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From: Patricia Williams <pwilliamsmd@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 9:00 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Extend watershed moratorium

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I am a Valley Mede resident and strongly support the bill by Liz Walsh to extend the moratorium to build in the Plum Tree and Little Plum Tree watershed. We do not yet have possible solutions to mitigate the flooding problems. I am doubtful there are total solutions to protect not only homes and people, but personal properties such as actual land, sheds, yard equipment and so forth. I feel that ANY development in the watershed will disturb and affect properties downstream for no system is perfect.

Please support this extremely important bill.

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From: Leonardo McClarty <lmccarty@howardchamber.com>
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2019 1:28 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Extension Period of 2018 Watershed Safety Act
Attachments: Watershed Extension CB20_05.02.19.pdf

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Howard County Council Members:

Please find attached a letter from the Chamber pertaining to CB20-2019.

Thanks

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May 2, 2019

Ms. Christiana Rigby
Chairperson, Howard County Council
3430 Court House Drive
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RE: CB20-2019 - 2018 Watershed Safety Act Extension

Dear Councilman Rigby:

Like most, the Howard County Chamber was emotionally torn by the 2016 and 2018 floods that devastated Historic Ellicott City. We also share the County Council's interest in protecting Historic Ellicott City and ensuring that new development does not contribute to Main Street flooding during historic storm events. As such, we do not oppose the extension of the Tiber-Hudson Watershed Moratorium. We do, however recommend an amendment that will offer some predictability to members of the business community that are making decisions based on the moratorium and its duration.

More specifically, we request that the bill be amended such that the moratorium would automatically terminate upon the adoption of new storm water management standards for the watershed. This was the original intention of the moratorium after the 2018 flood, which is retained with the language of the new bill. We are confident the County Council will work expediently to evaluate the recommendations of the Department of Public Works and pass new standards based on those recommendations.

Growth, including residential growth, is fundamental to a thriving local economy. The areas covered by this moratoria include some of Howard County's best schools, best parks, and newest infrastructure. Our understanding is that the Tiber-Hudson moratorium is about protecting Ellicott City and stand strongly with you in pursuit of that goal. However, we cannot support an extended moratoria that is offered for the sole purpose of excluding new housing.

We thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts on this proposed legislation. For questions or comments, I can be reached at 410-730-4111.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Leonardo McClarty'.

Leonardo McClarty, CCE
President/CEO, Howard County Chamber

CC: Howard County Council
Howard County Executive
Howard County Chamber Board of Directors

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From: Dayna Pachman <daynapachman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 4:55 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: exemption please for the Moratorium
Attachments: 2019 Letter re moritorium.docx

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Dear Council Members,

Please take a look at this letter and the pictures I am enclosing

Thank you
Dayna

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Dayna S. Pachman
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Dear Counsel Members and Chairwoman Mercer-Rigby, Councilwoman Walsh,
Councilwoman, Jung, and Councilman Jones,

I am a new homeowner on Valley Road in Ellicott City, who closed on my new home only 2 weeks after the 2nd historic flood in old Ellicott City. I write today to ask that you consider exemption language in the extension of the one-year effective period of the Watershed Safety Act. I ask this for those who have a home that was built prior to any flooding so that they may continue to care for their home and make the necessary alterations that will allow them to continue enjoying their current home for years to come.

I purchased my home knowing it was built in 1952 and looking forward to all the improvements I wanted to make in my new single family home once I moved in from my townhome in Columbia. The week after the flood I raced over to my soon to be my new property praying that the flood had not caused too much damage in. I did find that my new basement had been flooded but, did go to closing on June 6, 2018.

Upon moving in I immediately met with an architect designer, Jim Molinari, to design my addition, make the upgrades need to make it my own and to take care of any drainage issues that may have arisen around my property. My plans were to bring a laundry room upstairs to the main level, convert the sunroom back to a garage, and fix the master bathroom of the on- suite. I then hired Ardo construction to carry out the design plans. The contract was signed the middle of July and work was set to begin the first week of August. The moratorium went into effect July 29, 2018, without Ardo knowing it had gone into effect. After many visits to the County office it was agreed upon that I would give up my driveway in order to do half of the addition.

I understand the purpose of the moratorium for new construction and putting in any new developments. I think this is reasonable based upon the need to correct the flooding in old Ellicott City. I do believe that there needs to be an exemption

for current /older homes so they can be modified and modernized or additions can be placed on them. The exemption should force homeowners who are doing additions and adding impervious surface to take care of any stormwater runoff that occurs from the house. For example, because I was doing a 200 sq. ft. addition, I placed a dry well in the back of my property that contained all the stormwater runoff from the gutters from that half of my house. In order to do the other half I need to replace all the gutters. I cannot afford to spend money twice and replace the gutters twice. Once I add the additional 100 sq. ft. that I need, I will replace all the gutters and the roofing on that side of the house. These gutters will also be run to the dry well.

This extension of the moratorium without language for an exemption has left my property without the ability to finish the drainage project as well as to finish my addition. As of right now before the announcement of the extension of the moratorium we booked the driveway and walkway paving to take place on August 1 this year. I even spoke with Ardo about applying for the permits the same day as the moratorium ended. If the original one-year effective period of the Watershed Safety Act is extended I will be unable to complete the drainage project and complete my addition. This will cause my house to continue to flood not allow me to get better homeowners insurance, and currently any time it rains I cannot bring my elderly parents over, as they sink into the mud every time they try to walk to the front door. I will be at the meeting on May 20th and would love the opportunity to speak at the meeting.

Very truly yours

Dayna S. Pachman