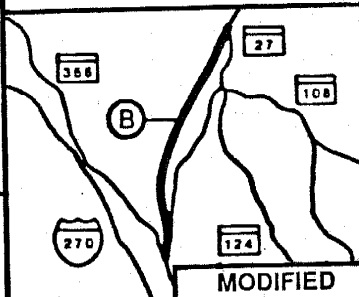
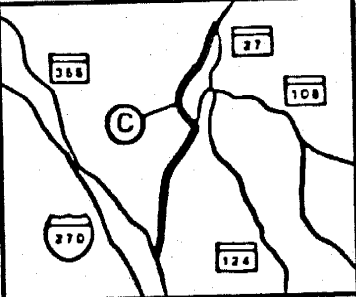
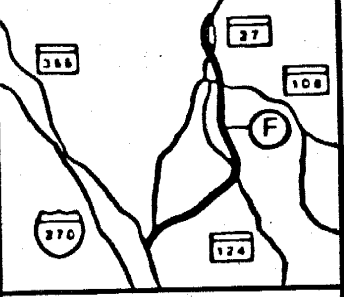


TABLE S-1

DAMASCUS BYPASS STUDY
SUMMARY

PRELIMINARY
COMPARISON
OF BUILD
ALTERNATES

	ALTERNATE B MEDIUM WESTERN (B)	ALTERNATE C SHORT WESTERN (C)	ALTERNATE F LONG EASTERN (F)
			
COMPARISON FACTOR			
Community Impacts			
1. No. of Properties Impacted by Bypass Alignment	**	100-110	180-190
2. No. of Buildings Taken	**	15-20	30-35
3. No. of Farms Impacted	**	25-30	20-25
4. No. of Driveways Impacted	**	40-45	155-160
Environmental Impacts			
1. No. of Stream Crossings	11	13	12
2. Wetland Systems	**	<1 ac.	1.5-2.0 ac.
3. Floodplain	0	0 ac.	0.0 ac.
4. Woodlands	**	20-30 ac.	20.0-25.0 ac.
Parkland Impacts			
1. Existing	5.5 ac.	25-27 ac.	0.0 ac.
2. Proposed	0.0 ac.	0 ac.	0.0 ac.
Total	5.5 ac.	25-27 ac.	0.0 ac.
Agricultural			
1. Meadow (1990)	**	75-80 ac.	95-100 ac.
2. Cropland (1990)	**	90-95 ac.	60-70 ac.
3. Reserve (RDT Zone)	**	160-165 ac.	120-125 ac.
Transportation Impacts			
1. Length of Roadway Existing or Upgrade	2.9 miles	1.8 miles	5.1 miles
New Highway	5.8 miles	6.9 miles	3.8 miles
Total Bypass Roadway	8.7 miles	8.7 miles	8.9 miles
2. Average Level of Service in Damascus Area	C/D	C/D	C/D
3. No. of Signalized Intersections	8	8	11
Preliminary Cost Estimates (Millions 1991 \$)			
Right-of-Way	**	\$ 20-25 M	\$ 20-25 M
Construction Cost	**	\$ 110-115 M	\$ 105-110 M
Total Cost	**	\$ 130-140 M	\$ 125-135 M
			\$ 27-33 M
			\$ 170-175 M
			\$ 197-208 M

** Initial Alternate B reconsidered late in this study; full assessment not computed.

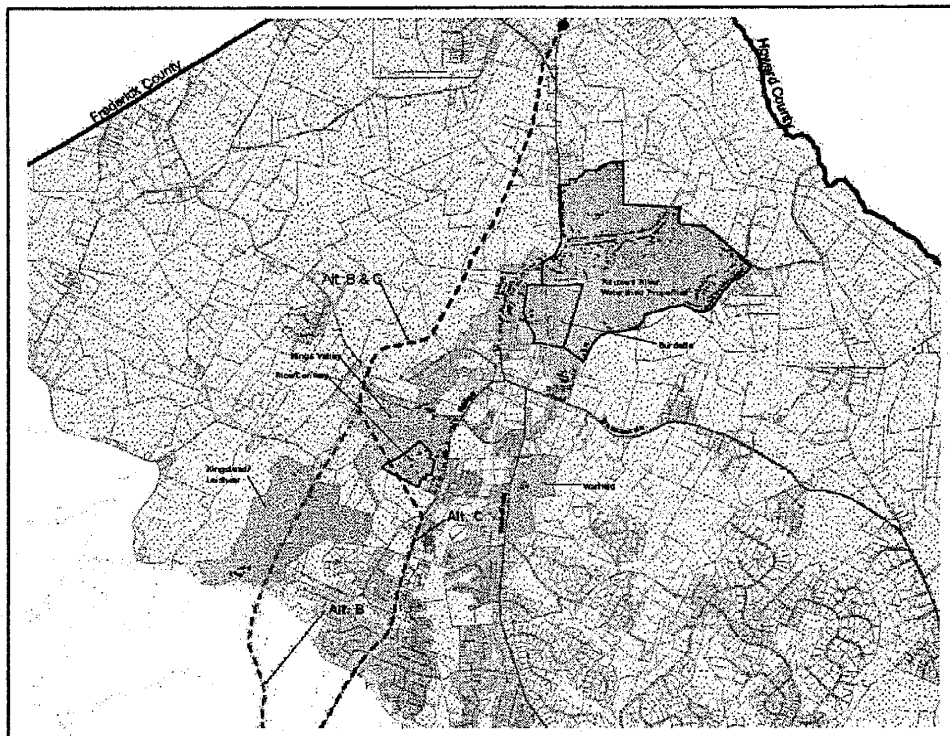
Source: Damascus Bypass Study Report 1991

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Damascus Master Plan Transportation Discussion on Bypass Alternatives

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2006
TIME: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
PLACE: Damascus Library, 9701 Main Street
Damascus, MD, 20872

During the County Council phase of the Damascus Master Planning Process, the members of the Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee have requested the Planning Staff hold a public meeting on the issue of including a transportation alignment on the west side of the planning area for a potential bypass route.



Since a potential alignment was not discussed during the regular community meetings during the planning process, this is a formal opportunity to let us know your questions, comments and concerns.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

Visit <http://www.mcparkandplanning.org/damascus>

Damascus Master Plan
Transportation Discussion on Bypass Alternatives

AGENDA

Tuesday, March 28, 2006
Damascus Library 9701 Main Street

-----MEETING PURPOSE-----
To solicit community input on whether or not land should be reserved for a potential two-lane roadway that would divert future through traffic to the west side of Damascus.

6:30 pm- 8:30 pm

1. Overview of the County Council Phase of the Damascus Planning Process
.....*Judy Daniel, Team Leader*
2. Damascus Bypass History and Transportation Discussion Overview
.....*Dan Hardy, Transportation Staff*
3. What does reserving a Bypass alignment mean?
..... *Dan Hardy, Transportation Staff*
4. Next Steps and Update on PHED Committee Worksessions
..... *Judy Daniel, Team Leader*
5. Q & A
..... *M-NCPPC/County Council Staff*

**Damascus Master Plan
TRANSPORTION BYPASS DISCUSSION
COMMENT PAGE**

The Montgomery County Planning Board is soliciting public opinion on a proposal by the County Council's Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee to reserve land for a potential bypass route on the West Side of Damascus. A public meeting on this issue is planned for **Thursday, April 20, 2006 at 8787 Georgia Ave.**

Two potential routes, alternates "B" and "C", were chosen from a 1991 alignment feasibility study and were considered by the PHED Committee to have the *least amount* of comprehensive impacts to the community. Under the PHED proposal, the State Highway Administration and other local government agencies would conduct a study, in the next two years, to evaluate the two alternate routes as well as other transportation options. The study would address future traffic congestion forecasts for the Town Center and residential neighborhoods along MD 27. The Planning Board would like to receive your testimony regarding, whether Route B, Route C, both routes or neither route should be preserved until the subsequent study is completed.

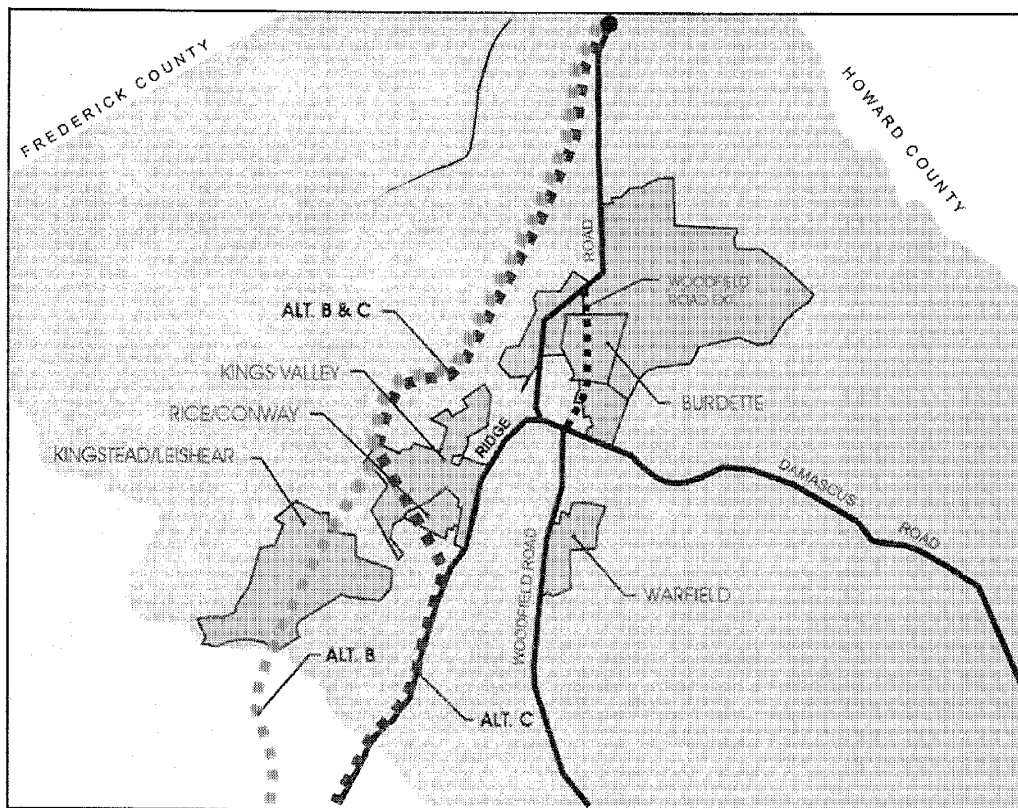
Submit all written testimony to
Chairman, Derick Berlage
Montgomery County Planning Board
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Phone: 301-495-4605, TTY: for those with hearing impairments, 301-495-1331
Fax: 301-495-1320
E-mail: mcp-chairman@mncppc-mc.org

Damascus Bypass Study

The Planning Board is soliciting public opinion about a proposal by the County Council's staff to the Council's Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee to reserve land for a bypass around the west side of Damascus. Such a bypass would not be considered for construction until 15-20 years from now. The concern that has been raised is that although traffic forecasts predict that traffic congestion in Damascus will be tolerable through Year 2025, continuing growth beyond the County boundary could result in unacceptable conditions in Damascus after 2025. The purpose of the bypass would be to divert future through traffic from Carroll, Howard, and Frederick Counties away from the Damascus Town Center and many of the residential neighborhoods along MD 27.

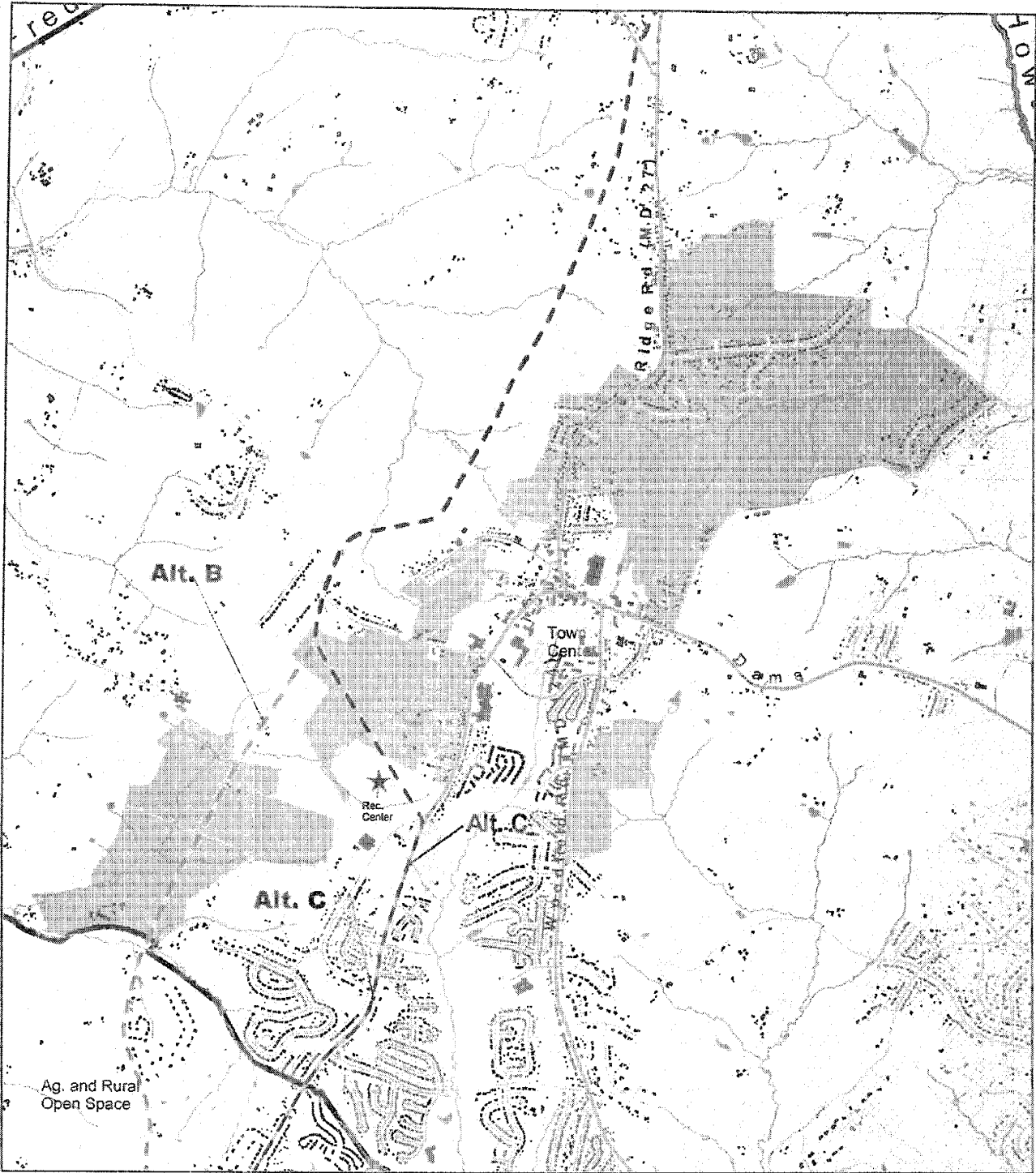
Specifically, the proposal is to reserve land for a two-lane roadway (one lane in each direction) and a bikeway (bike lanes or a separated shared use trail) within generally an 80'-wide right-of-way. The bypass would intersect with existing and potential future public roads, but would not have private driveways connected to it. There are two routes currently under consideration for reservation, based on current review of a 1991 alignment feasibility study:

Potential Bypass Routes for Discussion



Note: Properties identified in the Planning Board Draft Plan as developable are highlighted in purple.

Potential Damascus Bypass Routes



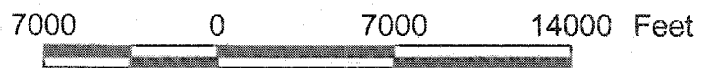
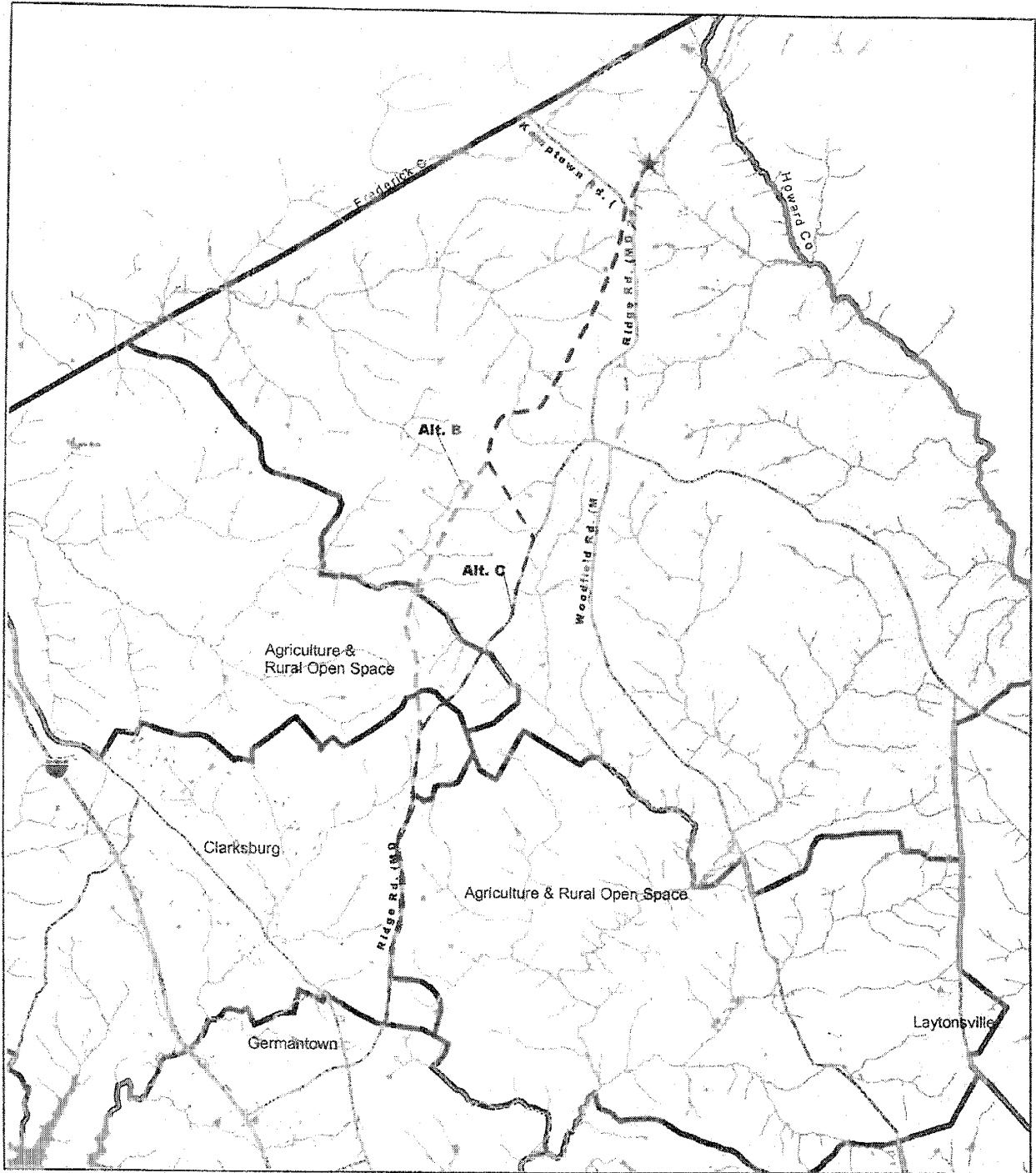
Transition Area Properties
Proposed for Development In the
Planning Board Draft Plan

Damascus Planning Area

2000 0 2000 4000 Feet



Potential Bypass Routes
Alt. B & Alt. C



ATTACHMENT 4

MCP-Chairman

From: carol snow [joanniesnow@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2006 2:14 PM
To: county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov; MCP-Chairman
Subject: Damascus Master Plan

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Dear Mrs. Praisner:

I have known you as a councilmember for many years. I first saw you at my Political Science class at Montgomery College. Michael Subin was our professor/councilmember and my mother and I were taking his class. You were the guest speaker.

After that, I saw you from time to time at a Taxpayer's League meeting, Civic Fed event, plea before the council for historic preservation of Moneysworth Farm, or other occasion. I watched you lovingly tend to Betty Ann Krahnke.

I am writing to you now out of respect for your position, because I believe in you, and because I trust the principles that you and Mr. Subin have tried to demonstrate by teaching and by example throughout the years. They are, that government works only if the people care enough to make it work, that in our republic everyone should have equal representation, that good judgment is based on informed decisions, and that fairness of process is important.

This brings us to the issue currently at hand--something that has the mundane title of "Upper Montgomery County/Damascus transportation concerns."

As you know, I had several consultations and meetings with a Damascus developer regarding my mother's property interests. He was an engaging soul, and we had a cordial relationship. At that time, a substantial offer was suggested for a portion of her property--the part which is located across from Gue Road. The developer stated that his long-term vision for Damascus was to have a tollroad or private road which would run from Damascus Manor Drive, encircling the town, and meet with Ridge Road at Gue. (By coincidence, my mom also owned the envisioned origin of the road at Damascus Manor Drive.)

I told him that my mom was an avid environmentalist, was very protective of the headwaters, and would never agree to any road, or "covering the earth with asphalt," as she would put it. Her farm was "not for sale."

During this time the Master Plan process was being conducted. Various committee meetings, including the transportation committee, were held. In the transportation committee, both planners and citizens agreed, after much discussion, that comprehensive regional traffic management should include consultation and coordination with the state and with counties to the north. Citizens and planners agreed that the impact of the Woodfield Road Extension should be evaluated before there was the creation of a new road.

This decision was consistent with previous approved Master Plans which were approved by the County Council.

Damascus is not Clarksburg. Citizens and planners worked closely and productively throughout the process. Yes, there were many heated discussions, but issues were resolved. The Damascus Master Plan, which is a good reflection of the wishes of its residents, should not be penalized by extraneous disputes. Neither are Damascus residents a bunch of hicks,

hayseeds, hobos, and hillbillies who are incapable of managing themselves.

A comprehensive, multi-jurisdictional program seemed the most logical approach to Damascus traffic concerns. This was a thoughtful, informed, well-researched decision, based upon environmental concerns, up-to-date SHA projections, and citizen consultations.

You can imagine, then, the extreme surprise when, at the very last minute, this issue was raised yet again, and, yet again, appeared to originate from the same source.

I am writing to you now, because I believe that in order for you to do your job to your best capacity, you should be fully informed. You need to make decisions based only on the merits of the argument. There are many factors you must take into consideration when formulating a policy for the community. You know best how to evaluate all the information that is placed before you. You have led us by example--I can only try to rely on your best judgment by keeping you informed.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you, again, for your service to the residents of Montgomery County. Sincerely,

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