestation, polluting nutrient runoff from an increase in impervious surface area, and the increase use of septic systems for waste will all follow from the development envisioned by rezoning Tier IV land to Tier III under CB 16.

We cannot allow protections for clean water and air to erode when state and federal government officials shirk their enforcement responsibilities. The property rights of the few do not trump the rights of the many to live in a healthy environment. I urge you to keep growth in Howard County smart and vote no on CB 16.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Scott 3792 Plum Spring Ln. Ellicott City





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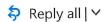
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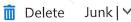
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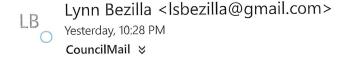
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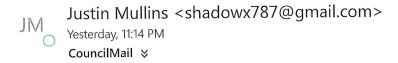
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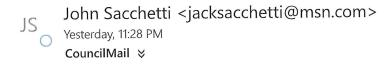
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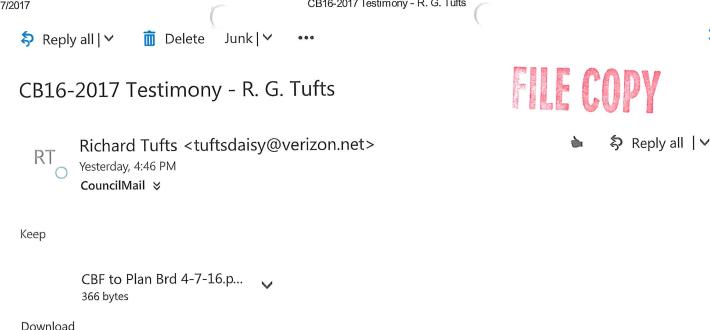
As the council did before, I ask that you reject Bill 16-2017, which would change the zoning of thousands of acres of farmland in western Howard County, from Tier IV (farming and conservation) to Tier III (housing development).

I grew up in Columbia, and I now work here on stormwater issues. I have seen my neighborhood and community change immensely, with only the newer developments having to address the resulting stormwater from impervious surfaces. And we all saw the devastation of the recent flood in Ellicott City, in part caused by uninhibited development upstream. Sprawl robs our communities of valuable green space, ecosystem services, and fertile farmland.

I second the Sierra Club's testimony that "building more housing developments will worsen stormwater runoff by adding more impervious surfaces (driveways, roofs, streets). Homeowners' lawns are not held to the same high environmental standards that farmland is. Farmers in the Agricultural land Preservation Program are not only compensated for keeping farms in agriculture, but have plans for nutrient management, soil conservation, and water conservation."

Thank you for your consideration.

Anna Farb 6259 Audubon Drive Columbia, MD 21044 443-745-2794



Council members,

Action Items

I regret my wife and I will be unable to present this testimony before you on February 21, 2017, but hope you will read it with the same sincerity as it is written.

We support our farmers one hundred percent. We support WHAT Council Bill 16 - 2017 proposes. We do NOT, however, support HOW CB16-2017 proposes to do it. We are, therefore, opposed to Council Bill 16 - 2017 and amending the current Growth Tiers map.

This legislation will open approximately 1,600 aces of land in the Rural Conservation District, which will allow up to 300 house to be built. This will result in more runoff, septic systems, and polluting of streams, rivers and most importantly... the Chesapeake Bay.

For years Land in Howard County has equated to Development. Wherever there's Land, "Build a house on it." Farm Land is Development Land when it is used to build houses. We believe we urgently need to preserve our Farm Land and use it for farming... NOT development.

Testimony given before the Planning Board by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in April 2016, strongly expressed their concerns of the proposed tier map and text amendment. The facts given in their testimony have not changed. Rather than reiterate those facts, which we agree with, we have attached CBF's testimony below. The CBF stated, "The Chesapeake Bay, along with the Patapsco, Tridelphia Reservoir, and Centennial Lake watersheds in Howard County are listed on the Federal 303(d) list of 'impaired' water due to excess nutrients [i. e., nitrogen and phosphorus] and sediment." The Patuxent River can also be included on this list.

Nitrogen and phosphorus are the nutrients that pollute our waters. It is these nutrients from both run off and septic systems that cause algae blooms, less underwater grasses and negative impact on bay wildlife. Plus they can negatively contribute to decreases in Howard County tourism and recreation in the Bay.

when did you or your children last swim in the Chesapeake?

This scientific knowledge is known by most yet continues to be ignored. Bad legislation continues to be proposed without apparent consideration to negative impacts on the environment. Rather than legislation that will have negative impact, we suggest an alternative that we believe will have positive impact and that most Howard Countians can and will get behind. **Farm-to-Table.**

The Office of Community Sustainability has a number of smart initiatives that encourage farmers to raise farm products for consumers to buy. And more are on the way. Efforts such as the Roving Radish put farm products on consumers' tables, in co-ops and local restaurants. This is just beginning in our county. With proper support and promotion, we believe this could serve as a viable alternative. We urge you to give it a chance. Successful Farm-to-Table movements flourish elsewhere (see the web site below *). They are enabling farmers to use their land for farming NOT Development, and to sell their products for tables. We believe consumers want this as evidenced by the popularity of Community Supported Agriculture farms and Farmers' Markets in our county. We strongly feel our county should continue to support, advertise and give the efforts a chance. Yes, it will take time whereas immediately amending the Tier map will not. But we like the consequences of the former rather than continuing to pollute our most precious resource.

We know from the results of scientific studies by Maryland's Department of the Environment that development pollutes streams, rivers and the Chesapeake. We know that opening land for development will add negative amounts of nutrients, nitrogen and phosphorus, to our waterways. We also know the Chesapeake Bay has been declared a NATIONAL RESOURCE. Howard County, along with our neighboring counties and states, has a responsibility to and MUST clean it up. It is everyone's responsibility!

Ladies and gentleman with all this information and knowledge, We fail to understand how responsible people can ignore and continue to pollute our most valuable resource - water. Moreover, we fail to understand why people who appear concerned continue to "kick the can down the road" and put off their civic and community responsibilities.

We urge you look upon this time as an opportunity to choose the better alternative - protect, support and promote Land for Farming and choose the smarter alternative.

Vote NO to Council Bill 16 - 2017.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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Respectfully, Katherine G. Tufts Richard G. Tufts Daisy, Howard, MD ×





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In reference to the proposed "ROLL BACK "TIER IV" PROTECTIONS ON 1,615 ACRES IN THE WESTERN

Message: COUNTY", can you please advise the exact land tracts that are referenced and would be impacted by this bill

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MEMORANDUM

Subject:

Testimony for a General Plan Amendment (GPA) to revise the Growth Tiers

To:

Lonnie Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, Department of Administration

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Valdis Lazdins, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning

Date:

January 26, 2017

The Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) supports Council Bill No. 16-2017. This bill amends the growth tier designations and tiers map established in *PlanHoward* 2030, through Council Bill No. 1-2013. The current growth tier designations restricted development rights for properties designated as Tier IV. The proposed GPA restores those rights for properties that are not otherwise preserved through easements or part of the Rural Legacy Area. Currently, Tier IV equates to the Rural Conservation (RC) zoning district and Tier III equates to the Rural Residential (RR) zoning district, with the exception of parcels preserved through some type of easement (i.e. environmental, agricultural, historic, etc.).

The Planning Board reviewed an amendment to the growth tiers on February 18, 2016. In response to concerns from the public about including Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) properties into Tier III, the proposal was subsequently revised and presented to the Planning Board on April 7, 2016. A summary of the proposed amendments, along with the associated impact data, is attached as Appendix A.

The impact data in Appendix A include and show properties that would regain major subdivision rights (five or more lots), which are those properties over 21.25 acres. If every property proposed to move from Tier IV to Tier III develops to the full extent possible, the net increase county-wide would not exceed 215 additional units. This increase in developable land equates to 1.7 percent (1,615 acres) of the acreage in the rural west. Over the past 35 years, the county has preserved over 22,000 acres in the rural west and continues to receive requests to enter the Agricultural Land Preservation Program. According to *PlanHoward* 2030, the county has met its agricultural land preservation goals; therefore, DPZ does not believe the proposed GPA will adversely impact *PlanHoward* 2030 preservation goals.

Additionally, it is unlikely that all 36 parcels will develop to the maximum allowable density, since they may be constrained by such things as steep slopes, wetlands, and septic requirements. The impact data chart also does not consider that some property owners may opt to sell density through the Density Exchange Option.

Finally, the proposed growth tier designations would allow properties to develop according to their existing zoning. The RC and RR zoning districts, as well as the Adequate Public Facility Ordinance (APFO) limit growth in the west and ensure that housing development is paced according to infrastructure availability. This bill has no fiscal impact.

Given the reasons stated above, DPZ support Council Bill 16-2017 and appreciates Council's consideration.

cc:

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APPENDIX A- SUMMARY OF GROWTH TIER PROPOSALS AND IMPACT ANALYSIS

Propose		Tier IV	Tier III	Potential A	Additional	l Capacity ⁱⁱ
February		RR: Permanently ⁱⁱⁱ	RR: Parcels not permanently	53	2,330	294
2016 Pla Board	nning	preserved parcels	preserved	parcels	acres	units
April 7, 2	2016	RC: Permanently preserved parcels RR: preserved parcels	RC: Parcels not permanently preserved • includes MALPFiv properties	10	0.101	202
Planning		Mix. prosorved parcers	RR: parcels not preserved	49 parcels	2,181 acres	293 units
		 Preserved parcels (includes MALPF properties) or: Parcels without major subdivision potential (<21.25 acres). 	RC: Non-preserved parcels Parcels with major subdivision potential (>21.25 acres)			
Council B 2017	ill 16=	RR: preserved parcels Preserved parcels (includes MALPR properties) and; Parcels inside the Rural Legacy Area and; Parcels without major subdivision potential (<21.25 acres)	RR: parcels not preserved RC: Non-preserved parcels or; Parcels with major subdivision potential (>21.25 acres) and; Outside the Rural Legacy Area	36 parcels	L;615 acres	215 units

¹ Under Senate Bill 236 properties that applied for septic "perc" testing prior to July 1, 2012 or which initiated the development process prior to July 1, 2012 are "grandfathered" from the provisions of Senate Bill 236 and included in Tier III.

Assumes maximum development capacity if all properties that move into Tier III development to the full extent. This figure does not account for development constraints that limit unit yield or sending of density.

Parcels permanently preserved include: County Agricultural Land Preservation Easement, Rural Legacy Easements, Agricultural and Environmental Parcels, Maryland Environmental Trust Easements, Conservation Easements, Maryland Historical Trust Easements and Park and Open Space Land. These parcels do not include Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation

iv MALPF properties were not factored into the capacity calculation since state easement would need to be terminated. It would be difficult to estimate the possibility of occurrence.

Bon Secours and Franciscan Friar at Folly Quarter properties were included in Tier III in the April 7, 2016 proposal and Council Bill 16-2017. However, these two properties are not included in the capacity calculation. They have been classified as longstanding institutional uses and a Tier III designation is not anticipated to create future development impacts.