

Friends of Harford

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County Executive David R. Craig
220 South Main Street
Bel Air, MD 21014

Dear County Executive Craig,

Friends of Harford understands that Harford County is preparing its stormwater ordinance for submission to Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) for their review. In reviewing Maryland's model ordinance, we find there are aspects that we support and other aspects that need to be strengthened. This is also the view of the Maryland Stormwater Consortium which includes over thirty watershed, environmental and related advocacy groups across the State. The Consortium has endorsed the "Consensus Proposal of Core Environmental Site Design Principals for the Implementation of the Maryland Stormwater Management Act of 2007", a core list of principles needed to effectively implement the Act.

We believe there needs to be a robust public review and comment process *before* Harford submits its proposed ordinance to MDE for review. Therefore, we respectfully ask you to direct your staff to:

- publish the draft stormwater ordinance on the County's web site and invite public review and comment, allowing time both for public review and for your staff to incorporate changes, and
- publish on the County's web site both the public comments and the County's response to each comment so it will be clear what changes, if any, are being made as a result.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to joining our fellow citizens in reviewing this important document and sharing our input with you. Please let us know if you need a copy of the Consensus Proposal.

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cc: Robert Cooper, Director of Public Works
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