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Subject: County Commissioners Public Session Testimony Concerning Swan Point Docket 250 Amendment #3

Proposed Swan Point Docket 250 A#3 Changes – 06/24/24

1. 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. **Amendment #3 adds tourism** which is more likely during hurricane season.
6. Evacuation and Emergency Service plans will be greatly stressed by the potential addition of **6,000 to 8,000 tourists trying to evacuate safely**.
7. Amendment #2 creates a four lane access to the local communities prior to a storm surge **which was 3-4 feet under water during Isabel in 2003**.

8. Amendment #3 proposes a 2 lane raised road that **would have been 2 feet under water** during Isabel AND **Creates a Dam for Neale Sound**.
9. For community ingress and egress **Engineering says a Bridge is the answer**.
10. FEMA has already started adjusting the premiums we are **paying by 2x-4x with indications this will be going even higher**.
11. **Every foot of flood water increases the damage costs exponentially** and the current FEMA or private insurances **will not cover them adequately**.
12. **FEMA, USACE, and MDE are the decision authorities** when there are changes to flood plain characteristics **such as adding fill dirt** for a raised road.
13. Any flood plain changes **need a study and a higher level of authorization**.
14. Amendment #3 is **moving in the wrong direction** for safety and Emergency Services and the potential burden on the residents is seriously growing.
15. 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**.
16. There needs to be a risk mitigation approach so that we, as residents, are able to **survive and not lose our homes**.

17. 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”**.
18. 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.
19. Thank you for your time.

Signed 

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