



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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November 5, 2025

Shannon Bohrer, Chair
Frederick County Board of Appeals
30 N. Market Street, 1st Floor
Frederick, MD 21701

Re: **Proposed nongovernmental utility** (BOA Case #B-25-23)
12234 Old Frederick Road, Thurmont, Maryland
Historic Preservation Commission's review and comments on the proposed utility

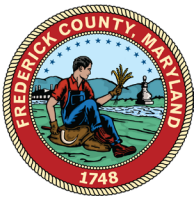
Dear Shannon Bohrer:

This letter confirms the affirmative vote of the majority of the Frederick County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), at its public meeting on November 5, 2025, that the nongovernmental utility proposed at 12234 Old Frederick Road, Thurmont, Maryland (BOA Case #B-25-23), would have negative impacts to historic and cultural resources within the vicinity. The motion passed 5-0-0-2.

The HPC recommends as mitigation measures:

1. A denser, four-season vegetative screen surrounding the property with a more natural edge, i.e. not straight lines, as well as more variation in the species and height of trees and vegetation, including trees with a maximum height taller than the proposed buildings. These measures would replicate historic agricultural field boundaries that are common in the County.
2. Reforestation of the green space and vegetative screening of the northern boundary of the property, where there currently is none, since the National Register property St. John's Church and associated cemetery is the most impacted historic resource.
3. The green space should be designed as meadow space and not sod lawn to help with the sound and environmental impacts.
4. Architectural designs that match the rural, agricultural character of this region of Frederick County.
5. A red balloon test study on the high points of the structures to more fully understand viewshed impact.
6. A sound study to more fully understand the noise pollution impact of the proposed use on the surrounding historic structures.

If you have any questions regarding the decision of the Historic Preservation Commission, you may contact me by phone at 301-600-1149 or via email at CLockard@FrederickCountyMD.gov.



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Sincerely,

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