

theOlneyCoalition

preserving the quality of life in Olney

January 18, 2004

Steve Silverman, President
Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Ave
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear President Silverman:

We have reviewed both Marilyn Praisner's and Mike Subin's proposed amendments to the Upper Rock Creek Master Plan Impervious Cap. We have listened to the concerns of the Fraley and Hendry families who still farm their land and tried to balance their goals against the best way to protect water quality throughout the watershed. After careful consideration the member organizations that comprise the Olney Coalition Board have unanimously decided to support Marilyn Praisner's proposed amendment. Here is why.

Marilyn Praisner's amendment provides a direct link between the cap and the water resources we need to protect. It recognizes that the Mainstem is less sensitive than the North Branch and it applies the caps equally across all properties that affect each tributary. We believe this is both the fairest and most effective way to protect water quality. All developable or re-developable properties that lie within the SPA whether they are listed in the master plan or not will be held to the cap set for the tributary they drain into.

Respectfully,
Nancy Wendt, President
The Olney Coalition

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