

Attachment B, Pages 532-603

John Marcolin

From: Michael Bucci <bucci114@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2016 6:31 PM
To: =?UTF-8?Q?_robert.kronenberg@montgomeryplanning.org=C2=A0=C2=A0=C2=A0?=
Subject: Don't Build a Parking Garage in the Willet Branch Stream Buffer

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From: Nitin Agarwal <info@actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2016 6:24 PM
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From: Martin Lindholm <info@actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2016 5:13 PM
To: =?UTF-8?Q?_robert.kronenberg@montgomeryplanning.org=C2=A0=C2=A0=C2=A0?=
Subject: Don't Build a Parking Garage in the Willet Branch Stream Buffer

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From: Alison Pearce <info@actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2016 5:09 PM
To: =?UTF-8?Q?_robert.kronenberg@montgomeryplanning.org=C2=A0=C2=A0=C2=A0?=
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From: Roberta Steinman <info@actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2016 4:41 PM
To: =?UTF-8?Q?_robert.kronenberg@montgomeryplanning.org=C2=A0=C2=A0=C2=A0?=
Subject: Don't Build a Parking Garage in the Willet Branch Stream Buffer

Robert Kronenberg,

Natural stream buffers (not mowed areas) are required for the protection of local streams and watersheds. During storm events, the Willett Branch sustains huge volumes of water due to the high impervious surface level in that stream valley. Hence the need to maintain sufficient stream buffers.

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John Marcolin

From: Celia Martin <celiavmartin@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2016 4:40 PM
To: =?UTF-8?Q?_robert.kronenberg@montgomeryplanning.org=C2=A0=C2=A0=C2=A0?=
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Celia Martin

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From: Shelley Jones <info@actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2016 2:25 PM
To: =?UTF-8?Q?_robert.kronenberg@montgomeryplanning.org=C2=A0=C2=A0=C2=A0?=
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From: Susan Stedfast <smstedfast@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, December 16, 2016 5:09 PM
To: =?UTF-8?Q?_robert.kronenberg@montgomeryplanning.org=C2=A0=C2=A0=C2=A0?=
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Susan Stedfast

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John Marcolin

From: Brenda Freeman <info@actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, December 16, 2016 3:54 PM
To: =?UTF-8?Q?_robert.kronenberg@montgomeryplanning.org=C2=A0=C2=A0=C2=A0?=
Subject: Don't Build a Parking Garage in the Willet Branch Stream Buffer

Robert Kronenberg,

I strongly support affordable housing and protecting Montgomery County's historic and environmental resources. These goals are not in conflict.

Parking garages, they belong beside major bus transit corridors, not over streams of old cemeteries.

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Sincerely,

Brenda Freeman

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Takoma Pk, Maryland 20910

John Marcolin

From: Josie Gabel <josie.gabel@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 9:23 PM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: From a very concerned resident: Objection to Garage in Stream Buffer of Willett Branch SV Park

Dear Commissioner Roman and County Planners,

With due respect, please do NOT build any new buildings in the stream buffer or flood plain behind your Westwood Tower Apartments property which abuts the planned Willett Branch SV Park. We and our young children live in the adjoining neighborhood and are very concerned residents and stakeholders in these development plans.

Montgomery Parks has a beautiful park planned for the Willett Branch in the Westbard Sector. It will boost property values and make this a more valuable and appealing area to families like ours who care a lot about these things. The residents of HOC's Westwood Tower Apartments will be big winners with this park, enjoying the benefits of nature, a sparkling creek, pedestrian trails that connect to the Capital Crescent Trail and lush green woods that will serve as their backyard and playground for their children.

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Thank you for your leadership in doing the right thing,

Sincerely,

Josiane Gabel
Wakefield Road, Bethesda MD 20816

John Marcolin

From: alice winkler <aliceawinkler@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 1:30 PM
To: planning@springfield20816.com; Marcolin, John; MCP-Chair
Subject: Feedback on The Westbard plan ****PRESERVE THE WILLET BRANCH GREENWAY PARK!**

Hello. I live near Westbard, and I heard from neighbors and friends that there's a proposal to build a parking garage along the creek behind the Westwood Tower Building. **I am 100% against this plan!** During the Sector Plan public review process the Willet Branch Greenway Park was shown, was promised, and was widely supported.

I strongly support it as well, and view it as non-negotiable. It is the only significant green space in the plan. Please don't turn your backs on the community and the environment by approving this Equity One and HOC proposal. There should be no new building in the stream buffer, the flood plain or on top of the cemetery.

Yours,
Alice A. Winkler

John Marcolin

From: Cecilia Capuzzi Simon <ccsimon7@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 9:28 AM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: Fwd: The planned Willett Branch Stream Valley Park

Begin forwarded message:

From: Cecilia Capuzzi Simon <ccsimon7@comcast.net>
Subject: **The planned Willett Branch Stream Valley Park**
Date: December 12, 2016 at 9:21:06 AM EST
To: planning@springfield20816.com

Dear Commissioner Roman,

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As a resident of a community neighboring Westbard, I ask HOC to show its leadership by taking the right action: dedicating land for a beautiful new park that will enhance the quality of life for all community residents and especially those living within the HOC community and not building within the 100-foot stream valley buffer.

Sincerely,
Cecilia Simon
Springfield, Bethesda
Bethesda, MD 20816

John Marcolin

From: CAROLINE KAPLAN <carolux@me.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 2:59 PM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: Garage in Stream Buffer of Willett Branch SV Park

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Sincerely,
Caroline Kaplan
Springfield Neighborhood
Bethesda, MD

John Marcolin

From: Georgette Dorn <dorngeorgette@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 10:53 AM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: Garage on Willett Branch Stream

We urge you to vote against building parking garage on the Willett Branch Stream this is a priority for all the communities surrounding the Equity One Project. Let's save what' left of our green spaces.

Georgette Dorn
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John Marcolin

From: Harri Kramer <hjk.obx@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 4:36 PM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: Green Space Needed

Re: No HOC Garage in Stream Buffer of Willett Branch SV Park

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As a resident, I ask HOC to please not build any new buildings in stream buffer or flood plain or on top of the cemetery behind your Westwood Tower Apartments property which abuts the planned Willett Branch SV Park.

Thank you for your leadership in doing the right thing while everything about the redevelopment seems to be going in the direction of saying one thing and doing another. Enough of this in the new federal era; we don't want it in our community.

Sincerely,

Harri j Kramer and Russell G. Hogya
Glen Echo Heights

John Marcolin

From: Jean Denney <jdenney27@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2016 11:38 PM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: More Parks Please

Dear Commissioner Roman and County Planner,
I have loved living in Green Acres for 45 years and understand development around Metro Stops. However Westbard is a neighborhood gem and needs to be reasonably built with amenities for all.....especially senior citizens

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Jean Denney
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From: Larry Broadwell <bakpacker1@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 8:34 AM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: No Encroachment on Willett Branch Stream Valley Park

Dear Commissioner Roman and County Planner,

We write to urge that you bar construction on the Willett Branch floodplain, its buffer area, or atop the cemetery behind Westwood Tower Apartments that abut Willett Branch Stream Valley Park. Instead of allowing such infringements, we ask that you support the park planned for Willett Branch in the Westbard Sector. If you do, residents of Westwood Tower Apartments and other neighbors will thank you for the benefits of nature, a sparkling creek, pedestrian trails that connect to the Capital Crescent Trail, and lush green woods that will serve as their children's backyard playground.

Please join the community in supporting this new park. Specifically, we ask that HOC and its development partner, Equity One, not build a parking garage or any new structures behind the apartment building in the buffer area for Willett Branch. The proposed garage would violate the cemetery that holds remains of many of the area's post-emancipation, African American residents, as well as state environmental guidelines that require a 100-foot stream buffer.

Please help to create a park that will be treasured by residents of the Westbard area -- most especially by residents of your growing Westwood Tower complex. As longtime residents who live nearby and treasure every bit of greenery we can preserve, we beg that you preserve the stream buffer and floodplain for the planned Willett Branch Stream Valley Park.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Lawrence and Marianne Broadwell
5306 Saratoga Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815
(H) 301/215-7135
bakpacker1@verizon.net

John Marcolin

From: Kate Mindlin <kamwdc@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 10:16 AM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: Create Willet Branch Park as outlined, Save the stream buffer, flood plain and cemetery

Dear Commissioner Roman, the County Council, the Housing Opportunity Commission, the County Planners, and all involved in the development of Westbard:

I am a proponent of the Willet Branch Stream Valley Park, as outlined in the much debated and agreed-upon Sector Plan. Preserving our natural resources as a treasure for residents will not only enhance the Equity One development with beauty but serves as a lasting commitment of our appreciation for our community's natural heritage.

Our Bethesda community is home to families who use the Capital Crescent Trail, Little Branch stream, and various parks for hiking, travel, and enjoyment. We moved here for the schools, the community, the proximity, and the access to nature. Turning away from what makes Bethesda an enviable community will have negative long-term consequences.

As development offers the promise of growth and change to our suburb, we must place an equally high value on the green spaces and not trade in our natural treasures for concrete structures. The fact that this area is also a cemetery, the final resting place of our African American forebears who once inhabited our area, reflects that this topography is one to respect and enhance.

Frankly I viewed one of the benefits of the Equity One project to be the development of the Willet Branch Stream Valley Park and surrounding area. Parking is essential to creating a viable economic center; however, there must be another site for this structure. I am dismayed that consideration for our environment and enhancement our community is being threatened.

As a taxpayer and citizen of Bethesda raising my family in a Westbard neighborhood, I vigorously submit my vote in defense of preserving this 100-foot stream buffer, flood plain, and cemetery and in support of creation of the Willet Branch park.

With appreciation,

Kate Mindlin
Springfield neighborhood
Bethesda MD

Dear Commissioner Roman,

Please don't build any new buildings in the 100-foot stream buffer or flood plain or on top of the cemetery behind the HOC Westwood Tower Apartments property that abuts the planned Willett Branch Stream Valley Park.

Montgomery Parks has a beautiful park planned for the Willett Branch in the Westbard Sector. The residents of HOC's Westwood Tower Apartments will be big winners with this park, enjoying the benefits of nature, a sparkling

creek, pedestrian trails that connect to the Capital Crescent Trail and lush green woods that will serve as their backyard and playground for their children.

Please join the community in supporting this new park. Specifically, I ask that HOC and its development partner, Equity One (merging with Regency Centers) not build a parking garage or any new structures behind the apartment building, which is in the 100-foot stream buffer for the Willett Branch, which would be in violation of Maryland environmental guidelines that require a 100-foot stream buffer. There is also the possibility that this new garage would sit on what was once a cemetery, the final resting place of many of the area's post-emancipation African American residents.

I ask instead that HOC and Equity One dedicate to the Parks Department land behind the current Westwood Tower to make this greenway a reality. Your support will ensure the creation of this park, which will be a gem for the County and treasured by residents of the entire Westbard area and most especially by the current and new residents of what will become a three building Westwood Tower Apartments complex.

As a resident of a community neighboring Westbard, I ask HOC to show its leadership by taking the right action: dedicating land for a beautiful new park that will enhance the quality of life for all community residents and especially those living within the HOC community and not building within the 100-foot stream valley buffer.

Sincerely,
[INSERT YOUR NAME HERE]
[INSERT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD HERE] Neighborhood
Bethesda, MD

John Marcolin

From: Lucy Freeman <dorset4708@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 10:41 PM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: No HOC garae in stream buffer of Willett Branch SV Park

Dear Commissioner Roman and County Planners:

The Willett Branch Greenway is a beautiful amenity and essential aspect to the Westbard Sector Plan. Everyone in the Westbard area supports opening up the Willett Branch and having a green path to walk by it.

Please don't build any new buildings in the stream buffer or flood plain on top of the African American cemetery behind the Westwood Tower Apartments property which abuts the Willett Branch SV Park.

A beautiful park is planned for the Willett Branch and the residents of HOC's Westwood Tower Apartments will be big winners with this park. They will enjoy the benefits of nature, a sparkling creek, pedestrian trails that connect to the Capital Crescent Trail and lush green woods that will serve as a backyard and playground for children.

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Thank you for your leadership to protect the cemetery and offer the residents a beautiful natural park.

Sincerely,

Lucile Freeman
4708 Dorset Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815
301-654-8115 dorset4708@yahoo.com
Resident of the town of Somerset

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Shelley Jones

shelleyjones63@gmail.com

8500 Garland Ave

Takoma Park, Maryland 20912

John Marcolin

From: Jared S Irvine <jerryirvine4@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 12:40 PM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: NO HOC GARAGE in stream Buffer of Willet Branch SV Park

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Sincerely,
Jared Irvine
Woodacres Neighborhood
Bethesda, MD

Sent from my iPad

John Marcolin

From: T. Reid Lewis <treidlewis@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 10:09 AM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: No HOC Garage in Stream Buffer of Willett Branch SV Park

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Sincerely,

T. Reid Lewis
Springfield Neighborhood
Bethesda, MD

John Marcolin

From: Kari Irvine <kariirvine@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 11:49 AM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: No HOC Garage in Stream Buffer of Willett Branch SV Park!

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Sincerely,
Kari Irvine
Springfield Neighborhood
Bethesda, MD

John Marcolin

From: Xin Chen <xinchen1938@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 6:52 AM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: NO HOC Garage in Stream Buffer of Willett Branch SV Park

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Thank you for your leadership in doing the right thing,

Sincerely,

Brett Sylvester
5907 Carlton Ln.
Bethesda, MD 20816

John Marcolin

From: Xin Chen <xinchen@VOANews.COM>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 6:54 AM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: No HOC Garage in Stream Buffer of Willett Branch SV Park

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Sincerely,
Xin Chen
Glen Echo Mark
5907 Carlton Lane
Bethesda, MD 20816

John Marcolin

From: george4908@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 8:33 PM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: Willett Branch Park vs. Ugly Concrete

Sure, it's a form letter, but it still represents four actual, living residents only a few blocks away.

George, Hillary, Jennifer and Kate Waldmann
Bethesda

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Thank you for your leadership in doing the right thing,

John Marcolin

From: Eloisa Marques <eloisam@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 7:11 AM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: No HOC Garage in Stream Buffer of Willett Branch SV Park

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Thank you for your leadership in doing the right thing,

Sincerely,
Eloisa D. Marques
Greystone Street, Town of Somerset

eloisam@comcast.net

John Marcolin

From: Jordi Yeh <jordiyeh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 7:24 AM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: No HOC Garage in Stream Buffer of Willett Branch SV Park

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Sincerely,
Jordi Yeh
5219 Belvoir Dr

John Marcolin

From: Catherine Pickar <cpickar@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 7:55 AM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: No HOC Garage in Stream Buffer of Willett Branch SV Park

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Thank you for your leadership in doing the right thing,

Sincerely,

Catherine Pickar
Town of Somerset
4915 Dorset Ave
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Sent from my iPhone

John Marcolin

From: Jen Aloï <jenmaloi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 10:36 AM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: No HOC Garage in Stream Buffer of Willett Branch SV Park

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Thank you for your leadership in doing the right thing,

Sincerely,

Jennifer Aloï

Kenwood Forest II Resident

John Marcolin

From: Pamela Kenny <pstreetkenny@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 9:36 AM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: No HOC Garage in Stream Buffer of Willett Branch SV Park

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Sincerely,
Pamela Street Kenny
Town of Somerset resident

Sent from my iPhone

John Marcolin

From: Martinez Trattles, Gloria <GTrattles@crowell.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 9:25 AM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: No HOC Garage in Stream Buffer of Willett Branch SV Park

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Thank you for your leadership in doing the right thing,

Sincerely,
Gloria Martinez Trattles
Westbard Resident

John Marcolin

From: cynthia schollard <cschollard@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 8:50 AM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: No HOC Garage in Stream Buffer of Willett Branch SV Park

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Sincerely,
Cynthia Schollard
4906 Dorset Ave
Somerset, Chevy Chase MD 20815

John Marcolin

From: Robyn Miller-Tarnoff <robynmt@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 11:00 AM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
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Sincerely,
Robyn Miller-Tarnoff
5102 Newport Ave. Bethesda, MD 20816

John Marcolin

From: pcmayer@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 8:14 AM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: No HOC Garage in Stream Buffer of Willett Branch SV Park

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Sincerely,
Peter Mayer
Harrison Street, Brookdale

John Marcolin

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Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 8:14 AM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
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Sincerely,

Alexandra Acosta
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(Somerset)

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Sincerely,
Nancy Breul

Willet Bridge Court
Bethesda, md 20816

Sent from my iPhone

John Marcolin

From: Paula O'Brien <paulaobrien@me.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 1:01 PM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
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Sincerely,
Paula O'Brien
Wood Acres Neighborhood
Bethesda, MD

John Marcolin

From: Robert Anderson <robertanderson1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 2:21 PM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
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Robert Anderson

5900 Namakagan Road
Bethesda MD

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Sincerely,
R. Levin
Westbrook

John Marcolin

From: hikath@gmail.com on behalf of Katherine Coleman <ksc96@alumni.princeton.edu>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 10:51 AM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: Preserve the Willett Branch Stream Valley Park

Dear John Marcolin, Casey Anderson, and other members of the Planning Staff and Board:

Now that Equity One has made their revised Sketch Plan public, I have the following concerns:

The Sector Plan clearly states that the new Willett Branch Stream Valley Park is a core element of the Westbard Sector. Equity One must be required to address it in their design. It needs to be addressed in a meaningful way for the success of the project. Further, buildings should embrace the creek rather than turn their backs on this unique feature of the Sector.

The Sketch Plan shows a new parking garage behind the Westwood Tower as well as four other buildings squarely in the 100 foot stream buffer. Any new structures in the buffer will seriously impair the stream and detract from the continuity of the new park. No waivers should be allowed for new buildings in the buffer.

The Sector Plan recommends that a cemetery delineation is done behind the Westwood Tower before any development is approved. As there is overwhelming evidence of an African American cemetery dating to 1911, this should be done so that the new park can honor these early residents.

With the support of a strong sketch plan, the Willett Branch has the potential to be a show place for the County and a world class amenity to be enjoyed by everyone. Please support our community by requiring Equity One to create a sketch plan that does not compromise the buffer and embraces the new park, and our local history.

Katherine Coleman

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John Marcolin

From: Stephanie and Robert Soofer <RSoofer@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 7:34 PM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
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Sincerely,
Stephanie Soofer
Springfield Neighborhood
Bethesda, MD

January 5, 2017

Mr. Casey Anderson
Chairman, Montgomery County Planning Board
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: Request to delay Planning Board Hearing on Equity One's Sketch Plan scheduled for February 2, 2017 until the River Road African Cemetary Delineation Process is completed

Dear Chairman Anderson,

I would like to express my support for the request that has been made by the Macedonia Baptist Church ("MBC") for the Planning Board Hearing scheduled for February 2, 2017 on the Equity One Sketch Plan for development of the Westbard area to be delayed until MBC can complete the River Road African Cemetary Delineation process. It is critical that MBC and the members of its community are satisfied that no human remains are buried under any property that is currently contemplated for development by Equity One or any other developer in the area.

Montgomery County and previous property owners clearly committed outrageous errors many years ago by allowing construction of any buildings above the burial grounds of African Americans. To proceed with a hearing on further development of this land without having completed the necessary archeological and historical research to ensure the absence of human remains would compound those earlier errors and leave the Planning Board and the developers guilty of another episode of outrage. No timeline for development justifies any action other than a delay for whatever time is needed to properly complete the research and formulate well thought out plans for this sacred area.

As a resident of the Westbard Mews Condominiums, I strongly urge that no Planning Board Hearing on Equity One's Sketch Plan take place until final completion of the Cemetery Delineation process. Any other action would be an outrage by the Montgomery County Planning Board.

John Marcolin

From: Patty Friedman <levinfried@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 6:27 PM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: No HOC Garage in Stream Buffer of Willett Branch SV Park

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Sincerely,

Patricia Friedman, MD, FAAP

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John Marcolin

From: Thomas Olson <tpolson53@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 7:28 AM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: Comments on Equity One sketch plan for Westbard -- please get the Stream Valley Park right!

Dear Mr. Marcolin and Planning Staff,

As a Bethesda resident, I appreciate the work you are doing in creating a new stream valley park in the Westbard Sector.

But there are some important issues that need to be addressed about the Equity One plan, which, at the moment, is gravely deficient.

First, **the Willett Branch Stream Valley Park needs to be included in the plan, and included in a serious way.**

Second, **please do not allow any new construction in the Willett Branch stream buffer.** The existing buildings are bad enough, but we must not make it worse.

Third, it is critical to **determine the location of any human remains** in past cemeteries before buildings are sited. This is a matter of respect to the African-American community that once thrived in this area.

And finally, **buildings should be designed to take advantage of their proximity to the Stream Valley Park.** It will make the buildings both more beautiful and more valuable.

What you are doing will last for the rest of our lives, and probably for the lives of our children. Please do this right! Thanks very much.

Tom Olson

4606 Overbrook Road

Bethesda, MD 20816

John Marcolin

From: kiska williams <williamsadmin@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 4:52 PM
To: planning@springfield20816.com
Subject: No HOC Garage in Stream Buffer of Willett Branch SV Park

From: Kiska Williams, 5502 Westbard Avenue

Subject: No HOC Garage in Stream Buffer of Willett Branch SV Park

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Regards,

Kiska Williams

5502 Westbard Avenue, Bethesda MD

Springfield Neighborhood Association

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Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne Battle
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Copies provided to:

The Honorable Roger Berliner
Ms. Gwen Wright
Mr. Robert Kronenberg
Mr. John Marcolin

P.O. Box 644
Glen Echo, MD 20812
December 19, 2016

Commissioner Sally Roman, Chair
Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County
10400 Detrick Avenue
Kensington, MD 20895

Dear Commissioner Roman:

I am writing on behalf of the Springfield community. We are a community of more than 650 single-family homes that borders the entire western edge of the Westbard Sector. While most of our focus has been on property within the Sector area that is directly adjacent to our community, because of the large border we share with the Sector Plan we are concerned about all of the properties being developed along Westbard Avenue.

Specifically, the Springfield community is very disappointed with the HOC proposal to work with Equity One/Regency Centers to build a 150-space parking garage at the rear of the Westwood Tower property, within the Willett Branch 100-foot stream buffer.

In the HOC Mission Statement (<http://www.hocmc.org/about-hoc/about-us.html>) it says,

- “We strengthen families and communities as good neighbors;”

By proposing this garage, HOC is neither strengthening the Westbard community nor being a good neighbor. HOC has, in fact, taken advantage of the community because the parking garage was not proposed during the sector plan review before the County Council, but suddenly materialized when Equity One filed its Sketch Plan in July.

I am sure you know that the Springfield community as well as many of the surrounding communities are very upset by the 75- and 110- foot buildings within the Sector Plan. This is not how we envisioned the development of the Westbard Sector. And, due to amenity points developers can receive for including more than 12.5% affordable housing, many of these buildings, including the two HOC buildings planned on the Westwood Tower site, will be even higher. We certainly understand the need for affordable housing in our area, and the sector plan includes considerable detail about affordable housing (pp. 110-111, Westbard Sector Plan, Approved and Adopted, July 2016) but it says nothing about added parking. By sneaking another structure – a parking garage -- that adds to the density of the sector plan, HOC is definitely not being a good neighbor.

In determining the proposed zoning for the Westwood Tower, the Sector Plan says the following:

“To ensure the existing 165’ tall building is compatible with the proposed zoning, the site is organized into two groups: The first group, 4a, on which the existing 165’ tall Westwood Towers building is located, is composed of Parcels 175, 238 and 240. **A significant portion of the site is restricted by environmental constraints such as a stream buffer and floodplain.**” (My highlighting). (pp. 72, 128, Westbard Sector Plan).

Despite knowing that the Sector Plan acknowledged environmental constraints on parcels 175 and 240, HOC still proposed building a parking garage within the 100-foot stream valley buffer.

In addition to the issue of developing a parking garage on land that should be greenspace, there is an added concern on the part of the Springfield community: this proposed garage would be built on land that was once a cemetery for the ancestors of members of the Macedonia Baptist Church on River Road. Desecrating this cemetery when Westwood Tower was built – long before HOC owned this building – was a terrible act of cultural and religious indifference. Not acknowledging that this was once sacred ground and may still hold human remains, compounds the inhumanity of that original desecration. Such an action would be an embarrassment to those of us living in the Springfield community and to all who live in Montgomery County.

Rather than building a parking garage, we feel it would be most appropriate to allow this area behind Westwood Tower to become greenspace for the Willett Branch Greenway that could also honor and memorialize those individuals who were originally interred in that ground. By doing that, HOC could live up to its mission statement to “strengthen families and communities as good neighbors.”

The proposed parking garage will only benefit a limited number of members of the HOC community. In contrast, the Willett Branch Greenway Park will benefit both your current and future residents as well as the surrounding communities. The Willett Branch Greenway Park will have a lasting positive effect on the entire area both environmentally and economically as property owners will realize higher returns on their investments because of the close proximity to this new open space. HOC has the most to gain as they are the closest residential building to the park.

We acknowledge that with the two new HOC buildings at the front of the Westwood Tower site and the dedication of land at the rear of the site to the Willett Branch, HOC will be losing a significant number of parking spaces, the reason why HOC wants to build a garage. This, however, is where HOC, Equity One/Regency Centers and the Planning Department must be visionaries, thinking outside the box and looking at the long-term growth and development of Westbard rather than short-term needs. **Instead of building a \$2.5 million, 150-space parking garage within the Willett Branch stream buffer, we propose that HOC annually lease from Equity One/Regency Centers the number of parking spaces needed to accommodate the cars of residents in the Westwood I parking lot across the street.**

It is our understanding that Westwood I will include 1100 parking spaces. It is also possible that HOC will not need 150 additional parking spaces to accommodate the 362 residential units (the current 212 plus 150 new ones) it will have. With 125 parking spaces in its current garage, plus another 300 spaces included in the two new buildings, there will already be 425 spaces available on its property. The spillover may not be 150 autos. Equity One has already agreed to provide shuttle service to Metro from the Westbard area. In addition, over time as the population of the Westbard Sector increases with new development, WMATA or Montgomery County Ride-On may provide additional service to the area, further limiting the need for residents to own more than one car.

Let's be reasonable and logical: a naturalized Willett Branch with a beautiful greenway will, in the long run, be of greater value to the HOC community and the community at large than a 150-space parking garage. We ask that HOC, Equity One/Regency Centers and the Planning Department to reconsider the construction of a parking garage within the 100-foot stream buffer and floodplain within the Willett Branch. We ask that HOC live up to its mission statement "to strengthen families and communities as good neighbors," by adopting our proposal.

Sincerely,

Phyllis R. Edelman
President, Springfield Civic Assn.

cc: Gwen Wright, Robert Kronenberg, John Marcolin, Mike Riley, Susanne Paul
Roger Berliner
Sarah Morse
Lloyd Guerci

John Marcolin

From: Whipple, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 4:49 PM
To: Kronenberg, Robert
Subject: FW: FW: River Road African Cemetery Delineation

From: MCP-Chair
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 4:48 PM
To: Krasnow, Rose <rose.krasnow@montgomeryplanning.org>; Pugh, Carolyn <carolyn.pugh@montgomeryplanning.org>; Youla, Sandra <sandra.youla@montgomeryplanning.org>; Whipple, Scott <scott.whipple@montgomeryplanning.org>
Subject: CRM: FW: River Road African Cemetery Delineation

From: Patti Francis [<mailto:pfrancis417@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 4:47 PM
To: MCP-Chair <mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org>
Subject: River Road African Cemetery Delineation

Mr. Casey Anderson, Chair, Planning Board,

Sir, I am writing to express support for the River Road African Cemetery Delineation project. I believe in an inclusive process whereby the Equity One Sketch plan will not be brought before the Commission until the pre-requisite work of hiring the anthropologists, Dr. Rachel Watkins and Dr. Michael Blakey, and the Ottery Group has been retained and the earth penetrating radar has been conducted. This inclusive process benefits all of us who wish to see that the needs of the Westbard and River Road community are respected.

Thank you.

Patti Francis

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Patti Francis
SerpentineWalls.com

From: [Marcolin, John](#)
To: ["Andrea Senkowski"](#)
Cc: [Kronenberg, Robert](#)
Subject: RE: Residential Parking Spots in Westbard Development Sector
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 4:05:00 PM

Hello Andrea, I understand your concern regarding the amount of proposed parking for the Westwood Shopping Center Sketch plan. Ultimately, proposed parking numbers are determined at site plan based on the mix of unit types and final square feet of proposed commercial as well as shared parking agreements among commercial uses that developers sometimes pursue. We will take a closer look at this when the applicant submits a site plan.

John Marcolin, RLA, LEED AP

From: Andrea Senkowski [mailto:awalkormore@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 01, 2017 2:21 PM
To: Marcolin, John <john.marcolin@montgomeryplanning.org>
Cc: Phyllis Edelman <predelman@gmail.com>; egirard@linowes-law.com; jsartori@umd.edu
Subject: Residential Parking Spots in Westbard Development Sector

Dear Mr. Marcolin,
I was reviewing the Westwood Shopping Center Plan and noted that the maximum residential parking spots is 1,447.5 according to the "Residential Summary" spread. I summed the minimum residential parking slots to be closer to 950. Does Montgomery County have any control over which number goes into effect? It is my understanding that close-in Smart Growth includes disincentives for new residents to own cars. As a longtime 20816 (Springfield) resident, I'd like to see the lower number of parking spaces for new owners. Fewer cars means less congestion and cleaner air.
I look forward to your reply.
Andrea Senkowski

John Marcolin

From: Whipple, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 3:51 PM
To: Kronenberg, Robert; Wright, Gwen
Subject: FW: Support for River Road African Cemetery Delineation Project

FYI

From: MCP-Chair
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 3:49 PM
To: Krasnow, Rose <rose.krasnow@montgomeryplanning.org>; Pugh, Carolyn <carolyn.pugh@montgomeryplanning.org>; Whipple, Scott <scott.whipple@montgomeryplanning.org>; Youla, Sandra <sandra.youla@montgomeryplanning.org>
Subject: FW: Support for River Road African Cemetery Delineation Project

From: Vonna [<mailto:Faith-in-Action22@comcast.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 2:26 PM
To: MCP-Chair <mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org>
Subject: Support for River Road African Cemetery Delineation Project

To:

Mr. Casey Anderson, Chair, Planning Board,

Sir, I am writing to express support for the River Road African Cemetery Delineation project. I believe in an inclusive process whereby the Sketch plan will not be brought before the Commission until the pre-requisite work of hiring the anthropologists, Dr. Rachel Watkins and Dr. Michael Blakey, and the Ottery Group has been retained and the earth penetrating radar has been conducted. This inclusive process benefits all of us who wish to see that the needs of the Westbard and River Road community are respected.

Thank you.

Vonna Heaton

Member, River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation



"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

— [Maya Angelou](#)

John Marcolin

From: Whipple, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 3:52 PM
To: Wright, Gwen; Kronenberg, Robert
Subject: FW: Support River Road African Cemetary Delineation Project

FYI

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Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 3:49 PM
To: Krasnow, Rose <rose.krasnow@montgomeryplanning.org>; Pugh, Carolyn <carolyn.pugh@montgomeryplanning.org>; Whipple, Scott <scott.whipple@montgomeryplanning.org>; Youla, Sandra <sandra.youla@montgomeryplanning.org>
Subject: FW: Support River Road African Cemetary Delineation Project

From: Sinnott, Jan [<mailto:jsinnott@towson.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 2:23 PM
To: MCP-Chair <mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org>
Subject: Support River Road African Cemetary Delineation Project

Sir, I am writing to express support for the River Road African Cemetery Delineation project. I believe in an inclusive process whereby the Equity One Sketch plan will not be brought before the Commission until the pre-requisite work of hiring the anthropologists, Dr. Rachel Watkins and Dr. Michael Blakey, and the Ottery Group has been retained and the earth penetrating radar has been conducted. This inclusive process benefits all of us who wish to see that the needs of the Westbard and River Road community are respected.

Thank you.

Jan Sinnott
Member, River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation
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I AM ON SABBATICAL FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER OF 2017, BUT CAN HELP YOU WITH RESEARCH WE ARE WORKING ON TOGETHER OR THESIS PROJECTS.

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John Marcolin

From: Whipple, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 5:43 PM
To: Kronenberg, Robert
Subject: Fwd: CRM: FW: Westbard Sector Plan

Begin forwarded message:

From: MCP-Chair <mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org>
Date: February 7, 2017 at 5:14:27 PM EST
To: "Krasnow, Rose" <rose.krasnow@montgomeryplanning.org>, "Pugh, Carolyn" <carolyn.pugh@montgomeryplanning.org>, "Youla, Sandra" <sandra.youla@montgomeryplanning.org>, "Whipple, Scott" <scott.whipple@montgomeryplanning.org>
Subject: CRM: FW: Westbard Sector Plan

From: Ed Heaton [<mailto:Ed@tchaTimanwi.net>]
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To: MCP-Chair <mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org>
Cc: Nancy Ladd <revnancymladd@gmail.com>
Subject: Westbard Sector Plan

Mr. Casey Anderson, Board Chair,
Montgomery County Planning Department,
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC),
8787 Georgia Ave,
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<http://montgomeryplanning.org/>
MCP-Chair@mncppc-mc.org

Sir,

I am writing to express support for the *River Road African Cemetery Delineation* project. I believe in an inclusive process whereby the *Equity One Sketch* plan will not be brought before the commission (M-NCPPC) until the pre-requisite work of

- hiring anthropologists *Dr. Rachel Watkins* (<http://www.american.edu/cas/faculty/watkins.cfm>) and *Dr. Michael Blakey* (http://www.wm.edu/as/anthropology/faculty/blakey_m.php) and
- the *Ottery Group* (<http://otterygroup.com/>) has been retained and their ground-penetrating radar study has been conducted.

This inclusive process benefits all of us who wish to see that the needs of the Westbard and River Road community are respected.

Thank you.

Ed

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"The past is what happened; history is an interpretation of it." – Gerald Degroot