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Dear Council Members

I am writing to express my support for CR123-2019. As someone who works for an environmental restoration consulting firm, we often have conversations regarding the fact that the current "standards" regarding flood flow frequencies need to be revised. Based upon current climatic conditions, we have seen increases in short duration/heavy precipitation events and have had to adjust our stream restoration and storm water management projects accordingly in an effort to achieve additional environmental benefits. In order to do so, we often find ourselves designing to our own revised criteria that currently do not match NOAA or USGS standards. This resolutions is a step in the right direction. There will of course be a cost for this to be borne by developers and their subsequent home buyers which will need to be taken into consideration, however I feel that these measures are desperately needed. I hope that other jurisdictions will follow the sensible path that Howard County is setting by being good stewards of the environment and its residents.

Thank you for your consideration

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