Development Review Division
Maryland-National Capital Park and
Planning Commission
8787 Georgia Ave.
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Attention: Mr. Malcolm Shaneman

Plan Number 1-01064R 2921 Marlow Road

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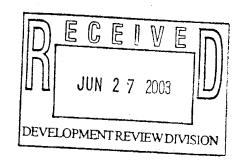
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Verghbors of 2921 Marlow Rd. Signatures currently being collected. June 23, 2002

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Development Review Division 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910-376



Re: Preliminary Plan #1-01064R

Deer Park, 2921 Marlow Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904

## Commissioners:

After reviewing the plan sent to us by the developer's architect, we have several objections. We have been residents of this community (Deer Park) since 1981 when there was no development at both ends of Marlow and the road was akin to a quiet country lane. Some housing development was to be expected but not what is about to be proposed in the above plan. The size of each lot on Marlow Road is about one half acre or more and we would have expected it to remain so. This plan reduces the lot size too less than one-quarter acre. This imposes several objections:

- The set-back from the street is too close to maintain the ruralness of the street
- The density of the houses is too high and requires an additional road for access to houses in the interior
- The additional road is proposed directly across from my property perpendicular to Marlow Road and would pose a nuisance with headlights shining into our home from vehicles exiting onto Marlow Road. (I could not object if my home were constructed after the road was built, but my home was constructed first).
- Most of the neighbors and a number of Verizon workers use Marlow Road to stroll during the day and the increased traffic would greatly hinder that activity.

As the situation is today, a great deal of traffic traveling north on Route 29 intending to turn east onto Fairland Road now use Musgrove to Fairland and some have now found Marlow Road to Marlow Place to short-cut their route. This situation would be exacerbated with the development.

There are many trees that line Marlow Road near Musgrove that might have to be disturbed if the development were to proceed. What guarantee do we have that they will not be destroyed?

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Park & Planning Comm. Development & Review Division 8787 Georgia Ave.
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Name of Plan: Deer Park, Plan # Preliminary Plan #1-01064R, Zone R-90, No. of lots 14 Located: 2921 Marlow Road : Having just gone through all of the necessary requirements to get a building permit for a lot on 2925 Marlow Road, a piece of property I gave to my daughter to build on, I wish to reiterate what I was told after spending a great deal of money, time and anxiety conforming to the necessary requirements for the building permit; meaning putting in a water storm management line in front of the property, then having this huge pipe onto my property in our front yard, creating an eye sore, making the property there unusable to walk or even mow, and as far as I am concerned, a safety hazard, however, these were the requirements that were necessary to get this permit. We were told at that time that the water would come through the pipe onto my property and there would be no additional amount of water flowing onto my property. If in the future there would be any additional water they would come back and extend the line underground to the end of my back yard at no additional expense to me. I now find that Deer Park - Haynes Property Subdivision, SM File #203505, Preliminary Plan #1-01064, plans to build houses next to my proper on Marlow Road. My question to you is, where does the water go? If it goes into the street, eventually it will come down the hill and go into the new the pipe then discharge the water in my front yard. This is additional water, because at the present time, the water is absorbed by land and not run off into the street, meaning that when you build and use concrete and asphalt, there is no absorption, therefore, all of the additional water will run down the street. It is our understanding, with this additional water coming onto my property, that this water should not be discharged into my front yard and run the length of my property on the surface and exiting to the property next door. I feel there should be an extension to the outflow pipe making it one continuous underground pipe, thus making the outflow at the end of the property. This is how I was informed the water would be discharged if there was to be any additional water flowing in the pipe. I too feel by doing this you have eliminated the eyesore and the safety problem of falling in the gully, this gully is one very large hole at the present outflow. It must be seen to understand the problem in my front yard. I stated before when it was being built, if any person or child is hurt because of this immense hole, it is the responsibility of who ever made this a requirement in obtaining a lot building permit. I also stated this is a prime area of the yard where the children play. At the time I was told the grass at the out flow would be maintained by a department of maintainance,I can not find out who will do this, I tried and my tractor will not cut on that grade without over turning. The grass has never been cut, its about 2 feet tall now. Please let me know who maintains this right away.

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Thank you in advance for your quick response.

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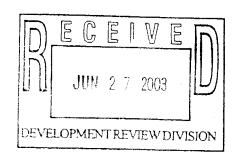
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June 20, 2003

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## Dear Sir/Madam:

I am responding to you notice of application for development of property adjacent to my home. The notice provided the following information:

Name of Plan:

Deer Park

Plan Number:

Preliminary Plan #1-01064R

Current Zoning:

R-90

No. Proposed Lots:

14

Geographical Location:

2921 Marlow Road

As with the previous application, I am opposed to this development. This opposition centers on three issues: 1) excessive traffic, 2) overburdened schools and 3) drainage issue.

First, there is excessive traffic along Musgrove Road due to traffic cutting through from Fairland Road. This traffic has increased greatly since the development of land along Fairland Road into a new housing development in the past few years and the development of land into a golf community farther down the same road. This increased traffic presents a danger to the community at large and especially the children who have to wait for the school bus along Musgrove Road.

Next, the elementary school serving this neighborhood is overcrowded and kids have to attend classes in temporary classroom. My child is in this particular situation. I have decided to remove my son from the local elementary school due to the decline in adequate teaching conditions. This move is at a great economic burden on the family, but is necessary to insure the adequate education of my youngest child. A further burden on the school system by this new development is not needed.

The drainage along Musgrove Road has affected my property greatly. Road work along this road has increased the flow of runoff water through my property. Additionally, the capping of a well on the Fairland Data Center Property appears to have increased the level of the water table reducing the absorption ability of the ground around Musgrove Road. My backyard is constantly wet and the side of my house closest to Musgrove Road

is so we that the walkway has sunk into the ground. I can only foresee further problems with the development of a housing community on the farmland behind my house.

My family strongly opposes the approval of development of the land detailed above.

Sincerely,

John M. Reed

12913 Hawkshead Terrace

Silver Spring, Maryland 20904

To: Development Review Division
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: Plan #1-01064 Deer Park - Haynes Property

## Commissioners:

Plans for development of the Haynes Property on Marlow Road in Silver Spring (20904, Colesville area) have been received and have generated a great deal of concern among those of us who are longtime residents of Marlow Road and those of us on the section where this property is located. We wish to share our concerns with you.

- This development will significantly change the character of the older part of Marlow Road.
- Long-time residents of this street were very surprised to find out that one side of the street had been rezoned.
- Marlow Road is used for walking and biking and there is a safety issue.
- Our area is already suffering from a great deal of development.

While we fully expected that this property would be developed, it came as a shock to discover that the side of the street on which the Haynes property sits was somehow rezoned to allow homes on less than ½ acre. None of us knew this and do not remember ever being notified of it. The other houses on our part of the street, the oldest part of the street, are on lots of ½ acre or larger. To allow lots of 9-10,000 square feet would force homes to the front of the lots rather than being set back further, and would look very unsightly with the other homes on the street that are set back and on a half acre. (Photographs of the other homes/set-backs are enclosed.)

Aesthetically, we on Marlow Rd. have a peaceful country lane setting which is used by many, many adults and children for jogging, walking and playing. The street is narrow and we have no sidewalks. Adults and children often walk or bicycle down our street to the park at the end of the street, and children walk up our street to Musgrove Road where school busses pick up all three levels of school children. Adding a higher

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