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

- My name is Nancy Fenton and I reside at 12195 Potomac View Road Newburg, MD 20664
- 2. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today.
- I come here today as an interested party in Docket 250, since the Woodland Point and Potomac View Communities share the same water aquifer and sewer resources.
- 4. I have also provided my testimony for the record.
- 5. **Amendment #3 adds tourism** to a neighborhood whose foundational characteristic was residential in nature.
- 6. Swan Point is becoming a small seaside town 4 times the size of Cobb Island.
- 7. **Tourism** will raise more revenue but it will create a larger demand on water and sewer resources.
- Cobb Neck along Route 257 currently is NOT PART of any Charles County central water plans.

- 9. The last studies for the aquifer capacity were done in 2007. **That** is 16 years ago. Much has changed in that time including a significant drawdown of the aquifer with plans for new central water sources **ELSEWHERE**.
- 10. As homeowners we need to renew permits with the State every three years based on the criteria that "this is long enough to create a significant change" in the conditions that provided the basis of the initial approval.
- 11. The developer needs to be held to the same standard. 16 years of water aquifer depletion and now requesting to be a tourist city.
- 12. If there is a failure in the aquifer to support our wells the solution is untenable for residents as the installation of wells is backlogged and very costly.
- 13. The provided Docket 250 proposed changes (Paragraph 16) are examples of efforts the developer and the county need to consider.
- 14. All we are asking is that Charles County puts in writing that "Makes Us Whole" if there is an issue.
- 15. The burden on the residents is very serious. As a caregiver to my late disabled husband, I cannot imagine the hardships we would have faced with lack of water for washing, bathing, drinking. No one should fear the loss of such a necessary human requirement.
- 16. Smart growth can minimize the current issues with the Charles County aquifer and not make them worse such that residents lose access to water. "Do No Harm".
- 17. 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.

18. Thank you for your time.

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