

## Item 8 - Correspondence

**From:** [Coello, Catherine](#)  
**To:** [MCP-Chair](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Planning board hearing information  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 5, 2022 2:17:14 PM  
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**From:** Sharp, Michael <Michael.Sharp@montgomeryplanning.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 1, 2022 7:58 AM  
**To:** Kaye, Josh <josh.kaye@montgomeryplanning.org>; Coello, Catherine <catherine.coello@mncppc-mc.org>  
**Subject:** FW: Planning board hearing information

Josh and Catherine,

I am forwarding correspondence I had with someone who made an inquiry about the easement abandonment proposed by OBGC. Please see below for their question and my response.

I have not had any other inquiries to date.

Thanks, Mike



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**From:** Sharp, Michael  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:14 AM  
**To:** 'Taylor Smith' <[anothersmithfam@gmail.com](mailto:anothersmithfam@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Planning board hearing information

Taylor,

Thanks for writing. In this case, OBGC is proposing to amend the Forest Conservation easement on their property in order to continue hosting the Field of Screams fundraiser each year. "Abandoning" is a term we use when an easement granted to M-NCPPC is altered or cancelled upon agreement of both parties. For OBGC a few of key points include:

1. No Forest is proposed to be removed.

2. The abandonment, if granted, will result in a sort of “Swiss cheese” modification to the existing easement whereby a limited number of individual structures are permitted within the boundaries of the easement.
3. To compensate for the acreage abandoned, OBGC is proposing to add new forest plantings that amount to between 2 and 4 times the acreage abandoned, resulting in a net gain of forested land.

This is an unusual case, and ultimately the Planning Board will decide whether the proposal should be approved.

Hope that helps!

Sincerely, Mike



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**From:** Taylor Smith <[anothersmithfam@gmail.com](mailto:anothersmithfam@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:58 PM

**To:** Sharp, Michael <[Michael.Sharp@montgomeryplanning.org](mailto:Michael.Sharp@montgomeryplanning.org)>

**Subject:** Planning board hearing information

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Hi Michael,

We are writing to request more information on the forest conservation plan amendment for OBGC at 4501 Olney-Laytonsville Rd., Olney, MD. We have been trying to figure out for quite some months now exactly what it means to abandon the conservation easement. Your name was on the public notice we received in the mail and we were hoping to get more info. Thank you so much and I hope you are enjoying this beautiful day!

Taylor Smith

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