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Dear Charles County Commissioners:

Please vote NO on all 3 Docket 90 Amendments #22-90: Wooded Glen & Piney Reach Master Plan
No to change with the middle school site location.
No to change in the 85% rule.
No Modification to Buffer Remediation Plan for MD Rte 488.

The Zekiah watershed is part of the US Fish and Wildlife Reserve which will open preservation funds for ecologically valuable lands.

The designation as a National Heritage Area opens other protections that give this area protections that were not imagined at the time of Docket 90, originally.

Therefore, the county should prioritize fighting to get Docket 90- re-evaluated.
Certainly NOT granting amendments that are unfair to the local citizen.

Zekiah Watershed Rural Legacy area follows the watershed boundaries of nearby Zekiah Swamp Run. The Area is abundant with farms, forests, wetlands of Special State Concern and deposits rich in mineral aggregates. The Zekiah contains the largest natural hardwood swamp in the state and is considered by the Smithsonian Institute to be one of the most important ecological areas on the East Coast! In 2020 a substantial expansion doubled the RLA's size. Zekiah RLA is now expanded south to Cobb Neck. Charles County has taken an interest and funded the RLA expansion so destroying it will be a significant environmental and financial failure for Charles County, Wicomico, the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay and the future.

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