



November 13, 2015

Howard County Council
3430 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

RE: CB 51 – 2015

Dear Members of the County Council,

For over ten years, beginning as early as the 2003 Comprehensive Zoning process, the River Hill Village Board has consistently advocated on behalf of the community for a master plan for development along the MD 108 corridor between Trotter Road and Guilford Road. The streetscape, architecture, and signage design guidelines in the *Final Draft - Clarksville Pike Streetscape Plan and Design Guidelines (October 21, 2015)* document are a first step in achieving our community's goals of creating a sense of place, enhancing connectivity, and improving safety. Therefore, we fully support the changes proposed in Council Bill 51 – 2015 to incorporate the *Clarksville Pike Streetscape Plan and Design Guidelines* into the Design Advisory Panel Act of the County's Planning, Zoning and Subdivisions and Land Development Regulations.

We continue to have serious concerns regarding traffic congestion and vehicular and pedestrian safety along MD 108 e.g., Linden Linthicum Lane and Sheppard Lane intersections. We look forward to working with the County and the State Highway Administration to identify solutions and make improvements that are informed by the *Streetscape Plan and Design Guidelines*.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Cornell".

Michael Cornell
Board Chair

Enclosure

cc: Board of Directors/Council Representative
John Concannon, Assistant District Engineer, SHA
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