

Good evening, and thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of CR 123-2019, to increase protection of the Tiber Branch and Plumtree watersheds by requiring revised standards for storm water management facilities.

We appreciate the acknowledgment that these storm and heavy rain events have become stronger and produce more water runoff than in past years, and that they require a strengthening of the requirements for developers to manage the drainage and runoff that increases from paving over pervious surfaces.

There is no denying that the areas affected by these storms fall within these 2 watersheds, primarily Old Ellicott City, which has sustained perilous damage and loss of life from recent and more frequently occurring storms. But we believe that this resolution should include the Patapsco and Patuxent watersheds as well, whose flooding incidents from inadequate storm water management coupled with rapidly increasing residential development cannot go unnoticed.

During these heavy, previously unprecedented rain events, flooding regularly occurs in lower Elkridge and the Route 1 Corridor that traps cars on flooded roads and overwhelms storm drains, leading to flooded residential streets and basements. Impending developments in these areas are going to make the problem worse; the Gables in Elkridge, which currently borders treed land marked for development of 17 new homes; Harwood Park, which borders the Roberts property, marked for development of 360 new apartments and townhomes; RiverWatch in lower Elkridge, which not only floods but now sits on the precipice of the Patapsco River due to erosion of the adjacent parcel it borders and, to add insult to injury, is marked for a second apartment development called RiverWatch II in the same spot. The south end of the Route 1 corridor is the target of 2 huge impending residential developments at the Milk CoOp property and at the Mission Road quarry. Mission road already floods regularly, blocking access to it from commuters on Route 1. The existing storm water management there is wholly inadequate, so developers must be held to higher standards to protect it from regular flooding.

We commend this effort to enforce stronger storm water management requirements on development in the Tiber and Plumtree watersheds. We urge you to include the Patapsco and Patuxent watersheds in Howard County to adequately protect the rest of our county from the increased double threat of more frequent heavy rain and rapid development paving over pervious surfaces.

The People's Voice, LLC

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TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF AN ORGANIZATION

I, Barbara Krupiarz ✓, have been duly authorized by
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The People's Voice, LLC to deliver testimony to the
(name of nonprofit organization or government board, commission, or task force)

County Council regarding CR 123-2019 to express the organization's
(bill or resolution number)

support for / opposition to / request to amend this legislation.
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Date: 9/16/19

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Testimony to amend CR122 & CR 123

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While CR 122 & CR123 are overly burdensome to developers, asking new projects to do more than their fair share, they do get us back on track to answer the questions posed by CB56 and provide a framework for solutions making CB 38 and CB40 totally unnecessary. CR 122 & CR 123 should be amended in some less restrictive form to allow the moratorium to end and development which will benefit Ellicott City and the County to proceed.

More than doubling the fees for offsite projects seems too steep under CR 122.

Asking new projects in the watershed to increase their retention by about one third also seems a bit much.

The facts of the County water or hydrology study published in June 2017 recognized development as only a minor contributor to flooding of Old Ellicott City (OEC), pointing out that even if all the 3.7 square miles of the OEC watershed were undeveloped forest, about 80% of the floodwaters would still have occurred in 2016. The study notes that even if all the remaining undeveloped property were fully developed it would not have made the flooding worse. It didn't, however, point out an important fact, which is that any new development, with existing or even more stringent standards, will help. Even if all the remaining undeveloped land and all the re-development currently planned were to retain all the rainfall hitting the property, it would not stop Old Ellicott City from flooding as it is only a few percent of the entire 3.7 square miles of the watershed.

In order to stop flooding we need as a community to concentrate on large scale projects as the Administration is doing in its flood mitigation plan. We also need to work more on reducing our footprint on the environment while fostering development in order to reduce climate change.

Each new development under current standards will provide quality and quantity controls which do not exist today; many of these SWM benefits will be on line at no cost to the County before all the features of the excellent flood mitigation plan of County Executive Ball can be completed. The more area that is developed or re-developed the more SWM that will be provided. New and redeveloped sites often feature green building aspects which are not part of older construction, helping the environment.

Raising the cost of new housing, when and if it can happen, may eliminate projects that would provide Moderate Income Housing Units (MIHUs) and thereby reduce needed housing for workers in the County.

With no grandfathering, property owners with projects in line for years may need to abandon or completely re-design their projects, leaving the County with less revenue.

In summary, we urge you to amend and pass CR 122 & CR 123 to reduce the increase in cost of new projects, possibly putting off or cancelling projects which would benefit Ellicott City and Howard County



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