

From: redpig911@gmail.com <redpig911@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 12:05 PM
To: Council Members <CouncilMembers@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Subject: I am longtime resident in nearby Montgomery County who has enjoyed our Ag Preserve. I urge you to follow the recommendation of your planning commission.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Charles Alexander <ch_a_alex@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 11:02 AM
To: Council Members <CouncilMembers@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Subject: Sugarloaf Alliance

I support the Sugarloaf Alliances recommendation to support the Overlay District as recommended by the Frederick County Planning Commission. This is a natural area whose undeveloped character, which provides numerous environmental and scenic benefits to all residents, should be preserved as the tremendous asset it is.

From: Anne T Sturm <annets1@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 1:29 PM
To: Council Members <CouncilMembers@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Subject: Sugarloaf Overlay Please support

Dear County Council members,

I am writing in support of the Sugarloaf Overlay District - Treasured Landscapes as passed by the Planning Commission.

Be sure to take a break and visit Sugarloaf Mountain whenever you can. We all need the natural therapy that it offers. The last time I was on the mountain, two school buses from Frederick County were unloading a lot of excited students.

You can't beat the JOYFUL NOISE made by the students competing with the sound of a Wood Thrush

Thank you for all your hard work!

Anne T. Sturm
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From: Bev Thoms <thoms.bev@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 11:54 AM
To: Council Members <CouncilMembers@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Cc: Bev Thoms <thoms.bev@icloud.com>
Subject: Sugarloaf Overlay District

Please support the Sugarloaf Overlay District as recommended by the Frederick County Planning Board. It will preserve a rare and treasured landscape that we can never replace once destroyed by development.

Thank you

Bev Thoms
Dickerson, MD 20842

From: betty winholtz <winholtz@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 10:32 AM
To: Planning Commission <PlanningCommission@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Cc: Council Members <CouncilMembers@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Subject: sugarloaf

Dear Planning Commissioners:

I support the Overlay District for Sugarloaf.

I support the construction data centers on industrial campuses on the brownfields. However, Quantum Loophole must come into compliance with environmental regulations before site plans are approved.

Sincerely,
Betty WInholtz

From: Robert Ladner <phagebob4@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 10:44 AM
To: Council Members <CouncilMembers@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Cc: Sue.Trainor.Music@gmail.com
Subject: Sugarloaf Overlay

Dear Council Member,

I support the Sugarloaf

Alliance in wanting you to approve the Overlay such that the nature of the area is preserved. Please retain the features listed below.

- The Overlay's I-270
- boundary from Montgomery County to the Monocacy.
- The Overlay and the
- Plan's preservation goals for Sugarloaf, which include :
 - - "To address
 - the scale and visual impact of land uses and developments that can degrade rural qualities, excessively burden the transportation network, and overwhelm the scenic and rural nature of the Sugarloaf Planning area
 - - "To minimize
 - adverse impacts of land development activities on forestlands and natural habitats
 - - "To regulate
 - the amount of impervious surfaces to control the volume of stormwater runoff and stream bank erosion, maintain levels of groundwater infiltration, and retain as many of the functions provided by natural land as possible".
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Robert Ladner
3827 Green Valley Road, Ijamsville, Maryland 21754

From: edkirkpatrick@verizon.net <edkirkpatrick@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 1:34 PM
To: McKay, Steve <SMcKay@FrederickCountyMD.gov>; McKay, Steve <SMcKay@FrederickCountyMD.gov>; Keegan-Ayer, MC <MCKeegan-Ayer@FrederickCountyMD.gov>; Duckett, Kavonte <KDuckett@FrederickCountyMD.gov>; Carter, Mason <MCarter@FrederickCountyMD.gov>; Young, Brad <BYoung@FrederickCountyMD.gov>; Knapp, Renee <RKnapp@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Subject: The Sugarloaf Plan Overlay

Dear Councilors,

We are writing to express our very strong support for the Sugarloaf Plan Overlay District as studied and approved by the Planning Commission. We believe that the vision Gordon Strong expressed in both his life and his last will and testament was for the preservation in perpetuity of this wonderful piece of our beautiful Maryland. His desire to share it with his fellow citizens is perhaps his greatest gift to us living here now. Any plan to develop the Sugarloaf Mountain past its natural state will run counter to his dream. It is up to us to ensure it endures.

In combination with Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve this area preserves wildlife habitat, carbon absorbing woodlands, some degree of a dark night sky, and much needed peace and quiet. Please vote to adopt the plan as recommended by the Planning Commission without alteration.

Thank you,

Edward and Martha Kirkpatrick
5600 Haddington Drive
Adamstown, MD. 21710
301 787-5544

From: Catherine Brown <brownathy@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 6:59 PM
To: Council Members <CouncilMembers@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Subject: Sugarloaf Overlay Concerns

It is critical that you do the job as an elected official to promote the general welfare and common good for our citizens. To this end, you are urged to vote for the Sugarloaf Overlay.

As our county faces another drought, it is irresponsible to support additional development in this area. Our water resources are being depleted. Our natural resources, open space, and managed agricultural land are vital to sustain our livelihoods. Expanded development increases run-off, localized flooding, and reduces the amount of rainfall that soaks into our water table. Without expanses of undeveloped land, we destroy the ability of our land to support our population.

At this moment, with this decision, we are at the precipice of doing irrevocable damage to our county's ability to sustain our economy, our health, and our way of life.

Measure growth not by the developers economics. Measure growth by improving the lives of our citizens!

Catherine Brown
5529 Mountville Rd, Adamstown 21710

From: lauraebard@comcast.net <lauraebard@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 3:07 PM
To: Council Members <CouncilMembers@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Subject: Sugarloaf Overlay

Please support the Sugarloaf Alliance recommended plan for the Sugarloaf Overlay here in Frederick County. I have been living in the area affected by this change for over 50 years and had seen the East side of I-270 change drastically. I am grateful to be on the West side of I-270 and not been as disrupted as the East side. However we have to live with the changes that do affect us including the roads and schools crowding. I ask that you not force us into more development in our more rural side of the I-270 corridor and spoil our current countryside.

Thank you,
Laura E Beard

Sent from [MailDroid](#)

From: Cynthia Kehr <cynthialkehr@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 10:33 AM
To: Council Members <CouncilMembers@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Subject: Overlay District

County Council Members,

I encourage you to support the Overlay District as recommended by the Frederick County Planning Commission.

Thank you,
Cynthia and Alan Kehr
12087 Stansbury Dr, Monrovia, MD 21770

From: Matt Seubert <matts853@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 12:28 PM
To: Council Members <CouncilMembers@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Subject: Sugarloaf Plan Overlay District

Dear council members,

I ask that you support the Sugarloaf Overlay District as recently passed by the Planning Commission. I believe the preservation focused Overlay they passed is crucial to the long-term quality of life of Frederick County residents, and will best support out county's rural heritage in this beautiful area.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Matt Seubert
Urbana

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jacquelyn Sheehan <tcroft7498@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 10, 2023 4:03 PM
To: Council Members <CouncilMembers@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Subject: Sugarloaf Mountain

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

It must be preserved as is. There is nothing like it in the area and thousands of people use it every year for all types of recreation. It is far too special to fall to housing, churches, malls, etc, etc. Thanks for your help, Lynn Sheehan

Sent from my iPad

From: prosequitur@mac.com <prosequitur@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, November 10, 2023 12:05 PM
To: Council Members <CouncilMembers@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Cc: Donald, Jerry <JDonald@FrederickCountyMD.gov>; McKay, Steve <SMcKay@FrederickCountyMD.gov>; Keegan-Ayer, MC <MCKeegan-Ayer@FrederickCountyMD.gov>; Duckett, Kavonte <KDuckett@FrederickCountyMD.gov>; Carter, Mason <MCarter@FrederickCountyMD.gov>; Young, Brad <BYoung@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Subject: Support for the Sugarloaf Plan Overlay District

Brian Dijker
Lisa Lovaas
Property owners
9009 Slate Quarry Rd
Dickerson, Md 20842
November 9, 2023

Jerry Donald
Steve McKay
M.C. Keegan-Ayer
Kavonte Duckett
Mason Carter
Brad Young
Renee Knapp
Frederick County Council
Winchester Hall
12 East Church Street Frederick, MD 21701

Subject: Support for the Sugarloaf Plan Overlay District

Dear Frederick County Council Members,

We are writing to express our support for the Sugarloaf Plan Overlay District. As property owners within the proposed boundaries of this district, our family has always been committed to preserving the environmental and rural character of this area over the course of more than five decades. The plan's intent, "to ensure the long-term sustainability, health, and integrity of natural environmental systems and maintain and protect the ecological function and rural qualities of the landscapes that comprise the Sugarloaf Planning Area," aligns with our values. We believe that the plan is an important step in protecting this unique area in southern Frederick County for future generations, and urge you to give it your full consideration.

Thank you for your dedication to preserving the natural beauty of this region, maintaining its rural character, and ensuring its long-term well-being. We support the Sugarloaf Plan Overlay District and its mission.

Sincerely,

Brian Dijker & Lisa Lovaas

From: Elizabeth Law <bettybob1758@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 10, 2023 9:42 AM
To: Young, Brad <BYoung@FrederickCountyMD.gov>; Duckett, Kavonte <KDuckett@FrederickCountyMD.gov>; Donald, Jerry <JDonald@FrederickCountyMD.gov>; Carter, Mason <MCarter@FrederickCountyMD.gov>; Knapp, Renee <RKnapp@FrederickCountyMD.gov>; McKay, Steve <SMcKay@FrederickCountyMD.gov>; Keegan-Ayer, MC <MCKeegan-Ayer@FrederickCountyMD.gov>; Council Members <CouncilMembers@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Cc: Planning Commission <PlanningCommission@FrederickCountyMD.gov>; Gaines, Kimberly <KGaines@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Subject: Comments Re: Sugarloaf Overlay Zoning Ordinance

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Council President Brad Young and Council Members,

At the Oct. 18, 2022 Council meeting I spoke about how impermeable surfaces affect stormwater. In the Oct. 22 issue of *Chesapeake Bay Journal*, the Chesapeake Bay Program reported that one inch of rain falling on one acre of forest produces 758 gallons of runoff, whereas one inch of rain falling on one acre of pavement produces 27,000 gallons of runoff.

Ellicott City's flooding stands as a dramatic example of what occurs when a supercell hits after forests were removed for development.

If for no other reason than providing cost efficient, sustainable stormwater management, I urge you to approve the *Sugarloaf Heritage Overlay Zoning District Ordinance* as recommended by the Planning Commission. Without the Zoning Ordinance, the Sugarloaf Plan is only aspirational, as Council Member McKay said last year.

The Overlay does not affect current uses. The focus of the Overlay's preservation language is to limit future development into non-ag, industrial, commercial, or more dense residential land use that would be inconsistent with the goals of *the Sugarloaf Treasured Landscape Management Plan* approved last year.

The coalition of developers and realtors would like you to carve out areas for industrial uses like the earlier plan for Amazon Data Centers west of I-270 (see attached). The properties most at-risk for development are on the west side of I-270, along Rt. 80 and along Thurston Road. These properties were included on the County-produced draft *Data Center Floating Zone* map, which outlines 9,400 acres targeted for data centers in southern Frederick County.

Recently I sent you a review of PJM's plans to approve new and upgraded transmission lines necessary to supply the enormous amount of power required by datacenters in Virginia and Maryland. The maps provided by PJM show new transmission lines crossing into Frederick County into the Adamstown area and near

Sugarloaf, where it is not a stretch to imagine these lines being tapped for additional data center sites.

There is a place for datacenters in Frederick County, but it is not in this pristine rural area. The County already has areas zoned commercial and industrial. The South Frederick Corridor Plan can be developed to accommodate the developers. Industrial and commercial enterprises won't be closed out of Frederick County, but they should not be everywhere and anywhere.

Moreover, the Sugarloaf area should also be protected from dense housing – preventing an "Urbana West". The Brickworks project in Frederick City is proposing 1200 units on 60 acres. That is easily extrapolated to 12,000 units on 600 acres. Do you really want to see that happen to the Sugarloaf Treasured Landscape?

Please consider the people of Frederick County and approve the Sugarloaf Heritage Overlay Zoning District Ordinance.

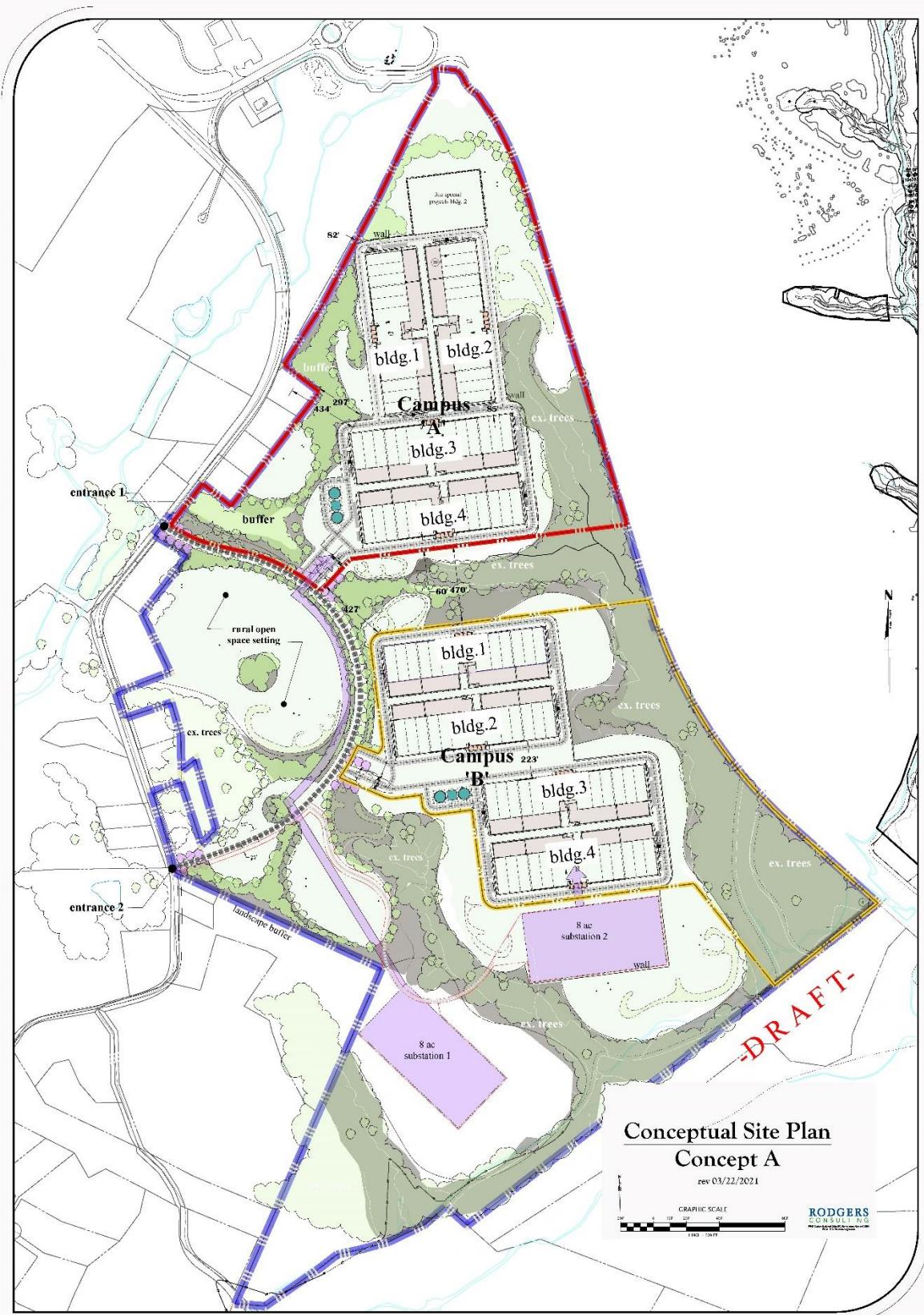
Thank you,

Elizabeth Law

1758 Wheyfield Dr.

Frederick, MD 21701

Bettybob1758@gmail.com



From: Margaret7071 <margaretkel7071@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 11, 2023 6:24 AM
To: Council Members <CouncilMembers@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Subject: Overlay

Dear Council Members,
It is your privilege to be in a position to help preserve open space for future generations. Please accept this responsibility and vote to implement the Overlay proposals.
Thank you.
Margaret Kelley
Sent from my iPhone

From: laserveteeg@netzero.net <laserveteeg@netzero.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 11, 2023 9:41 AM
To: Council Members <CouncilMembers@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Cc: info@mocoalliance.org
Subject: pass the Rural Heritage Overlay zone as approved by the Planning Commission last month, including the I-270 boundary.

Dear Councilmen,
I live within view of Sugarloaf mountain and have been a steady proponent of conservation and management protections for this incredible region of Frederick/Montgomery County Agricultural reserve. I urge you to look past short term development money for the long view. Maintaining this region in its current state will provide generations of Marylanders the amazing feeling you get when you step into this area.
You can only tear down an ecosystem once, but you can preserve it for a lifetime.

Thanks you for your time.

Peter H. Eeg DVM/ Cynthia A Eeg
16400 W Old Baltimore Rd
Boyds, MD 20841
301-916-0144

From: Jane Thompson <jayteehike@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 12, 2023 8:35 PM
To: Council Members <CouncilMembers@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Subject: Pass the Rural Heritage Overlay zone

Dear Councilmembers,

Since 1958 I have lived near Sugarloaf Mountain, mostly with a lovely view of it. Growing up here in the peace and quiet of, what is now, the Montgomery County Ag Reserve, was very special and a treat to many friends who come to visit from developed areas.

We need open space for all to enjoy! There is so much development elsewhere, protecting this area from development of any type is very important.

Thank you for your thoughtful attention to the Rural Heritage Overlay that was approved last month.

Peaceful trails,

Jane Thompson
22621 West Harris Rd
Dickerson MD. 20838

No amount of anxiety makes any difference to anything that is going to happen.
- Alan Watts

From: Carolyn Fortin <ccsfortin@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 11:41 AM
To: Council Members <CouncilMembers@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Subject: Sugarloaf overlay

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

I urge the council to support the sugarloaf overlay. This has been a long hill to climb to get to this point to preserve and protect the sugarloaf area. Please support the planning boards recommendations.
Larry Fortin, Mount Ephraim Road
Thanks
Sent from my iPad

From: Catherine Marcoux <katerihusky@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 11:16 AM
To: Council Members <CouncilMembers@FrederickCountyMD.gov>; County Executive <CountyExecutive@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Subject: Re: Sugarloaf Overlay

Dear County Council Members,

I am writing as life long resident of Frederick County of 63 years and who grew up near Sugarloaf mountain. I am encouraging all of you to support the Overlay District as recommended by the Frederick County Planning Commission.

The Sugarloaf Alliance Supports are the same as my own.

- The Overlay's I-270 boundary from Montgomery County to the Monocacy.
- The Overlay and the Plan's preservation goals for the Sugarloaf area, which include the following:
 - "To address the scale and visual impact of land uses and developments that can degrade rural qualities, excessively burden the transportation network, and overwhelm the scenic and rural nature of the Sugarloaf Planning area
 - "To minimize adverse impacts of land development activities on forestlands and natural habitats
 - "To regulate the amount of impervious surfaces to control the volume of stormwater runoff and stream bank erosion, maintain levels of groundwater infiltration, and
- retain as many of the functions provided by natural land as possible".

With the increase of building within Frederick County, we all need green spaces for recreation. If COVID 19 has taught society anything, is that being outside in nature provides both physical and emotional well being.

Lets remember the mission statement of the The Livable Frederick Master Plan's "Making Our Environment Vision A Reality" includes "Category: Land: Goal: ...The natural environment and its habitat provision and ecosystem services are critical to our quality of life, and so they should be the primary consideration in all land planning and governmental decision-making processes."

Thank-you for listening to my concerns,
Catherine Marcoux
2808 Chevy Chase Circle
Jefferson, MD 21755
240-656-9248

From: Will Rinaldi <w.g.rinaldi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 12:03 PM
To: Donald, Jerry <JDonald@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Cc: Council Members <CouncilMembers@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Subject: Sugarloaf Plan Overlay District

Dear Council Member Donald,

I am writing today to inform you of my support of the Sugarloaf Overlay District. Having lived on the corner of Thurston and Linthicum roads for over 20 years, I am gravely concerned about the environmental impact that abandoning the Overlay Plan's preservation goals would have. The recent dry spell has pointed out how important it is to protect our wells and groundwater from waste infiltration which will only be increased with each square foot of pavement.

What will become of the natural beauty of the Sugarloaf Mountain area if the Overlay is discarded? As I was walking my dog along Thurston Road and up Sugarloaf Mountain Road this past week, I was delighted by the country scenery that was so wonderfully enhanced by the fall foliage. What a shame I thought if future county residents were denied the same experience.

Sincerely,
Will Rinaldi
1310 Linthicum Rd, Dickerson, MD 20842
301-828-7779

cc

From: L B <shallyn333@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 3:59 PM
To: Cherney, Ragen <RCherney@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Subject: Ag overlay opt out please

Dear Frederick County Council,

We have been a proud Frederick County farm family for 43 years. I am contacting you to please keep our 3rd generation ag property OUT of any new restrictions/regulations. Frederick County has several excellent conservation programs if we wish to go that route with our property, we have not for many reasons. Therefore, I don't think a third party should force us into living with new restrictions/regulations. Please remove our land as you have already done with other properties if the council sees fit to pass new rules/restrictions/regulations. We opt out.

Thank you for your time and attention,
Lynda Bryant
2613 Dixon Rd Frederick Maryland 21704
2713 Thurston Rd Frederick Maryland 21704
2719 Thurston Rd Frederick Maryland 21704
301.788.8279

From: Pam Burke <pjburke737@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 6:23 PM
To: Council Members <CouncilMembers@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Cc: sue.trainor.music@gmail.com; Planning Commission
<PlanningCommission@FrederickCountyMD.gov>; Constituent Services
<constituentservices@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Subject: Sugarloaf Overlay

Dear Council Member,

While we do not live in the area involved, we strongly support the current version of the Sugarloaf Overlay that you will receive for your consideration from the Planning Commission. We believe this overlay is in keeping with the goals of Liveable Frederick, which include - The natural environment and its habitat provision and ecosystem services are critical to our quality of life, and so they should be the primary consideration in all land planning and governmental decision-making processes."

The overlay has been a part of planning prior to the discussions regarding data centers. It has been repeatedly revisited by all parties and now it is time for your favorable consideration of the Planning Commission's recommendation. Please give your full support to the Sugarloaf Overlay.

Sincerely,
Paul and Pamela Burke
9233 Bessie Clemson Road
Union Bridge MD 21

From: Isabelle Boulet <isabellejboulet@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 10:39 PM
To: Council Members <CouncilMembers@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Subject: Sugarloaf Overlay District

Dear Council Members,

As residents of the area directly affected by the plan, we would like to express our strong support for the Sugarloaf Overlay District and hope that you will support it too. It is essential that we preserve the character of this area, which once lost can never be brought back. It is our collective responsibility to protect it for the next generations.

Kind regards,
Isabelle Boulet and Mike Dennis
25440 Old Hundred Rd, Dickerson, MD 20842.

Sent from my iPhone