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Subject: RE: Clarksburg Ten-Mile Creek Sewer Study CAC Meeting Number 3 - Date, place and time scheduled

**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2015 7:17:50 PM

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Dear Mr. Dixon,

Cc:

Thank you for presenting Alternatives 6 and 7 at the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting on March 25. They show some refinements over Alternatives 1-5, but still violate a central provision of the Ten Mile Creek Limited Master Plan amendment passed unanimously by the Montgomery County Council last year.

The Limited Master Plan Amendment, as amended, prohibits construction in environmentally-sensitive buffer areas:

"On both sides of perennial and intermittent streams and adjacent to springs and seeps, buffers must be a minimum of 200 feet, and must be expanded to include:

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->All erodible soils . . .
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Wetlands that extend beyond the buffer must have a minimum 50 foot wetland buffer
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->All ephemeral streams, not including roadside drainage ditches, plus a 50 foot buffer
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->All slopes 15 percent or greater that begin within the buffers described above."

Despite the prohibition, Alternatives 6 and 7 call for sewers to be built in the environmentally-protected buffers on the east side of the Egan/Mattlyn property and the north side of the Miles/Coppola property. These buffers are steeply sloped, forested, and contains ephemeral streams, springs, seasonal pools, and wetlands, all of which would be disturbed or destroyed by sewer construction. The Montgomery County Council deemed this area so sensitive that they voted not to build a fire station in this area so as to avoid harming its important natural resources!

Why then should WSSC's sewering plan undo all of the County Council's hard work to protect this sensitive area? I am convinced that with today's technology, encroachment into the protected buffers can be avoided. I look forward to hearing about low pressure sewers at the next CAC meeting on April 30 and understanding how they – or other technologies -- can be used to arrive at a way to keep sewers out of Ten Mile Creek and its protected buffers. WSSC must heed the intent of the Montgomery County Council, which firmly declared, "As a result of its unique characteristics, Ten Mile Creek warrants extraordinary protection."

Best regards, Cathy Wiss Cathy Wiss
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Good evening all;

The third meeting of the CAC will be held on Thursday evening, April 30, 2015, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Montgomery County Government's Upcounty Regional Services Center, Room A. Again, the address of the Upcounty Regional Services Center is 12900 Middlebrook Road, Suite 1000, Germantown, Maryland 20874.

CAC members, if you cannot attend, you may designate someone to represent you at the meeting.

The agenda for the upcoming meeting will be sent out a few days before the meeting but outlining our agenda tentatively we plan to have a representative from Freemire/Environment One to present on and discuss the use and implementation of grinder pumps, also another presenter referred by Anne James, and we will address and present our findings/answers to the questions and comments posed to us at the previous meeting in March.

We thank you, again, for your patience and cooperation.

**P.S.:** For your information, directions to the Upcounty Regional Services Center are provided via the following link, <a href="http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/upcounty/about.html">http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/upcounty/about.html</a>

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