

CB54-2022

Sayers, Margery

From: Christopher Schisler <metalmanc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 9:04 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please Support CB-54

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Dear Council Member:

I am writing to once again request help in protecting our watershed and natural resources and ask for your support of CB-54 which goes a long way to doing just that.

As I check through my prior sent emails to the council over the past several years and even administrations, I see I've written and asked much the same for several bills that either failed to gain support, passed and was later vetoed, then lost the required votes to override a veto. In the meantime, despite every council member claiming to support watershed protection, and flood reduction, and common sense development standards--not a single meaningful piece of legislation to do any of those things have passed the council and became law/ordinance.

I am hopeful, with your help this time will be different. Please support CB-54.

Thanks,
Christopher Schisler
3819 Mulligans Hill Ln, Ellicott City, MD 21043
410-350-4142

Sayers, Margery

From: Omar S <omars1234@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 4:48 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: in support of CB54

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Hello,

I'm writing in support of CB54. The bill helps clarify that not all trees are created the same, and clearing large old trees in exchange for saplings is not a fair trade. Less useful still is replacing forest with saplings *elsewhere*.

There's a great deal of studies done on the matter, but broadly speaking, mature woodlands are worth far, far more per square foot than new plantings. Size matters, carbon storage matters, multi-generational growth matters... and the old topsoils & forest debris being bulldozed off? That stuff is as valuable to the ecosystem as the canopy and also takes decades to replace. Or never, if the land is paved.

Apart from our localized concerns with floodwaters and runoff-- considering the existential crisis of climate change, removing old trees because it's easier or a developer can squeeze a few more dollars per acre? That goes beyond expedience and greed into downright malice towards the human species.

If anything, I would recommend expanding this bill's scope beyond the Tiber watershed to include the buffer regions of other rivers & streams in the county.

Omar Siddique
4517 Rebecca Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043
+14433648899

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From: Carla Tevelow <perlpubl@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 12:54 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: support for CB54

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To Whom It May Concern;

CB54 is a way to help mitigate the many problems the county now faces due to the destruction of our environment.

We've seen how the razing of trees for development created 2 of the biggest floods in downtown Ellicott City.

Let's do our best to prevent these catastrophes by passing CB54. Keep the trees for cleaner air and climate protection.

peace, carla tevelow

Sayers, Margery

From: Janice Simmons <js4iz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 4:46 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Save our trees

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Dear County Counsel Member,

Please do all you can to save precious Howard County trees. Trees help to slow climate change by removing carbon dioxide from the air. I support CB54 -2022. Please do not allow developers to accelerate climate change in our county. Please don't allow any more of our glorious oldest trees to be cut down.

Thank you for your attention.

Janice A. Simmons
Ellicott City resident

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Sayers, Margery

From: KATHLEEN JESTES <heykathleen1@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 3:57 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB54-2022

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Council,

We SUPPORT CB54-2022. Please STOP all the tree cutting especially around Old Ellicott City. These developers don't care if Ellicott City floods again. They are destroying hundreds of old old old beautiful trees because they are in their way. They did that behind our house and they want to do it on the stream below our house.

We live at the end of Overlook Dr, off Old Columbia Pike—I think the county wants to do massive tree cutting down below us to help Old Ellicott City not flood again but what they are apparently being blind to is allowing all this building and tree cutting instead of just saying no to the developers. We don't need more apartments, town houses and houses around this already congested area.

Frank and Kathy Jestes

4054 Overlook Dr

Ellicott City, Md.

Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: Joel Broida Gmail <jbroida1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 2:36 PM
To: howard-citizen@googlegroups.com
Cc: CouncilMail
Subject: Re: [HOWARD-CITIZEN] CB54-2022 is. No Brainer Vote YES

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Stu...you are a marvelous person who not only talks the talk, but goes the next step that most of us reach only from time to time. You routinely prepare testify for in-person hearings about the issues of the day and do your very best to right the wrongs. In addition you find new issues you believe deserve serious attention now and bring them to the surface for action.

Once you take on an issue like the passage of CB54-2022 that requires immediate attention, nothing will impede you from being involved full tilt from doing what you judge needs to be done...not other jobs, not sickness, not your backyard garden, or other chores.

In this case, you have chosen to act on behalf of the Howard County Citizens Association to *seek unanimous approval of a Howard County Council Bill...CB54-2022 to save the environment.*

Whether or not you know it you should be named the first ever Howard County's Number One Principled Man of the Year for 2022 without question.

Thank you for your service to We the People of Howard County.

Be well soon.

Joel Broida

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 30, 2022, at 4:25 PM, 'STUART KOHN' via Howard-Citizen <howard-citizen@googlegroups.com> wrote:

Dear Council Members,

The Howard County Citizens Association wants to emphasize the importance of your approval of CB54-2022. This is a no brainer. We testified and mean every word
- https://howardcounty.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=5069.

Enough with the waivers and the developers paying their way out of environmental protection. We are tired of Howard County being all about Cents versus Sense which is utter Nonsense! It is your obligation to ensure our environment has precedence. If you believe in protecting our County to the fullest then please prove to your constituents you are on the side of right and not the development community.

Vote YES for CB54-2022. You shouldn't hesitate.

Stu Kohn
HCCA President

Sent from my iPhone

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To view this discussion on the web visit <https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/howard-citizen/BABE11B8-20B3-4BA9-9A0D-B3DA4AB54185%40verizon.net>.

Sayers, Margery

From: PAMELA WHELAN <pammiewhelan@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 12:15 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Old Ellicott City Cb54-2022

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Why do you want to see Old Ellicott City destroyed? Were the 2 floods not enough? Was the devastation not what was desired? Did you expect the floods to wash it away so you can have developers build?

Why does Ellicott City have to be developed? Everywhere you look a new home, no neighborhoods, just trees torn down and 5 houses.

No rhyme or reason, just pure greed.

Enough. Really. Just stop with development. What happened to green space and allowing people to enjoy the historic district? What happened to allowing trees to stay?

Why does \$ and greed ruin everything?

Disappointing and a huge reason people are leaving OEC. No one cares about it just about the \$.

Stop already. Leave OEC alone. In fact, stop developing all together. \$700k for townhomes across from Target in between a church and ymca right on the road - you'd have to pay me to live there. Just because it's land doesn't mean it needs developed! Disgusting. Stop.

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: lucie <lucie0770@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 12:11 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: save our trees

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I support CB54 and efforts to save our trees. Please do not allow money to replace trees or the placement of trees in other areas be used to remove old growth.

Lucie Nilson
Rams Horn Row , Ellicottt City

Sayers, Margery

From: Brenda Stewart <drsjbstewart@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 6:22 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: drsjbstewart@aol.com
Subject: Remaining Trees Not Houses developed Support CB 54

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we support CB 54

Drs. Jim & Brenda Stewart
2752 Daisy Road
Woodbine,MD 21797

Living over fifty years in western Howard County

Sayers, Margery

From: no-reply@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Saturday, October 1, 2022 7:39 PM
To: ljhill11@verizon.net
Subject: Council - CB54-2022

First Name: Larry

Last Name: J Hill

Email: ljhill11@verizon.net

Street Address: 8225 Stone Crop Dr Apt H

City: Ellicott City

Subject: CB54-2022

Message: It's time to stand up for the people and our precious environment and to punish those that abuse it.

Sayers, Margery

From: Susan Sellner <susan_sellner@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 1, 2022 5:52 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB54

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I support CB54. Please don't allow developers to remove our forest and trees. They are more important to our neighborhood environments than money could ever be.

Susan Sellner

Sayers, Margery

From: no-reply@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Saturday, October 1, 2022 3:50 PM
To: maryarrington9@gmail.com
Subject: Council - I support CB54-2022

First Name: Mary
Last Name: Arrington
Email: maryarrington9@gmail.com
Street Address: 2520 Pfefferkorn Rd
City: West Friendship
Subject: I support CB54-2022
Message: I vote strongly for this bill

Sayers, Margery

From: terry sne <snelltds@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 1, 2022 3:49 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB 54-2022

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i support legislation to stop developers from destroying anymore forests or trees.

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From: no-reply@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Saturday, October 1, 2022 3:48 PM
To: maryelda@verizon.net
Subject: Council - I support CB54-2022

First Name: Mary Elda
Last Name: Arrington
Email: maryelda@verizon.net
Street Address: 2520 Pfefferkorn Rd
City: West Friendship
Subject: I support CB54-2022
Message: I vote strongly for this bill

Sayers, Margery

From: no-reply@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Saturday, October 1, 2022 3:47 PM
To: maryarrington9@gmail.com
Subject: Council - I support CB54-2022

First Name: Mary
Last Name: Arrington
Email: maryarrington9@gmail.com
Street Address: 2520 Pfefferkorn Rd
City: West Friendship
Subject: I support CB54-2022
Message: I vote strongly for this bill

Sayers, Margery

From: Angela Morales <msamorales27@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 1, 2022 3:13 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Dave or trees

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Developers keep replacing stable tree habitats with "we hope this works" tree plantings. This needs to stop. We need to let trees mature and develop into old growth. Old trees provide a service to the environment that new "iffy" trees cannot. Preserve the trees in Howard County and stop exchanging stable habitats for unstable ones.

Sincerely,
Angela Morales

Sayers, Margery

From: Eric Miller <em8643a@alumni.american.edu>
Sent: Saturday, October 1, 2022 3:12 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: I support CB54-2022!

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I'm writing to express my strong support for CB54-2022.

I have called Howard County home for a little over 5 years since purchasing my first home here and in that time, I have grown increasingly concerned about the sheer amount of development and tree canopy loss I've witnessed in just this short amount of time. The fact that some of this development CONTINUES to occur in the Tiber watershed even as TWO devastating floods have hit Old Ellicott City is all the more disturbing.

The influence that developers have in Howard County to get exemptions to preservation rules, or to simply pay pittance "fees" in exchange for clear-cutting large areas has simply gone too far. Vague promises to plant "replacement" trees in the Western part of the county are also unsatisfactory. We need old-growth tree cover and we need it to remain in our critical watersheds and neighborhoods in Central-East county.

Eric Miller
4906-1 Columbia Road
Columbia, MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Peggy Mackrell <peggymackrell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 1, 2022 11:26 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CB54-2022

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As a 30+ year resident of Historic Ellicott City, I understand the importance of keeping the biggest and oldest trees. These trees have taken many many many years to reach their size and cannot be replaced by smaller trees.

I support CB54 and encourage all of you to vote in favor of this bill.

Thank you
Peggy Mackrell

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Sunmy Brown <s_brown0304@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 10:16 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CB54

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Dear County Council Members,

I am writing today in **support of CB54**. In order to mitigate flooding along the Tiber Branch Watershed, affecting multiple communities in the Ellicott City area, we must do more to protect our forests and trees. The Howard County Code must be updated in order for various developers to adhere to Forest Conservation regulations that include waivers, site design requirements, and variances. I fully support the proposed legislation and especially appreciate No Waivers of Floodplain, Wetland, Stream, Forest Conservation, or Steep Slope Regulations in the Tiber Branch Watershed (Sec. 16.104.d).

Over the past few years, constituents living in Ellicott City have witnessed mature trees disappearing at a rapid pace. Trees are important in managing runoff, reducing erosion, and promoting soil infiltration. It's the most natural and cost-effective way in preventing flooding catastrophes. I hope each of you will vote yes in support of CB54 as this legislation will have a formidable and long-lasting impact for constituents living in Ellicott City.

Please support CB54.

Sincerely,
Sunmy Brown
Ellicott City, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: David Drewry <david.drewry.3@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 10:04 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB54-2022

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I am strongly in favor of CB54-2022. Developers should be restricted from cutting down the largest trees in the watershed and/or preserving acreage nowhere near the development sites. This latter is absolutely unacceptable and does nothing to protect Old Ellicott City. The county has invented tremendous resources in the Safe and Sound plan and this would potentially take us three steps back.

Thanks,
David Drewry
4029 College Avenue

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: R Z <roohi_z@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 9:51 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB54-2022

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in support of the above bill that protects trees in the old Ellicott City Watershed. Howard county recently became the first county in country to earn the prestigious and acclaimed Platinum LEED ND designation. This made me feel very proud of our community. However, then I learned about the developer efforts to cut down established forest in the Old Ellicot City watershed. This is shocking as one of the features that won acclaim was county's storm water management system. If these trees are cut that's an additional strain on that same system. If Howard County continues to let developers cut trees which are the best and most economical flood mitigation, carbon sequestration, heat island reduction, habitat creating, air purification tool at our disposal, then as a Howard county resident I will have to appeal this award at the US Green Building Council.

No county that continues this practice deserves the LEED-ND platinum designation. I will be lobbying the USBGC to revoke this award as this is not good for the integrity of the LEED certification program.

In addition, the cutting of these trees will mean more flooding in our county - only adding to the strain our community experiences. Why can we not develop our community in a way that takes advantage of our natural assets? Leveraging nature's multi-pronged climate mitigating abilities makes the most economic sense - especially today (in light of climate change). So why are we allowing this destructive practice to continue? Why are we choosing to lock ourselves into an expensive cycle that amounts to nothing more than fixing the fixes? This will only lead to higher taxes for all of us and make our county a less desirable place to live.

Please pass CB54-2022, and show us that Howard County is really deserving of the LEED ND platinum designation.

With Regards,

Roohi Zaidi

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Eileen Nadolski <enadolsk@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 9:32 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Fwd: D1 September Call to Action

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September 30, 2022

Dear Council District 1,

I live on Bonnie Branch Rd, which is a hill, and I live about 1 mile (as the crow flies) from the Historic Ellicott City flood. Whenever it rains heavily, we have torrents of rain, running from the street, into our property, to the woods behind our house. In doing so, it washes away all the leaf-grow and mulch that I purchase every year for my gardens. The water runs into the Bonnie Branch stream into the Patapsco River at the bottom of our street. When the two historic floods happened a few years ago, it was such a tragedy. The one thing that truly upset me, was knowing and seeing what happened to College Avenue over the last 18+ years when we drove to historic Ellicott City. Swaths of the trees and woods lining the scenic road were shaved off so that hundreds and hundredsand did I say, hundreds....of houses could be built, all making a fortune for the realtors. All the water run-off added to the devastating flooding of Historic Ellicott City.

We must stop over building on every piece of green land hungry developers want to grab. I am a retired Howard County Special Education teacher, and the schools were so crowded--too crowded. It's time to take care of our precious land for future generations. We need as much green space as we can get! We need trees to hold the soil in the ground and to clean our air and give us shade with the rising temperatures and climate changes in store for the next generations! We need to protect our watersheds, and so much more.

Help protect and support the following projects: the 0.91 acres obligated for forest conservation at ***Long Gate Overlook at the tippity-top of the old Ellicott City watershed.***

This is what else I heard:

****Dorsey's Ridge off Old Columbia Pike and Cooks Lane.*** The Department of Planning & Zoning approved waivers to remove ***six*** oldest, biggest trees at Dorsey's Ridge between 2017 and 2020. But that's not all — under current Forest Conservation regulations, DPZ let the developer pay \$55,272 in lieu of preserving 1.6 acres of forest on their property.

ABSOLUTELY NOT, please!

****Towns at Court Hill off Court House Drive.*** This developer already received waivers for steep slopes, streams, and wetlands right above our old town. Now, the developer wants to cut down one of our biggest, oldest trees and pay a fee in lieu of preserving 0.6 ***acres of forest*** on the property.

ABSOLUTELY NOT, please!

****Taylor Highlands off College Avenue.*** After this developer cut down **72** biggest, oldest trees without authorization from the Department of Planning & Zoning, they still want approval to bank **2.1 acres of trees** off-site.

ABSOLUTELY NOT, please!

***The Lacey property on Church Road in old Ellicott City.** These developers will go in front of the Historic Preservation Commission within the next few months to argue why they should be approved to cut down **acres and acres** of our **biggest, oldest trees** steps away from Main Street.

ABSOLUTELY NOT, please!

My husband and I have lived here 20 years, and we believe that many county officials must be in the pocket of the realtors and developers. Otherwise, how could all the over-development and the unwise stripping of the environment of needed protections (trees, watersheds, etc.) continue on in light of all the devastating flooding we have had. We need to take climate predictions, based on science, seriously, and stop letting greedy and ruthless developers get what they want at the expense of our environment. There are shifts and changes happening globally and we need you to step up and do the right thing. Protect the environment and listen to Liz Walsh. She cares about our future and doing the righteous and dharmic thing!

Stand up for Climate, for our watersheds, for our environment, our trees, our soil, our precious land. Stop giving in to developers.

Sincerely,

Eileen Nadolski
5136 Bonnie Branch Rd.
Ellicott City, MD 21043

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

From: "Liz Walsh, D1 Councilwoman" <councildistrict1@howardcountymd.gov>

To: enadolsk@comcast.net

Date: 09/30/2022 4:00 PM

Subject: D1 September Call to Action



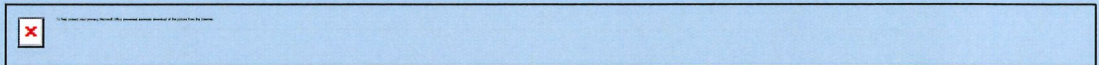
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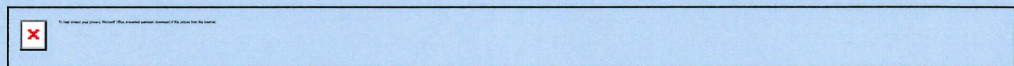
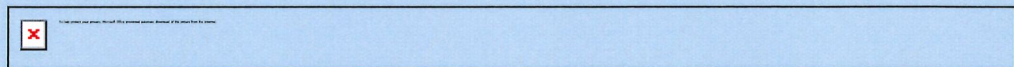
We need your help! Write to the Council at **CouncilMail@HowardCountyMD.gov** now to say you support **CB54** — and spread the word before this coming Monday's 7 PM legislative session.

Read below to learn more about how our bill would stop what developers keep doing to our old town.

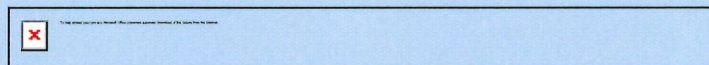
We need our trees -- like the 0.91 acres obligated for forest conservation at ***Long Gate Overlook at the tippity-top of the old Ellicott City watershed.*** But we didn't get them. Instead, we got 1.82 *acres of plantings* in Woodbine. Far away from our watershed.



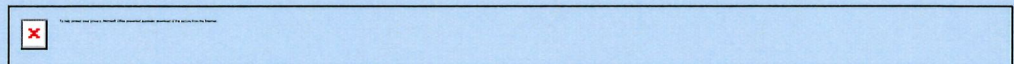
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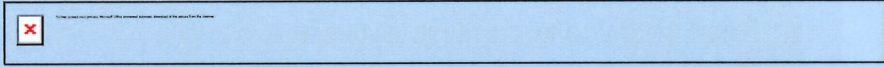
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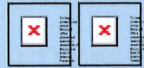


Lastly, the ***Lacey property on Church Road in old Ellicott City.*** These developers will go in front of the Historic Preservation Commission within the next few months to argue why they should be approved to cut down ***acres and acres*** of our biggest, oldest trees steps away from Main Street. Our office will be there too, but we'll ask the HPC to deny that request. You can join us by following our social media — we'll sound the alarm when this development's on the HPC agenda and make sure you have the information you need to testify against it.



CB54-2022 would preserve the forest *and* the trees. No more waivers to cut down our oldest, biggest trees in the old Ellicott City watershed. No more tree swaps outside the watershed. And no more saying goodbye to some of the best natural flood mitigation we can get.

Email CouncilMail@HowardCountyMD.gov today to say that you support CB54!



Sayers, Margery

From: Alice Marschner <dragonmama@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 8:23 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Re: D1 September Call to Action

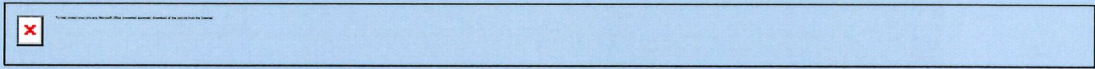
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Hi! Thanks for the warning, I've posted to Nextdoor as I, along with many others do not do Facebook or twitter. Please keep the emails coming so we don't miss out on information.

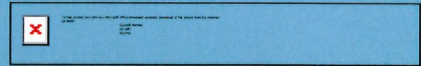
In my letter, I referred to the article in the current Howard County times about the middle school children learning about Tree Canopy. (page 4, info under the picture) The experiment illustrates the benefits tree canopies have on the environment with rain water run-off. Perhaps you could add this to your testimony too as it shows that tree canopies are very important. After all, it is important enough to teach our children and we should do what we say.....not what the developers want or want us to believe!

Thanks,
Alice Marschner

On 9/30/22 4:00 PM, Liz Walsh, D1 Councilwoman wrote:



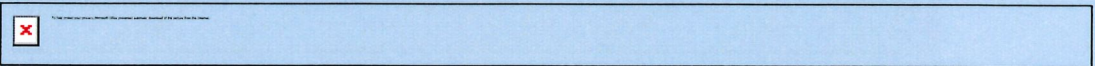
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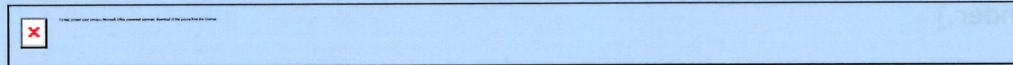
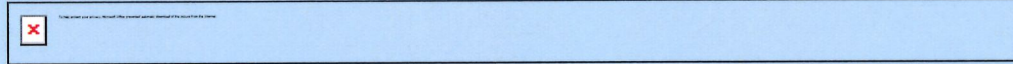
We need your help! Write to the Council at CouncilMail@HowardCountyMD.gov now to say you support **CB54** — and spread the word before this coming Monday's 7 PM legislative session.

Read below to learn more about how our bill would stop what developers keep doing to our old town.

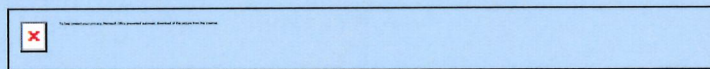
We need our trees -- like the 0.91 acres obligated for forest conservation at ***Long Gate Overlook at the tippity-top of the old Ellicott City watershed.*** But we didn't get them. Instead, we got 1.82 acres of plantings in Woodbine. Far away from our watershed.



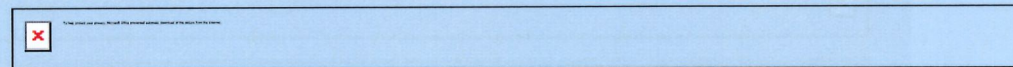
Next up, ***Dorsey's Ridge off Old Columbia Pike and Cooks Lane***. The Department of Planning & Zoning approved waivers to remove ***six*** oldest, biggest trees at Dorsey's Ridge between 2017 and 2020. But that's not all — under current Forest Conservation regulations, DPZ let the developer pay \$55,272 in lieu of preserving 1.6 acres of forest on their property.



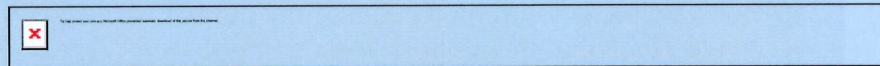
Next up, ***Towns at Court Hill off Court House Drive***. This developer already received waivers for steep slopes, streams, and wetlands right above our old town. Now, the developer wants to cut down one of our biggest, oldest trees and pay a fee in lieu of preserving 0.6 ***acres of forest*** on the property.



Next, ***Taylor Highlands off College Avenue***. After this developer cut down 72 biggest, oldest trees without authorization from the Department of Planning & Zoning, they still want approval to bank 2.1 ***acres of trees*** off-site.

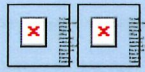


Lastly, the ***Lacey property on Church Road in old Ellicott City***. These developers will go in front of the Historic Preservation Commission within the next few months to argue why they should be approved to cut down ***acres and acres*** of our biggest, oldest trees steps away from Main Street. Our office will be there too, but we'll ask the HPC to deny that request. You can join us by following our social media — we'll sound the alarm when this development's on the HPC agenda and make sure you have the information you need to testify against it.



CB54-2022 would preserve the forest *and* the trees. No more waivers to cut down our oldest, biggest trees in the old Ellicott City watershed. No more tree swaps outside the watershed. And no more saying goodbye to some of the best natural flood mitigation we can get.

Email CouncilMail@HowardCountyMD.gov today to say that you support CB54!

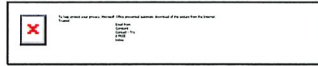


Liz Walsh, D1 Councilwoman | 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043

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Sayers, Margery

From: Laura Steensen <lsteensen@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 8:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Walsh, Elizabeth
Subject: Support CB54

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To whom it may concern

As a resident of old Ellicott City for over a decade I have twice experienced our little town destroyed by floods. Its a no brainer that removing forest within our bounds will increase the likelihood of such events occurring again.

I support CB54 because developers should not be permitted to destroy irreplaceable natural resources by paying fines. Its the moral equivalent to destroying the rain forest to graze cattle. Politicians who approve of such actions OR don't make efforts to stop it are complicit, betraying their duty to serve their constituents and don't deserve reelection.

Sincerely

Laura Steensen
George Burgess House
3880 Ellicott Mills Dr

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Alice Marschner <dragonmama@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 8:10 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB54-2022

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to endorse the CB54-2022.

It seems inconceivable that the developers should be allowed to continue to receive waivers and "bank trees" that allow them to remove critical trees and forest from our county, especially in the Old Town Ellicott City watershed.

Just this week I read in the Howard County Times that the middle school students will be studying "Tree Canopy" and the experiment illustrates the benefits tree canopies have on the environment with rain water run-off. If this is so important to teach to our children, WHY are we allowing the exact opposite thing to happen all over the county??

It is time to stop the deforestation of Howard County.

The developers are not working for the best interests of our county, only the best interest of their pocket books and this needs to be stopped.

We need to protect and preserve the land for future generations.

Please pass CB54-2022.

Regards,

Alice Marschner

Sayers, Margery

From: judith lovchik <jlovchik1@att.net>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 7:29 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB54

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Please vote to pass this bill so important to our county and to the State of MD.

Judy Lovchik

Sayers, Margery

From: Jean Silver-Isenstadt <jeansi@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 6:47 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please support CB54

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Dear Council-members-

Please vote to protect our forests and especially our grandest trees. Please support CB54. Our soil health, water quality, air quality, wildlife biodiversity, and overall quality of life depend on care of the woods. Established forests should not be cut and offset off-site, especially in sensitive areas with steep slopes.

Jean Silver-Isenstadt

Sayers, Margery

From: Judy Young <jyoung11650@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 5:50 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CB 54

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Stop the abuses by developers. Please!--
Judy Young

"Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement.get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted. Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible; never treat life casually. To be spiritual is to be amazed." --
Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

Sayers, Margery

From: Linda Fleming <ltf2860@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 5:45 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB54

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It seems to me as I sit here watching the devastation from Hurricane Ian that it is extremely important to pay attention to those elements in our environment, such as trees, that help prevent substantial water to run down the streets toward Old Ellicott City. We know the problem exists, but the developers keep getting a pass or a workaround in order to make construction easier for their crews to build new homes.

Please support CB 54.

Linda Fleming
2860 Pebble Beach Dr
Ellicott City

Sayers, Margery

From: MAK-BLK circle <circle5064@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 5:24 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please Vote YES for CB54-2022.

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Maria Alvarez
Columbia, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Maury Zeitler <mauryzee@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 5:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB-54

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I am writing in support of council bill 54 As a resident of Howard county for more than 40 years I have seen the destruction of many trees by developers in Ellicott City, negatively affecting the environment. Please approve this much needed legislation.

Maury Zeitler

Sayers, Margery

From: Claire Femiano <cfemiano@fastmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 5:07 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CB54

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Council Members-

I am a voter in Howard County and fully support CB54 to preserve precious old trees and forests in Howard County.

This is a resource that is not quickly replaced nor readily bought. We must protect these vital treasures in our County for ourselves and future generations.

Respectfully,
Claire Femiano
3405 Font Hill Drive
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042
410-707-5400

Sayers, Margery

From: JudithBeyerle <judithbeyerle@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 4:59 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB54

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I support CB54. Preserve our trees.

Judy Beyerle

Sayers, Margery

From: Kathleen Lanehart <megt@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 4:44 PM
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Stop knocking down the trees in the old Ellicott City watershed. What sense does it make for builders to knock down trees in the watershed and give them in a totally different area. This makes no sense.

What sense does it make for builders to pay a fee so they can knock down trees in the water shed. Money does not stop the flooding in Old Ellicott City. It doesn't stop individuals from losing their property, livelihood and lives. This makes no sense.

I support CB 54.

Regards,
Kate Lanehart
Ellicott City

Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: STUART KOHN <stukohn@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 4:39 PM
To: 'STUART KOHN' via Howard-Citizen
Cc: CouncilMail
Subject: Re: [HOWARD-CITIZEN] CB54-2022 is. No Brainer Vote YES

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FYI,

Please reference the link below as Alan Schneider testified for HCCA on CB54-2022.

Stu Kohn
HCCA President

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 30, 2022, at 4:31 PM, 'STUART KOHN' via Howard-Citizen <howard-citizen@googlegroups.com> wrote:

Dear Council Members,

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- https://howardcounty.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=5069.

Enough with the waivers and the developers paying their way out of environmental protection. We are tired of Howard County being all about Cents versus Sense which is utter Nonsense! It is your obligation to ensure our environment has precedence. If you believe in protecting our County to the fullest then please prove to your constituents you are on the side of right and not the development community.

Vote YES for CB54-2022. You shouldn't hesitate.

Stu Kohn
HCCA President

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: STUART KOHN <stukohn@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 4:25 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: howard-citizen@googlegroups.com
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HCCA President

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From: susan crovo <scrovo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 4:19 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB54

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I reside in Ellicott City and support CB54. Why are corporations, etc., cutting down our trees without regard to our watershed or for that matter our communities. We are becoming unbelievably overcrowded!

I do not think any more construction should be considered unless approved by the people who reside here and pay taxes.

Sincerely,

Susan Crovo
4104614540
8115 Yellow Pine Dr
21043

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Sayers, Margery

From: Ann Vilece <agvilece@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 4:17 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB54

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I support CB54.

Ann Vilece
3701 Dorsey Search Cir, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Ed Lilley <ecrfpres@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 4:16 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB54

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I am in Full Support of the Council Bill 54 and I sincerely hope you are as well!

Ed Lilley
410-303-2959

Sayers, Margery

From: Michael Starnes <mstarnesai@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 4:02 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please oppose CB-54-2022

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Dear Council,

While I support trees, CB-54 would be a mistake to pass.

The trees this bill is intended to protect are not historically significant or noteworthy. Likewise, "protecting trees" is a common excuse for trying to block local housing development. It is important to be okay with producing new housing because it helps keep prices affordable.

Please do not let sham environmental concerns be an excuse for making our housing shortage worse. For every 100 dollars rent increases, homelessness increases on average by 8 percent. The homes blocked by this bill are desperately needed by Maryland residents.

Best,
Michael Starnes
Yimby Action of DC and MD

2022 MARYLAND HOUSING

Across Maryland, there is a shortage of rental homes affordable and below the poverty guideline or 30% of their area median income (AMI) for more than half of their income on housing. Severely cost burdened poor people lack access to healthy food and healthcare to pay the rent, and to experience unsafe

SENATORS: Benjamin

KEY FACTS

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26%

Renter Households that are extremely low income

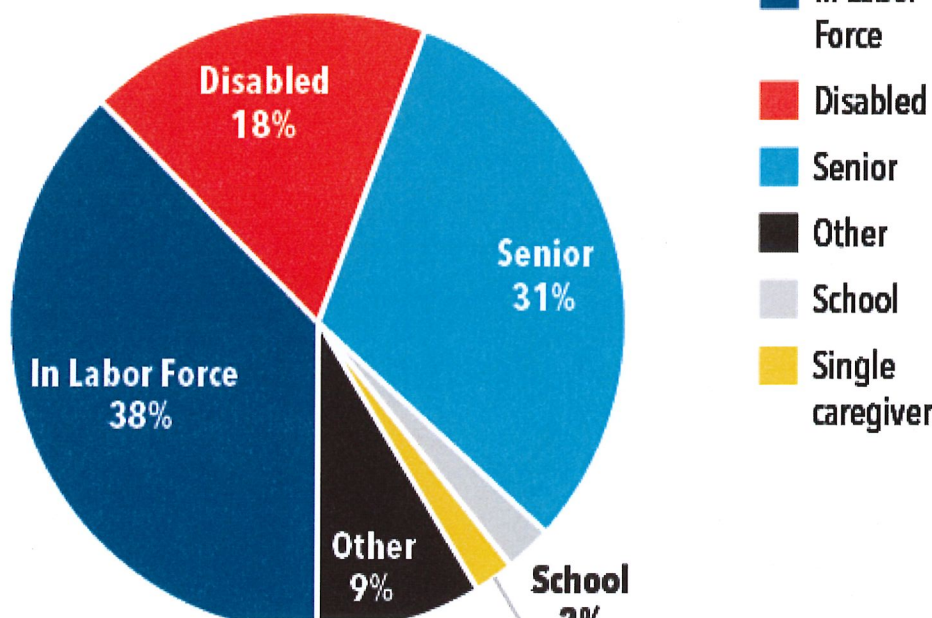
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Shortage of rental homes affordable and available for extremely low income renters

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Maximum affordable rent for extremely low income renters

EXTREMELY LOW INCOME RENTER HOUSEHOLDS



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