

RECEIVED  
0941  
OCT 29 2010

**MCP-CTRACK**

**From:** Andrew Jahns [ajahns@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2010 10:49 PM  
**To:** Hill, Joanne; JSales@iccpjproject.com; bob.simpson@montgomerycountymd.gov; Eapen, Cherian; Hardy, Dan; Cole, Larry  
**Subject:** Good Hope Estates Community Petition Against PB-130 and PB-108  
**Attachments:** Petition List.doc; Petitions57scans.PDF; Petitions18morescans.pdf; CancellationRequestICCPB130PB108.doc

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN  
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL  
PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

To:  
J. Sales, ICC  
Bob Simpson, MC DOT  
Montgomery County Planning Board

The Good Hope Estates Community requests you cancel ICC projects PB-130 and PB-108 in and around the Good Hope Estates Community. The 74 attached petitions collected from Good Hope community residents demonstrate the strong opposition of the Good Hope Community to ICC projects PB-130 and PB-108. Scans of the individual petitions as well as a petition list are attached.

The Good Hope Community considers these projects undesirable and destructive in every respect. A preliminary summary of the Good Hope Community objections are as follows.

**PB-130 objections**

PB-130 involves the narrowing of Good Hope Estates road with curb extensions and the installation of bioretention areas to filter rain water.

**Traffic Blockage**

It is already difficult to pass down Good Hope Estates roads, zigzagging around parked cars while passing cars going in the opposite direction. The roads need to be widened if anything, not narrowed. Intentionally narrowing the roads only makes traffic problems worse.

**Violation of Property Access Privilege**

An implied contract exists when a home owner purchases a home that the county will provide access to the home by the roadways in the same manner as at the time of purchase. The PB-130 curb extensions materially and unreasonably reduce and restrict the community members access to their own property.

**Pedestrian, Cyclist and Child Danger**

Danger of collision will increase as pedestrians, children and cyclists are forced into the middle of the road into traffic as they pass around the curb extensions. Children commonly use the roadway as a play area. Skateboarders often wizz up and down the street. It is already difficult to pass around the playing children.

Hydroplaning Curb extensions will flood in heavy rains jettisoning excess water into the middle of the road causing cars to lose traction, hydroplane and skid out of control.

**Standing Water, Puddles, Open Sewer**

Curb extensions will cause standing water from excess rain, flawed construction and erosion. Standing water will result in breeding insects, disease and swamp areas.

**Snow Removal Blockage**

Snow removal is already poor in the community. Plows usually come through only three days after a storm. Sometimes not at all. Curb extents further obstruct snow removal. There will be less room to put the snow. Extending into the street the curbs will block and may damage the plows.

Flawed Environmental Concept No improvement is needed to the exceptionally clean water in the Upper Paint Branch stream. The stream and water quality are excellent and need no improvement. Rain water is the purest naturally occurring water known. Nature cleans the environment with rain water diluting and washing away pollutants. Rain water filtration is of insignificant environmental benefit.

#### Excessive Government Cost

Community members will pay for this expensive unnecessary project. The ICC is paying the bill now. But the two way ICC toll will be \$10.00 for the short 18 miles span. The community will pay for this unnecessary make work projects every time one rides the highway which has already been paid for by the MD state gasoline tax.

#### PB-108 objections

A government built stream is called sewer. The beautiful natural streams of Montgomery County, MD are in excellent pristine condition. Water quality is superb. But the government plans to spend a 100 million dollars rebuilding these streams. The Inter-County Connector (ICC) project is contracted to spend hundreds of millions of dollars on environmental projects. But the ICC cannot find enough legitimate environmental projects to spend their money on. So the ICC has contrived a massive, expensive, unneeded, disruptive stream reconstruction project. The streams are completely off the ICC site. The reconstruction project will destroy the beautiful natural sparkling streams we have and replace them with government built streams. The government has decided it is better than nature at taking care of the streams and must spend hundreds of millions of dollars to do so. PB-108 will destroy nature's beautiful creation, the sparkling Paint Branch stream in Silver Spring, MD and will replace it with a government managed sewer.

#### Inappropriate Mandatory Status

PB-130 and PB-108 have inappropriately been granted mandatory status in front of the Montgomery County Planning Board. Mandatory status is appropriate to prevent trivial objections to important project. It is an abuse of the process when mandatory status is granted to a trivial insubstantial project for the convenience of beaucroatic project advocates. Mandatory status for projects PB-130 and PB-108 should be rescinded to give them the needed planning board review.

The Good Hope Community request you cancel and or deny approval for ICC projects PB-130 and PB-108.

Andrew Jahns  
2017 Cradock St.  
Silver Spring, MD 20905

List of petitioners against curb extensions in Good Hope Estates, PB-130 and PB-108.  
 All petitioners live in Silver Spring, MD 20905.

<b>Addresses</b>					
<b>Address ID</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Street</b>
1	Geoffrey	Joyce	10/21/2010	15321	Durant
2	John + Cynthia	Lewis	10/16/2010	15304	Durant
3	Tessy	Prokop	10/20/2010	15329	Durant
4	Pauline	Thompson	10/14/2010	15301	Durant
5	Claudia Jean	Hill	10/21/2010	15401	Durant
6	Semret	Tesfaye	10/19/2010	15400	Durant
7	Jeanne Elizabeth	Ferraro	10/20/2010	15328	Durant
8	Edward	Sutton	10/20/2010	9	Durant
9	Donald + Marie	Garvick	10/17/2010	15409	Durant
10	Susan + Domenic	DiBiase	10/13/2010	15320	Durant
11	Mark + Ashley	Walters	10/13/2010	15305	Durant
12	James	Wayne	10/23/2010	2048	Kingshouse
13	Ruyu Tang	Wang	10/20/2010	2033	Kingshouse
14	Ping-Cheng	Wang	10/20/2010	2033	Kingshouse
15	Roxanne	Mitchell	10/20/2010	2053	Kingshouse
16	James	Dyson	10/20/2010	2037	Kingshouse
17	Roger	DeCesare	10/19/2010	2112	Kingshouse
18	Louis	Copeland	10/13/2010	2104	Kingshouse
19	Bruce	Mongeon	10/20/2010	2044	Kingshouse
20	Virginia	Mongeon	10/19/2010	2044	Kingshouse
21	Monique	Michael	10/20/2010	2045	Kingshouse
22	Lisa + Odin	Moody	10/20/2010	2017	Kingshouse
23	Michelle	Kichline	10/20/2010	2016	Kingshouse
24	John	Sipper	10/20/2010	2024	Kingshouse
25	Yang	Yang	10/20/2010	2024	Kingshouse
26	Pedro	Amaya	10/20/2010	2029	Kingshouse
27	Andrew	Jahns	10/12/2010	2017	Cradock
28	Louis	Ungar	10/12/2010	1909	Cradock
29	Lauren	Laws	10/19/2010	1925	Cradock
30	Douglas	Castes	10/15/2010	1928	Cradock
31	Joan + Paul	Cain	10/18/2010	1921	Cradock
32	Moli	Tsai	10/18/2010	1916	Cradock
33	Brenda	Smith	10/15/2010	2016	Cradock
34	Gordon	Bottom	10/17/2010	1924	Cradock
35	Richard	Leavitt	10/16/2010	2001	Cradock
36	Richard + Barbara	McDonald	10/14/2010	1901	Cradock
37	Krista	Chaimson	10/12/2010	1905	Cradock
38	George + Olga	Barnaj	10/12/2010	1937	Cradock
39	Mary	Ierardi	10/13/2010	1941	Cradock

## Addresses

Address ID	First Name	Last Name	Date	Address	Street
40	Wilbur	Atwell	10/18/2010	2020	Cradock
41	Harry E.	Williams	10/13/2010	1628	Hopefield
42	Antonietta	Zepp	10/14/2010	2008	Hopefield
43	Lee Anne	Medrow	10/20/2010	1613	Hopefield
44	Mohammed M.	Yayah	10/12/2010	15204	Montford
45	David	Nikoado	10/12/2010	15209	Montford
46	Gwendolyn	Taylor	10/10/2010	5	Montford
47	Nancy + Bill	Johnson	10/17/2010	15213	Montford
48	Michael	Gross	10/12/2010	13	Montford
49	Carol V.	White	10/16/2010	15305	Montford
50	Mary + Michael	Gross	10/18/2010	13	Montford
51	Jeannie	Tomita	10/18/2010	15309	Beauford
52	Luis	Calderon	10/15/2010	15337	Beauford
53	Christopher	Barlow	10/20/2010	1	Aylesbury
54	Ann + Jeff	Leisenning	10/16/2010	15228	Aylesbury
55	Ronald	Smith	10/18/2010	15317	Aylesbury
56	Phil	Jacongelo	10/18/2010	2109	Edgeware
57	Robert E. III	Kling	10/13/2010	2149	Edgeware
58	Kim	Doherty	10/24/2010	15312	Durant
59	Guek	Yeoh	10/24/2010	5	Durant
60	Frank	Avallone	10/24/2010	13	Durant
61	Hedwig	Avallone	10/24/2010	13	Durant
62	Stephanie	Nixon	10/24/2010	15313	Durant
63	Joshua	Strassman	10/24/2010	15313	Durant
64	Vern	Hill	10/24/2010	15401	Durant
65	Alli	Mohamed	10/24/2010	10	Durant
66	Lois	Purnell	10/24/2010	2101	Edgeware
67	Ann	Reynolds	10/20/2010	1	Montford
68	Randolph	Reynolds	10/20/2010	1	Montford
69	Rosemarie	Djabadary	10/26/2010	2040	Kingshouse
70	Elizabeth	League	10/26/2010	2020	Kingshouse
71	Gary	League	10/26/2010	2020	Kingshouse
72	Debora S.	Nixon	10/26/2010	2012	Kingshouse
73	Ellen	Krzywicki	10/26/2010	2008	Kingshouse
74	Larry	Brady	10/26/2010	2005	Kingshouse

The Good Hope Estates Community requests you cancel ICC projects PB-130 and PB-108 in and around the Good Hope Community. The 74 attached petitions collected from Good Hope community residents demonstrate the strong opposition of the Good Hope Community to ICC projects PB-130 and PB-108. Scans of the individual petitions as well as a list are attached.

The Good Hope Community considers these projects undesirable and destructive in every respect. A preliminary summary of the Good Hope Community objections are as follows.

### **PB-130 objections**

PB-130 involves the narrowing of Good Hope Estates road with curb extensions and the installation of bioretention areas to filter rain water.

**Traffic Blockage** It is already difficult to pass down Good Hope Estates roads, zigzagging around parked cars while passing cars going in the opposite direction. The roads need to be widened if anything, not narrowed. Intentionally narrowing the roads only makes traffic problems worse.

**Violation of Property Access Privilege** An implied contract exists when a home owner purchases a home that the county will provide access to the home by the roadways in the same manner as at the time of purchase. The PB-130 curb extensions materially and unreasonably reduce and restrict the community members access to their own property.

**Pedestrian, Cyclist and Child Danger** Danger of collision will increase as pedestrians, children and cyclists are forced into the middle of the road into traffic as they pass around the curb extensions. Children commonly use the roadway as a play area. Skateboarders often wizz up and down the street. It is already difficult to pass around the playing children.

**Hydroplaning** Curb extensions will flood in heavy rains jettisoning excess water into the middle of the road causing cars to lose traction, hydroplane and skid out of control.

**Standing Water, Puddles, Open Sewer** Curb extensions will cause standing water from excess rain, flawed construction and erosion. Standing water will result in breeding insects, disease and swamp areas.

**Snow Removal Blockage** Snow removal is already poor in the community. Plows usually come through only three days after a storm. Sometimes not at all. Curb extensions further obstruct snow removal. There will be less room to put the snow. Extending into the street the curbs will block and may damage the plows.

**Flawed Environmental Concept** No improvement is needed to the exceptionally clean water in the Upper Paint Branch stream. The stream and water quality are excellent and need no improvement. Rain water is the purest naturally occurring water known.

Nature cleans the environment with rain water diluting and washing away pollutants. Rain water filtration is of insignificant environmental benefit.

**Excessive Government Cost** Community members will pay for this expensive unnecessary project. The ICC is paying the bill now. But the two way ICC toll will be \$10.00 for the short 18 miles span. The community will pay for this unnecessary make work projects every time one rides the highway which has already been paid for by the MD state gasoline tax.

### **PB-108 objections**

A government built stream is called sewer. The beautiful natural streams of Montgomery County, MD are in excellent pristine condition. Water quality is superb. But the government plans to spend a 100 million dollars rebuilding these streams. The Inter-County Connector (ICC) project is contracted to spend hundreds of millions of dollars on environmental projects. But the ICC cannot find enough legitimate environmental projects to spend their money on. So the ICC has contrived a massive, expensive, unneeded, disruptive stream reconstruction project. The streams are completely off the ICC site. The reconstruction project will destroy the beautiful natural sparkling streams we have and replace them with government built streams. The government has decided it is better than nature at taking care of the streams and must spend hundreds of millions of dollars to do so. PB-108 will destroy nature's beautiful creation, the sparkling Paint Branch stream in Silver Spring, MD and will replace it with a government managed sewer.

**Inappropriate Mandatory Status** PB-130 and PB-108 have inappropriately been granted mandatory status in front of the Montgomery County Planning Board. Mandatory status is appropriate to prevent trivial objections to important project. It is an abuse of the process when mandatory status is granted to a trivial insubstantial project for the convenience of beaucroatic project advocates. Mandatory status for projects PB-130 and PB-108 should be rescinded to give them the needed planning board review.

The Good Hope Community request you cancel and or deny approval for ICC projects PB-130 and PB-108.

Andrew Jahns  
2017 Cradock St.  
Silver Spring, MD 20905