

Sayers, Margery

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Greetings,

I am strongly in support of CB56 and CB57, bills which would add much-needed protection to Howard County's forests. I grew up in Howard County and now live in Columbia. Even now, 50 years after its founding, the original trees of Columbia are easily identified compared to those planted during the development. Trees take more than five decades to replace, and we need to do much more to preserve the ones we have.

It is easier to pack houses into a lot if it is clear cut; as a result we continue to see woods and forests clear cut for developments (as for example on Grace Drive, see the picture below, in which a forest backing onto the Patuxent Environmental Area was obliterated) with little regard for working with or around specimen trees, as would be done by a steward of the earth's resources.





I am especially concerned that the loss of trees in historic districts changes the character of the area, in addition to increasing the need for stormwater management expenses.

Current remediation efforts are drastically insufficient; a 100-foot specimen tree requires between 100 and 1000 ten-foot trees to compensate for its loss (not two), depending on the shape and structure of the species of tree that is lost. Clearly it is impossible to fully remediate the loss of a 100-foot tree on a quarter acre lot!

On a personal note, the house I grew up in is blessed with the second largest American Holly tree (*Ilex opaca*) in Howard county (see below) which because of the shape of the trunk could be lost to developers under current regulations without review or recourse should the property ever be sold.



Our forests are under significant stress as it is, with the loss of elms and ashes due to insects and disease. Strong regulations are necessary; penalties need to be increased. The fact that no developer has been fined in the past two years for violations of forest conservation plans illustrates this point perfectly.

The county needs to encourage developers to be better, and these two bills are a first step in that direction.

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Hello all,

Please support the two forest protection bills, CB56 and 57. My family has lived in Howard County since 1972. We need to preserve as much beauty in the county as possible. Do not just sell out to developers.

Thanks,

Raymond T Donaldson