

September 13, 2017

Mr. John Cannon  
Wicomico County Council President  
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Salisbury, Maryland 21803

RE: Potential Property Donation Acceptance, Connelly Mill Road

Dear Mr. Cannon,

It was recently brought to my attention that the County has been approached by the owners of the Connelly Mill Limited Partnership to potentially donate the property known as the Connelly Mill Partnership property along Connelly Mill Road to Wicomico County. I further understand that this donation would be for the use and enjoyment of the residents of Wicomico County.

As you are likely aware, the subject properties are shown as parcels 167, 168 and 169 on Wicomico County Tax Map 20. The properties are located at the headwaters of Connelly Mill Branch, Wood Creek and Leonard Pond Run which all feed into the North Wicomico Prong of the Wicomico River. This area, as you also know is located strategically in and abutting the Paleochannel aquifer which has been of concern over recent years. We have discussed the importance of this area in great detail and are very excited to have heard of the potential donation and acquisition of the property for the County.

We would like for you to accept this letter and an understanding of full and complete support of the Natural Resources Citizens Advisory Committee (NRCAC) to please accept the donation and allow us to provide input on the future use of the property. Providing enjoyment and use of the property with a low impact development plan, would not only provide additional recreation opportunities for the County, but equally as important, a way to provide headwater protection of the Paleochannel aquifer and headwaters of the Wicomico River.

Our Committee is in full support of the acceptance of the property and willing and able to provide insight and recommendations on a responsible low impact use on the property. We will also be sending a letter to Mr. Bob Culver, County Executive expressing our deepest support on acquisition and donation acceptance.

Many thanks for your leadership and allowing our voice and support in this matter. Please contact myself or any other member of the committee if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Judith Stribling - Chair

CC: Honorable Robert Culver – Wicomico County Executive  
Honorable Larry Dodd – Wicomico County Vice President  
Honorable Ernest Davis – Wicomico County Council  
Honorable Marc Kilmer – Wicomico County Council  
Honorable Matt Holloway – Wicomico County Council  
Honorable John Hall – Wicomico County Council  
Honorable Joe Holloway – Wicomico County Council  
Ms. Laura Hurley – Council Administrator