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Subject: Letter to Howard County Council and County Government
Attachments: Howard County Council amendment to bill 56-2018 for Tiber River watershed.doc

Dear Howard County Council and County Executive Kittleman,

Please, download the attachment requesting an amendment to County Bill No. 56-2018.

We the residents of Oak Hill Drive in Ellicott City have all been collaborating to prepare the attached message requesting the adoption of the amendment to expand the scope of County Bill No. 56-2018 "to include all rivers entering Howard County, Maryland, not just the Tiber River Watershed."

We look forward to being present at the County Council meeting Monday evening (tomorrow). We all express our gratitude for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Kind Regards,

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and

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June 30, 2018

"Dear Howard County Council and County Government. We the residents of properties located on Oak Hill Drive in Ellicott City (21042) request that the scope of Councilman Jon Weinstein's bill ("Tiber Branch Watershed Safety Act") B56-2018 **be amended to include "all rivers that come into Howard County"**. This would include not only our street and that of the new development project known as "F-17-067" all of which sit between two branches of the Little Patuxent River, but other yet to be identified areas of the county.

Here is some background information to support our request for the amendment:

Since, the completion of the "Centennial Overlook" sub-division which occupies the old "Mason Farm" property on Old Annapolis Road in Ellicott City, the water runoff onto and into the properties immediately adjoining the old Roy and Felicia Bennett homestead (9692 Oak Hill Drive) has drastically increased. During the heavy rains on May 27, 2018, a torrent of water came across the 9692 Oak Hill Drive property on to the immediately adjoining properties that face Oak Hill Drive. Water entered some basements and blocked access to the street due to high water levels (above the knees) and debris at the junction with Old Annapolis Road. Water runoff, to this extent, never existed when the Mason Farm was still farmland. Clearly the storm water management controls required of the developer of Centennial Overlook, by the county, were/are inadequate. We are deeply concerned that the potential for the amount of water runoff will greatly increase again due to the disruption of the soil/grass/trees that will be disturbed with the addition of six new houses on the 9692 Oak Hill Drive property;

We ask that the scope of the one year halt be amended to allow, in part, a more complete evaluation of the effectiveness of the water control plan for Centennial Overlook and also the proposed "F-17-067" development, so that there can be a proper mitigation of the run off potential, to eliminate future property damage on our street. The areas are contiguous and need to be reevaluated in light of the increased runoffs since the development of Centennial Overlook and before the need for additional storm water management as a result of the sub-division of the 9692 Oak Hill Drive property. We are certain that there are additional areas of Howard County that need more effective mitigation of storm water runoff, as well, before disturbing additional natural water retention environments;

The flooding and property damage problems, being experienced throughout Howard County, are the result of many years of overdevelopment and mismanagements of storm water. The problems will take many years to fully resolve, not just 12 months. Future business and personal economic impacts will likely be as drastic as the flood damages have been. Nevertheless, slowing down the catalysts will be necessary, or the residents of Howard County will continue to suffer from our own indiscretions.