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To Maryland National Capital Park and Planning
Commission:

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I am alarmed at the rapid proposed development in Our area in the 700, 800 hundred block plus area of Norwood Road, and Ednor Road area of Montgomery County (Zip code 20905). Recently I became aware about a "New" Church that may be built in the 211 area of Ednor Road. Personally, I believe Churches most often have a favorable impact on any community. I wonder just how many members of this new proposed church actually live within a few miles of where it is proposed to be built? (In our Community) Our beautiful (alleged) protected area of surrounding Parkland, that supports us, the wildlife, the streams, fish, rare birds and the overall already developed / undeveloped environment is seeming to gradually disappear.

There Seems to be some misunderstanding that this is the "Go To" destination for industrial/contractors - working space and employee parking and Churches (Both representing the immediate neighborhood

needs and the churches that may want to have a Satellite church in our neighborhood). This area is zoned residential/agricultural. Even our Park Service has its Horses here in pasture. The impact of more covered space of impermeable surfaces, such as large buildings, contractor equipment, the runoff harmful chemicals and toxins that seep from asphalt or concrete surfaces of the many parking spaces that motor vehicles bring to our land and creeks is not acceptable. Climate change is real, and our changing weather patterns has created "New Terms", that demand careful consideration as to where all this water is going to flow, how are we going to protect the water and the environment, if we keep covering up more land with roadways, buildings and other solid surfaces? Our Section of Norwood Road may sometimes be overloaded by vehicles parked on the side of the road for Sunday Service (and Festival) at our already Beautiful Greek Church. (Another recent addition to our neighborhood). Blocking our exit view of oncoming traffic from the shared (permeable driveway surface) onto Norwood Road. It appears that this section of Norwood also may have some

"Employee" or other high traffic necessity to have multiple vehicles parked on the side of (a very Slim) road during weekdays for whatever reason. This is a very narrow Road. It is my belief The section of Ednor for the proposed Church is even more narrow and is in a precarious spot for some vehicles exiting and exiting the premises. Where does this proposed new church have an overflow parking planned? (No church can prepare for what might be a problem when weddings/ funerals it may have to host) My point is putting such a traffic problem on such an already very narrow, and difficult to navigate section of Ednor road is il conceived at best. Please don't tell us that they will "handle the problem", as this is not the case with our beloved Greek Church. The infrastructure is not here to facilitate even more of these development projects. The very narrow section of the 200 block of Ednor Road has little to none shoulder area for where "not planned for" Vehicles can park. What little shoulder road space that is available is much further down on Ednor road going towards New Hampshire avenue and is currently used by the local residents, already established here, to walk along on the paths, exercise

and enjoy the beautiful outdoors. Where are the current residents suppose to go if , by chance, the new proposed church cannot accommodate its own traffic and (For what ever reason) and its members have to "Park " Their vehicles in the only spots available to our existing community? Our community is not set up for this, but it is been "Full-on ", let it just go and get developed and we will figure out the problems later. Soon, a development may be developed behind our home. A proposed "Run off pond" should be placed all the way to the bottom of this development, (Near The Creek) flowing far away from our home(s). We do not need to feel a flood impact because it is best for the developer. Keep this far away from our HOME(S)! Let the natural flow of the rain move down hill, and not redirected toward the already established residences here.

I don't relish the idea of run off ponds near our creeks, but we should be considered over a developer, whose might only have a concern over a better looking, sellable lot to build on. What about the asphalt or concrete driveway/roadway for this development? This

only compounds the problem of run off toxins leaking into the soil and waterways. Again, Please, keep the run off pond and the run off toxins far away from our home. The residences back here live off of well water. That should be most important in all these development ideas. In closing, I would like to say that the Park and planning designation of this area as "Protected" is just lip service. If this was truly the case, the only way to truly achieve this is to buy the surrounding undeveloped area and just make it a Park. How many approvals have you given so far over the last few decades for churches In our area any how? Isn't this becoming lopsided or severely out of balanced to the community population already in existence here? Thank You for reading my letter. Please keep us informed on future hearings concerning developing our neighborhood . WE want to have our voices heard.

"Pave Paradise , put up a parking lot!"

Sincerely,

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