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Bill No. 78-24											
2024-10-26 1:48:40	Matthew	Helgeson	Annapolis	Maryland	21401	Yes		Bill No. 78-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Subdivision and Development – Road Design	Oppose	<p>I do not agree with the new legislation which encourages "multi-modal transportation." It should only encourage / require "transportation." I.E. the scripture should be changed from, "AND TO ENHANCE MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION," to instead, "AND TO ENHANCE TRANSPORTATION." Or, if you want to do more than what's required, "AND TO ENHANCE THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION AND PROTECT THEIR FREEDOM TO MOVE."</p> <p>Sure, god may have given us all legs and not wheels, I agree with that. Nevertheless I need the county council to understand that "god" gave us all the gift of a brain, and through using our brains, humanity made perhaps the biggest and most important invention ever: The wheel. Then we innovated it to be motor-driven, making transportation healthy and easy. This made it much easier to readily survive and expand population. Certain extremist groups, insurance companies, government agencies and corporations are trying to tax us for using these inventions. Some are trying to put extreme and disadvantageous conditions and limitations of how much and when we, the people can use that invention to our advantage. That is highly disagreeable. I believe the language, "multi-modal transportation" can and/or will be used by such extremists as a tool or weapon against my generation (I'm 19) to stop or discourage us from fighting back. I can imagine them saying, "look in the laws that you guys passed at your local level, it says multi modal transportation! By charging you \$200 plus tax/tool/fare each day you cross this bridge, we're just encouraging what you asked for! Diverse modes of transit" I understand this is an unrealistic example, but my point is it's not the language to use in this bill, nor the approach to take. The county has proven incompetent at educating and training their citizens how to operate a motor vehicle safely (there are no mandatory driver's ed elective courses at AACPS. The school businesses are terrible and can't teach anyone how to drive, even the expensive ones). SO there's no way the county could handle training and educating their citizens how to walk, bike, scooter, skateboard, ride a motorcycle, etc. safely and intelligently if the county's proven themselves incompetent, unwilling and unable to take any educational controls. In addition to true, impartial engineering controls that improve life safety, safety and the environment in relation to 4-wheel motor vehicular transportation. Until this county proves themselves willing, able, and competent at 4-wheel motor-vehicular safety (TIP: enforcement does NOT yield results, and physically cannot yield safety as it is a REACTIVE measure, not a PROACTIVE one. I'm disappointed in the AAPD for installing automated speed enforcement. It hurts more than it helps and it provokes hatred and division, which destroys what little safety culture we already have).</p> <p>The bill must not use the phrase "multi-modal transportation" as you guys should not be encouraging something you are untrained and unequipped to handle. Anne Arundel has proven themselves most incompetent at even the most primitive safety culture. You guys can't even protect from fire, you've already had a building burn to the ground this year and you can't even maintain one of the earliest fire life safety features: Exit signs. AACPS has proven incompetent at doing basic, primitive safety, such as emergency light and exit sign safety maintenance. None of it is up to code. Sometimes I wish I had called OSHA to inspect my schools while I was a student because of bad certain things were. I don't think you guys would have even the slightest idea of how many 0's worth of fines would have been racked up if I did that senior year. (It would likely be 5 zeros!) It's unfortunate that you hired a prison architect to design our schools as now they're unhealthy, unsafe and not up to code. I know this has nothing to do with the bill, I'm only bringing it up so you understand better where I am coming from when I say, "This county could not handle multi-modal transportation and the safety cultures that must subsequently be instituted within the county to prevent and increase in all fatalities, direct and indirect." (self harm is an example of indirect casualty, from the stresses of not being able to drive places easily and quickly anymore)</p> <p>Multi-modal transportation is something this county (and provably most of the country) is not equipped to safely handle. Please DO NOT encourage it yet! there are other things that I disagree with on this bill as well, but if you guys did not encourage nor require enhancement of multi-modal transportation on new developments in this bill, I would likely have "no position." This bill did not improve safety, and will plausibly unnecessarily increase costs of developments so that they include walking and biking features that very few if any one will ever use. It's a waste. A waste of our very limited time and resources to enhance multi-modal transportation when society can't even handle one singular mode of transportation because it's just too much responsibility for these immature, immodest and sometimes insane Americans to handle. but it wouldn't be to much for us (them) if AACPS simply taught how to freaking drive! Accidents are caused 98% of the time by ignorance, without intellect, idiocracy and/or incompetence! Not by "jerks!" #endAutomatedEnforcement Education is the solution. Making people walk and bike everywhere is not the solution, and the language of this bill should reflect that or it shouldn't pass.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration!</p>	

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2024-11-04 10:04:42	Jon	Korin	SEVERNA PARK	MD	21146-4811	No	Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis & Anne Arundel County (BikeAAA)	Bill No. 78-24: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Subdivision and Development – Road Design	Support	I support with amendments to strengthen the bill so it fulfills it's objectives	https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/41667/bikeaaa-strengthenbill78-24-20241104.pdf
Resolution No. 42-24											
2024-10-30 12:22:45	Alison	Nordholm	Edgewater	MD	21037	Yes		Resolution No. 42-24	Support	I own the property totaling 140 acres to the immediate west of 305 Mill Swamp Rd and wish to express my strong support for this action. 305 is surrounding by large tracts of protected and farmed land totaling well over 1000 acres. Preserving this land for agriculture use is consistent with the current use of the area and with the AACo current and future plan.	
2024-10-30 18:59:55	Hilary	Nordholm	Edgewater	MD	21037	Yes		Resolution No. 42-24	Support	I am writing in strong support of Resolution 42-24, which approves the application of Land Preserve, LLC, to sell an agricultural land preservation easement to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation on 84.55 acres in Edgewater, Maryland. The proposed preservation easement aligns with Anne Arundel County's longstanding commitment to maintaining agricultural lands, enhancing environmental conservation, and ensuring responsible land stewardship. By preserving these parcels at 305 Mill Swamp Road, the County Council demonstrates its commitment to safeguarding our agricultural heritage, supporting local farming, and protecting green spaces in Edgewater for future generations. Endorsed by the Office of Planning and Zoning and the County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board, this easement will contribute positively to both our local economy and environment. The preservation of this property also aligns with our community values and is a strategic decision that serves the public interest by maintaining agricultural use and preventing overdevelopment in this area. Resolution 42-24 is an investment in our community's ecological resilience, agricultural sustainability, and quality of life. Thank you for your leadership in supporting this critical initiative.	
2024-10-31 13:14:20	Anson	Hines	Edgewater	MD	21037	Yes		Resolution No. 42-24	Support	As Director of the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC), I support the sale of an agricultural easement on 305 Mill Swamp Rd. SERC is one of the largest land conservation organizations in the County (2,654 acres), including land adjacent to this property. SERC supports crucial environmental research and education based on the Rhode River watershed, I have advised the County and State over many years regarding land conservation strategies in the southern part of the County, including Rural Legacy, MALPF, Critical Area Zoning, and Open Space. The property in question includes wetlands known as Mill Swamp and adjoining land that need to be protected for several reasons. (1) The wetlands and adjoining property control the hydrodynamic functions of Muddy Creek and the watershed inputs to the Rhode River. Thus, they have key environmental impacts over a much larger area beyond the property lines. (2) They are important as archaeological sites of a grist mill and of a school for African American children. Thus, they affect the historical/cultural importance of the site. (3) They support key habitat for key species such as Great Blue Herons, thus impacting the distinctive biodiversity of the area. Conserving this and other blocks of farm and wetlands is an important feature of the County's land planning and zoning priorities and goals. This approval will help insure those strategic objectives.	
Resolution No. 48-24											
2024-11-02 19:12:53	Lindsey	Kasecamp	Millersville	Maryland	21108	Yes		Resolution No. 48-24	Oppose	Without a traffic study, I do not agree with this resolution that will greatly impact our community. As a resident of Millersville, I want to see our community stay low density and keep green. Please reconsider this resolution on behalf of the residents of this area.	

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2024-11-03 14:22:06	Theresa	Bronakoski	Millersville	Maryland	21108	Yes		Resolution No. 48-24	Oppose	<p>Good Afternoon, There are several concerns regarding this resolution. First, is the overall traffic impact that this transportation facility will have on Rt.3 and Millersville Road. Having that many vehicles, buses and vans at an impact point of overall traffic on Rt. 3 will lead to even more traffic congestion in this already overused area. Exactly, how will the vehicles, buses and vans leave the property to disperse throughout the County? Exiting onto Rt. 3 will cause extensive congestion and by exiting onto Millersville Road there is no room for the buses, vans and vehicles to merge into traffic. Why was no traffic study performed? Secondly, with the Millersville Park being approved and construction to start at any time, Anne Arundel County has already approved the additional traffic on Millersville Road and now approving this Transportation Facility (75 bus spaces, 26 van spaces and 182 parking spaces) a bottleneck will be created daily. Thirdly, with this transportation facility, the South Shore Trail, Maryland Central Korean Baptist Church, Millersville Elementary School, the Severn Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Millersville Park – 278 parking spaces, and Baldwin Reception Hall, how much traffic can Millersville Road handle? Next, there is concern about how many traffic accidents have occurred at this intersection and now we are adding more traffic, this is a major safety concern that must be addressed. Lastly, what is the environmental impact on Jabez Run? The property is a tributary of Jabez Branch, which the County has designated in Plan 2040 for special environmental protection. County, State, and other partners have already spent millions of dollars to restore downstream portions of Jabez Branch, and further stream restoration is in the works.</p>	
2024-11-03 15:49:42	Maribeth	Love	Millersville	MD	21108	Yes		Resolution No. 48-24	Oppose	<p>I submit a request to the AACo Council to postpone any expenditure of funds for this Resolution until inclusive traffic studies and environmental impact studies of the proposed property are completed, reviewed and provided to the council, planning and zoning and surrounding communities for comment.</p> <p>I was involved in the community representation of the request for zoning exception and rezoning of this property by Millersville Properties LLC. At the administrative hearing, AACo P&Z denied the request and supported the community concerns surround environmental impact and placing additional traffic in the existing hazardous intersection of Rt 3 and Millersville Road.</p> <p>The AACo Board of Education proposal identifies 75 buses, 26 vans and 182 cars will be distributed at this facility. The plan has one access point onto Millersville Rd within 300 feet of a right turn lane off Rt 3N and into a Md State designated failed intersection that only allows 5 vehicles to cross at the green light.</p> <p>In addition to the traffic impact, the plan will turn a mostly pervious property into an impervious property with direct impacts on community storm water, well aquifer and septic systems. The site is also part of the Jabez Branch tributary, which is considered for special protection in the County Plan 2040. Millions of dollars have already been spent to restore downstream portions of Jabez and further restoration is active.</p>	
2024-11-03 17:36:45	David	Demers	Millersville	MD	21108	Yes		Resolution No. 48-24	Oppose	<p>it looks like a huge impervious parking lot that will use the Jabez for its stormwater runoff. The intersection of north and south bound Rt3 and Millersville Rd is already one of the most dangerous intersections in the county.</p> <p>Please postpone approval of this resolution until an inclusive traffic study and environmental impact study of the proposed project are completed, reviewed and provided to the council, planning and zoning and surrounding communities.</p> <p>I believe that the AACo P&Z denied the request to pass this resolution and supported the community concerns surrounding environmental impact and placing additional traffic in the existing hazardous intersection of Rt 3 and Millersville Road. In addition to the traffic impact, the plan will turn a mostly pervious property into an impervious property with direct impacts on community storm water, well aquifer and septic systems. The site is also part of the Jabez Branch tributary, which is considered for special protection in the County Plan 2040. Millions of dollars have already been spent to restore downstream portions of Jabez and further restoration is active</p>	

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2024-11-04 3:43:42	Lisa and Gerald	Stedje	Millersville	MD	21108	Yes		Resolution No. 48-24	Oppose	<p>We request the Council postpone the approval of this resolution until an inclusive traffic study and environmental impact study of the proposed project are completed, reviewed, and provided to the Council, to Planning and Zoning, as well as to the surrounding communities, for comment.</p> <p>Significant concerns exist concerning the environmental impact of such a venture, including a massive introduction of nearly daily, vehicle-caused air pollution and noise. Moreover, additional traffic in the existing hazardous and deadly intersection of Route 3 and Millersville Road would be disastrous. Plus, such a plan will turn a mostly pervious property into an impervious property, with direct impacts on the nearby community's storm water, well aquifer, and septic systems. Furthermore, the site is part of the Jabez Branch tributary, which is considered for special protection in the County Plan 2040. Millions of dollars have already been spent to restore downstream portions of Jabez and further restoration is active.</p> <p>Please seriously reconsider this resolution.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Sincerely, Lisa J. Stedje, M.Ed., and Gerald D. Stedje, Ph.D.</p>	
2024-11-04 8:44:06	Elizabeth	Sroka	Millersville	MD	21108	Yes		Resolution No. 48-24	Oppose	<p>I oppose the purchase of this property for a Transportation Complex. This location is at a failing intersection. EVERYONE recognizes the problem this section of route 3 is and this is ridiculous that AAC would conceive a project that would add to the burden of traffic. Parking for 76 buses 28 vans 183 cars and the traffic it will generate is ludicrous. There is already a problem with cars entering off of Millersville Rd to the parking lot for the South Shore Trail. There is a safety concern for pedestrians crossing from the parking lot and the trail. Please vote no.</p>	
2024-11-04 10:21:19	Theresa	Halstad	Millersville	Maryland	21108	Yes		Resolution No. 48-24	Oppose	<p>Testimony Re Resolution No. 48-24</p> <p>I request the Council postpone the approval of this resolution until an inclusive traffic study and environmental impact study of the proposed project are completed, reviewed, and provided to the Council, to Planning and Zoning, as well as to the surrounding communities, for comment.</p> <p>Significant concerns exist concerning the environmental impact of such a venture, including a massive introduction of nearly daily vehicle-caused air pollution and noise. Moreover, additional traffic in the existing hazardous and deadly intersection of Route 3 and Millersville Road would be disastrous. Please seriously reconsider opposing this resolution.</p> <p>Thank you for time and service to Anne Arundel County.</p>	
2024-11-04 10:33:05	Caryn	Sobel	Millersville	MD	21108	Yes		Resolution No. 48-24	Oppose	<p>Please suspend advancing this legislation until appropriate traffic studies and environmental impact assessments have been completed.</p> <p>The increased traffic will lead to various forms of pollution, e.g., air, noise, and likely water, and will adversely affect the health of the residents, wildlife, and vegetation of our neighborhoods.</p> <p>These alterations need more thorough study, at the very least.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	
2024-11-04 10:58:25	Jessica	Tiller	Millersville	MD	21108	Yes		Resolution No. 48-24	Oppose	<p>We request the Council postpone the approval of this resolution until an inclusive traffic study and environmental impact study of the proposed project are completed, reviewed, and provided to the Council, to Planning and Zoning, as well as to the surrounding communities, for comment.</p> <p>Significant concerns exist concerning the environmental impact of such a venture, including a massive introduction of nearly daily vehicle-caused air pollution and noise. Moreover, additional traffic in the existing hazardous and deadly intersection of Route 3 and Millersville Road would be disastrous. Plus, such a plan will turn a mostly pervious property into an impervious property, with direct impacts on the nearby community's storm water, well aquifer, and septic systems. Furthermore, the site is part of the Jabez Branch tributary, which is considered for special protection in the County Plan 2040. Millions of dollars have already been spent to restore downstream portions of Jabez and further restoration is active.</p> <p>Please seriously reconsider this resolution.</p>	

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2024-11-04 11:00:59	Scott	Blackketter	Millersville	MD	21108	Yes		Resolution No. 48-24	Oppose	<p>I ask that the Council postpone the approval of this resolution until the burden it will put on the local communities and environment is fully understood.</p> <p>This intersection has already been rated by traffic studies as "failing" and is one of the most dangerous intersections in the area. The overdevelopment of Rt. 3 is an escalating burden on the local communities and this is yet another example of the County proposing to make the problem worse rather than better.</p> <p>Thorough traffic and environmental need to be completed BEFORE a use by the County is proposed and these studies NEED TO BE READ by the applicable county officials and the DATA USED to make decisions regarding the use of the property. This has not been the process observed recently.</p>	



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Testimony 48-24

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Good morning Council,

Please see the testimony below for Res. No. 48-24. Thank you.

Kaley

I am writing as President of the Patapsco Valley Trout Unlimited (TU). The parcel in question lies within the South Fork Jabez Branch catchment. TU has spent considerable resources studying the Jabez Branch headwaters which until recently supported wild native brook trout. The trout were extirpated around 2018. We have identified pollution sources and offered recommendations for restoring the conditions needed by trout. The County has widely ignored our work. We identified warm stormwater runoff from moderate to large summer rain events as the likely cause of the extirpation.

The stream channel downgradient of the subject parcel has been shown to contribute considerable thermal pollution to the stream segment where brook trout once spawned. This is likely due to insufficient stormwater management in the area of Andersons Corner. The State has listed the stream as impaired (303d listing) since it has been degraded below its lawful (CWA and Md. Code) existing-use as natural trout water and below its if designated use as Class III Non-tidal Cold Water.

Any further development which allows concentrated stormwater into Jabez Branch channels and that limits rainfall infiltration into the groundwater will exacerbate problems with temperature spikes and reduced stream baseflow. A parcel development proposal for a BOE large parking area has the potential to worsen current problems. The best scenario for this parcel is to convert it to open space. If development is allowed, stormwater management should include a zero-discharge with infiltrative best management practices.

"Business as usual" land development in this area will preclude restoration.

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April 23, 2022

Honorable Steuart L. Pittman
County Executive, Anne Arundel County
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Dear County Executive Pittman:

Enclosed with this letter is a report on the degradation of Jabez Branch and the extirpation of the native brook trout that inhabited the stream until very recently. This report is the product of a year-long study in the headwaters and provides insights into the causes of the degradation. I would appreciate you reviewing the summary findings and the discussions on restoration and proposed collaborations.

In 2021, Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MD DNR) Fishing and Boating Services assisted Trout Unlimited (TU) in studying stream conditions in Jabez Branch. Divisions within MD DNR also reviewed a draft of this report. TU also hired an environmental scientist to do an independent assessment and submit a report. The consultant's report is available upon request.

Many divisions within Anne Arundel County Government influence the conditions within Jabez Branch including those involved with environmental review, stormwater management, erosion and sediment control, inspections and permits, and watershed protection. I hope that you will alert these departments of the report and encourage their review and feedback.

The report will be made available to other stakeholders including the Maryland Department of Environment, State Highway Administration, and the Severn River Association. It is our hope that stakeholders will work together to develop and implement a watershed improvement plan for Jabez Branch. If improvements in stormwater control, riparian buffers, and regulatory oversight are delayed, conditions within Jabez Branch will worsen and the identified degradation made permanent.

Please let me know that you received the report and feel free to contact me with any questions at iasenkel@gmail.com or 443-223-8758.

Sincerely,

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