



## **Patapsco Heritage Greenway**

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March 25, 2015

Chairperson Mary Kay Sigaty &  
The Howard County Council  
George Howard Building  
3430 Courthouse Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

RE: Funding the Architectural Historian position within DPZ

Dear Howard County Council:

The Patapsco Heritage Greenway firmly supports retention of Ken Short as our Howard County Architectural Historian. This position is only funded through FY15. Former County Executive Ken Ulman approved this as a permanent staff position last fall, but it is now frozen along with other staff positions.

The Architectural Historian position is critical to Department of Planning and Zoning's historic preservation work as set forth in the recently approved Historic Preservation Plan. The Architectural Historian does many things including researching and documenting historic properties for inclusion in the Historic Sites Inventory as well as edits and maintains existing records to accurately reflect Howard County's historic sites. This work provides the foundation for all decisions being made at the county level regarding our heritage sites.

This position is critical to the integrity of the planning and zoning process as it relates to historic sites.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "John Slater". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Slater" clearly distinguishable.

John Slater, FASLA  
President, Patapsco Heritage Greenway