

Sayers, Margery

From: Kay <kaydiweeks@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 8:36 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendment 3#

Amendment #3 TAO1-FY2019

- <https://apps.howardcountymd.gov/olis/GetFile.aspx?id=16060>
- Sponsored by Calvin Ball, Mary Kay Sigaty, and Greg Fox
- This amendment would require that before any historic building is removed as part of the 2018 Flood Mitigation Plan it must be evaluated by the Ellicott City Historic Structures Review Committee to determine if the building, façade, or other historical elements are suitable to be deconstructed and properly stored for incorporation in redevelopment efforts.

Dear County Council Members,

I wrote a letter to you this past Friday about the importance of preserving the historic district ENSEMBLE (grouping of small-scale buildings in this case), and how the look and feel of a place is key to ongoing tourism and shopping. Amendment #3, in essence, addresses certain demolition (removal) and is a radical and inappropriate solution for Main Street, in my view.

In my 30 years at DOI, NPS (Washington, DC), working professionally in the field of national historic preservation, the notion of “deconstruction,” was limited to a scholarly restoration, or, actually a reconstruction project on a National Historic Landmark or other high designation of a property listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Re-development utilizing dismembered features creates FALSE history, going against the rehabilitation guidelines that Ellicott City, Maryland, adopted many years ago. While safety is essential, there are other creative solutions which will keep the historic building materials intact so they may be appreciated by generations to come. Moving “Tea on the Tiber” would be unconscionable if it were a tax credit project and reviewed by Maryland, etc.

I’m sure others in the community, and on the historic district commission will speak to this amendment as well.

Sincerely,

Kay D. Weeks
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Sayers, Margery

From: Rich Whiting <rcjwhiting@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 8:28 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Cheryl Whiting
Subject: Old Ellicott City

Dear Howard County Council Members,

We strongly support finding and funding solutions which will make Ellicott City safe from the kind of devastating floods experienced in the last 2 years. However, we are strongly opposed to plans recently proposed which include demolition of numerous historic structures, especially when non-destructive solutions have not been thoroughly vetted.

We also strongly support Amendment No. 4 to currently-pending legislation TAO1-2019, which would allow building purchases and upstream flood mitigation infrastructure projects to begin right away, while more promising—safer—alternatives to tearing down lower Main are engineered and evaluated.

Lastly, we are strongly opposed to the recent zoning board decision to move forward with a mixed use development plan for the Rogers Ave. area above Main St. It is exactly these types of developments that have contributed to the recent flooding. Any further such planning must include environmental studies to determine the impact they might have on downstream areas such as Old Ellicott City.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Rich and Cheryl Whiting
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Elkridge, MD 21075

Sayers, Margery

From: Dave Mitchell <caverdave@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 7:44 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Ellicott City Demolition Plan

Dear Howard County Council Members,

I'm an Ellicott City resident (not Old-Town EC though). I have a hard time understanding the sense in the current demolition plan for the buildings on the lower portion of Main St.

I do understand that a few of the buildings' foundations are so bad from the latest flood that to rebuild them would not be feasible. But to destroy so many other buildings for the reasons specified -- I just can't get my head around it.

As for safety, the people that have been killed in the past two floods have been washed down from the upper end. Having more space for water at the lower end would have done nothing to save them. Using safety as a reason for the current plan seems ridiculous to me.

Spending this much taxpayer money to buy out the current building owners seems like a dream-come-true for them, but does nothing for anybody else. Couldn't this money be used to do something to actually mitigate the effects of future floods instead? The current plan seems so unfair for other building owners in Old Town EC affected by the flooding (and us taxpayers) and at the same time does nothing to help with future flooding (besides giving more space for water at the bottom of the flood zone).

Lastly, do we really know how the new plan will affect the water flow down at the lower end of Main St? Couldn't it have unintended consequences that might negatively affect the B&O RR station, or the RR bridge, or other structures down there?

I understand that "change" happens, but let's be a little more creative about solving this problem. I know that better solutions will present themselves.

Thank you, and thank you for your work to help our county and our jewel -- Old Town Ellicott City.

Regards,
Dave Mitchell

Sayers, Margery

From: April Baer <april.baer1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 7:37 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendment comments

Thank you for listening to your constituents and adding amendments to this legislation.

I strongly support those who live and work in Historic Ellicott City. I strongly support finding and funding the engineering and emergency preparedness solutions that will make this special place safe. I strongly support preserving the iconic, centuries-old streetscape in accordance with governing law, and until all possible alternatives to demolition have been exhausted.

Regarding Amendment #3, I would like the demolition component to be tabled completely. Additionally, I would add that independent experts work with the County Council to evaluate the alternative solution, and not only the engineers in the DPW.

I strongly support Amendment No. 4 to currently-pending legislation TAO1-2019, which would allow building purchases and upstream flood mitigation infrastructure projects to begin right away, while more promising—safer—alternatives to tearing down lower Main can be engineered.

April Baer
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Ellicott City

Sayers, Margery

From: Connie Cooney <ca.cooney@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 7:18 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Save OEC

I strongly support those who live and work in this old milltown of ours. I strongly support finding and funding the engineering and emergency preparedness solutions that will make this special place safe. I strongly support preserving the iconic, centuries-old streetscape of #oldEllicottCity in accordance with governing law, and until all possible alternatives to demolition have been exhausted.

And so I strongly support Amendment No. 4 to currently-pending legislation TAO1-2019, which would allow building purchases and upstream flood mitigation infrastructure projects to begin right away, while more promising—safer—alternatives to tearing down lower Main can be engineered.

Connie Cooney
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Connie Cooney

Sayers, Margery

From: Abby Bardi <abbybardi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 7:00 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: tAO1-FY2019

Dear County Council,

I am following up on my previous communications to you to add that I support the amendments to the bill and strongly oppose demolition unless it has been shown to be absolutely necessary to public safety (which up to now it has not). I strongly advocate placing historic preservation as a priority second only to public safety, and I further advocate a halt to all development uphill or upstream in OEC until all projects are completed.

Sincerely,
Dr. Abby Bardi
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Ellicott City, MD 21043

From: Sally Bright <sr.bright01@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 6:41 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: EC Flood Mitigation Plan

Comments on Amendments to be Decided Monday, Oct. 1, 2018:

Amendment #3, TA01-FY2019

Why is there a separate committee, i.e. Ellicott City Historic Structures Review Committee, when there is a legal entity in place, the Howard County Preservation Commission? Does the Flood Mitigation Plan take precedence over the McCormick Taylor Plan, or does it work side by side with it? Why is demolition a top priority when there are other credible ideas put forward that are more effective than the proposed Flood Mitigation Plan? Once the structures are gone historic grants for rebuilding or restoring are not available.

Amendment #4, TA01-FY2019

These are good safeguards. However, why does Ellicott City need a community park? There is already one next to the former Easton Funeral Home building. There is already sitting space in front of the B&O Railroad Station Museum. Small sitting spaces, called vest pocked parks in other towns, are all that are needed That is an idea floated to make the flawed Flood Mitigation Plan more palatable.

Ellicott City is an authentic place. Having done a lot of traveling I can attest that there are not many authentic places left. That is why businesses and visitors love to come to Ellicott City. It is intact and should stay that way. We can overcome adversity with imagination and creativity.

Sayers, Margery

From: Rebecca Lyter <b1keeper@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 6:38 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Vote Tonight on Old EC/Main Street

Dear County Council Members:

I am requesting that you stop the demolition of historic buildings that make up the Main Street streetscape. I think the current plan is incredibly ill-advised and worry that it will figuratively and literally “destroy Old Ellicott City.” The current plan calls for the demolition of what is viewed as the most iconic and notable stretch of Main Street, to build some sort of water culvert (a so-called riverwalk), which still allows for 4 to 6 feet of water on lower Main Street. That is a crime, in terms of the preservation of this gem of a historic town and in terms of the safety of people who visit or work or live there. I fear this is not the right or best plan and we will look back at it as a crime. Is there no better, smarter, more creative plan which saves the building and gets much closer to eliminating catastrophic flooding levels? Did the county adequately evaluate tunnel bores? We need to do this right. Please halt the current plan and take the extra time to ensure we get this right. We don’t need to act now on the wrong plan. That will be the disaster, for this special town which we are entrusted to care for and which should be preserved for our ancestors to come. We can do better. Let’s get this right. And ensure the community is confident in the plan, which we are absolutely not.

Thank you.

Rebecca Lyter
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Ellicott City Md 21043

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: rpeters@peters-bodyshop.com
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 12:08 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Lori Lilly
Subject: Ellicott City Flood mitigation plan

Dear Council Members,

I know tomorrow is an important day in the future of Ellicott City , I'm sure all of you have spent many hours going over the data for flood mitigation proposed by the county. I hope you have spent some time reading the data, on the tunnel bores of Albany Park, Chicago and Waller Creek tunnel in Austin Texas. Some will have you believe that a couple of simple tunnels for a cost of 20.5 million will take care of our problem . I even saw a picture posted of the three inlet , one outlet tunnel of Waller Creek. I thought ok , one inlet shaft in Westend, one in lot D and one at the Tiber/ Newcut and one outlet at the river. I've spent several hours reading about and looking at the cost and construction videos and pictures of these two projects. i share below some of what I found.

Albany Park , Chicago

- 1) one inlet, one outlet
- 2) designed for 2300 cfs flow , Ellicott city had over 12,000 cfs coming into the town
- 3)30 foot diameter intake shafts used explosives every other day to reach depths of over 100 feet to reach where the tunnel bore would start, some residents had cracks in their foundations . Would we or could we tolerate explosives in Historic Ellicott city.
- 4) They hauled 100 truck loads of excavated material per day while working 24 hr shifts 6 days a week
- 5) Original 50 million cost ended up being 70 million .
- 6) Took 5 years from inception to completion , if they had worked 8 hr days it would have taken years longer

Waller Creek tunnel, Austin Texas

- 1) three inlets , one outlet, pipe starts as 20.5 ft diameter pipe and then increases to 22.5 and then to 26.5 ft . I'm not sure that would be large enough for our needs in Ellicott City
- 2) three inlet shafts that would require explosives and one outlet shaft , all would be 50 to over 100 feet deep to reach the tunnel bore.
- 3) the construction cost began at 25 million in 1998, the project is almost finished at a cost of 161 million , with pending law suits concerning contractors and the Austin government.
- 4) the tunnel inlets have clogged up with debris and the system is not working as designed . A 25 year storm is clogging the system designed for a 100 year storm,
- 5) Look at the size of the construction area needed for the inlet shafts and visualize how that will look in Ellicott City, before, during and after.
- 6) There is no room on the Howard county side of the river to construct the outlet next to the Patapsco river , it would have to go on the Wilkens Rogers property in Baltimore county, I don't see that happening

So please take a look at these two projects as I did . I'm sure afterwards you will agree that tunnel bores are not the way to go in Ellicott city . They are nothing more than a pipe dream .

Yours truly
Ron Peters

Sayers, Margery

From: Bobby Barker <jbobarker@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 11:25 PM
To: CouncilMail

In the matter of TAO1-FY2019: Please carefully consider the amendments which would allow acquisition of the 10 buildings under consideration for demolition. I encourage you to begin upstream mitigation immediately. And in the time it will get to receive local, state and federal permits to demolish buildings over the channel, ask that the county does a thorough independent review and assessment of tunnels to divert water away from Main Street. This is the towns best hope for a safe and bright economic future. I would also ask that you present their results to the public before proceeding.

We love our city. Don't destroy it!

Sayers, Margery

From: craig stewart <craig_stewart@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 9:14 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: TA01-FY2019

Members of the council,

Please adopt the amendments and CEASE all efforts to demolish building on lower Main Street until all options for flood mitigation are thoroughly studied. As you know, after spending 50 million dollars and destroying our town, the McCormick Taylor Inc. storm mitigation plan projects flooding on Main Street will still be 6 feet high and moving at 6 feet per second. Sill a very dangerous condition and one where the B&O train station could be exposed to severe flood impact and damage. PLEASE do a thorough examination of a diversion tunnel to take flood water away from lower Main Street. A preliminary study found that a tunnel would enable us to salvage our town and control flooding to a degree that is safe. Once such a study is complete, please hold public hearings comparing the cost, timing and effectiveness of ALL flood mitigation options in detail.

Yours truly,
Craig Stewart

Sayers, Margery

From: listan 1 <listan1@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 8:56 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Old Ellicott City Flood Mitigation Plan

I am writing re: TAO1-FY2019. I ask that you support all amendments that place considerable thresholds and requirements in place for acquiring and, most importantly, demolishing the 10 buildings on lower Main Street at issue or any others identified along Main Street. I also ask that you support all amendments which require that we explore other plans or possibilities that might do more to reduce the flooding levels on Main Street than the current plan. A plan that allows for 4-6 ft of water on lower Main Street is not acceptable. It endangers lives and will lead to an expenditure far far greater than \$50 million. In fact, if any significant harm to people or property happens post-plan, I fear people will want to abandon Old Ellicott City entirely. Isn't this town worth \$80 million or \$100 million? And if we may end up spending that, why not do it right first? I truly hope that a small group of voices from current business owners and residents has not unduly influenced the path. I understand they may be stuck with their buildings/homes and not be able to find buyers (or maybe their property values have completely plummeted), and they certainly are scared. While we need to take good care of these people, they should not decide or drive the fate of a town that has been around for 200+ years and will be for 200+ more if we are good stewards. Residents come and go, as do merchants, but the town will hopefully be here to stay.

To the extent that we hear safety first and foremost, where are all of the other measures the county could have been doing since the most recent flood and certainly since 2016 to make sure residents, merchants, employees, and visitors are safe. I have been to Main Street numerous times recently with my spouse and small children and I have no idea what we are supposed to do if there is a flash flood. There are no notices in the town and those in the area who are frequent visitors have received no education. Have merchants and employees been trained? Do they know what to do and where to take visitors? Are we sure they are having the proper alerts and have the best evacuation plans? Have we solidified the evacuation to all 2nd floors and have we created roof access? What has been done? I feel no confidence that the county has done anything to make me and my family safer should we go down there on a day where heavy rain is expected. This is safety first?

Thank you.

Lisa Orenstein
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Ellicott City, MD 21043

Sayers, Margery

From: Julie Berbakov-Rossi <juliebrossi@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 8:30 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: I support the amendment TA01-FY2019

Hello,

My name is Julie Berbakov-Rossi. I am a mechanical engineer for the federal government. I have lived in Howard County for more than 15 years.

I urge you to approve the amendments to the flood mitigation bill, proposed by Calvin Ball. I believe that more time should be spent investigating tunnel bores before any buildings are demolished. There will be time to do this. I hope the county gets another firm to do this. As an engineer, I watched the recent work session, and was not impressed with the answers by the current engineers.

We must think outside of the box. I hope you approve these amendments.

-Julie Berbakov-Rossi
Project Manager
Mid-Atlantic Regional Office
Federal Bureau of Prisons

Sayers, Margery

From: patrick bakker <patrickbakker26@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 8:10 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Approve the flood bill amendments

Hello,

My name is Patrick Bakker. I am writing to you in support for the amendments to TA01-FY2019.

I am a 27 year old Dutch citizen that has lived near Ellicott City since I moved to the United States when I was 21. I currently have my green card, and work as a designer.

After moving to the United States, Ellicott City had a huge impact on me. There are many lovely communities in the United States, but what stuck out to me in Ellicott City was the historic architecture of Main Street. In some ways, the old buildings and constant presence of water reminds me of home.

I have read details of the current plan, and watched the recent meetings and work sessions, and am a bit disappointed in the approach that has been taken by the county engineers. Ellicott City needs drastic, innovative change to help prevent flooding. The current plan does not seem to do that. Demolishing these buildings cannot be undone- I hope that the county will get input from more than one engineering firm before committing to this plan.

It sounds like there is time for independent studies before the buildings are demolished. If I understand correctly, Section 106 should be followed, which will take time. I hope the county spends that time looking into better options.

I fear that after removing this huge part of Main St, the town will still experience devastating floods. Other historic buildings may even be at risk. And will the county simply remove those? It seems like a dangerous slippery slope.

As you may be aware, the Netherlands is a country that has a lot of experience with flood control. I am proud that my home country is willing to invest so heavily in public safety and the preservation of our historic villages. Not every case of flooding is the same, but what is consistent is the thought process and investment. I hope that Howard County is willing to do that.

The proposed recent amendments by Calvin Ball seem reasonable. Initially, I did not think this bill should get approved until a better plan is investigated. While I am still uncertain on one hand, I urge you to at minimum approve these amendments.

I will get my citizenship soon. I hope I can be as proud of my new country and local government as I am of my home country in the Netherlands.

Thank you,
Patrick Bakker

Sayers, Margery

From: Tony McGuffin <tonyjmcguffin@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 7:38 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendments to Flood Mitigation Bills

To the Howard County Council,

Tomorrow, Monday, October 1st, you, the Howard County Council will vote on some of the most important bills in the history of Ellicott City. Over the last few weeks we have learned that THE KITTLEMAN/WEINSTEIN PLAN is not the Safest option. Fortunately, there are Amendments to the bills which solve differences with common sense compromise. Especially Amendment #4 to Bill TAO1, which utilizes results and resources from studies that have already been conducted and paid for, to guarantee safety and predictability. #4 ensures more care in the process, without delaying anything.

I strongly support these amendments! Especially Amendment #4 to Bill TAO1. Finally, the adults are in the discussion! Please pass these amendments and the bill that reflects the wisdom, forethought, and cautions of these amendments. Thank you!

Tony McGuffin
8672 Main Street, Ellicott City, MD.

Sayers, Margery

From: Nick Drummond <nickdrummond1990@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 7:26 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please approve the amendments to TA01-FY2019

Hello,

In regards to TAO1-FY2019,

I urge you to approve the amendments that have been proposed to the flood mitigation bill. It would still allow acquisition of the 10 buildings under consideration for demolition. In the time it will take to get local, state and federal permits to demolish buildings over the channel, the county can do a thorough independent review and assessment of tunnels to divert water away from Main Street. I strongly believe this is the best course of action.

I have attended the meetings, and watched those that I could not physically come to. I am disappointed in the engineers' recent responses to questions that were presented regarding the tunnel bores. They were vague and confusing. At times, some of the issues they brought up would plague the current plan as well (for example, blockages would affect the current plan which has a smaller tunnel). Moreover, there are measures in place that can help prevent this.

This plan will have massive consequences for Ellicott City, and we must get this right. The lives of residents and visitors are worth exploring alternatives for a better plan.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Nick Drummond & Julie Berbakov-Rossi

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Laurel, MD 20723
District 3

Sayers, Margery

From: Taylor Hicks <taylor7x@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 4:59 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please Approve TAO1-FY2019 Amendments

Dear Howard County Council Members

In the matter of TAO1-FY2019: Please carefully consider the amendments which would allow acquisition of the 10 buildings under consideration for demolition. I encourage you to begin upstream mitigation immediately. And- in the time (6 months or so) it will get to receive local, state (MDE) and federal (ACOE) permits to demolish buildings over the channel- I would ask that the county do a thorough review and assessment of tunnels to divert water away from Main Street- the towns best hope for a safe and bright economic future. I would also ask that you present their results to the public before proceeding.

Sincerely
Taylor Hicks.

Sayers, Margery

From: Pam Poertner <pam@poertnerproductions.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 2:48 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Downtown Ellicott city

SUBJECT LINE:

Please Approve TAO1-FY2019 Amendments

Dear Howard County Council Members --

In the matter of TAO1-FY2019: Please carefully consider the amendments which would allow acquisition of the 10 buildings under consideration for demolition. I encourage you to begin upstream mitigation immediately. And- in the time (6 months or so) it will get to receive local, state (MDE) and federal (ACOE) permits to demolish buildings over the channel- I would ask that the county do a thorough review and assessment of tunnels to divert water away from Main Street- the towns best hope for a safe and bright economic future. I would also ask that you present their results to the public before proceeding.

Sincerely --

THANK YOU!!!!

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Patrick Nash <pj@pjswineaccessories.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 2:41 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please approve TAO1-FY2019 Ammendments

Dear Howard County Council Members --

In the matter of TAO1-FY2019: Please carefully consider the amendments which would allow acquisition of the 10 buildings under consideration for demolition. I encourage you to begin upstream mitigation immediately. And- in the time (6 months or so) it will get to receive local, state (MDE) and federal (ACOE) permits to demolish buildings over the channel- I would ask that the county do a thorough review and assessment of tunnels to divert water away from Main Street- the towns best hope for a safe and bright economic future. I would also ask that you present their results to the public before proceeding.

My family has lived in Howard County since 1962. My mom still lives in our house so this is important to us.

Sincerely --

THANK YOU!!!!!!

Pat Nash
PJ's Wine Accessories LLC

Sayers, Margery

From: Ted Cochran <tedcochran55409@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 12:46 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: In support of an amended Five Year Flood Mitigation Plan

I am writing in continued opposition to the Ellicott City Flood mitigation plan, as originally proposed. As you are well aware, there is tremendous pressure to "do something" in order to demonstrate action in the face of the horrific flood last May.

The lower Main Street part of the Five Year Plan is not cost-effective because it is not effective. It does not change the fact that lower Main St. will remain unsafe in 2016-sized floods. But many aspects are worthwhile, and need to move forward.

The fundamental challenge in Ellicott City is that the space available in lower Main Street is insufficient to contain the water that comes downhill from the increasingly heavy downpours we are experiencing. This is a physical limitation: There is no room. The level of the street is too close to the level of the Patapsco, and the embankments on both sides create a funnel that collects the water in a deep pool. The presence of buildings and the railroad severely limits the size of the "drains" that can be constructed to limit the depth of this pool. This was amply demonstrated in the two actual floods and in the H&H study models based on the 2016 flood, including studies commissioned to support the current plan.

The current plan suggests widening the channel and building two culverts, but still leaves 4-6' of water on lower Main. That's in a model based on the 2016 flood, which was 50% smaller than the 2018 flood. When, not if, the engineers determine that the culvert concept is infeasible, the model based on the smaller flood leaves 6-8' of water on lower Main—for a 2016-sized flood. That is not the safe solution that has been promised.

There is in fact no solution available that manages to keep life threatening water off of lower Main Street that does not include limiting the flow of the water from further uphill. The best H&H plan that did not include diversion limited the flow through 420 acre feet worth of retention facilities spread over all three of the Ellicott City watersheds. The county proposes not to limit the flow, but to channel it into a larger basin, created by demolishing buildings and digging out the resulting space. Both of these options—lots of retention, and a bigger channel at the bottom—leave 4-6 feet of water on Lower Main, based on the smaller 2016 flood model.

That model is demonstrably obsolete: The 2018 flood severely affected the New Cut watershed in a way that 2016 did not; photographs and videos show that water flowed freely through three buildings above Caplan's and onto Main Street in a way that the current county proposal could not prevent. Retention facilities, or storm water diversion, on New Cut branch might have reduced the peak flows down that branch, but in their absence the water flowed straight through the buildings above Caplan's.

Constructing retention is difficult: The county's proposed Five Year Plan includes only 3% of the H&H recommended retention facilities, and none at all on New Cut. Instead, the plan is to spend money on an effort that will—*according to the County's own, now obsolete, model*—still result in significant flooding and life safety hazards on lower Main.

Perhaps that is the best that can be done, given the unique geography of Ellicott City.

But we don't know, because the county has yet to seriously study diversion as an option. The H&H study modeled a dry lower Main Street, albeit with full retention and based on the 2016 storm, using two diversion tunnels¹. Other concepts are possible, including larger tunnels that do not require as much retention but which take advantage of the county's conveyance improvement plans to reduce water where it will do the most good.

Storm water diversion is the currently preferred best practice for storm water management when retention is not enough. Diversion tunneling has been routinely demonstrated through hard rock granite. It has the advantage of enabling the construction to stay deep under the surface, away from utilities and buildings, and limiting the disruption caused by construction to one or two out-of-the-way sites. It has the further advantage of enabling the tunnels to be as large as they need to be, and placed where they do the most good, not limited by surface elevations².

Howard County residents deserve a principled analysis of the diversion option, with a better-than-hand-waving estimate of cost and schedule. It needs to be compared to the Five Year Plan, adding the 2018 flood data to the analysis. There is plenty of time to do such an analysis, even if the current plan is passed, because of the approval processes required to demolish the buildings and enlarge the channel to the Patapsco. If it turns out that bores are infeasible, demonstrate that to residents in a public forum, so that there can be no question of the need to proceed with the Five Year Plan. If it turns out that diversion is the best option for making lower Main Street safe, the next County Council can change course and adopt a revised plan. Meanwhile, the county can continue to pursue all of the other elements of the Five Year Plan, including much needed culvert and slope repairs.

Although I'm a fiscal conservative, I realize that the building owners on lower Main are in a bad place, brought about at least in part by our collective failure to realize the increased danger of downhill flooding in a changing climate. Purchasing their properties while we determine if they need to be demolished (or alternatively, preserved) makes sense. If they are not needed for flood plain improvement, the county could transfer these properties, along with other public land in Ellicott City, to a public-private partnership with a goal of enabling the redevelopment of Ellicott City in a historically sensitive way, provided that flood mitigation is required.

I therefore urge you to vote in favor of amendments 2, 3, 4, and 5 to TAO1-FY19, to set the stage for a comprehensive, data-driven solution to flooding and redevelopment in Ellicott City.

Regards,

Ted Cochran, Ph. D.
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Columbia, MD 21044

¹ Figure 4.12b, McCormick Taylor Project 5519-93, Ellicott City Hydrology/Hydraulic Study and Concept Mitigation Analysis, June 2017

² Engineering News Record, "Water Tunnel Business 'Exploding' as Technology Reduces Risk and Cost", March 2018.

<https://www.enr.com/articles/44133-cities-dig-water-tunnels-to-meet-long-term-demands>

Sayers, Margery

From: Kelly Broschious <dkbroschious@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 12:45 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Ellicott City

Please, I know the vote is tomorrow evening...Please consider the amendments which would allow acquisition, encourage upstream mitigation to begin immediately, and- in the time (6 months or so) it will get to receive local, state (MDE) and federal (ACOE) permits to demolish buildings over the channel- to do a thorough review and assessment of tunnels to divert water away from Main Street- the towns best hope for a safe and bright economic future. And to present their results to the public before proceeding. Thank you, We in Catonsville love Old Ellicott City and want the best plan for the town!

Sayers, Margery

From: Tara Simpson <thsimpson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 12:32 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please Approve TAO1-FY2019 Amendments

Dear Howard County Council Members --

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Sincerely --

Tara Simpson

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Sayers, Margery

From: Gerry Frank <gfrank@frankbiz.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 11:52 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Regarding TAO1-FY2019

Dear Howard County Council Members,

With regard to Howard County Government TAO1-FY2019 I respectfully ask that the Council carefully consider the amendments allowing acquisition of the ten buildings under consideration for demolition. I support and encourage the initiation of upstream mitigation immediately. During the approximate 6-month timeframe it will take to receive local, state (MDE) and federal (ACOE) permits to demolish the buildings over the channel, I strongly urge the county do a thorough review and assessment of tunnels that would divert water away from Main Street —what I believe to be Ellicott City's best hope for a truly safe and prosperous future.

Finally, I would ask that the results be presented to the public prior to proceeding with any demolition.

Sincerely,

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Columbia, MD
443.691.0290
gfrank@frankbiz.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Kathy Connors <connors2356@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 10:18 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Preserving Old Ellicott City

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Sincerely, Katherine N. Connors

Sayers, Margery

From: Marjorie Valin <mvalin@frankbiz.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 9:33 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please support amendments to TAQ1-FY2019

Dear Howard County Council Members,

In the matter of TAQ1-FY2019, I ask that you consider the amendments to the county's flood mitigation plan. The amendments would allow the county's acquisition of the 10 buildings under consideration for demolition and begin upstream mitigation immediately.

During the time it will take to receive, local, state (MDE) and federal (ACOE) permits to demolish buildings over the channel, the county can conduct a thorough review and assessment of tunnels to divert water away from Main Street, the Historic District's anchor and best hope to maintain its authenticity, charm and vitality.

Thank you,

Marjorie Valin
Partner and Principal
Frank Strategic Marketing
1998-2003: Oella
2003-2009: 8320 Main Street
2010-2017: Oella
2017-present Columbia

Sayers, Margery

From: Ryan <ryanhandley@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 8:39 AM
To: CouncilMail
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Sayers, Margery

From: Debra G. <emaildebra.dg@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 8:40 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Re: TAO1-FY2019

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Signed Debra L. Gibson

Sayers, Margery

From: trisha overstreet <trish020@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 8:34 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please Approve TAO1-FY2019 Amendments

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Sincerely -

Trish Overstreet

THANK YOU!!!!

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Sayers, Margery

From: Shelley Wygant <wdgdirect@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 7:16 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please Approve TAO1-FY2019 Amendments

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Sincerely -- Shelley Wygant

From: Shirley Davis <studdabubba@live.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 30, 2018 6:30 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please Approve TAO1-FY2019 Amendments

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Sincerely -- Shirley Davis

Sayers, Margery

From: Betty Adams <badams@a-alaw.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 29, 2018 10:22 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for the Amendments

I am in strong support of the amendments to CB 61 and 62. Thank you for listening, caring, and taking action that makes sense and deals with all aspects of the Kittleman/Weinstein Plan.

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Sayers, Margery

From: joel hurewitz <joelhurewitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 29, 2018 9:40 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendment #5 TAO1-FY2019

Dear Council,

One of my many unanswered questions regarding Ellicott City regards the appraisal value of the properties. If hypothetically, the flood had washed a building totally away, would the seller be entitled to the pre-flood value of their now empty lot? So why should not the pre-flood value be reduced by the amount of damage. Valuing property is based on what the market would pay, and obviously there is little market value post-flood, so starting with a pre-flood value seems appropriate.

However, the taxpayers should not be bailing out the owners of Caplan's for their hubris, that like the Titanic, claimed that their building was indestructible. Their \$1 million investment proved to be a spectacular failure. I assume that the owners and engineers thought that they knew what they were doing, but why should the taxpayers compensate them for their mistakes?

Sincerely,

Joel Hurewitz

Sayers, Margery

From: Fred Dorsey <fdorsey1130@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 5:43 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Fwd: Proposed Ellicott City Flood Mitigation Project, Ellicott City, Howard County, Maryland
Attachments: md.coe-r.ellicott city flood mitigation project.inq.28sep18.pdf

For your Information.

Fred Dorsey

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From: OFAP <OFAP2@achp.gov>
To: Joseph DaVia <joseph.davia@usace.army.mil>
Cc: councilmail@HowardCountyMD.gov <councilmail@HowardCountyMD.gov>; ElizabethHughes@Maryland.gov <ElizabethHughes@Maryland.gov>; RNiewig@savingplaces.org <RNiewig@savingplaces.org>; NRedding@PresMD.org <NRedding@PresMD.org>; gracek8@verizon.net <gracek8@verizon.net>; FDorsey1130@verizon.net <FDorsey1130@verizon.net>; akittleman@howardcountymd.gov <akittleman@howardcountymd.gov>; gib.a.owen.civ@mail.mil <gib.a.owen.civ@mail.mil>; John Eddins <jeddins@achp.gov>
Sent: Fri, Sep 28, 2018 2:55 pm
Subject: Proposed Ellicott City Flood Mitigation Project, Ellicott City, Howard County, Maryland

From: Office of Federal Agency Programs

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

Attached is our letter on the subject undertaking (in Adobe Acrobat PDF format)

If you have any questions concerning our letter, please contact:

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Case # 13239



Preserving America's Heritage

September 28, 2018

Mr. Joe DaVia
Chief, Maryland Section Northern
Regulatory Branch (CENAB-OP-R)
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Baltimore District
2 Hopkins Plaza
Baltimore, MD 21201

Re: *Proposed Ellicott City Flood Mitigation Project*
Ellicott City, Howard County, Maryland
ACHPConnect #13239

Dear Mr. DaVia:

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) recently received inquiries from a concerned citizen about the referenced undertaking and the status of the Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District (Corps) compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) [54 U.S.C. 306108] and its implementing regulations, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 C.F.R. Part 800).

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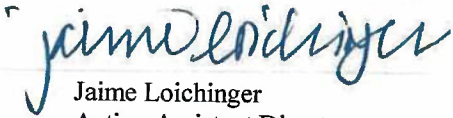
We also have been informed that the project proponent, the Howard County Council, is considering approval of demolition of a number of structures in the project area that are eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places and are contributing elements to an historic district. As you know, the Section 106 regulations require that a federal agency complete its Section 106 review before the initiation of an undertaking. When this requirement is not adhered to, the ability of the agency to comply with the Section 106 mandate to take into account the effects of undertakings on historic properties by following the four-step Section 106 review process is compromised.

As such, Section 110(k) [54 U.S.C. 306113] of the NHPA referencing anticipatory demolition specifies that a federal agency will not grant a loan, loan guarantee, permit, license, or other authorization or assistance to an applicant who, with intent to avoid the requirements of Section 106, has intentionally significantly adversely affected an historic property to which the grant would relate, or having legal power to prevent it, has allowed such significant adverse effect to occur. A federal agency may determine, in consultation with the ACHP, that there are mitigating circumstances that justify continuing its review and granting such authorization or assistance despite the adverse effect created or permitted by the applicant. However, that is not a certainty. Further, such a decision may leave the Section 106 review subject to challenge by stakeholders.

Therefore, the ACHP recommends that the Corps take steps to insure that it provides appropriate guidance to the applicant regarding its obligations to comply with Section 106 prior to activities that may trigger the applicability of Section 110(k).

We thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. Should you have questions, please contact John T. Eddins PhD at (202) 517-0211 or by email at jeddins@achp.gov.

Sincerely,



Jaime Loichinger
Acting Assistant Director
Federal Permitting, Licensing, and Assistance Section
Office of Federal Agency Programs

Sayers, Margery

From: Kay <kaydiweeks@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 5:19 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Proposed demolition on Main Street, Ellicott City
Attachments: Letter to Howard County Council.docx

To: Howard County Council Members

From: Kay D. Weeks

Subject: Proposed demolition on Main Street, Ellicott City

My interest in and affection for Main Street encompasses 30 years of employment in a national historic preservation program, based in Washington DC, via outreach through State Offices and coordination with local governments with preservation commissions. By way of background, I've rented at 3802 Church Road twice, and co-owned a property at 3582 Church Road for 12 years – Precinct 1.

Now retired and living at Oella Mill on the other side of The Patapsco River, on Oella Avenue (technically, Baltimore County), we're all connected in our love of historic Main Street – I walk across the bridge all the time. Over the years, both as a renter and property owner in Howard County, I've seen the wonderful evolved streetscape of Main Street preserved and updated through respectful rehabilitation, and have been among the numbers attending those festivals, themed days, with family and friends.

I am adamantly opposed to building demolition – the last resort – because what happened in the past has been a fake re-creation of places that may almost look old, but are new, and thus distorting the real evolution of place—which is all about the people who lived and worked there. To quote a friend who remains active in national historic preservation re/demolition: "It's an appalling proposal. I can only pray that it doesn't happen."

Main Street is not about HISTORY as artifact – early on in the historic preservation movement in the United States, many individual historic mansions were turned into house museums.

When historic districts became part of the overall National Register designations, they opened the door to a huge population of our culture. Case in point: Ellicott City's Main Street, our engaging ensemble of small-scale buildings lining both sides of Main Street - a local historic district. And, if ensemble is the word that identifies a grouping of buildings, then demolishing a few of them (even if new infill were considered) almost a worst-case scenario. Converting the leftover space into a park is, in my view, convenient, perhaps, but we have dedicated parks. I go to Lake Centennial all the time, 3.5 acres - a nature preserve.

The reason Main Street has been so popular to tourists and shoppers alike is so much more than the items carried in the shops. The storefronts themselves attract people from in and out of State to enter, shop, and say they have been in this now-iconic little area. If Main Street can be compared to a smile, then knocking out (demolishing) buildings would be like removing teeth. In brief, such demolition would change the historic character of Main Street (look and feel of a place). Of course, the engineering is vital for water drainage, safety, and continued viability. The tunnel concept would seem a great alternative to demolition - to give the street new life, while keeping the ensemble's appearance from the street view.

In summary, I'm on the side of respectful change, and have always been. It is my hope that you will consider alternatives to demolition in your vote in order to make Main Street a continuing destination for families, and bolster the local economy with the amazing shops and restaurants from the top of the street to the bottom of the street - with a bridge to the future.

Sincerely,

Kay Weeks

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Ellicott City, Maryland

Sayers, Margery

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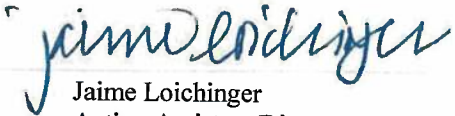
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jaime Loichinger". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Jaime Loichinger
Acting Assistant Director
Federal Permitting, Licensing, and Assistance Section
Office of Federal Agency Programs

Sayers, Margery

From: John Mauser <mauserj@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 2:53 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: alternative solution

I watched the video detailing a plan to build multiple tunnels to make EC floodproof as an alternative to tearing down business. I believe this solution to be viable and should be strongly considered.

Sayers, Margery

From: Kimberly Kepnes <kkimberly@att.net>
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 8:19 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Copy of Verbal Testimony: County Council Hearing 9/17/2018; TAO1-FY2019, CB61-2018, CB62-2018
Attachments: Verbal testimony provided to the Howard County Council 9 17 2018.pdf

Dear Sirs and Mesdames,

Please accept the below and attached copy of verbal testimony provided on September 17, 2018 in reference to the Funding for the Ellicott City 5-Year Flood Mitigation Plan, TAO1-FY2019, CB61-2018 and CB62-2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Kepnes
Historic District Resident, Homeowner, Business & Building Owner

Verbal testimony provided to the Howard County Council, September 17, 2018 in reference to 5 Year Flood Mitigation Plan for Ellicott City
TAO1-FY2019, CB61-2018, CB62-2018

As a resident, property and business owner I would like to advocate for the flood mitigation plan funding, including the acquisition of the 10 buildings along Main Street by Howard County Government, however, I would like to ask the Council to use its power to stay the demotion component for the buildings along Main St.

The purchase of these buildings by Howard County Govt represents a unique, first opportunity to create new public private enterprise where national and international requests for proposal might offer an opportunity for innovative solutions to be brought forward which can not only provide an opportunity for revitalization of these buildings but also fund additional mitigation efforts where public funds fall short.

This council is entrusted with an awesome responsibility. It represents constituents and has the public trust. It must navigate complications and divides. It must weather intimidation and agenda. It must find the best way.

To this end, this council has an opportunity to unite a Main Street community and provide a pathway for public-private partnership which can bring together an even larger, broader community of specialists with funds to give Ellicott City an opportunity for revitalization and the County an ability to utilize the purchase of these buildings as an investment to fund additional efforts it does not have the funds to accomplish today.

Given statements the removal of the buildings on main street have not shown to stop to flooding events on Main St,
AND

Given the plan to remove buildings will not be started until 2019 and a final design improvement will still need design and funding to be completed following any removal,

It would seem there would still be an opportunity to combine an acquisition with a public-private partnership and a national request for proposal which could fuel money into Ellicott city for revitalization of buildings and provide necessary revenue for additional mitigation efforts not considered now due to the extreme cost.

National requests for proposal can not only open the door for additional collaboration and more innovative solutions. This can change the dialogue and help reunite this suffering town.

While time remains between now and any scheduled building removal, please consider last opportunity to use the purchase of these buildings as an investment in this town and the possibility of keeping the thread of the wrecking ball from unraveling the businesses already trying to recover today and all of those who can and will follow.

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Sayers, Margery

From: Julian Levy <julianlevy@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 11:01 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Comments on proposed legislation to implement Ellicott City flood plan legislation (TAO1-FY2019, CB61-2018)
Attachments: 2018-09-27 EC Flood Plan Testimony.doc

Dear Council Members—

I am attaching my written testimony, drawn from oral testimony given before the Howard County Council on September 17, 2019. This testimony addresses the Ellicott City flood plan legislation as noted above. I would appreciate a simple response from you to ensure that I have sent this to the correct address. Thank you.

During my oral testimony, I received the following questions that required follow-up.

- Councilman Weinstein asked that I confirm that the data from the 2016 storm were used in the McCormick Taylor analysis.
 - I spoke with Chris Brooks of McCormick Taylor on September 18. He confirmed that the July 30, 2016 precipitation data from a single rain gauge within the watershed were synthesized into a rain table that allowed them to model the hydrology and hydraulics of that event. The site of the rain gauge was considered to be fairly representative of the watershed and the rainfall data were similar to the data estimated by radar. The resulting 2016 flood model calibrated well with the actual observed flow data.
 - As far as modeling the worst-case storm, Mr. Brooks told me that they modeled the 2016 storm as if it were the worst case. That is, they assumed that it was such a unique storm, that it was representative of the 1000-year storm. Of course, we now know that it was not unique and that we had a worse storm just 22 months later. The 1000-year storm is estimated by statistically analyzing 30 years of existing precipitation data. The current 30-year period that is used is 1981-2010. Obviously, that period does not include the 2011, 2016, or 2018 storms. Some time after 2020, the National Climatic Data Center will re-analyze the data from the most current 30-year period (1991-2020). As those data will include the three severe storms of the 2010's, the statistically predicted 1000-year storm will almost certainly be worse than that currently predicted.
- Councilman Ball asked how much worse the worst-case storm will be. This is impossible to predict at this point because the data are not available. But, both Mr. Brooks and I believe that the worst-case storm will be more severe than the 2016 storm that was used in the modeling done by McCormick Taylor. Of course, we are talking about the 1000-year storm, which, hopefully, will only occur with a probability of one in a thousand. For the Council, this means that it is even more urgent to act and act quickly. I had hoped to meet with Dr. Ball to explain in layman terms what is, in reality, a rather complex statistical projection. Unfortunately, Dr. Ball's schedule did not permit such a meeting.
- Councilwoman Sigaty asked if it would be relatively easy to run the model developed for the 2016 flood using other data, such as the data from the 2018 flood or the worst-case flood. I confirmed with Mr. Brooks that it would be relatively easy to do.

I appreciate the Council's willingness to allow me to speak on September 17. It was quite clear from the questions I received that Council Members were engaged and concerned about the impact of the proposed legislation. As I hope is clear, I am in favor of the proposed legislation. While it is very sad to have to raze the buildings in lower Ellicott City, I

believe it is the solution that will accomplish the most good, in the shortest amount of time, and at the most affordable cost.

If you have any questions or comments, I remain available to respond or to meet.

Thank you--

Julian

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TESTIMONY OF JULIAN LEVY ON ELLICOTT CITY FLOOD PLAN

Presented Orally September 17, 2018

INTRO

Good evening. My name is Julian Levy. I was born almost 70 years ago in Galveston, Texas (site of the 1900 Hurricane, the worst natural disaster in U.S. history). I have been a resident of Howard County for over 30 years. I have been a meteorologist for over 45 years, including significant involvement in climate change issues. I am currently serving on the Columbia Association's Climate Change & Sustainability Advisory Committee, the Maryland Department of the Environment's Air Quality Control Advisory Council, and the Governor's Children's Environmental Protection and Advisory Council. In 2012, I was recognized by Governor O'Malley for my "significant contribution to the State of Maryland's future" as a Member of the Maryland Commission on Climate Change's Technical Work Group.

I am involved in the issue of Ellicott City flooding not only because of my long-time residency in Howard County and not only because I am a meteorologist, but also because my daughter and son-in-law were owners of The Rumor Mill, a restaurant that was destroyed in the 2016 flood. Hearing the detailed account of that evening given by my son-in-law, I am very aware that, if it were not for the heroic efforts of my son-in-law and his staff in getting some 50 people out of the second floor of the restaurant, there could have been more than physical damage.

What happens to Ellicott City is not just an issue of professional interest to me, it is also an issue of very personal interest.

SUMMARY

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ISSUES

The plan before the council, while sadly requiring the demolition of several buildings, is the right plan and should be funded. There are many reasons why I believe this is the right plan. Let me focus on some of those reasons.

Impact on People

The recent storms in Ellicott City resulted in the deaths of four people. Four families were tragically affected forever. Of course, there will be other families affected, too, including the families of friends and business associates.

In addition to these families, the people who survived the floods know the absolute terror that everyone experiences when they realize that they are no longer in control of a natural disaster and when they realize that their lives could soon end. In my experience as a meteorologist, I have found that this is a lingering terror that will rise in their throats every time they experience a heavy rain—or even just fear they *might* experience a heavy rain. I can tell you that when the National Weather Service announces a flash flood watch for Ellicott City, people who were hurt by the floods of the past two years will feel that terror in their bones. This is not an academic exercise for them. It is emotional and I encourage the Council to respect that.

Added to the terror the survivors feel, they have experienced a tremendous financial impact. It is very difficult to envision that anyone so severely hurt by the floods will want to locate their shop, store, or restaurant in an area of such known danger. Even those not hurt by the two floods over the past two years are unlikely to want to move into a proven flood zone. Thus, whether the buildings are razed or not, they will likely remain empty for a considerable amount of time, if not forever.

Worst-Case Impact Is Likely to Be Worse Than Currently Predicted

McCormick Taylor modeled hydrology of the 2016 storm using actual data from that storm. The result was a model that reasonably replicated what was observed on July 30, 2016.

But, there are no data for the future. Obviously, there cannot be data for events that have not yet happened. So, worst-case stormwater data must be predicted based on the predicted worst-case storm event. Most climatologists believe that the frequency of severe storms will likely increase.

The standard modeling protocol requires that 30-years of rainfall data be used to predict the worst-case 1000-, 100-, and 10-year storms. The 30 years that are currently available and used are from 1981 through 2010. This current data base does not include the flooding storms that occurred in 2011, 2016, or 2018. Sometime after 2020, the National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) will update the data base to the years 1991 through 2020. That is, the NCDC will drop the 1980's from the standard data base and add the 2010's to the data base. Thus, after 2020, the data base will include the recent storms. Once the data from the 2011, 2016, and 2018 storms are included, the statistically predicted 1000-, 100-, and 10-year storms will almost certainly be even greater than those currently predicted.

As a meteorologist, I know that forecasting the future is imprecise, at best. Thus, we can not say with certainty how bad the worst storm will be. But, storms are likely to be more frequent and the worst-case storm is likely to be even greater than current predictions. Knowing this means that failing to act now is putting the remaining buildings at continued or even greater risk, and is putting more lives at risk. It is imperative that we act as soon as possible.

Issues Not Addressed in The McCormick Taylor Study

My biggest fear is that with bigger, more frequent storms, one or more of the buildings in lower Ellicott City will collapse. If that had happened in the previous floods, a tragic flood would have become catastrophic. Think of what would have happened if Portalli's or the Phoenix had collapsed. Remember, the old court house building did collapse, so building collapse is possible. Even if a building has withstood floods in the past, there is no guarantee that it will be able to withstand a more serious flood in the future. On a busy night, some of these buildings could have 50 or 100 people in them—people who would be crushed under the weight of the building or be thrown into raging flood waters.

In addition to the loss of life within a collapse building, the modeling does not include the "battering-ram" effect that results when the debris of collapsed buildings is carried downstream by flood waters. This is the effect of building debris adding to the force of the water crashing into buildings farther downstream. So, if, say, Caplan's were to collapse, much of its debris would be thrown against the buildings downstream, adding to the potential of their collapse—which, of course, would only add more debris to be thrown against buildings farther downstream by the fast-moving flood waters.

This plan may not save all the buildings, but it will save lives. The opponents of this plan are trying to say that this plan will not reduce the flooding very much. But, the opponents cherry-pick numbers to make their case. For example, they complain that the flow, which is predicted to be reduced from a maximum of 11 ft/sec to a maximum of 4.5 ft/sec, will still be too great for a person to withstand. If one looks at only these two numbers, their contention sounds correct.

But, it is important to look at the big picture. The areal extent of the of maximum flow will be significantly reduced by the removal of the buildings. And, because the energy goes as the

square of the velocity, the plan reduces the maximum energy of the water by a factor of 5.9 (i.e., by over 83%):

$$11^2 \div 4.5^2 = 121 \div 20.25 = 5.9$$

The fundamental problem is that buildings straddling the Tiber should never have been built. Because of the “cap” created by these buildings, a river that would normally overflow into a flood plain has been converted into a culvert that can overflow only by going up through the floors of the buildings over it. In 2016 and 2018, we saw that happen when approximately 20 feet of water flowed into a channel of approximately 10 feet in depth.

The opposition has said that the problem is not the buildings, but that the flow coming into the Tiber River from the New Cut and Hudson rivers. That may be an alternative way to look at the problem in the two recent storms. But, what happens if the next storm stalls directly over the Tiber? Or, some other upstream location? We will again see 20 feet of water trying to flow through 10 feet of channel depth. The result will be a flood that comes up through the floors of the buildings in lower Ellicott City. Again.

In my opinion, this plan may call for razing 10 historic buildings, but, more importantly, it will rectify a historical and fundamental mistake by removing the “cap” that’s on the Tiber. In so doing, it will save lives.

The Tunnel Alternative

One alternative plan calls for the building of a big underground tunnel. Aside from the fact that boring through bedrock would be inordinately expensive, building a tunnel will take anywhere from four to nine years. The schedule will take even longer if an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required or if there are lawsuits. It is almost certain that the Corps of Engineers must, by law, evaluate and approve the tunnel. The Corps will require an Environmental Assessment (EA) at a minimum (two to five years), tunnel design and contracting (one to two years), and actual construction (one to two years). If the project requires a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and/or lawsuits, the schedule could be substantially delayed. During this time, most of these buildings will be sitting there, unoccupied and rotting, giving Ellicott City the aura of decay.

Even if the tunnel concept makes it through the EA/EIS process and avoids lawsuits, the one-to-two-year construction phase, will snarl traffic in the area as well as put everyone on Main Street out of business, as the small businesses cannot sustain that long of a break in business.

Another plan calls for leaving the facades of existing buildings or to have “blow-out” first floors. The modeling demonstrates that leaving the facades will be inadequate. If another flood does come, these facades will likely collapse and create battering-ram debris which will cause further damage downstream. Plus, what is the historical value of a movie set?

HISTORIC RECORDATION

Before the ten buildings are razed, the County should undertake a full historic recordation of them. The recordation should include detail measurements of each building, together with a comprehensive archival photographic documentation of the building. Where photographic documentation is inadequate, drawings, sketches, and/or paintings should be used to document the look and details of each building. The final step in the recordation should be the preparation of a comprehensive history of each building. All of the information developed should be digitally archived and made available to the public.

AUDIT OF STORMWATER RULES

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The County should also determine if current rules are adequate to mitigate impact of future development and, if they are not, the County should update those rules.

I understand that some of this audit is already underway. But, it is critical that the audit address both past and future development, and that the County take the steps to rectify both past and future issues.

CONCLUSION

The issue of Ellicott City flooding has been studied and studied and studied. Buildings have been gutted and rebuilt, only to be gutted by the next flood. Four people have lost their lives. Many more people have had their lives changed forever.

It is now time for action. The decision is not an easy one. The solution is not a happy one. But, it is a decision that must be made and a solution that must be implemented. Please, let us not suffer the paralysis of more analysis. Let us move forward.

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From: April Baer <april.baer1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 1:12 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Opposition to demolition component of flood mitigation legislation
Attachments: Testimony_Baer_91718.docx

Below is a letter for the members of the County Council. Additionally, I turned in my written testimony on 9/20/18 to the Council office to reflect my verbal testimony from the 9/17/18 public hearing. It does not appear in the "related documents" section of the Council website with the other testimony, so I am attaching that written testimony again.

I reside in District 5, but was born and raised in District 1, and owned a home in District 1 for 10 years. I have been attending the public hearings and attended the work session on 9/24/18 regarding the flood mitigation legislation.

I want to be clear that my opposition to the demolition component of the current legislation in no way makes me a callous individual, unconcerned with public safety in historic Ellicott City. That mantra, as echoed by proponents of the current plan, needs to no longer be muttered. It's insulting.

This is a nuanced issue and it is not being treated as such. The plan that is favored by the Flood Work Group, the Department of Public Works (DPW), Councilman Weinstein, and County Executive Kittleman is the plan that has the least return on investment, while causing the maximum disruption to the historic district.

The DPW, in conjunction with Councilman Weinstein and Flood Work Group, has not seriously considered a tunnel bore solution:

- As admitted at the County Council Work Session on 9/24/18, no modeling has been done with the tunnel bore solution alone
- On 9/24/18, the DPW also said that a tunnel bore solution could be something enacted in the future after the demolition phase is completed—why would we do that?
- No subject matter expert in tunnel boring was called before the County Council as admitted during the 9/24/18 work session
- Councilman Weinstein rejects out of hand, any alternative solution to demolition that is brought before the County Council by citizens or experts—he does so in an aggressive and demeaning manner
- No true cost data or implementation data has been presented by the DPW regarding the tunnel bore solution; anytime DPW was asked for this data, there was only an estimate of cost an admission that stakeholders, such as CSX has not been brought into the discussion

As a citizen observer, I am left to draw deeply cynical conclusions regarding this process. Why isn't a tunnel bore solution being seriously considered? Why are we rushing this final phase of the flood mitigation legislation as it fits into the Ellicott City Master Plan? Why isn't a compromise solution being proposed?

I really don't care if Councilman Weinstein feels he's done yeoman's work over the past 2 years with the Flood Work Group. If this plan were right, there wouldn't be so much opposition.

It is the job of elected representatives to find compromise and the best return on investment. I urge you to continue to pursue the best solution for Historic Ellicott City—tearing it down is not the best solution.

April Baer; April.baer1@gmail.com

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From: Sally Bright <sr.bright01@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 12:51 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Testimony against proposed Ellicott City Flood Mitigation Plan
Attachments: ECtestimony1.doc.9.19,2018.docx

I am attaching my written testimony that I dropped off in person last Thursday. Not sure you saw it since it was not on the list of documents that the Council received.

I am concerned that this plan is being rushed through without more consideration to less expensive, more effective solutions. I can only infer that something nefarious is going on. I am also concerned that the fate of the historic district may rest in the hands of only 3 people.

Sally Bright

September 19, 2018

To the Howard County Council

Re: Testifying AGAINST the Flood Mitigation Proposal for Historic Ellicott City, Council Bill 61-2018

I am Sally Bright, a resident of Cambridge, Maryland but also have a second residence in Woodstock at Waverly Woods and pay Howard County taxes. I came up to testify about the flood mitigation proposal because my husband, Dr. Richard Bright, and I had been directly involved for almost 35 years from 1968 to 2003 in the renaissance of the historic district. We have been members of every historic preservation organization and have personally invested in two homes over the years, saving them from neglect and in one case demolition. My husband was also appointed by the county executive to serve on the Historic District Commission, and we have invested endless hours of our volunteer time testifying before various councils and boards, and serving on committees, task forces, and fundraisers for the historic district.

The historic district's successes from the National Register designation to restoration and preservation of Main Street were accomplished by different factions working together...a legion of business owners, business property owners, historic preservationists, homeowners, the various levels of government, and others outside the historic district who just wanted to be part of this precious town.

Unfortunately, this camaraderie was not present at the hearing Monday, which saddened me and made me trash my prepared testimony. In fact, the atmosphere rendered me speechless! Instead there were factions and implications that the preservationists were not entitled or qualified to speak. Did they not think we were just as saddened about what has happened to the town and the people who work and live there because of environmental factors beyond anyone's control? I was also appalled that one council member was hostile to the preservation component of the testimony.

Here are some of my thoughts:

- 1) Contrary to reporting by today's Baltimore Sun, the testimony was almost even in favor of and against the plan. Most of the testimony for the plan was given toward the beginning of the public testimony; testimony against the plan was interspersed throughout with most given at the end of the long evening. I witnessed people for the plan leaving after their testimonies so that they did not stay to hear the other side (although they could watch it on video).
- 2) Many of the people who testified for the proposal gave emotional rather than fact-based testimony. Many of the business people lamented the loss of their business, but did not own the properties in question except for a few. Their stories were powerful and be rest assured they were not lost on the preservationists. Historic preservationists have hearts too!
- 3) I had originally come to testify about WATER, which was the subject of the evening. Ironically, it is water that first gave Ellicott City its national recognition in the late 18th century when the Ellicott

brothers learned to harness it to grind wheat. These are my concerns about the flood mitigation plan as proposed:

a) There is not sufficient attention to the Patapsco River which has been known to overflow its banks onto Main Street as in 1972 during Hurricane Agnes. Since then there has been no action to dredge this once-navigable river while in the meantime upstream development continues with much of its sediment continuing to fill up the river.

b) There is not sufficient attention to the rainwater that cascades down Main Street from the seven hills that surround the historic district even during "normal" rainfall. This has been exacerbated by overdevelopment upstream with lack of proper water retention ponds, or properly maintained retention ponds, or not enough of them. There should be more consideration to holding back the water and slowing down its velocity through a series of dams or some type of containment facility. This point was emphasized by the beleaguered residents on New Cut Road.

c) There is not sufficient attention to the inevitable perfect storm when the Patapsco River overflows its banks and meets Main Street. Your plan does not have a contingency plan for this. So what good would it do to tear down part of the historic district for a huge pipe that will flow into the Patapsco River and no doubt back up in this scenario?

d) The plan will always be contentious unless there is a historic preservation component to it. Historic preservation advocates should be welcomed with their knowledge and expertise. As a minimum the facades should be retained. Tearing down part of the streetscape is comparable to business suicide since the tax base will be decreased and enjoying walking the streets of Ellicott City will be diminished.

e) I would suggest that the County buy the properties that the owners want to sell and stabilize them with some of these funds until a more comprehensive plan is enacted. For the property owners who do not want to sell, grant them funds to stabilize their buildings. Then consider how these properties can be better utilized; i.e., perhaps putting in non-commercial uses such as a visitor center or a museum.

4) This plan should be either voted down or tabled until after the elections when all of you will not be sitting on the County Council. There could also be a new County Executive. You should not be the decision maker for this fast-tracked expensive plan. Instead, let's come up with an imaginative plan that could well be a model for other historic communities facing similar storm issues.

Sayers, Margery

From: Gerald Axtell <razzled27@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 24, 2018 8:39 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Elicott City Flood Prevention

Please consider this plan as opposed to the more expensive plan!

<https://youtu.be/PowfCe8oaJ8>

Gerald Axtell
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Sent from my iPad

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From: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Sent: Monday, September 24, 2018 6:17 PM
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Subject: FW: TAO 1-FY2018, CB 61-2018

From: Larry Gaetano <larrylgaetano@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 06, 2018 8:10 AM
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
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Mary Kay,

I am writing you to share my thoughts on the Transfer of Appropriation Ordinance 1-FY2019 and Council Bill 61-2018, otherwise known as the Kittleman/Weinstein 5-Year Plan.

I have seen the deviation in our small town, this plan needs to be completed swiftly in order to prevent further damage and save lives.

I support the plan 100% and I urge you to approve these 2, very much needed pieces of legislation.

Larry L. Gaetano

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Council Members,

I cannot express how deeply I oppose the demolition of history, but it is clear that time will change the landscape of Ellicott City whether it be at the mercy of men or mother nature. After witnessing the 2016 flood from my apartment and losing my business in the 2018 flood - both of which will haunt me for the rest of my life - something needs to be done now to protect our neighbors. As resident, property owner and business owner in Historic Ellicott City, I fully support the County's 5-Year Flood Mitigation Plan proposed by Executive Kittleman and Councilman Weinstein.

Please help us.

Very Respectfully,
Jared & Autumn Lewis
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Attached is additional testimony supporting TAO1-FY19, CB61, CB 62.

Thank you,
Angie Tersiguel

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Tick tock. Tick tock.

I am Angie Tersiguel. As I sit before you, I have struggled to find the words to say to you, what passing this legislation means for my family, our business, and this community. I have drafted out words for weeks on end, but none that – well, frankly, this is like asking for mercy before an execution.

Tick tock. Tick tock. Do you hear it to? Time marching forward, time marching against us. Time we do not have. Time we have lost.

Tick tock. Tick tock. Time is what we are up against.

In two years, I have served on the CAG, attended more than 30 meetings, and examined every option under the sun, some as unique as raising the buildings above ground level, to more the disheartening “burn it down.” In every case, in every suggestion, there was an emotional tie to this land and community.

Tick tock. Tick tock.

The day I accepted flooding was going to happen again, was agony. It was irresponsible to think that it couldn't happen again, it was even more irresponsible to think it could not be worse.

Tick tock.

It did happen again, and it was worse. OEC is regularly on the precipice of flooding, according to Jim Lee of the National Weather Service. OEC comprises .001% of the NWS Sterling, Virginia outlook region, and is most at risk of life threatening weather than anywhere else in their 27000 square mile region.

Tick tock. Flooding is what we are up against.

For three and half weeks there has been an uprising. Where is the transparency? There is a better way. Where is the pipe? Let's wait, let's save the buildings. And on and on and on. And admittedly, the tactics and the poor information spread all over social media has not only been heartbreaking, but has me questioning what are we trying to protect? Ten buildings? Or an entire community?

Tick tock. Memories is what we are up against.

There has recently been a quote popping up in my news feed. “I sat with my anger long enough until she told me her real name was grief.” I grieve every day for this community. For the parents whose children are terrified of the rain, for the businesses gone, never to return, for

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the destruction of property, never to be repaired, for the loss of lives, so needlessly so, for my own losses.

Tick tock. Grief is what we are up against.

It's been 38 years that my family has owned property and operated a business on Main Street. It is minimal when you compare it to 250 years of history and heritage. We for a short time are the keepers of this land, a blip on the radar of time, but we have not kept this land, these rivers, or these buildings responsibly, and if we hope for another 250 years, we must make changes now.

Tick tock. Nature is calling on us, at the end of the day, she's what we are up against. She is demanding her land back. Giving it willingly seems a much easier option than have her continue to ravage it.

Now, our time is up.

Is this plan perfect? It's not, but is the best plan for the future of OEC, to protect its heritage, its history, its economy, and its people.

What will you be able to say, when the clock stops ticking, and the next flood comes? Were you the game changer? Or were you still waiting?

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I've had to work thru this flood and the damage it has caused, and one of the best ways was to write about it. I give you a little alphabetical tour of what the last few months have been like. I implore you to read the last line of each letter. Those are the ones impacted. They are the ones with everything on the line, regularly. They are the ones not giving up, but seeking your leadership in passing this legislation.

A is for

- anger, and a lot of it. And sadly, it's not often directed in the right place or the right people. It just exists.
- acceptance. It's a big word. And it's really, really lousy to say and process and live.
- assess. reassess. adapt.
- a divaz boutique, a journey from junk, a la mode, all time toys, antique depot, artists' gallery, archive vinyl, attic antiques

B is for

- badass b*tches. Say what you want, there are a lot of awesome women in this community, and every day they just keep fighting for new hopes, new dreams, and for what's right. There are some badass men, too.
- #bringingbackthejoy even when it's hard AF
- ballet conservatoire xiv, be blends, b&o railroad museum, bean hollow

C is for

- cleaning supplies. bleach, gloves, masks, tyvec suits, rubber boots, spray bottles, brooms, buckets, rags, shovels, paper towels, power washer, hose, soap, sponges, trash bags
- classic interiors, clay underground studio, clipper's canine café, cottage antiques, cotton duck art and apparel, craig coyne, culture lab, curious minds toys, cacao lane

D is for

- dumpsters. All of them. All the dumpsters for throwing away old hopes and dreams.
- double digits. Because in the midst of all this chaos LT kept reminding me his double digit birthday is coming at the end of the year. And I refer you back to letter A for anger, and letter T for time.
- discoveries

E is for

- EDA. Catherine, Larry, Vernon, Brian and more
- eco works. Lori and her team working hard to protect this watershed.
- #ecstrong
- ec pops, ellicott city partnership, envy salon, erin devlin wellness, ellicott city brewing company, ellicott city colored school

F is for

- faith. Because it's by God's grace I keep moving. Sometime forwards, sometimes backwards, but still moving.
- friendship. Forged in flood waters.
- forms. Forms for permits, forms for insurance, forms for tax credits, forms for grants, forms for testifying, forms for the school nurse, forms for emergency contacts. JUST ALL THE FORMS.

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- flash flood warnings. When there is a flash flood, the warning comes 32 minutes after the fact, but the remainder of the summer was spent with warnings, that were extended over days, everyone on pins and needles, and no floods. What gives?
- fear. Son of b*tch. Ever present, just like it's sister anger.
- forget-me-not factory, firehouse museum

G is for

- gutting. Gutting buildings, gutting hearts.
- guilt and grief. Grief and guilt. Guilt, guilt, guilt, grief, guilt, grief.
- ghost town odditorium, gramp's attic books, great panes, georgia grace cafe

H is for

- hydrology and hydraulics. The true science behind understanding floods.
- hi ho silver, horse spirits art gallery, howard county police museum, howard county welcome center

I is for

- ids. Get your identification, get your daily bracelet and get to work.

J is for

- Jon Weinstein, Gary, & Jessie - Hardest working folks in D1
- joan eve classics, junk girl, judges bench, johnny's bistro

K is for

- Alan Kittleman, Phil, Mark, Scott, David, Mike, Alex, Beth, Sam some of the hardest working people at the George Howard Building

L is for

- LT and L2. Fighters. Champions. Never giving up on Chef or me even when they couldn't even begin to process this life, the changes, the tension, and anxiety. They went a long on the ride with us, never questioning whether or not we would come out on the other side.
- late nights. Insomnia takes over.
- lamp and gift, linwood boutique, la palapa, little market cafe

M is for

- money. More than you can imagine is lost, more than you can imagine is spent, more money than you can imagine is graciously donated.
- martini. Bombay sapphire, dirty, up, extra olives

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- meetings. CAG, CAG reunion, community, flood work group, watershed, master plan, roundtable, testimonies
- made on main, main street ballroom, mat about you, maxine's antiques and collectibles, miss fit, manor hill tavern, matcha time, museum of howard county history

N is for

- npr. Yes, I was interviewed, and it was actually really special. I occasionally go back and listen to it because it reminds me of a time that my mind was healthy. (Don't worry, I am getting it back.)

#rainbowunicornsforlife

- national news. In 2016, some of my family and I traveled to Belize a few weeks post flood, the couple we sat next to at a bar one day were from California. When they asked where we were from, and I responded with "Ellicott City, MD," they asked me about the flood.

O is for

- Office of Emergency Management
- operation dom perginon. There was one untouched case wedged between the collapsing wine bins in the Tersiguel wine cellar, six days post flood, our general contractor got in there to get it.
- ooh la la salon, oriental trading company, old mill bakery, original howard county district courthouse, out of our past antiques

P is for

- patience. Or not. You need a lot of it, but you live day to day, hour to hour at the end of it.
- pam long photography, park ridge trading company, pistachio gallery, precious gifts, primitive beginnings, phoenix emporium, portalli's, pure wine café, patapsco female institute historic park

Q is for

- quick thinking. It saved the lives of angelina, gary and joan.
- quit. Not a word in this town's recovery or vocabulary, even though some would like to see us give up.

R is for

- rescue. Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue and Howard County Police Department saved the lives of many, and evacuated that many more to safety. They monitored our community for weeks on end to keep it safe and sound.
- #rebuildlife
- reyes jewelry exchange, river house pizza, rumor mill

S is for

- strength. Strength you did not know you had, strength you did not know you could sustain.
- sarcasm. Because this life SUCKS, and sometimes you need a break from reality. Flood jokes, never too soon.
- salon marielle, 17seventytwo, shoemaker country, simple and feminie, sock shop, southwest connection, sucasa, summer of love, sunflower trading company, sweet cascades, sweet elizabeth jane, sweet suds, scoopahhdeedoo, syriana café, still life art gallery

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T is for

- time. Time you lost while recovering, time away from my boys, time away from family, time away from making memories. I will never get the summer of 9 & 7 back again, and I refer to you back to letter A for anger.
- time. The frustrating amount of it that is lost waiting. Waiting for stability, waiting for public works, waiting for volunteers, waiting for supplies, waiting for permits, waiting for contractors, waiting for materials. Waiting. I refer you back to letter P for patience.
- time. The clock until the next flood ticks. Tick, tick, tick. Sometimes in the dead of night, I hear it. Tick, tick, tick. Boom.
- time. For action.
- taylor's collective, tea on the tiber, tersiguel's, trolley stop, thomas issac log cabin

U is for

- unconditional. There is unconditional love inside these borders. We have banded together to make a stronger, safer Ellicott City for generations to come. There is unconditional love outside of these borders that has given each one of the strength to move forward, however small or large it may be.
- unemployment. Every business owner and employee lost their job, twice in two years. Thankful to have unemployment available to us, so we can rebuild.
- umbrellas. Rain coats, life jackets, life preservers. I refer to letter S for sarcasm.

V is for

- volunteers. They are the game changer. There will never be a proper way to return all the thank yous, or the time and money and materials given, but one thing is for sure, Tersiguel's and Main Street wouldn't survive these floods without volunteers.
- videos. Live video footage of the riverbeds brought to you by the talented and gracious Ron and Peter.

W is for

- work. Technically, I had no job, but there wasn't a day that went by that I wasn't working.
- #wECantwait
- wagon wheel, wind river, wine bin,

X is for

- xanax. At least for some. Lexapro for others.

Y is for

- yesterday. Finding a way to let go, even when it means big changes need to come

Z is for

- zero hour. It has arrived. The Main Street of our childhoods will change, but the memories will remain.

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#WECANTWAIT
#ticktock

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Howard County Council Members
Greetings to you all,

I'm sorry I missed my opportunity to testify last Monday night. I left because I could not hear well in the big, crowded room. That is my senior affliction so far. I went home and watched the proceedings on TV though.

The poor health of this plan:

I find it disturbing that those who are in favor of the Kittleman/Weinstein plan are fighting so hard, not for the best plan, but to be sure that no other alternative is even considered. Please note that all but about two or three of those testifying last Monday in favor of the bills, were addressing Straw Man arguments, arguments that don't exist in reality. That is a result of the intense propaganda scheme that supports this ill-conceived plan. Apparently, the proponents don't have a good enough argument for any merits of the plan, so a deceitful collection of logical fallacies rules their discourse. You may have noticed how many were opposed to starting new studies, yet no one advocates starting new studies. The studies are done, we'd be fools to ignore them to promote a plan that is comparatively unstudied, especially a plan that is immediately irreversible, and may in fact create a catastrophic danger if it proceeds as presented. Others argued against waiting, stalling, wasting time, valuing lives over buildings, choosing to do nothing, leaving the buildings unattended, or immediately reoccupying them, and other concocted concerns which no one is advocating. These are all examples from the actual testimonies last Monday night. All wrapped up in logical fallacies, emotion, and all manipulative nonsense. But the Kittleman/Weinstein plan supporters rely on this kind of rhetoric. In fact, they have established over these few months, through the use of the logical fallacy, Special Pleading, in which arbitrary rules are applied to discount the legitimacy of arguments counter to one's opinion, such as where you live or whether you attended certain meetings, coupled with the fallacy of Poisoning the Well, that no argument is acceptable to this plan's supporters. Very disturbing to see the spectacle of Jon Weinstein up on the dais literally conducting this orchestra of manipulative rhetoric. I contend that such behavior is unbecoming any elected official.

Other reasons to have doubts about this plan and these bills: Kittleman and Weinstein did not follow the rule of law in rolling out this plan. We, as Americans, have a right to a system of Checks and Balances, at every level of Government. Again, what is wrong with their plan that they felt the need to make an end run around the Council? Perhaps they feared it wouldn't pass muster, being so suddenly conjured up without any real study or analysis. That is not how government should work.

Also, the transparency they are pretending has not been transparent in any way that normally fits that description. This plan may have been discussed transparently with a small group of people, but that does not live up to any reasonable characterization of transparency, especially if those people were sworn to secrecy, and they were. I know they defend the secrecy as protecting the privacy of the building owners, but the sale of buildings is not something that is usually private, but is public record from beginning to end. No one would expect intimate details of conversations, but neither do we expect surprise announcements regarding

important matters that have been improperly decided upon, largely lacking analysis, kept secret, introduced by rumors, and supported by a cloud of misinformation. In fact, the misinformation campaign was kept up even through a Congressional hearing just three days before the surprise announcement.

The Importance of Science:

The eighteen points of mitigation to the West of Ellicott City as outlined in the 2016 Hydrology and Hydraulics report were analyzed, studied and vetted over a long period of scientific research. An approach, based on those findings, would work to mitigate the amount of water coming into town. The Kittleman/Weinstein approach, which does far less to mitigate the flood water, popped up three and a half months ago, though it may have been discussed in a local developer's dream scenario previously. Jon Weinstein has said repeatedly that this idea came up after the May 27th flood when he was approached by building owners for help with their financial issues. I think the County should try to help them, but that should not be a part of the flood mitigation planning. That is such a huge and obvious conflict of interest. The amount or schedule of a financial bailout has nothing to do with the science of storm water management. I hope the Council will separate that issue, as well as the development issues, and be free of such conflicts to seek the best and safest flood mitigation plan. A big question here is, has this risky, possibly dangerous, possibly ruinous-over-the-long-run plan, had any vetting, or real comprehensive analysis? Why is there a rush to demolish buildings before the coming election? What does that have to do with anything? Why has the cost and timeline of the tunnel bores, which would have the result of NO water on Main Street, been misrepresented?

Each of the eighteen points in the 2016 H&H study would reduce the storm water and thereby show improvement every step of the way, delivering less water to lower Main Street as each project is completed. So, even if a flood producing storm occurs in the middle of the process, some, and perhaps substantial, mitigation will have been accomplished. To try to battle the effects of the water once it is there, rather than trying to mitigate the supply of damaging water before it gets there seems foolhardy and counter-intuitive. The increased danger at the bottom of Main Street, both to people and to the National Historic site, the B&O Railway Station, would be both immediate and long-lived as the project will take anywhere from one to three years - and please note: neither the timeline nor the budget can be predictable in such a rushed concept as this is. Also, this just in, the tunnel bores are not so insurmountable in budget or time consideration, as it turns out. In fact, a local company apparently provided information that it seems has been misrepresented to the public, the cost and time to complete being wildly exaggerated. What's going on here? These tunnels would reduce the flood water on Lower Main Street to zero, and possibly be the flood solution for the future. Please look into this before funding the demolition of buildings, as we cannot trust that this action would improve anything but developers' profits, and may create a deadly disaster. Also, since the Historic Preservation Commission denied the request to demolish the ten buildings to widen the channel, the goal posts have moved in the argument to tear them down anyway, as they are unsafe and will fall in the next rain. Of course, no one knows that to be true. Please have these buildings inspected as soon as possible so we can have an informed discussion about them.

This is a mess. I hope the County Council will add to its legacy that it was the Council which did not fall for the manipulative, ill-conceived, unsubstantiated, barely legal, conflicted, dangerous plan, but instead drew from all the previous plans and studies and arrived at the solution that kept today's citizens safe, and that the Ellicott City of 100 years from now will regard and commemorate thankfully.

Thank you very much for your time and attention,

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Thank you Council Members for taking the time to read my testimony.

"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new." Socrates

As a child of military parents, I learned from a young age that not only is change constant, it is necessary. Well into my adult years, this lesson has played out time and time again. This includes the relocation of my business, Miss FIT, to the Caplan's building on Main Street in Historic Ellicott City. This town has had my heart since I was a teen walking the street and visiting the shops with my college sweetheart, now husband. While some would say that moving an established business just under four miles away to a new location is not the best decision, it was for us. It was a short ten months on Main Street, but it was the best ten months for my business.

We got to know our neighbors early on and felt the sense of community right away. From 515am classes to late in the evening, there were women, yoga mats and children coming to town on a regular basis. Not only did our team love our new location, our members did as well. Moving to Main Street was the necessary change that we needed to take us from barely surviving on our way to thriving.

While I was happy to be in such a charming place that reminded me a lot of my upbringing in Europe, I knew it was the people that brought the energy and atmosphere to life. Watching shopkeepers put out their flowers for sale, signs depicting funny quotes and specials, neighbors conversing, and the melodic hum that could be heard day in and day out was where the magic lived.

May 27th brought that hum to a silence and not for the first time. I watched in horror as everything I have spent my entire fifteen year career building wash out the front of our Miss FIT home. I was able to watch through social media avenues from my house because we were closed during the flood. I woke up through the night and many following nights sweating, crying, and panicking as the nightmares came with what would've happened had we been open.

Some talk about hardening these buildings. Speaking just for Caplan's, I was in the building that was hardened after the 2016 flood. I was in the building that had close to \$1 million invested into strengthening the bones of that building. Steel beams, concrete, and a lot of blood sweat and tears went in to bring that building back to life after 2016. Mother nature had her own way. The river had its own way. That building was devastated far worse than it had been two years prior. I think God every day that we were not open. I trusted that building. My team, my members, trusted that building. On May 27th, The whole side wall, front wall, and floors were ripped out by a raging river following its natural path of flow. Had we been open, there would've been between 8-18 children upstairs trying to exit across a weakened roof due to the side wall being washed out. There would have been between 20 and 45 women on the fitness floor immersed in their workout. Due to the rapid nature of the water levels changing as shown in Ron Peters videos, our first sign may have very well been the water reaching the windows on the side wall. It would have been too late.

What kind of extensive hardening can be done? How much will it cost? Who will pay for it? How will these buildings not create a dam to further damage to the buildings up the hill? Who's actually going to go into these buildings? Who is going to maintain them?

My 7 year old daughter asked me today if Miss FIT was going back in Caplan's. The conversation went like this

Leela (my 7 year old): Is Miss FIT going back in Caplan's?

Me: No. it's not safe.

Leela: Can they just rebuild it and make it better?

Me: Well, they did. Before we moved in, they put about one million dollars into it and used much stronger materials to build it.

Leela: and it still flooded and was destroyed??

Me: Yes. Do you think they should rebuild it again?

Leela: No. That would be a waste of money and it still won't be safe.

For life safety and for any kind of economic vitality for our town, this plan needs to happen now. My fellow business owners, residents and friends have placed their livelihoods on the line time and time again. They are not placeholders or caretakers. We are not placeholders or caretakers. We are the people, the energy, and the life of this town. We are resilient. We are relentless. But, we are scared. Scared for our friends, businesses, team members, customers, and lives.

Some people say the buildings coming down is changing the character of the town. I think these people are mistaken as, again, the character exists in the experiences people have when they come to town. It's the bubbles by Barry, the window displays at Sweet Elizabeth Jane by Tammy and her team, the movies put on by Wine Bin, live music at Little Market Cafe, the good food and hospitality from Mark Hemmis, the beers at Manor Hill after a run, local tasting events at the brewery, delicious chocolates from Sweet Cascades that my girls love from Sue, and countless other memories and moments we get to have because of the love of the business owners and their teams. If we don't act now, we truly will lose the character of the town as these businesses will not be able to survive. If we don't act now, OEC is and will remain considered unsafe, closed, and/or condemned by the community around us. It will become a ghost town street scape and just another thing you drive by on your way through Main Street to your next destination.

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Miss FIT (located in Caplan's)

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Dear Council Members

Now is the time to be courageous and take bold action to do the right thing for Historic Ellicott City.

When you vote on October 1, 2018, please vote in favor of TAO1-FY19, CB61-2018, CB62-2018.

I wish you all the best in your future endeavors. Thank you for your comittment to Howard County and Ellicott City during your terms in office

Ed Lilley