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Rocky Hill Middle School 22500 Wims Rd Clarksburg, MD 20871 301-353-8282

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my understanding that the Maryland-National Capitol Park and Planning Commission is proposing a hiker/biker trail and a driveway or road connecting Brickhaven Way to the proposed Clarksburg Area High School. As principal of Rocky Hill Middle School, I support the hiker/biker trail. I think it will be an excellent addition to the school community and will serve many purposes. However, I cannot support a connecting road or driveway. According to the plans there is adequate access with a hiker/biker trail. This would afford both schools to take advantage of the campus atmosphere in a safe and orderly fashion. A road would create a serious safety hazard to our students as well as those of the new high school.

While I understand that MCPS has committed to provide an easement as part of the Rocky Hill Middle School Mandatory Referral process should Montgomery County or Toll Brothers commit to constructing a road or driveway, a road or driveway would increase the traffic between the schools and increase the exposure to accidents. I would also like to share other concerns such as the encouragement of high school students visiting the middle school due to security and liability issues. There is no need for Rocky Hill and the high school to have a motor vehicle connection. Any common activities would be served by a walking trail. We operate on a different schedule than the high school so bus access would not be a need. There seems to be proper exits and entrances to the high school, the development, and the middle school without a connecting road.

I would ask that you consider the factors outlined above and decide against a driveway or road connecting Brickhaven Way and Wims Road.

Sincerely

Stephen C. Whiting

Principal