

Sayers, Margery

From: Julia Hawrylo <oychoolie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 8:06 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38

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Dear Council members,

I guess the defeat of CB38 let the developers know it's business as usual in Howard County.

Thank you for being very clear on where you stand on the issues the bill raised.

A very disappointed voter,
Julia Hawrylo
Ellicott City

Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: Janice Goldberg <sockermon@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 2:10 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Concern for how council is voting

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Rigby: The County has a role to play in helping areas that experience flooding, particularly when flooding is related to new development. New regulations on developing upstream from areas that already flood can help prevent increased flooding conditions. However, once the development has occurred, the County should help residents with ways to mitigate the impact of flooding. There are a number of areas that have been particularly impacted by flooding, including Ellicott City, but also parts of Allview and others as well. We need to make sure we protect these areas from increased impervious surfaces and mitigate the harm they currently face. We need to review our current processes to see how we can improve the system.

Seems to me like CB38, Protect this Watershed Bill was a ray of hope for EC. This is a very sad time for us all if another bill equally protective of our few remaining forests and watersheds is not presented.

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 6:32 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: Fw: CB38

From: Richard D <rdeutschmann2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 2:36:01 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Re: CB38

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Hi Deb -
Why do you think this failed?
Really disappointed with the (D) no votes
Thanks!

Richard Deutschmann
M – (410)707-4368

On Tue, Oct 1, 2019 at 6:37 PM Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Thank you for contacting me with your feedback. I am 100% supportive of CB38 as I feel it will help protect against future flooding risks by guarding and preserving what remains of our trees, forests, and waterways, starting with this fragile watershed.

Thank you again for contacting me.

Deb

Deb Jung

County Council District 4

From: Richard D <rdeutschmann2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 4:56 PM
To: CouncilMail <CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: Senator Guy Guzzone <guy.guzzone@senate.state.md.us>; Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary <vanessa.atterbeary@house.state.md.us>; Delegate Shane Pendergrass <shane.pendergrass@house.state.md.us>; Delegate Jen Terrasa <jen.terrasa@house.state.md.us>
Subject: CB38

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To the members of the Council -

I am writing in strong support of CB38 - The Patapsco Lower North Branch Bill.

This is a bill that is decades overdue. Having been a Howard County resident for more than 48 years, I have watched as valuable pieces of our forest, stream buffer and steep sloped land have inexplicably disappeared in favor of a steady march of development. The result has undoubtedly led to stormwater surges into our streams and rivers, loss of forest diversity and vitality, and an increase in flooding in special places like historic Ellicott City.

Now, we have an opportunity to bring about smarter, more environmentally sound development practices to the county. Given that we are densely developing the downtown Columbia area, this should be coupled with a much stricter guidance for developing on or near our ecologically valuable forests and lands in the county. CB38 would do just that, putting a much higher bar on where and how we gain approvals for clearing the limited remaining forests in the county. It would also eliminate the "fees in lieu" of compliance, which in our business of energy development are known to result in much lower quality forested areas than the original.

We urge the Council to vote in favor of this bill, and to resist and vote against any weakening amendments to this forward-looking legislation.

Thank you -

Richard & Vanessa Deutschmann

9485 Hickory Limb

Columbia, MD 21045

M – (410)707-4368

Sayers, Margery

From: Linda Fleming <ltf2860@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 9:52 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38 Watershed Protection

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We as citizens should do everything in our power to protect our wetlands for future generations. We urge you to support this bill. Thank you.

Linda and Matthew Fleming
2860 pebble beach dr
Ellicott city, me 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Stephanie Mummert <skmummert@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 9:15 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Profoundly disappointed in the council today

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I went to bed frustrated, angry and disillusioned in the state of our local government and particularly in the county council. While it may genuinely not be your intention, the way it feels, after tabling CB-42 and voting no on CR-122, CR-123, CB-40 and most especially CB-38, it feels like 3 of you are doing the bidding of the developer lobby that has absolutely had a stranglehold on local politics at every level of county government for far, far too long.

You can talk a good game about standing up to developers and creating real change, but that requires action. If a piece of legislation is not perfect, or if it has unclear provisions, work to fix it! Work with your fellow legislators and write clear and precise legislation that enforces the existing zoning laws and actually holds developers responsible to act responsibly and not just spend money to do whatever they want!!

That is your job. That is why you were elected. I don't accept any of your excuses on why you voted no on CB-38 and all of the other reasonable legislation that would have done something, anything to actually act. You couldn't even vote yes on extending the protection on the Tiber & Plumtree Branch watersheds? Disgraceful. All of it.

You are leaving Liz hanging out there, fighting an uphill battle. Don't make her do it alone. Help her!

Please, I beg you, Ms Rigby in particular, stop spending the entire meeting explaining and arguing why you think you're right and LISTEN. Listen to each other and find a way to work together. On EVERY piece of legislation I heard you say things like "I think we can do better" or "I still have questions." Perfection is the enemy of progress.

You are our elected leadership. Please actually lead.

And don't think for a second anyone has forgotten about CB-42. We know you tabled it and we'll be watching to see how you choose to lead moving forward.

Thank you,
Stephanie Mummert
District 3

Sayers, Margery

From: Barb and Don Langridge <yellowstone30@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 6:39 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Suppot CB38

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Hello Howard County Council,

Please vote yes for CB38.

It is time to protect the watershed.

It is time to stop protecting the developers.

It is time to be responsible for the infrastructure of Howard County.

Barb Langridge

Sayers, Margery

From: BVivrette <bvivrette@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 12:31 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Re: CB38 & CB42

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Council members Jones, Mercer Rigby, and Yungmann,

I am incredibly disappointed that you put special interests ahead of life safety and the protection of our precarious ecological watersheds, and continue to kick the can on a school funding resource that is long overdue and also directly manipulated by special interests.

Shame on you. Get your hand out of their wallets and legislate for the people you serve.

> On Oct 7, 2019, at 10:35, BVivrette <bvivrette@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Dear Council,

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> I am writing you again to urge your support and passing of both CB38 and CB42. These critical legislation pieces should go forward to protect and strengthen our infrastructure which is in dire need. Please do not delay on these, we have been in need of these laws for far too long, to protect lives and provide relief for our schools.

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> The ball is in your court. Don't pass it, Brian Vivrette Elkridge

Sayers, Margery

From: crisfieldhon@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 12:23 AM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David
Cc: CouncilMail; crisfieldhon@aol.com
Subject: Re: Council Bill 38-2019

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Hello Ms. Walsh & Council Members,

We were at the county council meeting tonight and we were sitting behind the group wearing yellow t-shirts. I must say, it was a true experience, but a confusing experience. We really don't know if we can go ahead to get the permit to do the sunroom in place of our deck, as you mentioned in the email thread below. I have a few questions below that my builder needed to know.

1) Was the amendment passed tonight, to allow building on 1,500 sq. ft on any properties in the watershed area? It seemed that it passed.

2) If the bill with that amendment was voted down, which it seemed to be, does it mean that the amendment is still in action as is without that amendment. It appeared that the 1,500 sq.ft. amendment passed only to be later voted down. We are confused and now wonder whether or not to proceed with seeking our permit.

3) Is a deck an impervious surface as well as a sunroom?

As I mentioned before, my home (4080 Choctaw Dr,) is 34 years old and I have been a resident of Ellicott City since 1985. The The Woods of Tiber Branch development and The Woods of Tiber Branch II development were built within the last 15 years with more than 80 houses built altogether off Old Columbia Road! On the other side of Old Columbia Road, quite a few new homes were built on Sears House Court. We thought that this was the type of development that the moratorium was meant for.

So please, help me understand if I can go ahead and with the sunroom as your message below said and provide answers to my questions above. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

Jean & John Wetterau
4080 Choctaw Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043
crisfieldhon@aol.com
410-245-1749

-----Original Message-----

From: Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>
To: Jean Wetterau <crisfieldhon@aol.com>; ojones@howardcounty.gov <ojones@howardcounty.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: CouncilMail <CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Sat, Oct 5, 2019 2:37 pm
Subject: Re: Council Bill 38-2019

Hi Wetteraus: Thank you for your note! And good news: Amendment No. 1 (here: <https://apps.howardcountymd.gov/olis/GetFile.aspx?id=25779>) confirms that homeowner projects like yours would be exempted from the Protect-This-Watershed bill!

That said, so long as your intended project doesn't increase net impervious surface on your property (which it doesn't sound like your conversion would), you should be able to get that building permit right now. Here's the bill for establishing the moratorium (CB56-2018); the exemption you're looking for is at Section 6(D)(2), p. 7: <http://apps.howardcountymd.gov/olis/GetFile.aspx?id=%2015766>

Liz Walsh, Council Member
Howard County Council
Serving District 1

3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043
410.313.2001

From: Jean Wetterau <crisfieldhon@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 8:07 PM
To: ojones@howardcounty.gov; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David; Walsh, Elizabeth
Subject: Council Bill 38-2019

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> Dear Council Members,

> I have been a resident since 1985 and I appreciate what you are doing to help Ellicott City. Yes, major builders of condos, shopping centers, and communities of homes which need extensive amount of land to do their construction should be slowed down and take into account what effect the construction would have on the environment! It's sad the number of trees that have been cut down and the green space that has been covered over by the builders to fulfill their purpose.

> However, my other concern is for individual home owners who want to improve their home!

> As you can see in the photo below, my home (4080 Choctaw Drive) is an older home of 34 years. My deck is in need of repair, and since my husband and I are a retired couple, we wanted to do a sunroom in the same dimensions, so that we can enjoy nature all year and not be restricted to just the warmer months.

> I was aware of the moratorium, but I thought it was for the major builders, not home owners who are current residents. So, I got in contact with someone to build a sunroom. We got blueprints done and when he went to get permits, he was denied. We are environmentally conscious people. We do not use any herbicides or pesticides on our lawn, and in fact, since I have been living here, I have added 8 trees! Yes, we live in the Tiber Watershed area and the back of our home faces town homes and route 29. However, the sunroom addition will be the same size as my deck presented in the photo below.

> Please take into consideration individual home owners, such as myself, who want to do improvements to their homes, instead of moving out of the county or out of state. We want to make our remaining years of retirement pleasant ones in Howard County.

> Thank you,

> Jean L. Wetterau & John Wetterau

> 4080 Choctaw Drive

> Ellicott City, MD 21043

> 410-245-1749

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> Sent from my iPad

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Sayers, Margery

From: Ginna Rodriguez <rodriguez.ginna@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 10:25 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Disappointed

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Dear Council Members:

It was extremely disappointing to see the majority of the Council today siding with developers. Even after two devastating floods, the people of Howard County can't get the level of advocacy they deserve. Even after a continuing trend of the school system getting reduced services and increasingly crowded schools.

CB 38 needed to pass. CB 42 needed to pass.

Ginna Rodriguez

Sayers, Margery

From: Samantha Moore <samantharmore@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 6:32 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB#38

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I support passage of CB#38.

Samantha R. Moore, Realtor

Sayers, Margery

From: jlax27 <jlax27@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 6:23 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CB38

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Greetings,

My name is Jason Krom and I support CB38 designed to protect against future flooding risks—to the public health, safety and welfare, and investment—in the Patapsco Lower North Branch watershed. We should be aggressively addressing all measures to protect our environment/watershed and the residents of the county.

Sent from my Samsung device

Sayers, Margery

From: Tony McGuffin <tonyjmcguffin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 6:21 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38

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Dear Howard County Council:

I strongly urge you to pass CB 38, as it is the bare minimum not only in protecting our recovering, yet always vulnerable disaster area watershed, but in finally, at long last, respecting the laws that have been passed previously. The numbers of exceptions granted to the laws we get passed to protect our environment is always baffling to me. A drive through College Avenue in Ellicott City, a registered scenic road, yet no longer scenic, should be enough to convince anyone of the frustrating futility Ellicott City residents face in trying to protect our environment. Not only are we being forced over and over to sacrifice the natural beauty of the place, a resource that should be protected before it dwindles to just plain ugliness, but as we have seen in the past couple years, even common sense protection of our lives and properties in this watershed seems to be less of a priority than whatever wishes the local developers advocate for mere profits. We are better than this. Are we not? Perhaps it's appropriate to pose that as a question now? Are we better than this? The evidence we see everyday is troubling and pessimistic. Prove that we are better, that we are responsible stewards - **pass CB 38!** At least it is a new beginning in responsible legislating. EC Strong is only as strong as the resistance to the constant efforts to weaken us. Pass this bill! Let us protect our town, and its natural resources! Thank you,

Tony McGuffin
8672 Main Street
Ellicott City, MD.
21043



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Sayers, Margery

From: MC <mc.jhmi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 6:07 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Walsh, Elizabeth
Subject: CB 40 and CB 38

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All,

I appreciate your diligence on these bills and on the County Resolutions. Although I testified in person, I want to reinforce one last time that we need an extension on the Moratorium for two reasons- to get the new proposed stormwater standards in order and to get better data about waivers granted to environmental protection laws by DPZ. Since that data seems to be inconsistent and since DPZ seemed unprepared at the work session (or purposely stonewalling your work), I think it would be prudent to take a moment to allow DPZ to get its house in order before returning them to business as usual when it comes to waivers and watersheds. This will also give the County Executive time to introduce his new Forest Conservation bill and have it voted upon by the Council and in place for subdivisions not yet in process when the moratorium lifts.

I am not a hair-on-fire kind of person... but this is one of those moments that need our urgent attention. There is nothing more pressing than our changing climate, and the ever-increasing life-threatening flood events. Our number one super power for both of these is trees. A simple, basic, solution.

I'm asking for a pause on waivers and on development in our floodprone watersheds until we can reset our waiver practices so that they are hard to get, and as equally as expensive as working to develop and save our priority forests- so that builders who work in a speculative industry- aren't rewarded for doing the least, and so that we know that DPZ - or whomever is tasked with granting waivers- is doing what is best for the citizens.

Our pie charts are upside down. Waivers denied should be the big piece of the pie and waivers granted should be the smaller slice. Remember- state law says that waivers are not meant to subvert the intent of our laws.

Thanks for listening.

Mary Catherine Cochran
Ellicott City, Maryland

Sayers, Margery

From: Gurpreet Singh <gpsingh78@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 6:04 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CB#38

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My community's builder Dr. Taylor does not represent my vote. My family and friends all support CB#38.

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Gurpreet Singh

Sayers, Margery

From: JK <jklimek309@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 5:48 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB 38

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I support the passage of county bill #38 Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: ma954@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 5:41 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Mary-Anne Mulcahy
Subject: Re: Please Support CB38-2019

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Hello,

I want to ensure that my thoughts and concerns (see below) are taken into account for tonight's vote.

Thank you,
Mary-Anne Mulcahy
3819 Mulligan Hill Lane

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 30, 2019, at 2:22 PM, ma954@aol.com wrote:

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> Dear Council Members:

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> I am writing you today in strong support of CB38-2019. As a Howard County resident living within the Ellicott City Historic District, this bill is especially pressing. My family and I live on Mulligans Hill Lane. The 2016 flood left our property with only minor damage; the 2018 flood, however, saw our hilltop home and our neighbor's home severely impacted by runoff and flooding. This was directly as a result of the development of 20 homes between the 2 floods. Waivers were granted, retention ponds failed, and the failure washed through our yards and into town. It's incredible the impact just one small development had on our property. This needs to stop; we value our town and its cultural history along with our fellow OEC residents' and their homes. We must act now to protect this watershed.

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> Thank you for your time,

> Mary-Anne Mulcahy

> 3819 Mulligan Hill Lane

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> Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Bethwshaw <bethwshaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 5:35 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Pass CB38!

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Just wanted to email my support for the bill CB38. Please protect the watershed.

I'm in district 2 and councilman Jones is my representation.

Thanks!

Beth Shaw
7349 Gardenview Drive
Elkridge, MD 21075

Sayers, Margery

From: Joshua Breger <jibreger21@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 5:34 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Council Bill #38

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My name is Josh Breger and I live at 8340 Autumn River Dr, Ellicott City. I am emailing to express my support for Council Bill #38. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sayers, Margery

From: Susan Cohn-Klein <scohn@jhmi.edu>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 5:28 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: bill CB38

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Hello My name is Susan Klein and I am a resident of the Dunloggin community, up the road from Old Ellicott City. As a Howard County resident who has seen and experienced first-hand the devastation of the recent floods, I implore you to please vote for bill CB38. My own experience of being stuck in my car, in the dip in the road on St. Johns Lane near Rita's, with my car quickly filling with rushing water coming from my neighbors' backyards and needing to abandon my vehicle was an eye opening experience. A perpetually flooding front and back yard were nothing compared to that experience. Thank you ahead of time for your attention to this matter.

Sayers, Margery

From: Giselle Klimek <gmb_jas@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 5:27 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CB 38 CB 40

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I am Taylor village resident and Dr Taylor is trying to oppose bills Cb 38 and CB 40 allowing more homes to be built. The majority of Taylor village does not agree with this !! We DO NOT need anymore homes built in our community . The schools and infrastructure (potential for more flooding) cannot accommodate it !
Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Courtney's Email <courtneyskinner35@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 5:21 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38

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Dear Council member,

I am contacting you in support of CB38. I have lived in Howard County for ten years and have watched our county grow . I am a parent of two boys in the Howard County school system . Each year, due to new development my kids' classes get larger . There isn't enough technology to go around, so parents have been asked to add a chrome book to our school shopping lists. With all of this growth, one would assume that the schools would be able to fund their programs . But Every year we watch the budget being cut tighter and tighter. We need to be more responsible when it comes to new development. We need to charge builders an adequate amount so that we can fully fund our schools and police force. This year, the school system cut a significant amount of school based staff, and the police force had to cut their aviation team. It is time for a change now. Please support CB38.

Courtney Skinner

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: kathy howell <soledadsole22@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 5:15 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38
Attachments: Testimony CB38.docx

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Council Members,

My testimony is attached.

Thank you!

Kathy Howell, CMI-Spanish
Interpreter & Translator

K M H Interpreting, Translation & Cultural Consulting LLC
"Breaking Down Barriers"
208-403-8970

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- Ralph Waldo Emerson-

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October 7, 2019

Dear Howard County Council Members,

Greetings, from Ellicott City!

I am writing in hopes that you do the right thing and vote for CB38 tonight. You know that it's the right thing to do for the citizenry of this County. At what point are we going to do the right thing? What do we want to leave our children? Honestly, I have been baffled, but many of the things I have seen coming from this Council. I do not believe that there is anything that I can say, that you have not already heard. Are you folks worried that the developers won't want to develop here anymore? Is that going to work on you? When you were elected many of us were glad, because we thought new changes were coming. We thought that the Council would be committed to save this town. The last administration's plan did not come to fruition and I am happy that we were able to save most of Historic Ellicott City. As leaders who are responsible for this county and stewards of the land here, I ask that you help protect the waterways, wetlands, steep slopes, trees and forests. I ask you to do things that may not win you points with big business, but will be the right thing and what is best for the current residents of this county and future generations. The right thing is to take care of our most vulnerable and youngest - our students. We must ask developers to pay their fair share and we must ensure that development is done in a responsible manner.

Sincerely,

Kathy M. Howell

Resident of 8726 Ruppert Court, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Sayers, Margery

From: Brian Klimek <bkjd76@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 5:13 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: I support passage of CB#38

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I am A resident in Ellicott city and I support counsel bill #38. I agree with the elimination of the "fees-in-lieu of compliance," as a way of avoiding tough stormwater management standards.

Thank you,
Brian Klimek

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Patrick Gleason <patrick.gleason@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 5:11 PM
To: CouncilMail; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana
Subject: vote YES for CB42

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Dear Council Members,

Please vote in favor of CB42. This bill is desperately needed by our county and our students. I know that the bill is not perfect, but failure to pass it will cause harm to our community. We MUST have a funding source for capacity projects for our schools. Our schools are out of seats. Our schools are aging. Ours schools lack equity. You can't let development continue without funding our schools. In the last election, everyone of you ran on funding education, please do not let the people of Howard County down.

Regards,

Patrick Gleason

Sayers, Margery

From: Kristin Yakas <kristinesq@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 5:10 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please pass Bill cb38

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We need better laws protecting waterways, wetlands, steep slopes, trees and forests. We need to eliminating Developer entitlements. I live in Valley mede and I've seen the damage first hand of flooding in our county. I'm asking you to do what is right here.

Thank you
Kristin Yakas

Sayers, Margery

From: B Illum <buffy.illum@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 5:05 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Yes to CB38

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Dear Howard County Council,

I live in D1 and residents here voted overwhelmingly for Liz Walsh because we support her environmentalism and her efforts to protect this very special watershed. Please join her in heeding to her constituents wishes, all of the several organizations that have supported CB38 and the science.

I would also like to see an end to excessive waivers and fee in lieu. Old Ellicott City is a major tourist destination and economic hub. It's already struggling because of poor leadership before your time. I'd love to see this council do better for the environment.

Thanks for all you do!
Buffy Illum
District 1

Sayers, Margery

From: Cristen N <cnoemer@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 5:02 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38

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To whom it may concern:

I am emailing you encouraging you to pass this bill.

Thank you,

Cristen Noemer

Sayers, Margery

From: Susan Garber <buzysusan23@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 4:58 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: in support of CB-38-2019

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Dear Council Members:

I offer my thoughts on this bill and how it has been processed in my blog today
<http://howcome.md/a-contrasting-approach-to-progress-over-perfection/>

I hope it will offer some insights. I continue to strongly support CB-38. If you cannot see clear to vote on it tonight then I entreat you to be sure the 3 month extension of the moratorium is passed (CB40).

Thank you,

Susan Garber

Sayers, Margery

From: Laurie Liskin <lliskin49@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 4:48 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CB 38

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Dear Howard County Council,

As a resident in Ellicott City, I am asking all of you to vote in favor of CB-38. Old Ellicott City is an important area in our community and in the past has brought tourists, generated income and provided jobs. We need to give Old Ellicott City the chance to survive and flourish. This can only happen if we protect the area from further flood damage with appropriate stormwater management. CB-38 provides this protection

- It requires that developers pay on-site stormwater management fees and prevents Fee-In-Lieu for stormwater.
- It enhances existing laws against development on steep slopes and maintains the county's existing green infrastructure.

There is no reason why developers should receive special exemptions, exceptions, and waivers to their benefit and at the expense of taxpayers and residents in the County. For too long the County has allowed and even enabled unplanned development which has led to overcrowded schools, environmental damage, and traffic congestion. This has to stop.

I voted for Liz Walsh because she promised to put the needs of the community before the needs of builders. I expect all members of the County Council to do the same..

Laurie Liskin
4642 Smokey Wreath Way
Ellicott City, 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Lorna <lornabspencer@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 4:42 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB 38

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To County Council, Please
Pass this bill! It is so important to our wonderful county!
resident)

Regards. Lorna Spencer (Howard Cty

Sayers, Margery

From: Louis Sigalas <louantsig2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 4:33 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for #CB38

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I am in support of #CB38. Please pass this bill to protect our watershed and STOP the over development in this part of the county!!

Our county was a wonderful place to live and now- over development, roads filled with more traffic than they can handle. Homes, townhomes, condos, apartments on every inch of land possible, and overcrowded schools. Do something right for the county and pass this bill to begin a step in the right direction. PASS #CB38 PLEASE!!!!

Let's get this right,
Louie Sigalas

Sayers, Margery

From: bluebirds09@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 4:30 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Inequitable

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Refund (provide a tax credit) Watershed ProtectionFees for the past five years. This inequitable fee enables multi-million dollar assessed properties to pay the same as \$200k assessed properties in each of three categories.

End ALL inequity in Howard County Government. If Council members want schools to integrate, why not integrate County Government?

Thank you

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Sayers, Margery

From: Louis C Sacchetti <lsacchetti@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 4:03 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB 38

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I support this bill.

Louis Sacchetti

Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: Vlad Patrangenaru <vpatrang@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 3:58 PM
To: Rigby, Christiana; CouncilMail
Subject: Testimony for CB38 and CB42
Attachments: CB38 and CB42 Testimony.pdf

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Dear Chairwoman Rigby. As a followup to our discussion, please find attached DPZ waiver analysis, including testimony for CB38 & CB42 for your review. I am also including the councilmail address in the hopes your colleagues can review the data and testimony as well.

Thank you for your consideration,
-Vlad Patrangenaru

Dear Chairwoman Rigby,

I apologize it has taken longer than I hoped for me to send you the attached DPZ Exemptions Analysis. I hope you and your colleagues are able to take a look and consider this data in your decision making for CB38 and CB42.

Since the 2016 flood DPZ **has approved 238 Environmental & Stormwater Protection Waivers** (codes 16.115, 16.116, 16.121, 16.1201, 16.1202, 16.1205 and a subset of 16.120). There were a total of **5 denied applications** over the same period – that works out to a 98% approval rate. To be clear, the fact that even after being faced with the impact of the 2016 flood our department of Planning and Zoning continues to approve these applications at these rates is a clear indication the system is broken.

For far too long developers have been calling the shots by investing in Howard county politics and making a killer ROI doing it. Unfortunately, it is now all too clear this return came at the expense of our environment, our public facilities and our fiscal stability. Far from paying for itself, unchecked development has led us on a path to overcrowded schools, budget deficits, and a frail ecology. Developers deserve to be heard out like the rest of us, however we can no longer afford to allow special interest investments in our political system lead to privatized project profits that transfer the majority of the project costs to the public.

Tonight is a pivotal moment and one that many residents of this county are hoping will mark a departure from this model of governance that has brought us to the point we are in today. I hope you and your colleagues are able to find the courage required to stand up to special interests and make the right decisions for the county and its citizens as a whole. While there are clear divisions that linger in the county, the support for these bills are broad based and unifying. We are all watching and hoping this new council represents a new way of doing business in the county – a sustainable way. Please vote as our children's future is on the line, because it is.

Thank you for your consideration,

-Vlad Patrangenaru

ATTACHMENTS BELOW:

	Num of Projects	Percent of Total
Approved	713	73.81%
Deferred	175	18.12%
Denied	31	3.21%
Other	39	4.04%
Withdrawn	8	0.83%
Total	966	

Total Environmental & Stormwater Protection Waivers		Approval Rate
238	Approved	98%
5	Denied	

Waivers were granted (or not) in compliance with specific code requirements. Relevant code sections are referenced below.

Number of projects Approved/Deferred/etc. broken down by Code Section, with brief Code Titles/Descriptions:

Code:		Approved	Deferred	Denied	No Status*	Withdrawn	Total	Percent Approved vs Denied
	TITLE 16 - PLANNING, ZONING & SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEV'T REGULATIONS							
	SUBTITLE 1. - SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS							
	ARTICLE I. - GENERAL							100%
16.102	Applicability	7	4		2		13	100%
16.103	Administration.	2					2	100%
16.104	Waivers.	2					2	100%
	ARTICLE II. - DESIGN STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS							91%
16.115	Floodplain preservation.	14	7	1	1	1	24	93%
16.116	Protection of wetlands, streams, and steep slopes.	44	40	2	4	2	92	96%
16.118	Protection of historic resources.	1					1	100%
16.119	Highways, streets, and roads.	12	1	1			14	92%
16.120	Lot layout.	50	23	8	4	1	86	86%
16.121	Public sites and open space.	6					6	100%
16.123	Grading, soils and sediment control.	1		1			2	50%
16.124	Landscaping.					1	1	
16.127	Residential infill development.	9	1	1			11	90%
16.128	Presubmission community meetings; exceptions.	1					1	100%
	ARTICLE III. - REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS							79%
16.132	Road construction.	4		3			7	57%
16.134	Sidewalks and walkways.	13		1			14	93%
16.135	Street lighting.	5		1			6	83%
16.136	Street trees and landscaping requirements.	4		2			6	67%
	ARTICLE IV. - PROCEDURES FOR FILING AND PROCESSING SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS							97%
16.144	General procedures regarding the subdivision process.	121	2		10	2	135	100%
16.145	Sketch plan; preliminary equivalent sketch plan.	5		1			6	83%
16.146	Preliminary plan.	7	1				8	100%
16.147	Final subdivision plan and final plat.	21	8	4	2		35	84%
	ARTICLE V. - PROCEDURES FOR FILING AND PROCESSING SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPLICATIONS							98%
16.155	Applicability.	84	32	3	3		122	97%
16.156	Procedures.	127	1	2	2		132	98%
	SUBTITLE 11. - ADEQUATE PUBLIC FACILITIES							100%
16.1105	Processing of plans subject to test for adequate transportation facilities and/or tests for adequate school facilities and/or test for housing unit allocations.	1					1	100%
16.1106	Milestones.	13	0	0	0	0	13	100%
	SUBTITLE 12. - FOREST CONSERVATION							100%
16.1201	Definitions.	29	8		1		38	100%
16.1202	Applicability; exemptions; declaration of intent.	3	1				4	100%
16.1205	Forest retention priorities.	126	44		10	1	181	100%
	SUBTITLE 13. - CEMETERY PRESERVATION							
16.1304	Development or subdivision in a cemetery.	1	2				3	100%
	Totals	713	175	31	39	8	966	

*25 total applications for Section Code 16.120(b)(4)(iii) - Not being encumbered by environmentally sensitive features: (16 approved, 2 denied)

Sayers, Margery

From: bluebirds09@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 3:51 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Pass CB38 AND

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Save ALL County Watersheds. Implement an immediate County-wide moratorium on ALL Development, until ALL Watersheds are protected.. Patapsco Watershed, Patuxent Watersheds, including the Little Patuxent and Middle Patuxent.

We know from past studies that many watersheds, e.g. Plum Tree Branch of the Little Patuxent, are in "critical" condition.

Thank you!

Jo H. McLaughlin, Ph.D.
10138 Century Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Patricia Davis <patdavis55@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 3:35 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Bill CB38-2019

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Please support the above bill to protect our watershed and ensure developers are required to follow the law. Thank you!

Patricia Davis
3000 Boone's Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Lorri Raney <lraney@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 3:29 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please pass CB38

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Dear Council Member,

I am writing to ask for your support of CB38. I have been a Howard County resident for over 16 years, and in that time, the impact of building has taken a detrimental toll on our county. I understand that a certain amount of progress is good, but I feel that our schools, road and environment have not been funded enough to keep up with so much change. It makes common sense to have developers wait until schools are able to absorb additions. Please consider supporting something that will help our county in such a positive way.

Respectfully,
Lorri Raney

Sayers, Margery

From: Schmidt, Kevin (CWDC) <kevin.schmidt@smiths.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 3:27 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38

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Councilwoman Walsh:

Thank you for your leadership on CB38, the "Patapsco Lower North Branch Bill".

As the Howard County Council finalizes its deliberations on this bill it is my hope your colleagues recognize the purity of your intentions. Protection of Howard County citizens, its visitors, and our natural resources is a primal calling of any great legislative body. I hope they remember on why they have been called to serve and the ultimate goals of CB38 when they decide to vote.

My children paid great attention to the Ellicott City floods and asked many questions in the aftermath. One of my sons has waded down the silky sandy bottom of the Patapsco River fishing and wondering how much we have destroyed and what will come back. The sand from impervious surface runoff is significant and at times it will sink you up to your waist. Every once in a while he would get a glimpse of what it used to be like and the fishing would get better. As he explores the world in front of him, I wonder what I will be leaving him. Will his kids experience the same environment I was fortunate enough to love and cherish as a child? Or even the one he is experiencing today? Those questions will be answered for him by the Council tonight.

I always tell my kids that life is about balance. Nothing in excess. Isn't that what this legislation is demanding? Respectable growth with balancing the interests of our environment and the safety of our citizens. Enhancing existing law protecting waterways, wetlands, steep slopes, trees and forests, and improving on-site storm water controls. It seems pretty simple.

The other night as we watched a nightly news segment my children said the world seems so ominous and that I can't do anything about it. The news reports were on a recent shooting, global warming destruction of the coral reef, and some other human destruction. I recommended they contact the news station and to ask them to also report on solutions. We have to teach our children they can have an impact and there are solutions. As elected officials it starts with you because you are the voice of your constituency and my children. What are you going to teach them tonight? Your final response tonight is as simple as what the original forefathers of this land use to say, "In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations." In those terms it seems obvious that a yes vote for CB38 is a small down payment for generations to come. Do your job and start restoring common sense and action to our democratic institutions. Let's teach Howard County kids that we can begin to make it right for them and future generations.

Thank you for listening and considering my views.

Kevin Schmidt
Kettledrum Court Ellicott City, Maryland
-father of James and Joey

Kevin Schmidt

VP, Government Relations

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Washington, DC 20006

571-970-8751 (Cell)

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Sayers, Margery

From: Joely May <joely_may@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 3:26 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38

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Dear Howard County Council-

I am writing in support of CB38. Please pass this bill. It is essential to the safety of our citizens and the safeguarding of our landscape and quality of life here in Howard County. For too many years developers have done whatever they wanted, no matter the cost to the rest of the community. Look at a street map of Howard County from 15 years ago vs. today, and compare it to the areas that are now flooding during big storms. It's a no-brainer. Our reckless over development of the watershed has led to property damage, loss of life, overcrowded schools, increased traffic, noise pollution, and frustration that we are losing the qualities that made Howard County such a great place to live. We have to do better. This bill is a good start.

Respectfully,

Joely S. May

10245 Glastonbury Rd, Ellicott City

Sayers, Margery

From: Jenny Davis <rich.jenny@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 3:26 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Protect the Watershed

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Please support this bill:

Protect-This-Watershed Bill, CB38

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Jenny Skillman Davis
443-812-2805
4045 Chariots Flight Way
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Alice Marschner <dragonmama@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 3:23 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38

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Dear Council Members,

I am, once again letting you know that I support the CB38. We need to stop just talking about protecting our surrounding environment and really do something! This bill is a good step in the right direction, especially since it will curtail all of the Developer entitlements that allow them to avoid the law.

Please support Ms. Walsh in her effort to help protect the citizens as well as the environment here in Howard County!

Regards,

Alice Marschner

Sayers, Margery

From: Cristina Sovereign <cristina.sovereign@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 3:05 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please pass CB 38

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We can't continue to allow our watershed to be damaged by allowing developers exceptions to the rules. Stop the corruption/mismanagement.

Cristina Sovereign
3743 Bonnybridge Place
Ellicott City

Sayers, Margery

From: Judith Beyerle <judithbeyerle@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 2:43 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38

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I support CB38 protect the watershed.

Judy Beyerle

Sayers, Margery

From: Ann Vilece <agvilece@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 2:38 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38

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Dear Ms. Walsh,
Please vote yes for CB38.
Thank you,
Ann Vilece

Sayers, Margery

From: Amanda Pizza <amandalpizza@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 2:31 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38 Support from District 1

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Please support CB38. Without it, our environment will continue to be devastated. Our history will continue to be washed away and lives will continue to be at stake.

We need pervious areas, covered with trees and natural brush to support our environment and protect the Patapsco. We need natural resources to soak up the rain as Nature intended.

STOP allowing and granting waivers to developers. These rules and laws that were put in place to protect the environment and the people living here. VOTE in FAVOR of CB38!

Thank you.
Amanda Pizza

Sayers, Margery

From: megtar@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 2:25 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38

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I support CB38.

Kate Lanehart
10008 Culverene Rd
21042

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: William Lilley <ecrfpres@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 2:20 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB 38

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I know I have emailed on this previously but PLEASE vote YES!

Thank You

Ed Lilley
4805 Wilkens Avenue
Catonsville, MD 21228
410-303-2959

Sayers, Margery

From: laschis@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 2:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please support Council Bill 38 - "Protect this Watershed" Bill

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Dear Council Members:

I am writing again to express my strong support for Council Bill 38, the "Protect This Watershed" bill.

In the time between my last letter and this one, I watched and listened to countless developers, home builders, and their representatives give testimony against this bill. All predicting all manner of negative consequences (up to, and including even an "apocalypse"). I also listened to scientists, watershed managers, environmentalists, conservationists, and experts in run-off, drainage etc. give testimony supporting this bill and the positive effects this bill will bring.

It's clear in the past the county and policy makers took the advice of the developers and their supporters--that decision got us into this mess. I am hopeful this time the county and policy makers will listen to experts and help us get out of this mess.

Regards,
Linda Schisler
3819 Mulligans Hill Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Sayers, Margery

From: Joel W. Trumper <Joel_Trumper@hcpss.org>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 2:14 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please support Protect-This-Watershed Bill, CB38

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Please support **Protect-This-Watershed Bill, CB38**. Also, slow building/development to allow our infrastructure to catch up.

Joel Trumper
Physical Education Teacher
Hollifield Station Elementary
"Develop a life-long love of movement!"

Sayers, Margery

From: Wendy Williams-Abrams <wmrlz@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 2:00 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please Support CB38!

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Good afternoon, County Council.

I am a district 1 resident, and I implore you to vote in favor of CB38 so that we can protect our environment and ensure the long term health of our county's watersheds.

Thank you,
Wendy Williams-Abrams
3144 Saint Charles Place
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Roy C <roycherni@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:51 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: I support CB38

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a resident of district one and reside in Old Ellicott City close to the Patapsco Female Institute. I ask you to pass CB38. This is very important to the short term and long term health of our community. My home and my neighbors homes have been negatively impacted by the lack of controls put on developers - water flowing too fast down asphalt eventually finds it way to our properties and caused thousands of dollars of damage to roads, caused mudslides on my property, compromised my slopes, trees. We had to cut down mature trees due to the water damage and erosion that left them unanchored to the soil. Multiply this by so many others impacted. Homeowners. Tax paying families. Please side with the community over the developers and their lobbyist. You can do this. It must be done. Please help by passing CB38.

Sincerely
Roy Chernikoff
3551 Sylvan Lane
Ellicott City MD, 21043

Sayers, Margery

From: Connie Cooney <ca.cooney@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:44 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38

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I live in District 1 and I support CB38. please vote yes

Sayers, Margery

From: Rachel Miller <rachelmiller333@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:41 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38

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I totally support CB38, Protect-This-Watershed Bill

Rachel Miller
9306 Michaels Way
Ellicott City MD 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Hanover Hills PTA <hanoverhillspta@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:41 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB42

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Dear Council Members,

Please vote in favor of CB42. This bill is desperately needed by our county and our students. I know that the bill is not perfect, but failure to pass it will cause harm to our community. We MUST have a funding source for capacity projects for our schools. Our schools are out of seats. Our schools are aging. Ours schools lack equity. You can't let development continue without funding our schools. In the last election, everyone of you ran on funding education. This is your first test. Do not let the people of Howard County down. We will remember if you fail to pass this bill.

Respectfully,

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Tesheya Wilson
President
Hanover Hills PTA
HanoverHillsPTA@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Lisa Badart <lbadart@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:41 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38: Please vote IN FAVOR

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Howard County Council Members:

We are in support of CB38. We believe the watershed cannot wait. Please vote for CB38.

Thank you,

Nicholas & Lisa Badart
6001 Old Lawyers Hill Road
Elkridge, MD 21075
410-227-1284

Sayers, Margery

From: Amy Lynne <amylynne3000@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:30 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Fwd: CB38 bill vote

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From: Amy Lynne <amylynne3000@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 7, 2019 at 1:27 PM
Subject: CB38 bill vote
To: <Councilmail@howardcounty.gov>

I support CB38 and I have testified on it already. I plead with you to pass this bill today.

Please help protect the residents, business owners, and visitors of the Ellicott City Historic District. We rely on you as our council members to uphold the laws and regulations that are supposed to protect us. It is corruption, plain and simple, to allow waivers for developers to pay their way out of regulations meant to protect us.

People have DIED in these floods. It is unacceptable to continue to allow more development that adds even one more drop of water to Ellicott City.

PASS THIS BILL TODAY!

Amy Lynne
3000 Westchester Ave
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Sayers, Margery

From: Deborah Bohan <bohand@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:22 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38

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Please pass this bill! We can't afford not to.

Thank you,
Deborah Bohan

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Deborah Bohan
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www.facebook.com/DBohanPhotography/

Sayers, Margery

From: Leslie Toussaint <l2saint@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:16 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38

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Dear Councilmembers,

Please support the Protect-This-Watershed bill, CB38. Unchecked development is ruining our quality of life in Howard County. Developers pay the lowest facility/infrastructure support fees of any surrounding county. They have loopholes galore to get out of compliance with environmental regulations. We have uninsurable buildings in our downtown historic district because of this rampant overdevelopment. Stand up for voters and citizens!

Thank you,

Leslie Toussaint
Ellicott City 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Bob COONEY <robert.j.cooney@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:06 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB 38

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It important to the survival of Historic Ellicott City thar CB 38 be passed. As a member of the voting public, please do so.

Sayers, Margery

From: Frances O'Connor <chettyoak@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:05 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Pass CB38-2019

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Dear Elected Officials,

I urge you to **pass CB 38-2019** with no additional amendments to further weaken any element of this bill. There are good, sound, environmental regulations in place for a reason -- to protect citizens' lives and our critical environmental resources. Waivers and fees-in-lieu threaten lives and future prosperity. Disaster costs are increasing nationally. We do not need any more devastating floods in Ellicott City. Let's close the loopholes and strengthen the protections now. Let's keep our County safe & sound.

Sincerely,
Frances Keenan
District #1
5463 Autumn Field Court

Sayers, Margery

From: Brenda Schweiger <bkschweiger7@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:02 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38

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I am in support of CB38, we need to pay attention to our environment in Howard County. There is way too much building and forests being destroyed.

Sincerely ,
Brenda Schweiger
Howard County Resident

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Stuart Kohn <stukohn@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:02 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Vote YES on CB38, 40 and 42

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Dear Council Members,

HCCA is hoping you will do the right thing and not disappoint us and many of your constituents by voting YES on CB38, 40, and 42 which we testified on. These Bills obviously have a major impact on the future of Howard County.

Jimmy Carter is quoted as saying, "It is difficult for the common good to prevail against the intense concentration of those who have a special interest, especially if the decisions are made behind locked doors."

Hopefully we will be able to post on our HCCA Listserv a congratulations for unanimously passing these most important Bills. We would appreciate the opportunity.

Stu Kohn
HCCA President

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Vipin Sahijwani <vsahijwani@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:36 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB 38

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I support CB 38. Time to save the environment through common sense legislation. Vipin Sahijwani

5006 Crape Myrtle CT
Ellicott City, MD 21042

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Sayers, Margery

From: Dave Mitchell <caverdave@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:34 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Walsh, Elizabeth
Subject: Re: CB38 support

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Howard County Council Members,

I wholeheartedly support the CB38 bill and I encourage you to vote for this bill today. It has been too easy for too long for developers to obtain waivers to circumvent environmental laws that were put into place not only to protect our watersheds, but to protect the quality of life for the citizens and businesses of this county. As Howard County Council members, the core of your job is to protect our quality of life, not the pockets of developers who don't even necessarily live in our county.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
David Mitchell
8402 Governors Run
Ellicott City, MD

Sayers, Margery

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Ellicott City, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Tonya Sigalas <tonsig3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:29 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Louis Sigalas
Subject: Support for #CB38

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I am in support of #CB38. Please pass this bill to protect our watershed and STOP the overdevelopment in this part of the county!!

Our county was a wonderful place to live and now- overdevelopment, roads filled with more traffic than they can handle. Homes, townhomes, condos, apartments on every inch of land possible, and overcrowded schools. Do something right for the county and pass this bill to begin a step in the right direction. PASS #CB38 PLEASE!!!!

Unhappy in Howard,
Tonya Sigalas

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Maury Zeitler <mauryzee@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:25 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CB38

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Dear Council Members:

I am a resident of Ellicott City and am writing you in favor of council bill 38. I believe this bill is vital to the continued safety and health of our community.

Best, Maury Zeitler

Sayers, Margery

From: Ginger Segala <gjsegala5@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:23 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CB38

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I support CB 38.

Jennifer Segala
5013 Stone Hill Dr
Ellicott City 21043

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Christopher Schisler <metalmanec@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:20 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please Support CB-38

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Dear Council Members:

I am writing again to express my support for Council Bill 38, the "Protect This Watershed" bill.

In my past written testimony I shared how unchecked development has affected my family, my property, and my neighbor's property. In the 2016 flood our property (high on a hill above Main Street) suffered only minor damage. After the 2016 flood, unchecked development continued, and a development of a small 20 home community (Autumn Overlook) went in up-stream and up-hill from us. Developing this parcel destroyed hundreds of mature trees, changed natural drainage patterns, and erected berms to protect new homes while directing water towards inadequate storm water management systems. In the 2018 flood, these storm water management systems and retention pond failed, causing significant flooding damage to my neighbor's homes, washing out our driveway, and creating dangerous runoff that headed directly towards Main Street, and washing out rail road tracks.

In the time between my last letter and this one, I watched and listened to countless developers, home builders, and their representatives give testimony against this bill. All predicting all manner of negative consequences (up to, and including even an "apocalypse"). I also listened to scientists, watershed managers, environmentalists, conservationists, and experts in run-off, drainage etc. give testimony supporting this bill and the positive effects this bill will bring.

It's clear in the past the county and policy makers took the advice of the developers and their supporters--that decision got us into this mess. I am hopeful this time the county and policy makers will listen to experts and help us get out of this mess.

Regards,
Christopher Schisler
3819 Mulligans Hill Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Sayers, Margery

From: Mary Nichols <marynichols18@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:20 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Vote for CB 38

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Have courage and do the right thing for the future of Howard County.

Thank you.

Mary Nichols
6521 Lawyers Hill RD
Elkridge MD 21075

Sayers, Margery

From: Sarah Jane Krom <sarahjkrom@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CB38

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Greetings,

My name is Sarah Krom and I support CB38 designed to protect against future flooding risks—to the public health, safety and welfare, and investment—in the Patapsco Lower North Branch watershed. We should be aggressively addressing all measures to protect our environment/watershed and the residents of the county.

Sayers, Margery

From: Kerri Bentkowski Li <kerri.bentkowski@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:12 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Pass CB38, Protect-This-Watershed Bill Needs Your Support

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Howard County Council,

I am a constituent in District 1 in Ellicott City. I am writing again to ask for your support for CB-38. Since its initial draft, there have been amendments that clarify several issues and concerns from the public, and truly improve this bill. CB38 is ready for action and needs your support.

Residents of Howard County in ALL districts benefit from a strong, economically viable historic district that generates tax dollars and employment.

This law is common-sense stormwater management and is fair and reasonable.

It will require:

- On-site stormwater management in OEC. No Fee-In-Lieu for stormwater should be permissible by DPZ for developers.
- Enhances existing laws that protect against development on steep slopes and maintains the county's existing green infrastructure. Development of additional impervious surface in OEC will HURT the OEC watershed, NOT HELP IT.

Many voters do NOT feel developers entitled to special exceptions and waivers in our county that maximize their profits at the cost of the taxpayer (e.g. \$140 million stormwater tunnel!)

Many D1 voters elected Liz Walsh into office to tackle the stormwater in OEC issue. Please help D1 reach its goal of a safe and sound OEC.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kerri Bentkowski & Family
Ellicott City

Sayers, Margery

From: Lisa Schlossnagle <lisabmrss@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:07 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38 with amendments - support

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Dear Council,

When I wrote to you last week about CB38, I did so without knowing about the amendments. Now that I've read up a little bit, I still support it.

Disconnection from the rest of nature and disconnection from other people are the two biggest problems of our time, perhaps of all time. The currently manifest in crises like climate change and in pervasive injustices like racism. You are tackling both of these big problems this session, and I thank you for that.

What I most want you to know about CB38 is: whatever you pass tonight regarding the Patapsco Lower North Watershed must create stronger protections for it than what we have now. We must protect and strengthen the resiliency of all areas of our environment to sustain us and future generations. What we have going on right now does the opposite.

Thank you,
Lisa Schlossnagle
Fulton

Sayers, Margery

From: Dianne Zeitler <diannezeitler@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:03 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Walsh, Elizabeth
Subject: Support for CB 38

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This email is in support of CB 38. As a resident of Howard County for more than 40 years, I have seen the poorly restrained building boom. I live above Ellicott City and saw what the last 2 floods have done to this wonderful town. Developers care only for financial gain. I do not believe they care about overcrowded schools and roads. Therefore I respectfully request you not cave to their pressure, please pass CB 38

Dianne Zeitler
4#35 Rose Petal Court
Ellicott City

Sayers, Margery

From: Jennifer Davis <jennifer011982@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:02 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Pass CB38

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Good Afternoon Council,

I am a voter in Howard County and would like you to know I am in full support of the proposed Bill #CB38. We need to do everything we can to end the devastation to this watershed and Ellicott City. This bill is one step in the right direction. I urge all members to take this opportunity to take a stand and help this watershed.

Thank you,

Jennifer Davis

Sayers, Margery

From: Neetu Gupta <neetu_gupta@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:00 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38

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Dear Councilmember,

I fully support CB38. I would like to see our elected officials say no to the damaging impacts of development around the watershed. It is also time for the Department of Planning & Zoning to stop issuing waivers. Plus I am in support of restoring our forests.

We must protect the watershed and the nature.

Thanks,
Neetu Gupta.

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Sayers, Margery

From: Elyse DeVries <emdevries@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:59 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support Watershed Bill CB38...

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Please fully support the bill CB38 presented by Liz Walsh in today's vote.

Thank you
Elyse DeVries
12152 Mt. Albert Ct

Sayers, Margery

From: ANNE GRANT <annelgrant@me.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:58 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: I support CB38

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My name is Anne Grant and I am a resident of Elkridge and a lifelong resident of Howard County.
I support the passing of CB38.

People have died, homes and businesses have been destroyed. Any further developing in the watershed would be negligent. Howard County does not have the infrastructure to support further development of the watershed areas.

Please pass CB38.

Thank you,
Anne Grant

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Christine Fritz <christinecfritz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:55 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CB 38

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I live in District 1. I request that you vote approval for CB38 - protect this watershed bill.

Thank you,
Christine Fritz
3652 Cragmoor Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Ginna Rodriguez <rodriguez.ginna@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:54 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CB 38

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Hi:

My name is Ginna Rodriguez and I am writing in support of bill CB 38.

After a series of devastating floods, we all know the county cannot afford to continue to operate business as usual. This is why I am very encouraged by this legislation and I hope that you represent the people of Howard County and put the interests of the residents before those of special interests when you vote on this legislation tonight.

As I understand it, this legislation aims to primarily accomplish two things: One - Improve environmental protections and storm water mitigation requirements to ensure further development in the watershed does not exacerbate an already bad situation by making potential future floods more catastrophic, and Two – Making sure we actually follow these rules.

Strengthening storm water and related environmental management standards would demonstrate Howard County leadership at a time when other Maryland counties and communities far beyond are also grappling with similar issues centered on climate change and development. We have an opportunity to show that as a county we understand the huge return on investment of making smart development choices, and inversely, avoiding bad ones. We are currently talking about spending over \$140 million of taxpayer money (not including interest on any bonds needed) in part to fix mistakes of the past. Given we now know full well how sensitive the watershed is, lets commit to protect it and ensure we don't dig ourselves into an even deeper hole. Lets make sure that the rules meant to protect downstream communities are followed every time, not just when convenient for developers.

Fees in lieu sound like a good idea in principle, but our history shows they are rarely used as intended, only making the issues they are supposed to address worse. DPZ exemptions have been the norm in Howard County, and we've all witnessed the consequences such actions have had on exacerbating flooding, socioeconomic segregation, traffic, etc. As we tragically know, flash flooding can be a life and death issue, and this legislation codifies there are circumstances where such exemptions simply can no longer be allowed.

You might hear a doom and gloom scenario about the impact this will have on development in the watershed. The reality is this legislation will simply serve to filter out projects that should not be moving forward in the first place. Projects that will likely cost taxpayers more than the benefit they would generate. I urge all council members to stand with the community and show a united front. Please stop taking expert advise from special interest. When floods happen, the citizens of this county will be looking to see what you have done to enhance protections to our environment. Developers take a risk when buying property in the watershed just like other residents who have bought from these developers now suffer the consequences of poor development decisions. Please ensure you are representing the residents of the county.

Please pass CB 38.

Thank you,

Ginna Rodriguez

Pebble Branch Rd.

Sayers, Margery

From: Gayle Killen <killchar@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:54 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FOR CB-38

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These old buildings were built strong and our great stone walls were built to protect and preserve. Waivers are guilty of sending water behind stone walls and through our homes. Meaningful and thoughtful advances to protect and preserve our valuable community are long overdue. Thank you for thinking of those of us struggling to cope with the disastrous effects of waivable protections.

-Gayle Killen
8572 Main St
The Icehouse, c1809
Historic Ellicott City
MD USA 21043

On Wed, Aug 28, 2019, 22:59 Gayle Killen <killchar@gmail.com> wrote:
Greetings, Council members.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of our community. I live in the historic district of Ellicott City, directly on Main St about halfway between Rogers Ave and Ellicott Mills Drive. We are a small but mighty and very special watershed. We absolutely must increase the vegetation protecting our steep slopes.

There's no other way to protect historic value, character and the families that have carried this age old town through generations. I'm terrified of the hills around us, especially when trees are removed. Old practices must end, we simply will not survive any attempts to accelerate runoff. We must learn to slow the flow at every chance. Elaborate terraces would be lovely but just simple plants will do. Start by thinking about "additive landscaping". If a slope needs stabilization, add to it! Do not take away any more vegetation.

Please support CB-38 and grab every opportunity to add vegetation to our steep slopes.

V/R,
Gayle Killen
8572 Main St
Ellicott City, MD
21043
443-467-1142

Sayers, Margery

From: Sharma, Indira K. <Indira.Sharma@saul.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:49 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CB38

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Dear Council Members,

I write in full support CB38 as amended to address community concerns. The time has come in Howard County to slow the damage that rapid and irresponsible development is doing to our County. We need to protect against future flood risks arising out of development along our watershed. Increased buffers are necessary. Developers should not be permitted to continue to escape their social responsibilities to our community and the environment by obtaining waivers and paying fees in lieu of complying with requirements in place to protect our environment. We must do everything necessary to avoid the floods that took place in 2016 and 2018 in Ellicott City.

Respectfully,

Indira Sharma
Ellicott City, MD

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Sayers, Margery

From: Heather Dalwadi <heather.dalwadi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:48 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: SUPPORT FOR CB38

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Dear Council Members,

Please protect our waterways and eliminate developer entitlements by supporting CB38.

Thank you so much!

Heather Dalwadi
3138 Elmmede Rd.
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Renae Kurc <rdkurc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:47 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: support for CB38

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Hello, I support CB38.
Renae Kurc

Sayers, Margery

From: Christi Snyder <christisnyder0@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:46 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38

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I fully support CB38. It is past time that our elected officials say no to the damaging impacts of development around the watershed. It is also time for the Department of Planning & Zoning to stop issuing waivers, or the ability for Developers to "pay in lieu".

We must do everything possible to protect against future flooding risks; we MUST protect the watershed.

Regards,
Christi Snyder

Sayers, Margery

From: Gina Desiderio <desiderio@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:45 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CB 38

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Please vote to pass CB 38. It is imperative for our County that we stop capitulating to developers and allowing them waivers and exceptions that fail to protect our watershed. Your vote for this bill is a vote for your constituents, our homes, our lives, and we can't wait any longer to do the right thing.

Thank you,
Gina Desiderio Edmison

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desiderio@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Margaret Glasser <mglasser@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:45 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38

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I am writing to express 100% support for the Council Bill CB38.

Peg Glasser

Sayers, Margery

From: Juanita Walker <jwalker818@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:44 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB 38

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Dear Council

I'm voicing my strong support to pass CB 38 at tonight's hearing. I voted for change in Howard County in this past election...the type of change included in this bill. The developers have been allowed to control the DPZ for too long. A total of 185 waivers to the regulations, which were designed to protect the county's watershed, green property, and neighborhoods, that gave developers free reign to overpopulate communities without paying the fees necessary to support the infrastructure needs of that growth. Stripping away hundreds of acres of trees and replacing with hard surfaces have substantially increased the amount and speed of waters causing unprecedented flooding. Add in climate change and it is clear that regulations to protect the watershed need to be stronger than before and ENFORCED!

I'm not happy that this bill was stripped down mainly due to county council reps bowing down to the Builders Association and developers instead of listening to their constituents. That said, pass CB 38 tonight as it stands now or I guarantee that this community will vote out those that don't...like we did in the last election.

It's also time to force out those DPZ members who freely handed out 185 waivers.

Juanita Walker
10210 Maxine St
Ellicott City 21042
443 435 0164

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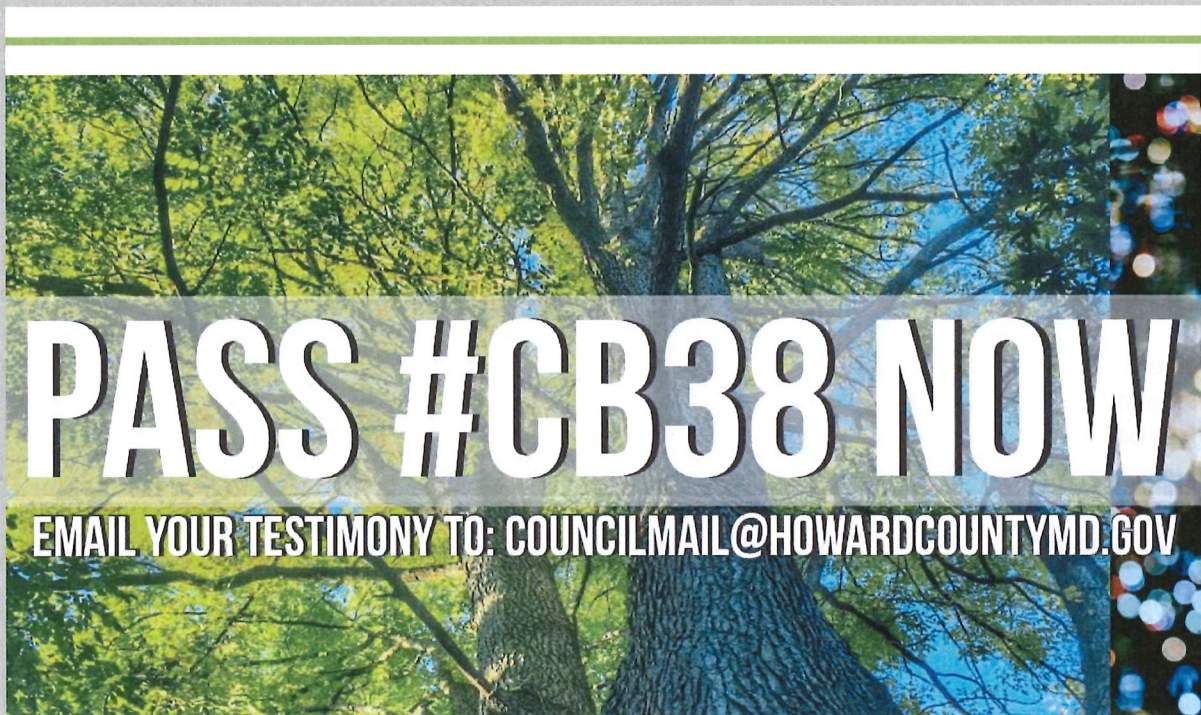
Sayers, Margery

From: District 1 <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:40 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: [MARKETING] Email Your Support for CB 38 📧

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TODAY, Monday October 7, is the day that the Council votes on what happens next with our Protect-This-Watershed Bill, CB38. Its passage is not a sure thing. Even if you've already voiced your support for this bill, we need you to do it again:

Email the Council now at councilmail@howardcountymd.gov, and spread the word.

The Council's legislative session starts tonight at 7 pm.
To address community concerns, and those of County Departments, the bill has been stripped down with 9 amendments, found [here](#):

The bill still retains:

- ⊗ Enhancing existing law protecting waterways, wetlands, steep slopes, trees and forests
- ⊗ Eliminating Developer entitlements to avoid the law
- ⊗ Improving on-site stormwater controls, as a matter of law

More info on the bill, including frequently asked questions, can be found [here](#)

Today is the day. Email the Council now with your support at councilmail@howardcountymd.gov, because this Watershed can't wait.

Thank you for your support. We can do this.



Council Member Liz Walsh
Serving District 1: Ellicott City, Dorsey's Search,
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District 1 | 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043

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Sayers, Margery

From: Sriman Sista <sistasriman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:36 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CB 38

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Hello,

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We must protect the watershed.

Thanks,
Sriman Sista.

Sayers, Margery

From: Subba R <subba.sista@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:36 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CB 38-2019

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We must protect the watershed.

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Thanks,
Subba R
410 908 9959 Cell

Sayers, Margery

From: John Fritz <jlfdep@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:32 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Re: Support for CB38 from District 1 Resident

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Please, please, please do the right thing and pass this bill today.

John Fritz

On Mon, Sep 16, 2019 at 6:15 PM John Fritz <jlfdep@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear County Council Members,

I'm writing in support of CB38 introduced by my Council Member Liz Walsh. As a resident adjacent to the proposed Lawyers Hill Overlook (PB 445), which I also oppose, I want to see existing environmental law enforced, not waived by a fee or loophole.

If not, now when will we change our business as usual -- and preferred approach -- to smart growth. If not you, then who will do so. Please act responsibly and pass CB38.

Sincerely,

John Fritz
5824 Judge Dobbin Ct.
Elkridge, MD 21075
410.245.2226

Sayers, Margery

From: John Milano <JMilano@rcmd.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:25 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support of CB38 and CB40

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Ms. Walsh,

I am a resident of Taylor Village since 2001.

I am writing to let you know that we support the 2 bills listed above and that Dr. Taylor does not speak for us.

Many thanks.

John Milano

4660 Tall Maple Court
EC, 21043

John Milano



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Sayers, Margery

From: TB Mueller <tbm8215@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:23 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38 & CB40

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I am on the Board for Legacy at Village Crest II and wish to advise that we are in support of the continued moratorium stopping new construction in the watershed that impacts historic Ellicott City.

I want to advise that we were not contacted by Dr. Bruce Taylor regarding his notice to testify on behalf of an organization. We are part of the communities that he identified in the affidavit. I was not aware of a poll or survey regarding this matter by Dr. Taylor and feel he is misrepresenting the feelings of the residents in the area that he previously developed.

Obviously, the moratorium negatively impacts his development of the Taylor Manor Hospital site. It is rumored to be apartments/condos of 900+ units. This would definitely impact additional water flowing into Ellicott City when it rains.

Thank you

T. Brian Mueller
Secretary/Treasurer

8215 Stone Crop Drive, Unit D
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Sayers, Margery

From: Beth Zaidi <bzaidi24@me.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:19 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CB38

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Dear Members,

I am writing in support of CB38. Please pass this as written to protect our watershed.

Thank you

Beth Zaidi

Polygon 3176

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Krishna Veeramachaneni <kveeramachaneni@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:17 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CB38-2019

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Hello,

I am writing this email in support of the following:

Bill No. 38 -2019

The Patapsco Lower North Branch Bill

Introduced by: Liz Walsh

Please vote 'Yes'.

Thanks,
Krishna Veeramachaneni.

Sayers, Margery

From: Rigby, Christiana
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:18 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: CB 38
Attachments: CB-38 Letter 2019-10-07 Post Work Session.pdf

From: Peter Engel <pengel@househoward.org>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 10:55 AM
To: Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: CB 38

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Dear Council Chair Rigby and Council Members Jones, Jung, Walsh, and Yungmann:

Attached is a letter regarding CB-38, as a follow-up to Friday's Work Session. Thank you for your consideration.

Peter Engel
Executive Director
Howard County Housing Commission



October 7, 2019

Ms. Christiana Mercer Rigby, Chair
Mr. Opel Jones, Council Member
Ms. Deb Jung, Council Member
Ms. Liz Walsh, Council Member
Mr. David Yungmann, Council Member
Howard County Council
3430 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

Re: Council Bill 38

Dear Council Chair Rigby and Council Members:

I would like to express the Housing Commission's appreciation for the open and insightful discussion of Council Bill 38 at the work session on Friday. The Council is clearly working through a very difficult set of issues.

As we stated in our original testimony on the bill, the Commission is strongly supportive of efforts to mitigate flooding in Ellicott City and other parts of the County. Climate change is worsening flooding in many parts of the world as storms become stronger and more damaging. The Council should be applauded for addressing the issues head on.

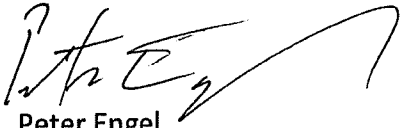
Unfortunately, CB 38, even as amended, would likely halt two housing developments with about 120 units for lower-income County residents. These two developments are bringing approximately \$30 million of scarce low-income housing tax credits and other State funds into the County, along with an additional \$13 million of other funds, to help solve the County's on-going affordable housing crises.

As we have noted on numerous occasions, there is currently a shortage of about 5,000 homes for County households earning \$50,000 or less annually. A stable, affordable home is the first step to improving income, self-reliance, furthering education, and a host of other desirable outcomes.

While there are many objectives to balance in moving the County forward, mitigating flooding should not make our housing problems worse. Without an exception for affordable housing, this is exactly what CB 38 will do. There are ways to achieve both County goals – to reduce the impact of future storm events and to further the creation of housing for Howard County’s lower-income households.

Thank you very much for your help with this matter and your thoughtful approach to balancing the needs of the County. We look forward to working with you on CB 38 and other legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Engel', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Peter Engel
Executive Director

Sayers, Margery

From: Mandy Elder <mandy.elder@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:11 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38 Support

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Hello everyone,

Just a quick note to share my support of CB38 to protect the watershed. Please pass this bill.

Thank you,
Mandy Elder
Columbia, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Evelyn Henderson <evelyn@hendersoncreative.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:06 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support of CB38

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Good Morning, Council members:

As a homeowner of D1 for more than 20-years and a person who has lived adjacent to the Plumtree Waterbranch and now to the Hollifield section of the Patapsco and as an individual who has lived through two major flood events; I urge the Council to vote in favor of CB38. We need to honor our green infrastructure and protect it from further destruction. Once these areas of forest and trees are gone, they are gone! Please close your eyes, imagine D1 without our beautiful tree canopies, forest, ground vegetation and the crucial buffers to our delicate watershed areas -- it is not a pretty or desirable landscape is it?

It is an essential time for all residents of HoCo, developers, and leadership to make sure that we no longer turn a blind-eye or utilize development waivers and fee-in-lieu loop-holes that make us all vulnerable to future destruction. I would also ask that the 2016 peak flood conditions guide Stormwater Management in the Patapsco Lower North Branch watershed - it truly could be a matter of life and death if we don't. Please, council members, vote "yes" to CB38; protect this D1 resident, my family, and our vulnerable green infrastructure that belongs to all HoCo citizens.

I'm counting on you all to do the right thing - pass CB38.

Respectfully,

Evelyn

Evelyn Henderson

Howard County and D1 Resident



Sayers, Margery

From: tina chalk <tinachalk@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:06 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38

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I am writing today to urge passage of CB38. The severe and deadly floods of 2016 and 2018 in Ellicott City demonstrate that watershed protection is urgently needed. We are at (or beyond) the point where failure to stop development in this sensitive area will irretrievably degrade our beautiful and historic town of Ellicott City and may also threaten additional lives beyond those already killed in the last two floods.

As a resident of Old Ellicott City, I have seen first hand the effects of runoff from development in the hills above town (I live in those hills). When it rains heavily my street becomes a percolating river barreling down to Main Street. Water gets under Church Road and bubbles up through it, causing devastation even in up hill areas.

Those who do not act to protect our community will be held accountable at the ballot box. The 2018 elections demonstrated that and the citizenry is "awake" and watching the actions of its elected officials.

The time to act is now. Please pass this sensible and urgently-needed bill.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Sayers, Margery

From: Sue <suemazzoni@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:02 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38

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Who will vote to protect waterways, wetlands, steep slopes, trees and forests...eliminate developer entitlements...and improve stormwater controls?

And who will side with monied-interest developers and vote against this bill?

We, The People of Howard County, are watching this closely.

Vote for CB38.

Susan Mazzoni

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- *"To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity."*
Douglas Adams

Sayers, Margery

From: Rigby, Christiana
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:01 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Follow up testimony CB 38-19 Rockburn Branch storm surge
Attachments: IMG_6715.TRIM.MOV; IMG_5372.JPG

From: DaleNSchumacher <dalenschumacher@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 5:40 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Follow up testimony CB 38-19 Rockburn Branch storm surge

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Hi Liz,

At my September 23 CB 38-19 testimony I promised a video of storm water surge and destruction of our property and MET easement on Belmont Woods Road. The bridge is on the way to Belmont.

A trimmed movie file is attached and a picture of the Rockburn Branch flow from two weeks ago.

We appreciate (and plead for) your and your colleagues efforts to control storm surges in Elkridge and into the Bay.

Regards,
Dale

Dale N. Schumacher, MD
410 984 0789



Sayers, Margery

From: Consulting <dawnbrodeur@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 10:52 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB 38

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I write in support of CB38. Please vote to protect this watershed for today and for generations to come.

Regards,

Dawn Davis-Brodeur
Elkridge resident

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Gelwicks, Colette
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 10:42 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Council Bill 38-2019

-----Original Message-----

From: Jean Wetterau <crisfieldhon@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 8:07 PM
To: ojones@howardcounty.gov; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>; Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Council Bill 38-2019

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> Dear Council Members,

> I have been a resident since 1985 and I appreciate what you are doing to help Ellicott City. Yes, major builders of condos, shopping centers, and communities of homes which need extensive amount of land to do their construction should be slowed down and take into account what effect the construction would have on the environment! It's sad the number of trees that have been cut down and the green space that has been covered over by the builders to fulfill their purpose.

> However, my other concern is for individual home owners who want to improve their home!

> As you can see in the photo below, my home (4080 Choctaw Drive) is an older home of 34 years. My deck is in need of repair, and since my husband and I are a retired couple, we wanted to do a sunroom in the same dimensions, so that we can enjoy nature all year and not be restricted to just the warmer months.

> I was aware of the moratorium, but I thought it was for the major builders, not home owners who are current residents. So, I got in contact with someone to build a sunroom. We got blueprints done and when he went to get permits, he was denied. We are environmentally conscious people. We do not use any herbicides or pesticides on our lawn, and in fact, since I have been living here, I have added 8 trees! Yes, we live in the Tiber Watershed area and the back of our home faces town homes and route 29. However, the sunroom addition will be the same size as my deck presented in the photo below.

> Please take into consideration individual home owners, such as myself, who want to do improvements to their homes, instead of moving out of the county or out of state. We want to make our remaining years of retirement pleasant ones in Howard County.

> Thank you,

> Jean L. Wetterau & John Wetterau

> 4080 Choctaw Drive

> Ellicott City, MD 21043

> 410-245-1749

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> Sent from my iPad

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Sayers, Margery

From: Gelwicks, Colette
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 10:39 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: CB 38
Attachments: Notes on CB 38 and Amendments.docx

From: Paul Revelle <paul.revelle@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 1:37 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: Dave Woessner <dwoessner2012@gmail.com>; Thomas Coale <tcoale@talkin-oh.com>
Subject: CB 38

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I urge you to vote against Bill 38.

If, after amendments, you see enough value remaining in the Bill to consider voting for the Bill, please consider the points I have summarized in the attachment to this email.

Paul

Notes on CB- 38-2019 and Amendments 1 – 9 to CB 38-2019

Major Points

1. Page 11, line 21- Public Stormwater Management Infrastructure

I recommend that the word Public be deleted so that Private ponds, which are built to the same standards as public ponds and which reduce current runoff by at least 10% and which are designed with the minimum environmental impact necessary to achieve that 10% reduction, also be considered eligible for the same variance as public ponds. For example, it doesn't take much imagination to understand that that T-1 will need variances and waivers to be built in the stream channel, in the floodplain, in wetlands, and their buffers, in steep slopes and will require the clearing of forest in order to create enough storage volume to protect Ellicott City from flooding. The goal is safety; to provide flood protection and whether public or private should not matter.

2. Page 4, Line 23, 50 foot setback from steep slopes

This provision anticipates that steep slopes are natural and that they adjoin flood plains and streams. Often times a small area of steep slopes can exist in an isolated location completely removed from environmental areas. One existing house with a walk out basement would cause you to have steep slopes. For example, some properties could have steep slopes (10 vertical feet at 25%) that comprises an area of 200 (10 ft x 20 ft) square feet in the middle of the site. This Bill would require the owner to set aside a 50-foot perimeter around the 200-foot steep slope area. This area would be 110 ft x 120 feet or 13,200 SF. So, you have 200 SF of steep slopes, and you lose the ability to uses 13,200 SF of your property.

You could lose the ability to utilize your property because of 200 SF of steep slopes that are completely isolated from environmental areas.

3. If you were to approve Bill 38 as amended along with the changes suggested above and below, will the Bill merely accomplish the flood protection goals of CB 123?

By the time you align this Bill with the CB 123 storm water criteria, eliminate the enhanced Open Space requirement, restore necessary disturbance and floodplain disturbances for SWM, remove the enhanced forest conservation requirements, restore consideration of scenic road waivers, and extend some relief to residential infill, what is left are the possibilities for unintended consequences.

I recommend that you measure what might be achieved by this Bill with what will be accomplished by CB 123.

Other Points

1. Page 3, lines 2 and 3, infrastructure damaged by flood and Page 18, lines 12 through 16, Subsection E, Redevelopment

By deleting the waiver provision on Page 3, the Bill would not allow for waivers for the reconstruction of infrastructure damaged by floods. This could apply to damaged roads and rights of way like Main Street, for example.

The language in 18.910 (E) would similarly restrict redevelopment road and rights of way repairs resulting from flood damage.

I recommend that both provisions be tempered by an exception for improvements to existing public roads and rights of way.

2. Page 7, lines 23-24, Open Space and Page 14, lines 17-18, Fee in Lieu of afforestation or reforestation

Several of the proposed amendments appear to offer relief to minor subdivisions from some of the Bill's requirements but these two provisions remain.

The Open Space requirement for a two lot subdivision of a 1 acre property would yield an Open Space lot of 6/100 of an acre. It would likely be non-contiguous with any other Open Space, would not meaningfully fulfill any of the goals for Open Space, require the creation of an HOA, and merely operate as an extension of the backyard of one of the two lots.

At 6/100 of an acre, the Open Space would be too small to meet the minimum requirements for a forest; 10,000 square feet with a minimum depth of 35 feet. And, because forest cannot be located on a lot smaller than 3 acres, most minor subdivisions could only hope to achieve the forest obligation on Open Space- already determined to be too small.

I recommend that both of these provisions be eliminated from the Bill.

3. Page 12, Lines 8 and 10, Forest Conservation, Critical Root Zones and Hubs and Corridors on adjoining properties

These provisions of the proposed delineations involve adjoining properties where a developer has no right of entry for delineation or surveys. And they suggest that these offsite features may in some way be protected when those property owners may disturb the trees, hub and, corridor with impunity.

I recommend that the delineations be confined to the property proposed for development.

Sayers, Margery

From: TERRY ZIELINSKI <terryz1966@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 10:37 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Moratorium in Ellicott City

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Good Morning,

We live at 4122 Lotus Circle EC, MD. Also known as Village Crest Villas II, my husband and I are opposed to lifting the moratorium on development. We never signed anything or were we asked for an opinion on the topic.

Terry & Fred Zielinski

Sayers, Margery

From: BVivrette <bvivrette@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 10:36 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38 & CB42

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Dear Council,

I am writing you again to urge your support and passing of both CB38 and CB42. These critical legislation pieces should go forward to protect and strengthen our infrastructure which is in dire need. Please do not delay on these, we have been in need of these laws for far too long, to protect lives and provide relief for our schools.

The ball is in your court. Don't pass it, Brian Vivrette Elkridge

Sayers, Margery

From: Julie Whittaker <juliewhittaker@gmail.com>
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To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38

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I support CB8. Please pass it. Our county is literally flooding because we have not adequately supported and maintained our watershed. While imperfect, this is a good start to not making the situation worse.

Julie Whittaker
Ellicott City MD

Sayers, Margery

From: schmidt.nikki <schmidt.nikki@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 10:23 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38 - District 1

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Council Members -

It needs to stop. The watershed is in crisis, 3 people have lost their lives and still I watch parcel after parcel of land stripped and scraped and reshaped by bulldozers and impermeable materials. Please, if you value human life, as well as the earth, PLEASE vote in support of CB38.

Nikki Schmidt
10320 Kettledrum Ct.
Ellicott City- Md - 21042

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Sayers, Margery

From: kristen piggott <kristen.gaumer@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 10:22 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please Pass CB-38-2019

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Council members,

I am a resident of Ellicott City (in district 5). I ask you to please pass CB-38-2019. It is clear that our existing storm water management practices can not convey the increased (1,000 year) storm events that have recently occurred twice within the Ellicott City watershed. It is unreasonable to assume that a similar event could not happen in the near future and it is inexcusable to allow deforestation and creation of increased impervious surfaces until such time as the infrastructure can meet the increased flow requirements.

Thank you to Ms Walsh for her efforts.
Kristen Piggott

Sayers, Margery

From: Melissa Kistler <melissa.kistler@me.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 10:20 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB38-2019

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Hello-

I am writing to again support CB38. This bill encompasses what should be place for smart growth of our community that won't destroy it in the process. This bill has been very thoughtfully put together. I fully support and hope the county council fully supports this as well.

Melissa Kistler
410-370-2162

Sayers, Margery

From: Gelwicks, Colette
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 10:13 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: CB 38 & Amendments 1-9
Attachments: CB 38-2019 tstimony.pdf

From: Carl Gutschick <cgutschick@glwpa.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:57 AM
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Cc: Angelica Bailey <abailey@marylandbuilders.org>
Subject: CB 38 & Amendments 1-9

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Collette - Please forward this to Councilwoman Mercer Rigby. I know from our past email thread and her concerns voiced at the work sessions that she has well-founded reservations over this Bill and its purposes. I've enclosed another copy of my testimony, which was previously submitted and included in the "written testimony" files attached to Bill 38.

Any measures taken in the greater Patapsco Watershed are not going to make any difference in the 2016/2018 type top-down flooding. Hydraulically, it can't. There are technical reasons for this, but I won't try to explain in this email. There will be some theoretical benefit for the bottom-up variety but only theoretical. **The real benefit to the Main Street area is fully covered by CR 123**, and the planned flood mitigation projects. These two measures won't solve all future flooding problems for a town unfortunately built in a floodplain, they should proceed.

CB 38 however, will not add any incremental flood prevention benefits for Historic EC. However, CB 38 will curtail reasonable development in the greater Patapsco Watershed.

If all the Amendments are adopted, CB-38 is more tolerable. As amended, the primary effects would still be::

- Establishing severe SWM design criteria for the entire HC Patapsco watershed that will make SWM systems more costly, while not helping the Main Street flooding in any material way
- Prohibiting waivers to any Forest Conservation requirements, including that needed to remove any 30"+ diameter trees. These are the so-called "specimen trees". Virtually all wooded sites have at least one specimen tree in the otherwise developable part of the site. Once you eliminate the floodplain, wetlands, wetland buffers, streams, stream buffers, steep slopes, scenic road buffers, perimeter buffers, and any historic set-aside areas, the remaining land is at times sprinkled with these larger trees. There has to be a way to remove some of these trees or a property could be rendered undevelopable. That's why it is allowed under state law and current county law, subject going through a justification process (i.e. a waiver).
- Elimination of the fee-in-lieu for SWM in the Patapsco watershed. I don't feel strongly about the FIL since I can't remember one time in 34 years we have used it on one of our projects.
- Creates a supplemental setback for the LOD from wetlands, waterways and steep slopes which would, in most cases, be in excess of what is already required. For small sites, it could be very difficult and limiting. For larger sites, it may not be as problematic, but effectively increasing the wetland buffer from 25' to 100' is a huge change for any sized property. There is also a glitch in the "Necessary Disturbance" provisions being authorized for the existing list (16.116.D(1)) but not the additional setbacks being proposed for the Patapsco watershed. For example, you could have a situation where the Necessary Disturbance is authorized for a

portion of the regular 25' wetland buffer but DPZ is not authorized to make the same determination for the newly added 75'. An example of this would be a sewer outfall connecting to an existing sewer running through the floodplain. Also, the proposed limitations on a Necessary Disturbance finding by DPZ would be too restrictive for real life situations (e.g. a pathway, sewer outfall, or SD outfall)

- Increases the checklist requirements for a Forest Conservation Plan. Not sure why these are being added. Don't like surprises.

In conclusion, CR 123 is all that is needed in the way of regulation changes. CB 38, even as amended, has over-reaching requirements that will not produce the hoped-for results of abating future flooding on Main Street. Please vote against CB 38.

I'd be glad to talk on the phone and/or in person.

Best,
Carl K. Gutschick, P.E., Principal



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Testimony of Carl Gutschick, PE
Howard County Council Bill 38-2019
September 16, 2019

Good evening

I am a professional engineer and a partner in an engineering firm that is very involved in Howard County. We help create a variety of projects in the county, including residential, commercial, industrial, and public. Many of these projects have floodplains, and all have stormwater facilities.

In college, I specialized in hydrology, floodplain analysis, and stormwater management, and have been involved in these fields ever since.

CB 38 appears to be about the Patapsco floodplain, and the so-called bottom-up flooding of lower Main Street in historic Ellicott City. As you must know, the 2016 and 2018 floods were of the top-down variety, and therefore not due to the backwater effect of the Patapsco.

I can assure you that the severe regulation of the Howard County half of the watershed will not make a material difference in the periodic flooding of the Patapsco. The remaining developable land, compared to the watershed size, is simply not enough to make a difference.

What CB 38 will do is render certain properties undevelopable, either in a practical sense, or in the case of properties defined as “Infill”, in an absolute sense. This extreme regulation will affect all types of development, and severely impact the shelter industry from providing much needed housing. The population is growing, and each person needs a roof over his or her head.

In addition to its unnecessary severity, CB 38 has flaws and unintended consequences. Please do not enact this Bill.

Sayers, Margery

From: Wade Sapp <wade.lee.614@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 10:00 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Walsh, Elizabeth; Rockburn Land Trust
Subject: RLT testimony on CB38-2019
Attachments: RLT testimony for CB38.rtf; RLT Affidavit for CB38-2019.pdf

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF CB38-2019
ON BEHALF OF THE ROCKBURN LAND TRUST (RLT)

by
William Wade Sapp, Jr.
President, RLT
(see attached Affidavit of Authorization)

06 October 2019

The Rockburn Land Trust was formed in 1989, and one of its primary purposes, as delineated in the Articles of Incorporation, is to promote for the benefit of the general public the preservation, protection and balanced use of natural resources principally in, but not limited to, the general area bounded by Ilchester Road, Landing Road, Montgomery Road, Route One and the Patapsco River... This area is completely within the Patapsco Lower North Branch Watershed as specified in CB38-2019.

From the perspective of RLT, CB38, through its elimination of many “waivers” and “fees in lieu of”, restores the strength of existing county regulations in protecting a particularly sensitive region of Howard County from increased storm water runoff and, simultaneously, preserves our forests for our enjoyment as well as for carbon capture. Any amendments to CB38 which, for example, might largely grandfather existing lots while still requiring some storm water management, will not substantially reduce the overall very positive impact of this bill.

At the same time, we acknowledge the pressure of economic development and the oft-repeated but seldom, if ever, quantified concern of the negative impact of environmental regulation. RLT promotes “think globally; act locally” and “think long-term; act short-term”. Through education, advocacy and easements, the organization helps combat climate change, a stated goal of much of the County leadership, and works to protect our communities, landscapes, wetlands, streams and rivers from excessive storm water runoff. In the long term these protections will result in an environmentally more attractive County which is more attractive to potential homeowners.

We also acknowledge that these restored regulations can have a perceived unfairness for some property owners who would face greater restrictions in developing their property. However, these private constraints would be more than offset by the public gain in a more manageable and livable environment. When all the costs and benefits are weighed, protecting our environment is the sustainable and better choice.