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From: john.barbare <john.barbare@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 9:05 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Ball, Calvin
Subject: Please pass CB 38 and CB 40

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I live 1 mile from old EC and the construction over the last 20 years has flooded my house and lost power for weeks. Please pass these Bills for consideration of re election and helping the community.

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Thanks

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

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From: Adam Simon <adamjsimon7@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 11:52 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB-40 testimony

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Good Morning,

My wife and I have been residents of Howard County since 2013. As our family has expanded, we moved from a townhouse in Long Reach to a single family home in Dorsey Search in 2016. We bought our house with the intention to redesign the backyard to better suit the needs of our family. The original wooden deck was very small, was starting to rot and was pulling away from the house at a steep angle due to the failure of several footings causing potential structural issues to the foundation of our main house. This was noted as part of our home inspection and we understood that it was in desperate need of replacement. The original homeowners had resided in the dwelling since the house was built in the early 1980's. As such there were also many repairs and updates that were required internally to the house prior to being able to move in. After completing all internal repairs in 2017, we had saved enough money by 2019 to address the condition of the backyard. At the beginning of this year we went through the process of interviewing contractors, settling on a final design, and getting HOA approvals for a screened porch and patio. After selecting a contractor, we proceeded with demolition of our deck as it was becoming structurally unsound and was causing unknown damage to the foundation of the home. As the removal commenced, the Contractor went to secure permits for the new design as approved by the HOA. Due to CB56 (the watershed moratorium), the Contractor was denied the permits to continue with the construction project. As we had already begun removal of the deck due to safety concerns, we have been without a deck and without direct access to our backyard since April 2019. The construction of a replacement deck could have been approved however the later conversion of that deck to a screened porch and the later addition of the patio would have incurred an additional financial burden, so we decided to wait until a decision on CB56 was made in July 2019.

We have closely followed the legislation(s) that have been passed and/or introduced, including the first 3 month extension that passed back in July. There are many residents that have put in a lot of time and effort to improve their homes and are now stuck in this holding pattern while extensions to the moratorium continue to be passed. During the first extension, there was an amendment introduced to allow exceptions to the moratorium, but it was not passed due to issues quantifying square footage (or so I was told by the councilwoman's office). This is having a financial impact as well, since money was already allocated for the contractors and permits prior to the initial CB-56 legislation. As we already removed our deck, the functionality of our home and our families' ability to fully utilize and enjoy our home has been reduced for over 6 months. With an additional 3 month extension, the earliest we would be able to begin construction is January 2020. Due to concerns with the cold weather, outdoor construction is unwise in the winter months, this means the earliest we could begin construction would be March or April of 2020. At that point we will have been without a deck and with limited use of our backyard for almost a year due to the multiple extensions of this moratorium. Finally we are especially frustrated with the moratorium given the physical location of our house. The area being held under the moratorium includes our home but not the area directly across the street. We are directly on the border of the watershed line. There should be a way that the county can take all of this and the limited square footage that we are proposing into consideration in order to start granting exceptions on a case by case basis.

As other residents and homeowners have stated, we are fully committed to keeping Ellicott City safe. We have been taking our family to Main Street for years and are frequent visitors to local restaurants, coffee shops, and stores on Main Street. We often go to the music and arts festivals throughout the year and I have even played

with a band at the Judge's Bench numerous times over the years. With that said, we are against extending the moratorium. Providing another three month extension will not add any more value to the current mitigation plans. The county has put many improvements in place over the last year and a half which have provided stability in the area, but putting residents on hold for 18 months + for permits is past extreme. No more time should be necessary to assess the survey from 2018-2019.

Very Respectfully,

Adam Simon

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From: Michael Thompson <thompson624@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 1:21 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB40-2019 support

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Dear Council Members

I am writing to express my support for CB40-2019. Having been subject to severe flooding, our community of Valleymede is grateful that the Council saw fit to include our watershed in the moratorium when it was first introduced. Now we are grateful that the Council is again proposing to extend the moratorium. I would like to also suggest that the moratorium remain in effect until such time that stormwater management projects shall be implemented to mitigate flooding or until additional regulations are implemented that would mitigate stormwater runoff to the degree necessary to minimize the potential for loss of property and loss of life.

Thank you for your consideration

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From: Michael Thompson <thompson624@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 11:33 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB40 support

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I would like to express my support for CB-40 and my request that you all vote to extend the moratorium within the Tiber and Plumtree watersheds. I fully support the extension until such time as necessary stormwater management improvements can be fully implemented, or until additional legislation is enacted to help protect the community.

Thank you for your consideration

Michael Thompson
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Sayers, Margery

From: Rossana Marsh <rossanamarsh1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 29, 2019 5:04 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Ball, Calvin
Subject: In Support of CB38 and CB40

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my full support for CB38-2019 and CB40-2019.

I am a resident of Taylor Village and like many others, was horrified by the loss of life and extensive damage caused by the floods we experienced in 2016 and 2018. To think that the construction of the very neighborhood we live in might have contributed to additional runoff and flooding was sobering to say the least. Contrary to what the Taylor Village Association suggests, we are not all opposed to CB 38 and CB 40!

I urge you to do everything you can to strengthen and expand environmental sustainability in the Patapsco Lower North Branch Watershed. It is inconceivable that developers should continue to be allowed to bypass environmental laws via fees-in-lieu, waivers, etc.

Additionally, extending the Watershed Safety Act (CB40) will allow the council to more thoroughly address the issues related to flooding, storm water runoff and how any zoning changes might affect the Tiber Branch Watershed and Plumtree watershed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Rossana Marsh

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From: bill marsh <vball.marsh@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 28, 2019 5:15 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB 38 and CB 40

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Dear Council Members,

I fully support CB 38 and CB 40. No way we should have more development upstream of downtown Ellicott City.

Thank you,

William Marsh
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Sayers, Margery

From: Bruce Taylor <btaylor@taylorservice.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 10:35 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Ball, Calvin
Subject: additional testimony against CB 38 & CB40
Attachments: Testimony supplement against CB38 & CB40 .pdf

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Please see the attached additional testimony against CB 38 & CB 40, requested that these bills not be amended or approved.

Thanks,

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Testimony against CB 38 & CB 40

September 24, 2019

Bruce T. Taylor, M.D., Taylor Properties Community Association
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This testimony sent by email is a supplement to my testimony given orally and by email on September 16, 2019.

Email testimony from three people at 3819 Mulligan's Hill Lane expressed the view that a 20 unit development above their home had failures which contributed to damages to two homes on Mulligan's Hill Lane. As the president to the Taylor Properties Community Association responsible in part to maintain the storm water management for the 20 unit Autumn Overlook development on College Avenue, I want to advise you that the claims made in these three email testimonies are not founded in fact. There has never been any failure of any stormwater management facility at Autumn Overlook, even in the two terrible floods of 2016 and 2018. This development was approved prior to the 2016 flood and all required stormwater management features are included.

The facts of this development are similar to those of other parts of the Taylor Properties Community Association:

- The stormwater management facilities are maintained according to county standards.
- Less water and better water quality leave the developed property than had the area been left undeveloped.
- The properties abut areas maintained forever as forest conservation.
- The open space of the properties abut the state park which abuts the railroad tracks before any runoff heads to the Patpasco River.
- The properties preserved over 50% of open space and forested lands as well as steep slopes.
- This development and other parts of the Taylor Properties Community Association are beneficial, not harmful to Ellicott City and Howard County. It provides environmentally sensitive homes. It contributes to the County tax base. Its residents provide welcome diversity and workforce for the County and community.

The two major floods created significant rainfall which damaged many properties in and of itself, regardless of any runoff reaching other properties. It is unfair to say that these modern developments with proper stormwater management caused any damage to these homes and that future developments should be stopped. Older development, prior to the 1980's, of College Avenue and the homes around it, with next to no stormwater management, along with the direct impact of the storms themselves, contributed to the damages.

As I noted in my testimony previously, no extension of time is needed for the moratorium of CB 56 already on extension. The moratorium has been bad for Ellicott City in that it has delayed projects which will help flood management and the economy while forever preserving sensitive environments. CB 38, if enacted in any form, will hurt not help Ellicott City and many other parts of the County.

In summary, we urge you to vote against CB 38 & CB 40 which will have a negative impact on Ellicott City, the County and its residents.

Thank you,



Bruce T. Taylor, M.D.

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From: Len Berkowitz / Sherry Fackler-Berkowitz <greatpanes@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 9:34 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB-40 2019

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Good morning Howard County Council.

I am writing in support of CB-40 2019. I lost my business and building in both the floods 2016, & 2018. My business had been in town since 1980 and we would have stayed had the floods not happened. Due to the floods we have moved our business outside of Howard County. My building is one that will be taken down in the future.

I don't believe enough changes have been done to remove the moratorium on the watershed. An example is New Cut road, as of this email it is still not open. How can we let the developers back into the watershed when one of the major run offs come from New Cut Road. I believe 22' of water came down the river. Until more is done to protect Historic Ellicott City the moratorium should stay in place.

Thank you,
Sherry Fackler-Berkowitz
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Decrease Developer Entitlements

I support CB38-2019 that prohibits waivers for builders who want to build in Ellicott Cities floodplain.

I support CB40- 2019 that extends the life of CB56-2018.

I support CB42-2019 that will raise developer's impact fees to market rates.

Past and present County Councils and Executives major problem is and has been that they cannot say no to developers. Our elected representatives have amended the APFO rules and/or regulations to meet developer requirements for more than twenty years.

The results continue to be severe flooding in Ellicott City and overcrowded classrooms that hinder a quality education for some students and redistricting for others through out Ho Co.

I encourage the entire Ho Co Council to
unanimously support the aforementioned
bills with their votes.

Harry Dunbar, AKA Slow Growth Dunbar
Owen Brown

09/23/2019