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Good Afternoon All,

I am against the Development Plan of Bryans Road that would cause any development around the Pomonkey School District, a school named after one of our tributary tribes the Pamunkey Tribe, which was documented that the land was ours, until our Princess Mary married Giles Brent and he took over the land and later sold it. There have been many archaeological finds in that area, as well as around the Ruth B. Swann library and along those waterways, not to mention all the wildlife it will disturb. Additionally there are Indian Gravesites riddled through that area that my father has shown me and his father before him. These lands MUST not be disturbed.

It is imperative that the Charles County Commissioners start standing up for the original inhabitants of this land and their descendants, especially my family who descend from Chief Wannas. The colonial government began making many treaties with our people and all were broken. It is TIME to restore history. It is time to honor history and before you honor ANYONE, you MUST honor the first INHABITANTS.

I say no to the Bryan Road expansion plan around Pamunkey. I say no the maximum number of new homes to be built, as we don't have the infrastructure, we don't have the money in the budget to pay for the infrastructure, and I DO NOT want my taxes to go up.

If any are to be built, then it should not be more than 10% of the total planned. Recreational facilities should be put in place by these developers and they should be put in place at the beginning of their projects, not at the end, when they no longer can find a way to do what they say they are going to do.

Respectfully,

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Maryland HB1433 Bill was signed by Governor Larry Hogan 04/21/2022 to change Indian Head Highway to Piscataway Highway-honoring both Maryland State Recognized Tribes -Piscataway Conoy Tribe™ and Piscataway Indian Nation™. As of May 20, 2022-Governor Hogan's Administration reneged on changing the name, states

legislators didn't "intend" to change. Four hundred years of promises made/promises broken, treaties made/treaties broken, changes made/changes broken.



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[Petition · Change the name of Indian Head Highway and the Town of Indian Head · Change.org](#)

Please support our push to regain some of our treaty rights from the 1666 Treaty. Washington, DC restored our Treaty rights last year for fishing. We are now asking for the same from Maryland-Fishing, Hunting, and Crabbing.

[Petition · Piscataway Conoy Tribe-Restoration of Fishing/Crabbing and Hunting Rights for Piscataway · Change.org](#)

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