

Item 6 - Correspondence

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Subject: Please follow the guidelines presented by the Audubon Naturalist Society
Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 7:34:43 AM

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Montgomery County Planning Board,

Dear Planning Board members,

If you give builders an inch, they will take a mile. We need strict laws to protect the forests that we all need for mental and physical health. Builders are especially quick to take trees/forest in the areas of our most vulnerable citizens. Please pass strict rules and make sure they are followed.

Thank you,

Pat Wellington

(Nurse, recently retired Montgomery Count Public Health)

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Planning Board Chair Casey Anderson,

I live in the woods across from a national park. Many of the new people moving onto my street have cut down many heritage trees. Some of them butcher the trees by topping them. It's heartbreaking to see this destruction. In the past decade, Montgomery County lost more than 1000 acres of forest. While I welcome updates to the forest conservation law to address this problem, the law needs to be far stronger to result in "no net loss" of forest. I support amendments suggested by the MoCo Forest Coalition, including:

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Planning Board Chair Casey Anderson,

Dear Council Members:

Nine years ago, I worked with the Trees Matter Coalition to get the current Montgomery County Urban Tree Bill and the Street Tree Bill passed by the Council and signed by then County Executive Leggett. While those bills were a good start -- or better than nothing -- they did not do enough to reverse loss of the urban forest. Instead, they are essentially "replanting bills" designed to plant new trees rather than protecting mature tree canopy. The street tree bill has a few more teeth than the urban tree bill but both bills are not what we had hoped for. And sadly, community members had worked for 8 long years to get the 2013 tree bills passed.

What the County urban tree bill and street tree bill cannot cover could perhaps be addressed in part by a stronger no net loss policy added to the existing county Forest Conservation Law. Please do all you can to strengthen this law, then look to tackle improvements to the legislation passed in 2013.

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Forests sustain and enrich our lives in so many ways. They are critical in our search for answers to the climate crisis. Any loss of forest acreage is unacceptable as we seek to mitigate the disaster of global warming.

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About the proposed Forest conservation Law:

The law should absolutely prioritize existing forests. The amount of forest acreage lost in the past several years in Montgomery County years is intolerable. We need to replant forests, not only trees, for continued enjoyment, beauty, and ecology of forestlands. I would prefer NO loopholes for site re-plantings of trees, but at least, seriously tightening the loopholes. As for new forests, the benefits should be spread equitably. Please take a close look at the draft law to identify where it could be strengthened to maximize the goals of the legislation.

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I drive around the county and see all of the new building going up where it is currently wooded areas. It is so depressing to know that the wildlife that live in these areas will no longer have this space as a home or stopover on their migratory trail. Many will be killed when the destruction begins. I do wish that we could rally together and protect more of this undeveloped land. As I get older I wonder more and more why we humans think we are more important than other beings and just destroy natural habitat as our right.

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Hello. I have lived in Montgomery County most of my 78 years. The wonderful woods behind our family home are gone along with the bird and plant diversity I saw growing up here. The woods kept us cool and quiet. We loved exploring, finding new moss growing in the shade of old trees (making fairy gardens of these miniature plants and the tiny red and yellow toadstools. Sitting still and waiting for the little toads, shiny Beetles and such to discover and amble through our creations. This kept us engrossed for hours).

Now there are few noticeable stands of mature, undisturbed trees to provide these gentle pleasures and exploring for us young and old. Cool fresh air under tall trees. Without the sounds of lawn mowers, trimmers and leaf blowers.

We have already lost too much treasure! Please change this decline in our natural resources.

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In addition to message below, please ensure that there are protections for streams and natural areas from dangerous runoff. One example is the proposed car wash that will drain into the muddy branch stream. This water would be filled with soap and oil and could severely impact the stream and wildlife if allowed to go through as planned.

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In particular we need

1. a net gain (not just no net loss) of contiguous forests to expand wildlife habitats and strengthen carbon sequestration.
2. significantly increased planting ratios to more quickly replace the lost natural carbon sequestration impacts of cut trees. We need much more than a 1:1 ratio (try 5:1), and preservation of existing trees should not count at all.
3. planting trees throughout the county floodplains (not just to expand contiguous forests) to protect watersheds, dechannelize as much creek water as possible, reduce stormwater runoff and mitigate flood risks; improving watershed health and the health of waterways needs to be a priority
4. planting trees in densely developed areas of the county to protect watersheds, dechannelize creeks, reduce stormwater runoff, and mitigate flood and heat island risks.
5. Protecting and expanding existing forest ecosystems. All pre-existing forests in Montgomery County are to be designated & treated as priority forest in FCL.
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We are not acting quickly enough to reduce carbon emissions. We need to accelerate that effort, but because the world is not moving fast enough, we must protect against the risks of flooding, increase carbon sequestration, improve watershed health and clean water, and protect against heat island effects. Montgomery County needs to lead on this issue and a strong forest conservation law is a necessary component.

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Please note that mature trees are far more effective in mitigating climate change, yet the County seems to have very little protection for them. Policy safeguards for mature trees are necessary in the face of the push for more development in our established neighborhoods.

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There is no cheaper way to mitigate global warming and environmental harm than by conserving mature forests.

In the above paragraphs, when we talk about replanting, we should bear in mind that a juvenile tree does not equal a mature tree. There is not a one to one ratio when between the two when it comes to carbon mitigation. If a developer is allowed to plant say, 10 trees fresh from the nursery for 10 towering multi story trees it is not enough to mitigate the damage from loosing the large trees.

I believe this is very important. Many times I have seen developers get away with planting a few young saplings after clearing out a stand of big trees.

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