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Phillip S. Johnson  
14761 Sugarland Road  
Poolesville, Md. 20837

Re: Plan #1-04026 – Kinzie Property

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Phillip Samuel Johnson. My Grandfather was one of the early owners of land at Sugarland Lane.

I support the Kinzie plans for Sugarland. The Kinzie family has been good for Sugarland. They cleaned up the dumps. They are restoring the land.

They bought land that had been lost. One eight acre piece was sold for taxes by the county in 1976 and then sold again in 2000 when taxes were still not paid. No one knew who owned it. Mr. Kinzie researched the records. The Kinzie family, at their expense, located the owner, bought the land, and paid the back taxes. The Kinzie family also paid the county over \$10,000 in surplus over the tax bill. This surplus was to go to the owner's heirs.

Mr. Kinzie searched the land records, determined that my Grandfather, Phillip Samuel Johnson, was the owner at the time the first tax sale was made. Mr. Kinzie determined that I was the heir, searched me out, took me to the county offices where I showed that I was the legitimate heir, helped me file my claim and I was able to collect the money.

When I wanted to pay something to Mr. Kinzie, he said to give it to the church. The Kinzie family has done a lot of good for Sugarland. I support his plan.

Philip Samuel Johnson

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Douglas M. Duncan  
County Executive

August 7, 2003

James A. Caldwell  
Director

Mr. Robert W. Kinzie  
8513 Meadowlark Lane  
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

Re: Cleanup of Solid Wastes  
Sugarland Lane Properties  
Poolesville, Maryland 20837

Dear Mr. Kinzie:

Recently, you stopped by our offices to drop off some photographs of a pile of solid wastes remaining from the cleanup of your properties along Sugarland Lane in Poolesville, Maryland. Following several exchanged phone messages between us, I stopped by the lots off Sugarland Lane, on August 6, 2003, to evaluate your continued progress in removing these materials.

This afternoon, we spoke on the phone regarding the status of several adjoining lots, which you have been actively engaged in cleaning up for over two years. I am pleased to report that all solid wastes and unnecessary articles have been effectively removed from these premises.

The purpose of this correspondence is to formally acknowledge your diligent efforts to rid these properties of illegally disposed solid wastes and, as a result restore them to a condition that is suitable for your use and the surrounding community. It is not often that we receive such overwhelming and complete cooperation. We fully recognize that you have gone the extra mile to help protect the environment. For these efforts, we would like to take this opportunity to extend our genuine thanks and commend you for all you have done to rid your properties of environmental problems.

In closing, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you many years of happiness and good health. Should you have any questions, or have reason to contact us for information, please feel free to call during regular business hours at 240-777-7770.

Sincerely,

John H. Kershner  
Environmental Specialist

Cc: Dave Rotolone  
Case #200101549

JHK: jhk



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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

August 2, 2002

Douglas M. Duncan  
County Executive

James A. Caldwell  
Director

Mr. Robert Kinzie  
8513 Meadowlark Lane  
Bethesda, Maryland 20817

Re: Case #200101549  
Illegal dumping Investigation  
14420 Sugarland Lane  
Poolesville, Maryland 20837

Dear Mr. Kinzie:

Upon receipt of an illegal dumping complaint in March of 2001, the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection embarked on an investigation of several parcels of vacant land along Sugarland Lane in Poolesville, Maryland. During the course of this investigation, you were identified as one of the property owners whose property had been subjected to hundreds of tons of illegally dumped solid wastes, including abandoned vehicles, engine parts, white goods, abandoned tires, household junk, scrap metal, abandoned farm equipment, cinder blocks, demolition debris, scrap wood, etc. While it was apparent to all parties concerned that you were not directly responsible for the materials disposed on the lots along Sugarland Lane, you were, nonetheless, informed by our office that both State and County law holds registered property owners legally responsible for any outstanding solid waste violations on their land.

This purpose of this letter is to acknowledge that, despite suffering enormous personal hardship and expense, you assumed complete responsibility for the environmental issues discovered on your property and worked diligently for better than a year to mitigate and remove all solid wastes that were illegally disposed on your land. Furthermore, with only limited outside assistance and no direct financial aid, you initiated a complete cleanup of your land, transporting the wastes, one pickup truck load at a time, to the Montgomery County Solid Waste Transfer Station. Your recent account of this cleanup totaled more than two hundred trips to the Transfer Station to complete this project.

While I may not personally be in a position to extend any commendations or awards for your efforts, I feel compelled to inform you, on behalf of the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, that your efforts to remove the unwanted solid wastes on the parcels of land you own along Sugarland Lane is one of the most incredible accomplishments I have ever witnessed in my 24 years of public service. Typically, with cleanup projects of this magnitude, the ultimate resolution involves a lengthy, involved and sometimes quite adversarial legal proceeding between the responsible party(s) and the regulatory officials. Many times, the government has to assume the costs and then seek restitution through the courts. This process, as I'm sure you realize, tends to prolong the cleanup process and usually costs the taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars before the matter is finally settled.



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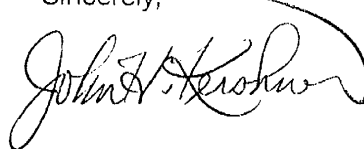
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However, your conduct throughout this entire ordeal was never hostile or uncooperative. Throughout the entire course of this huge project, despite the exorbitant personal cost, you conducted your self in a professional, courteous fashion and assumed full responsibility for the wastes dumped on your land. In addition, you immediately established and maintained a cordial and productive rapport with me, responding like an honest, understanding friend rather than as an adversary. I think that speaks volumes about the type of person you truly are and I want you to know it was genuinely appreciated.

Now that you have finally completed this nightmarish cleanup project, I would like to extend my sincere thanks for all you have done to alleviate the environmental problems on your land. Rest assured these efforts did not go unnoticed. In closing, if you are ever in need of service from this Department, for any reason whatsoever, I would consider it a privilege to assist you in any way I can.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John H. Kershner". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

John H. Kershner  
Environmental Specialist

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Case #200101549

Cc: Ellen Scavia  
Dave Rotolone