

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Sigaty, Mary Kay  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 02, 2018 10:56 AM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Ellicott City Flood plan

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**From:** William Hettchen <willhettchen@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2018 9:34 PM  
**To:** Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** Ellicott City Flood plan

I'm a life-long resident of 21043. I'm writing to encourage you to vote for the plan to demolish the buildings. Not because I want old Ellicott City turned into a strip mall. But because we can't allow another Howard County resident to die in a flood. Any other plan will require time and money. Every day that goes by without measures in place to prevent another flash flood down the middle of Main Street is a day that risks lives. We need to act now.

William Hettchen  
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**From:** Shari Zaret <sharizaret4kc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2018 6:20 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Vote YES on CB 70

Members of the Howard County Council:

I am writing to ask that you vote YES on Council Bill CB-70 2018.

As a member of the Kings Contrivance Village Board for many years, I often attended Planning Board meetings. Although I am currently serving as Representative to the Columbia Council (CA Board of Directors) for the village of Kings Contrivance, I am writing to express my own opinion.

For those residents unfamiliar with land use issues, but who want to voice their concerns about a proposed local project, it can be a confusing and daunting process. Trying to understand the sequence of planning documents (Concept Plan, FDP, STP, etc), keep track of when they are presented and when they are recommended, when they voted on, and by whom, and what the final site plan will ultimately look like, is overwhelming.

The General Plan for Downtown Columbia is even more overwhelming in its complexity. The requirements that are built into the plan, with the intent of phasing in development over time based on feedback from community stakeholders and flexibility on the part of developers, are not always clear. When changes to the agreed upon Plan are asked for by the developer, community stakeholders also need a way to evaluate the possible effects of deviating from the original intent embedded in the agreement.

It would be useful to all concerned to have Zoning Counsel present at the Planning Board hearings, to address, if necessary, the detailed requirements, standards and stipulations of the General Plan. After so many years of work, on the part of the Council, community members, village boards, county officials, and developers, we need to come back together under the neutral guidance of the Zoning Counsel, who can clarify both the broad intent and the legal details of the original authorizing legislation for the Downtown Plan.

This is a common-sense bill, which is both appropriate and useful as the General Plan goes forward.

Sincerely,

Shari Zaret,

Kings Contrivance Village Representative

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**From:** Brendan Nass <b.t.nass@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2018 5:36 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Amendment 4

I strongly support amendment 4. Please don't be the county council that destroys Main Street as we know it. You have one chance to get this right.

Thanks,  
Brendan Nass  
Resident: 8061 Main Street

Hello,

My name is Joy Gaither-Wineke I have been a resident of Howard County for over 40 years and have worked in and around Ellicott City Main Street for the better part of 20 years. Let me start out by saying I love my town and I want my town to stay but most of all I want my town to be safe. I want my heart and mind not to go into panic mode every time it rains. I believe the people who have died in the floods should not die in vain. We need to do something now to mitigate the water going down Main St.

My first memories from Main Street are when I was about 5 my mother and I would go antique shopping and I would pick out trinkets to go in my shadow box which was an old printer letter box. We would get penny candy and stop to see our neighbor Mr. Deeds at his book store. As I got older I had many friends that worked in Ellicott City including Talbots Lumber and the many restaurants and stores. I myself worked at Stillridge Herb Farm, The Trolley Stop, and The Judges Bench.

Today I am testifying for myself and Ooh La Lal Salon on Old Columbia Pike. I am a Part –Time manager and have supported the salon in my home when the Salon was not able to open due to the Ellicott City Floods. Although the salon did have about 4 Stylist that decided not to return to work in Ellicott City in 2016 the loss of that income hurt the salon. In 2018 the salon was almost back to “normal” when the flood hit in 2018. This completely decimated our business again trying to find a space where all of our stylist could work together and not be broken up again. We were blessed to find salon who took us in but our hours were cut and a lot of clients couldn’t find us.

The emotional part of having to be rescued out of the salon seeing the building be ruined by rising water coming in and a land slide in the parking lot was almost too much to bare for Sheela. Is the business worth putting your employees in danger by going, being at or leaving work? The salon that has always been Sheelas dream to be in the heart of Main St and she put her heart and soul into making her dream come to. Only to have it knock down once but twice then the added guilt of your building not being as

damaged as others building so you should feel lucky but still not being able to pay your employees, your rent and your mortgage. Not knowing if you will be able to continue your business and provide for yourself. These are all the thoughts in your mind while trying to save what you can out of the business until or if you will reopen. Contacting your clients and hoping they will wait for you while you scramble to figure out when you will be able get them an appointment.

Flash forward and the salon was able to reopen after new floors, lots of cleaning and landscaping. After all this work a few Stylist and some customers decided not to return to the salon. Now that we are open and still struggling to stay open every time it rains customers call and cancel their appointments and I can't blame them. Nothing has changed since 2016 this is not a 1 in 1000 year flood. Our town doesn't have the luxury of time. Two times in less than 2 years and 3 lives is too much to shove under the rug.

In 2011 our floors were damaged at the salon and my friend's home was destroyed and it almost took their lives as well. In 2011 the basement in my house was flooding while I was helping my friend try to salvage her home. This was the first time my basement had flooded the only thing that had changed was a new house was built next to us. After 2011 my husband built a French Drain to avoid water getting into the basement. In 2016 our basement got about a foot of water in my basement. My husband once again dug a deeper gully and a concrete lip at the top of our basement steps. In 2018 my basement got about 4 inches in it so we will again try some things to keep water out of our basement. The rain is not going to stop it will always make me uneasy when it falls. If we mitigate the damage that the rain can do to our town we owe it to ourselves to make it safer. The thought of having to take down the buildings breaks my heart. So many memories that I have in those buildings I would love for them to stay but it has become clear that the water wants to go that way and if we can save lives by taking them down then and saving the rest of the town then that's what I am fighting for.

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**From:** joy gaither-wineke <jgwink@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2018 5:33 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Testimony for Main st  
**Attachments:** testimony 2018.docx

Hello,

Attached is my testimony for Ellicott City Historic District. I urge you to start as soon as possible.

Thank you,  
Joy Gaither-Wineke  
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**From:** Tracey Callender <Tracey.Callender@kci.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2018 5:02 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB-61 2018 and TA01-FY2019  
**Attachments:** Ellicott City Flood Mitigation Plan.pdf

Members of the Howard County Council,

Attached please find a letter regarding the legislation under consideration on the Ellicott City Flood Mitigation Plan.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,

**Tracey I. Callender**

Executive Assistant

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October 1, 2018

Howard County Council  
George Howard Building  
3430 Court House Drive  
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Re: CB 61-2018  
TA01 – FY 2019

Dear Council Members:

As the Chief Executive Officer of KCI Technologies, Inc. (KCI) an engineering firm headquartered in Maryland with a branch office in Howard County, MD, and as a registered professional engineer whose focus has been storm water management I have been following with great interest the flood mitigation plans in Ellicott City, MD. KCI employs over four hundred people in our Maryland offices and many of them call Howard County and specifically Ellicott City their home.

As you may not know, KCI has been providing design services for flood control improvements at the west end of Ellicott City for the Storm Water Management Division of the Howard County Department of Public Works. After the last flood in May of 2018 I gathered a group of engineers at our office to take a deeper dive into the specific issues leading to the flooding in Ellicott City. This work was done at our own expense in hopes of deriving some potential solutions to the persistent flooding problems that have plagued the area for many years. KCI has performed numerous projects in Ellicott City over the years including a full 3D laser scan of the main street corridor prior to the 2016 flood. We also had several other sources of information available to us including plans posted on the internet by the County as part of the public awareness process for the Ellicott City Mitigation Plan. After review of topographic mapping for the watershed along with soils and geological reports it was apparent to the group that this a very unique situation that will require a unique solution. Although there are always numerous potential solutions to a problem with public safety as the leading concern it was our belief that anything that could be done to open the channel and remove obstructions from the waterway would provide the most expedient and cost effective means of addressing the issue. Realizing there may be various methods to accomplish an unobstructed open channel, and only speaking from engineering view point, the current proposal will accomplish this goal.





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As with any project of this magnitude cost is a significant factor however not the sole factor. Many alternatives discussed involve substantial excavation in granite as well as crossing the CSX railroad right of way. Though both these things could be accomplished they will add substantial costs and more importantly take a significant amount of time to achieve. This could potentially add years to the project and increase the risk of additional loss of life. In no circumstance should additional loss of life ever be an acceptable solution.

We appreciate the efforts being made by the Council to listen to concerned citizens and greatly appreciate the opportunity to contribute to this discourse. If we can be of any additional assistance in this regard please feel free to reach out at your earliest opportunity. At KCI we greatly value the long term relationship we have had with Howard County and look forward to continuing that relationship for many years to come.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Beil", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Nathan J. Beil, PE  
Chief Executive Officer

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**From:** Sharon Harman <sharon.harman104@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2018 4:40 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Historic Ellicott City proposals

Dear Council Members,

I am a resident of Historic Ellicott City and have been following the developments regarding how to move forward with Ellicott City and flood mitigation. I strongly request other options be considered rather than the demolition of 19 buildings. I understand there is an urgency to develop and implement a plan, however, in my opinion, acting too quickly without thorough consideration of alternative solutions is a mistake as it was following the 2016 flood. Following the 2016 flood, the urgency was to get Main Street open as quickly as possible and get the businesses up and running again. I feel the speed of those decisions and actions contributed to the flood of 2018. Let's not move so quickly that viable alternative options get ignored. The demolition of 19 buildings in a historic district is significant and if there are other options that involve less destruction while still addressing and eliminating flooding (which the demolition plan does NOT), the time needs to be taken to evaluate those plans.

Thank you,  
Sharon Harman

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**From:** Tony McGuffin <tonymcguffin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2018 4:35 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** TAO1 and amendments.

Howard County Council Members,

There are so many reasons to scrap TAO1 as a potentially catastrophic danger, but the Amendments, especially # 4, bring it into the realm of reasonable compromise.

Please note: while proponents insist these mitigation plans have been in the process of study and vetting for years, that is true for eighteen mitigation efforts to the west of town, and even the drilling of tunnels as part of the Storm Water Management, but is NOT true of the plans to demolish buildings on Lower Main Street. Jon Weinstein has asserted over and over that that part of the plan came up after the May 27th, 2018 flood, so just four months ago, without comparable study or vetting, when he was approached by building owners seeking financial relief - quite a gigantic conflict of interest there, on a normal day!

This plan works backwards from most with an untested proposal to work up toward the flow, rather than mitigating the flow. It creates an unknown, unstudied, likely catastrophic situation during the period between demolition and project completion, and still, in the end, is less safe, even leaving more flood water on the street than the mitigation projects without the demolition would result in. And no one knows what will occur if we have a situation with the River coming in at a high level, as in 1972, where this channel would likely back up, and if we've not done sufficient mitigation from the west, what disaster would we have created? Not studied, not vetted. The current bill also ignores, and proponents have tried to manipulate facts relating to, the tunnel borings. The amendments fix these problems without delaying any productive action.

Also, please note: A great majority of your constituents favor the safer choices, not the risky, precipitous rush to enact the untested, unvetted, plagued by conflicts of interest, dangerous, plan, which will leave us with floods. 75% disapproval for the plan was indicated by the recent Preservation Maryland poll, and at least 70% of your own written testimony supports that opinion gap.

Pass the amendments to pass this bill. Without them, the bill is atrocious, and untenable.

Thank you,

Tony McGuffin

Dear Council Members,

I am writing this letter to voice my support for Amendment .4 to TAO1-2019. The proposed plan, which includes demolishing Ellicott City historic buildings does not sufficiently reduce flooding. If the plan was the best option it would be one thing, but it is only a Band-Aid. If this Council approves the plan without this amendment Historic Ellicott city loses out, and so do the citizens.

The priority for all stakeholders is the safety and piece of mind of Historic Ellicott City residents, and business owners along with their employees. Since everyone is on the same page about this, I urge the Council to amend the current proposed plan, in order to address the public safety first.

This will allow for the time needed to amend this plan in a way that life and history may be preserved. In allowing the demolition of the Historic Ellicott City buildings, this Council will be changing the character of this town. The draw for visitors and residents alike is that historic area.

You must make this decision based off of what makes sense. This plan does not adequately address the issues that it is meant to resolve and needs some reworking. It would be more reasonable to take measures now in order to keep people safe and allow for the newly elected Council to decide what should happen as far as the rest of the plan.

The sudden announcement of this plan, in it's final form was a shock to many people. This town is divided and that is unfortunate, approving this proposed amendment would be a step in the right direction. I hope that during the final days as Council members you not only consider why this plan will not work, but also think about how you leave your constituents. You have the opportunity to help people start to mend these fences. If you ask me, mediation would do quite a bit of good.

Best of luck on your future endeavors, and thank you for your service!

Kathy Howell

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**From:** TANYA RAPACZ <t.rapacz@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2018 4:10 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** tonight's meeting

I support those who live and work in 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 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.

Thank you

Tanya Rapacz

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**From:** joel hurewitz <joelhurewitz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2018 4:09 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Protecting the B&O and Flood Levels on Main Street Due to the Tiber Channel Wall and the Patapsco Bridge

Dear Councilmembers,

I recently saw the photo below of the 2018 flood which raised the following issues and the shows the difficulties on engineering for flooding:

1. The extent to which wall of the Tiber channel at the railroad bridge is keeping the water on Main Street.
2. The relative level of water in the Tiber compared to the level on Main Street.
3. What the level of water on Main Street would be if the Tiber wall was opened up?
4. Options for redesign of the Tiber wall to lower the water level on Main Street.
5. How the slope of the Patapsco bridge is keeping the water on Main Street?
6. What the level of water on Main Street would be if the water did not collect on the Patapsco bridge?
7. How the jersey wall on the Patapsco bridge is keeping the water on Main Street?
8. What the level of water on Main Street would be if the jersey wall was removed?
9. Options for removal of the jersey wall on the Patapsco bridge.
10. Options for changing the design of the Patapsco bridge including removing a portion of the decking and replacing with a steel grate.
11. Generally how the options and water levels on Main Street in the Five-Year Plan accounted for the Tiber channel wall at the railroad, the slope of the Patapsco bridge, and/or the jersey wall on the Patapsco bridge.

In particular, because the replacement Tiber wall has the unintended consequence of keeping the water on Main Street, I wonder how removal of the buildings, especially the Phoenix will not lead to damage to the B&O. Mark DeLuca admitted that the engineering has not been done and that any planning is for optimal conditions, but then admitted that cars and trees could probably block a channel when things do not go as planned. The engineers of the rebuilt Caplan's believed that their design would work, yet it proved to be a spectacular failure.

Removal of the buildings and the bridges without structures to protect Maryland Ave and the B&O from flood water and debris is a serious mistake and must not be done.

Sincerely,

Joel Hurewitz



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**From:** milton myers <mysterusa@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2018 3:37 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Fw: The Future of Historic Ellicott City

On Monday, October 1, 2018 3:32 PM, milton myers <mysterusa@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Councilwomen and Councilmen,

I am writing to urge you not to pass the part of the legislation which calls for the demolition of buildings in Historic Ellicott City tonight. I am all for doing everything that can be done to ameliorate the flooding risk and save lives, but rushing to demolish buildings is not going to help. Funding and putting in place other measures, such as storm retention ponds, studying the tunnels that will divert water away from Main Street, and implementing better warning and evacuation plans will do more to promote public safety than prematurely demolishing buildings. The current plan also does not work to divert water from the New Cut, which contributed about 40% of the water on lower Main Street, during the 2018 flood. The plan is hasty and does not consider all the options and variables involved.

Of course the owners and businesses that were affected should be compensated. I have no problem with the County acquiring these properties at a fair price, and holding them while a more comprehensive plan is developed. One that would NOT allow four to six feet of rapid flood waters to flow down Main Street. Flood waters at this height are very dangerous, the town won't be safe, and lives will still be at great risk.

Historic Ellicott City is a treasure which belongs not only to Howard County, but also Maryland and the entire United States. The county can apply for funding from state and federal agencies to help fund the improvements that will alleviate the flood risks. To destroy an historical jewel in a vain attempt to increase safety is a serious dereliction of duty, and irreversible.

So, please do not vote to demolish buildings prematurely, vote to fund and begin the other projects, so work can begin on them immediately. Don't be on the wrong side of history and be forever known as the Howard County Council that destroyed one quarter of Main Street, but didn't actually improve the safety there in flood conditions!!

Mary Nell E. Romanik Myers  
Life Long Howard County Resident



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**From:** Veronica McGinley <vmcginley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2018 12:19 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Tonight's vote

Dear Council Members:

After the 2016 flood, there was a rush to rebuild, ill-advised as it turned out. We listened to the same people who told us that it was fine and we had years to consider other options reassure the community that also heard the more dire warnings of climatologists. Now, we are seeing another rush, the same people assuring us this is fine, and many experts telling us that it will not alleviate the flood waters to safe levels.

So, I hope you will understand why I hope the council will not approve the plan as it is. We all want a safe and thriving Main Street in Ellicott City and I hope we can start to mend the very divided community by beginning at that point and take time to listen without accusations or blatant dismissals like I recently saw on the official county page. That was disturbing, to say the least. There is a way to move ahead without further dividing the community, which I would hope would be the Council's goal. I support Amendment No. 4 to currently-pending legislation 019, 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.

If we lose such a significant part of Main Street, we simply can't be sure the town will continue to attract people. Charm and ambiance are difficult things to understand and almost impossible to create. They are characteristics that develop and evolve. If this demolition destroys those characteristics, and I suspect it will, we won't be able to recreate the very things that brings people to Ellicott City. And we must be honest, it is not enough land for a park and a culvert. It will simply be a bare area with a creek that is barely a trickle most days. That won't add any ambiance and will not significantly mitigate the water levels without all the other project. So do them first.

Before we destroy history, let's be absolutely certain we had to.

Thank you for your consideration,

Veronica McGinley

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**From:** Race Alexander <racealexander@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2018 12:01 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Downtown proposal

To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to voice my great concern with the proposal to demolish a core part of the historic part of Ellicott City's downtown fabric. I am a practicing architect who has spent years studying traditional architecture and urbanism, and I state without equivocation that the removal of these buildings will damage a key part of your city forever.

The solution to the flooding problems must come with more thought, study, and respect for the historic core that establishes the identity of your town. The city council should not be forced into making a quick decision because of external pressures. These buildings are irreplaceable.

Please consider how much these buildings mean to both current and future residents.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Race Alexander

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**From:** Sigaty, Mary Kay  
**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2018 11:55 AM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** Fw: Ellicott City Plan

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**From:** Winnie Carpenter <winnie.carpenter@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 1, 2018 9:06 AM  
**To:** Ball, Calvin B; Terrasa, Jen; Sigaty, Mary Kay; Fox, Greg  
**Subject:** Ellicott City Plan

Good morning,

On 9/8/1900 a hurricane hit Galveston Island. It was the deadliest natural disaster in the United States. Between 6,000 and 8,000 people died. 3,600 homes were destroyed. 30,000 people were left homeless. The monetary loss was \$36M.

The next day the mayor took the bold move to start the recovery process. The Galveston City government was reorganized and two engineers were hired.

A 3 1/2 mile concrete seawall was built, 17' high. 16 million cubic yards of sand were moved. The entire city was raised up to 16'. All sewer, water and gas lines were relocated. 2,100 buildings, 500 city blocks, were raised with jacks, including the 3,000 ton St. Patrick Church.

The people altered their own fate and have preserved their city with that bold move one hundred and eighteen years ago. Will you help preserve Ellicott City for future generations?

Thank you.

Winnie Carpenter  
713 Pleasant Hill Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21043  
410-461-4434

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Julianne Danna <juliannedanna@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2018 11:17 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Petition to delay demolition on Main Street

Dear council members,

I have written before to encourage you to not proceed immediately with the demolition of lower Main Street Ellicott City. As an archaeologist, a former NPS park ranger, an educator, and a county resident, I know there are better options than immediately removing those buildings. As the wife of a National Guardsman, life is important above all. However, I strongly believe that other measures can be immediately enacted to preserve life in the threat of danger on Main Street without demolition including a warning system, and major upstream management.

Preservation Maryland has dutifully put forward many strong proposals and I back them 100%.

As a student, I learned about sense of place and how it affects people. It is a sense of place that often drives us subconsciously. Would Antietam Battlefield be the same if there was a shopping mall on it? Why do we visit an empty field? Would Fells Point be the same if there was a highway running through it? Why does Fells Point succeed when Harborplace is failing to keep tenants? Ellicott City will not be the same without those buildings.

Though many current business owners state their support for demolition, they are but current caretakers of Main Street. In the life of those buildings, the current individuals are just a chapter in their stories. We must continue to persevere and protect those walls that cared for so many lives before the current owners so that new lives can be touched and influenced by those structures.

I truly hope those buildings are still there when my children bring their children to visit Main Street. I know there are other ways besides demolition to protect the lives, businesses, and character of Main Street and I hope that you and the County seek them through knowledge, patience, and an open mind.

Respectfully,

Julianne Danna  
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Ellicott City, MD

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**From:** Sigaty, Mary Kay  
**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2018 11:10 AM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** Fw: Favored Ellicott City Mitigation Plan

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**From:** Sigaty, Mary Kay  
**Sent:** Monday, October 1, 2018 11:09 AM  
**To:** Buzz Spencer  
**Subject:** Re: Favored Ellicott City Mitigation Plan

Good morning Mr. Spencer,

Thank you for sharing your comments with me regarding the Flood Mitigation Plan for the Historic District. I will consider your views as I deliberate this legislation.

Sincerely,

Mary Kay Sigaty  
Howard County Council  
District 4  
410-313-2001

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**From:** Buzz Spencer <buzzspencer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 28, 2018 1:51:23 PM  
**To:** Sigaty, Mary Kay  
**Cc:** Clay, Mary; Singleton, Julia  
**Subject:** Favored Ellicott City Mitigation Plan

Greetings: My name is George Spencer. I have been a Howard County taxpaying and voter resident for 40+ years.

My concern/opinion regards the incomplete packaging of favored Ellicott City Mitigation Plan.

It is a "good" plan, but appears incomplete relative to specifically addressing the water flow at the sources that accumulate on its path developing a water wall of as it reaches the ravine of down town.

MS Sigaty, as a person on the council trained in Best Practices, I urge you not to approve the plan as is, but only table it until the sources of run-off water flow that accumulate on its path has a Best Practices mitigation plan.

Reducing/managing the initial sources/causes of run-off water will likewise reduce the accumulation affect whether there buildings or not.

Hope you will consider my thoughts to develop a complete "Best Practices" plan before moving forth with a tear down plan.

Again, please use a best practices approach derived from centuries of global mitigation experiences of others.

Reiterate – vote to table the favored mitigation plan until it is complete by spelling out mitigation/management of runoff waters at its various sources as it flows a path to accumulate and schedule a plan revisit.

In mean time continue with maintenance work under way, including promulgating a defined "weekly" scheduled inspection and water way debris clearing and removal of potential trees falling into water ways. Have driven and walked waterways and there are obvious potential debris objects that need to be addressed and removed.

Respectfully submitted.

George Spencer

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**From:** Robert Anson <ranson1@alumni.jh.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2018 10:55 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Safety first.

While the proposed amendment to force the hand of the Historic Commission when public safety is involved seems both valuable and harmless on its face, it is clearly an effort to undermine their authority and to promote the foolish and life-threatening "Master Plan."

NOTE HOWEVER: provisions for determining what constitutes a threat are not included. Since our group believes firmly that the current "Master Plan" for OEC *itself* constitutes a threat to lives and safety, if any of you even mildly entertain the same doubts that we have (and you should!) please act to prevent this arrogance from causing deaths and wasting money that could be used to save both lives and history.

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R. Michael Anson, Ph.D.

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**From:** Katie Munn <katiewolfmunn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2018 10:41 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail

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Thank you Cathryn and James Munn

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**From:** Pamela Williams <pwilliamssrq@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2018 10:31 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** SAVE OLD EC!!!

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**SAVE ELLICOTT CITY!!!**

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**From:** B Illum <buffy.illum@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2018 10:22 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** No to demolition on Main St

Dear County Council,

I urge you to vote no on demolition tonight. It looks like there are better plans that can save Historic Main Street. I am also concerned that Howard County will lose the ability to get federal funding to rebuild because of section 106. We need that tax money for schools and infrastructure. Let's make sure the county meets federal funding requirements. Please slow down and do this process correctly. Main Street Ellicott City is a national treasure.

Thanks for your help!  
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**From:** Tracy Soltesz <kesrya@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2018 10:12 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin B; Terrasa, Jen; Sigaty, Mary Kay; Fox, Greg  
**Subject:** Flood Mitigation that Preserves the Historic Buildings  
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Dear Honorable Members of the Howard County Council,

Tonight you will vote on the flood mitigation plan proposed by County Executive Kittleman for Historic Ellicott City. You have heard the voices of countless local citizens urge you to opt for a plan that works to increase safety and preserve the 10 buildings that would be demolished under this plan.

Please add my family's voice to theirs. I urge you to vote to begin upstream mitigation efforts now, and to support any of the amendments that support alternative flood mitigation plans such as a tunnel bore that could improve safety and preserve the heart of Historic Ellicott City's storefronts.

My family lives just three miles up Frederick Road / Main Street from Historic Ellicott City. Though we are in Baltimore County, this town is just as much "our town" as it is those who presently work, live or own property on Main Street.

My husband and I both graduated from Catonsville High School and UMBC, as did my father. My children represent the 4th generation of our family to grow up on Frederick Road an easy biking distance from Main Street. Though I can literally walk to the many shops and restaurants on Frederick Road in Catonsville, until recently, our family has always opted to spend our dollars in OEC. I have celebrated milestone birthdays at the restaurants in OEC, I got married with 200 guests in OEC, and six years ago, I hosted my father's wake in OEC. My children have spent every Halloween trick or treating on Main Street.

I was an employee for three years during my college and post-graduate studies at the coffee shop that formally occupied the Easton Funeral Home building. I was working in Ellicott City the day of the 4 alarm fire that began just a few buildings away from me. In May, while Ellicott City was being ravaged by floods, I was driving with my family through flash flood waters on Frederick Road in Catonsville. The water was above the axils of my SUV and we could not turn back to return home and had to divert onto side streets hoping that they would not be flooded.

While I have not been present for the flash floods in Ellicott City, I know the fear and terror of being trap in flash flood waters, and I also know the terror and fear of being present during a emergency in Historic Ellicott City.

Historic Ellicott City has been a staple in my family's life for 4 generations. We are just as much a part of the "people" of OEC as anyone else. And yet I am acutely aware that we are all - every single one of us - just a moment in time to OEC. We are guardians of this 250+ year old, unique, irreplaceable history of our state and our country. We owe to every generation of the past and every generation yet to come to implement a flood mitigation plan that saves lives \*and\* preserves our historic buildings.

Ripping out those buildings - the heart of the commercial district - is a change that I am certain will destroy OEC's vitality. This isn't just "5%" as Executive Kittleman keeps saying. These 10 buildings represent 1/4th of the busiest section of the commercial. I have no doubt that any plan which will destroy the heart of the city while still allowing for up to 6 feet of rushing flood water on lower Main Street will do nothing to bring commerce back to OEC. I would no longer feel safe taking my children to the B&O museum or any of the remaining stores on lower Main if this plan is implemented.

The current plan will put an irrevocable end to this town's beautiful history. Historic Ellicott City deserves better from its guardians.

Please vote to preserve lives and history tonight. Do not approve a plan that demolishes the buildings.

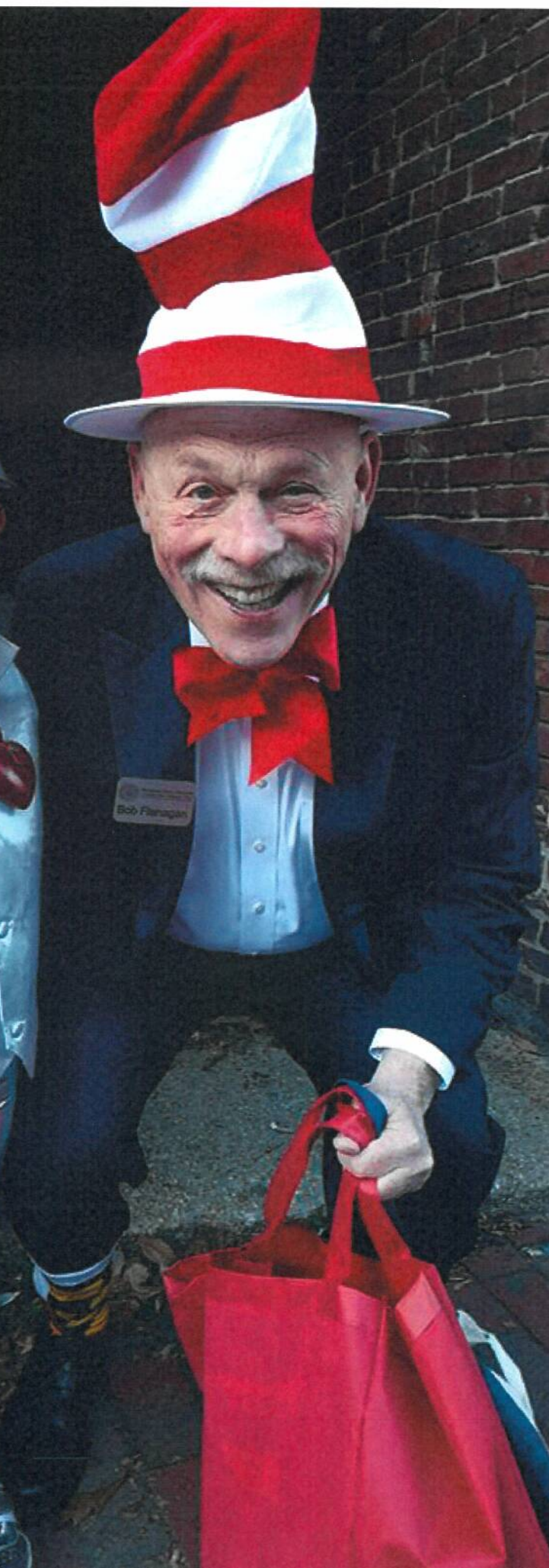
Sincerely,

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**From:** Christopher Schisler <metelmanec@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2018 9:09 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Weinstein, Jon; Ball, Calvin B; Fox, Greg; Terrasa, Jen; Sigaty, Mary Kay  
**Subject:** Please support amendments to TA01-FY2019

Council Member:

Please support the amendments to TA01-FY2019, the county's plan to address flooding on Main Street in Ellicott City. While I'm currently opposed to the idea of demolishing such a significant portion of historic Main Street (I do know it's 5% of the total district, but it represents a much larger percentage of historic Main Street--the very area the Historic District was created to preserve), I think many in opposition could be persuaded after a more thorough review and explanation of alternatives as part of an open and engaging process. These amendments are a good compromise, they allow flood mitigation to continue/begin, while exploring funding sources and demolition alternatives.

Thank you for your consideration.

Christopher Schisler  
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**From:** Kristin L.H. Forbes <kristinlucido@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2018 9:06 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Old Ellicott City TAO1-FY2019

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.

Old Ellicott City means so much to this County. It deserves a thorough review

Kristin Forbes

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To the Howard County Council and who it may concern.

I applaud Howard County's efforts to find a solution for flooding in the Tiber Hudson Watershed, but all four solutions proposed including #4 do not remove all flood water from Main Street and this is what the community is asking for. If there is still a potential for flooding on Main Street there is still a threat. Even in solution #4 flood water will remain and thus the fear will remain. Funding for redevelopment and the emotional stamina to rebuild will dry up as will the tourism. The "threat" for Ellicott City's sustainability is fear of flooding, not flooding. The solution is to remove all flooding on Main Street, solution #4 is not the answer.

There was discussion of tunneling and removing all flood water from Main Street, but this was not pursued further. I suggest tunneling be further explored because this is the only answer to Ellicott City's flooding.

At one of the public hearings it was mentioned that Ellicott City is being watched by multiple surrounding jurisdiction, in a three state area, because we have the most challenging geographical and environmental setting. If we do not get this right what kind of message will we be sending to municipalities with similar challenges? Solutions that are narrow in focus, short on product, and do not address long term impact will doom the community. This is going to be our legacy to the next generation. Everyone is watching.

Gary Maule  
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