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### Subject

Rural Legacy Area Protection Needed

### Message

Dear Planning Commission: I am writing as a Piscataway historian who lives in Nanjemoy. Rural Legacy is a Maryland Smart Growth program that will help protect the indigenous cultural areas, sensitive land & biodiversity in Western Charles County. I support the State Rural Legacy designation for Nanjemoy and Mattawoman Creeks. Western Charles County's fishery and rural cultural landscapes are valuable treasures. Charles County greatly benefits from protecting them as indigenous heritage areas, natural preservation, and tourism to help secure the new National Marine Sanctuary at Mallows and the productive recreational large mouth bass fishery and fish nursery at Mattawoman. RLA economically rewards landowners who want to participate as stewards for their land, while continuing ownership. I support the RLA designation of areas in Nanjamoy & Mattawoman that meet the state criteria and are eligible for state funding.

Thank you,  
**Charles County, MD**

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