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I support this bill, but it could be a lot stronger. There are more watersheds in danger of forest loss than the Tiber.

I would recommend adding the Bonnie Branch, Rockburn Branch, and Deep Run watersheds to the bill. I would also add the unnamed Patapsco tributary that runs along Route 1.

It would also be appropriate to change the regulations to forbid the removal of specimen trees to allow construction of stormwater management facilities. This practice is mind-blowingly counterproductive.

Another idea would be to forbid the construction of stormwater management facilities in the protected open space required for R-ED subdivisions. If land is too environmentally sensitive for a home site, it is too environmentally sensitive for a stormwater management pond.

Thanks to Liz Walsh for introducing this bill, limited as it is.

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