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Proposed Swan Point Docket 250 A#3 Changes - 03/05/24

- My name is Anders Lundegard and I reside at 12395 Potomac View Road Newburg, MD 20664
- 2. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today.
- 3. I come here today as an interested party in Docket 250, since the Woodland Point and Potomac View Communities share the same flood plains, wetlands, and flood risks.
- 4. I have also provided my testimony for the record.
- 5. My concerns are about **potential harm** to our communities and not about **"fear of change"** as cited by various Planning Commission members.
- 6. Our **UNANIMOUS** community consensus is that the development plans identified in Amendment #3 warrant studies concerning the approach to manage ingress and egress without creating **potential** harm.
- 7. The petition is about deep concerns for safety during floods (ingress/egress/property flooding) when the **proposed solution is** a dam that changes the flood characteristics.

- 8. FEMA has already started adjusting the premiums we are **paying** by 2x-4x with indications this will be going even higher.
- 9. Every foot of flood water increases the damage costs exponentially and the current FEMA or private insurances will not cover them adequately.
- Our communities could see an increase of flood risk by 1-3 feet when any proposed design for community ingress and egress creates a dam.
- 11. FEMA, USACE, and MDE are deeply involved when there are changes to flood plain characteristics such as adding fill dirt for a raised road. A Dam by another name.
- 12. The potential burden on the residents is very serious.
- 13. As evidence to this potential harm and burden, I called 911 one beautiful blue sky day because my bedbound housemate, Bob, went into septic shock. The ambulance arrived but without EMT's as they were out on the Potomac on a training drill. The rescue boat charged towards my pier, and despite their heroic efforts, my dear friend passed away the following day. Now imagine a child drowning in the floodwaters on Woodland Point Road and no route to send help.
- 14. There needs to be a risk mitigation approach so that we, as residents, are able to **survive and not lose our homes**.
- 15. Smart growth can minimize the current issues with flood risks in Charles County and not make them worse such that residents can safely live in their homes. "Do No Harm".
- 16. I respectfully request that the CHCO Commissioners develop the appropriate changes to Amendment #3 that enables the evaluation

of alternative solutions that does "No Harm" to the residents of ALL interested parties.

17. Thank you for your time.

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