May 25, 2022

Dear Charles County Commissioners:

As a resident living in Charles County, I am writing in **opposition** of the Newburg Septic Tier Map Change. Charles County Planning Commission voted against this change at their December 2021 Public Hearing and recommended that this sewer downgrade **not be approved** by the Charles County Commissioners until the Sub-Area Plan process is completed.

A **sewer down grade** would be pre-emptive to an **inclusive Sub-Area Plan process** **allowing for diverse community participation.** The Newburg Sub-Area Plan process will address the entire Newburg area in total context, including economic development opportunities, as well as sewer needs for the future.

Also, a sewer down grade could be injurious to most land use values in the future.

Please **DO NOT APPROVE** the Newburg Septic Tier Map change and follow the inclusive planning process for the Newburg Sub-Area, which will also address the water treatment plant, before deciding on sewer needs of that area.

Sincerely,

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