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ITEM #4

November 17, 2003

Mr. Derick Berlage
Montgomery County Planning Board
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3760

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Name of Plan: Meadowsweet
Subdivision File Number: 1-04011
Site Plan: 8-04004

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
THE MARYLAND NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

Dear Mr. Derick Berlage:

Brooke Run Tree Farm favors this subdivision with reservations. Be advised our nursery consists of 115 acres directly across the street from this proposed subdivision. Montgomery County established an agricultural preservation district for our property with an easement sold to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

Our reservations are how will this development impact our ability to control deer damage to our trees. Currently our control consists of hunting with permits from Maryland Department of Natural Resources. The enclosed pictures we took this week shows we still have substantial damage. How will this development, as well as the one proposed for the property along our south property line, impact our business? We now see herds of deer numbering over 30 animals – will all this developing make us an oasis for the deer population in the area and deteriorate our business? Will we be able to use firearms with the new populus?

We see only three possible solutions:

1. Somehow find a way for us to successfully grow our trees by controlling the deer while allowing development to continue.
2. Deer control is a huge problem for growing crops, therefore we are investigating the possibility of a PIGERY or Chicken Production.
3. Let us, also develop 30 lots on our property and give 85 acres to the county for use they deem appropriate.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Stephens, Jr.