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Stop the removal of the Watershed Conservation District around Maryland Airport Please let the record be held open for 60 days for comments from the public. Stop the tremendous expansion of the existing airport onto surrounding lands that are highly sensitive. DO NOT remove the environmental protections (Watershed Conservation District) that stand in the way of the conversion of sensitive forest land into impervious surfaces – which the Airport Expansion would do on a terrible scale. Please consider the following: The proposed amendment -- Would greatly increase the exposure of school children in the area to lead pollution. There is no safe level of lead in the human body, and children are particularly vulnerable. See the above YouTube link. Would change 583 acres protected for their environmental sensitivity into industrial and airport use. This would greatly increase the amount of

impervious surface, carrying more sediment into Mattawoman Creek at a higher speed, at a higher temperature, and threatening living resources in the Creek. Would weaken the Watershed Conservation District, which the County put in place to protect Mattawoman Creek in response to an urgent report issued by an Inter-Agency Task Force of the State of Maryland and the federal government, warning about paving any more of the Mattawoman Watershed.

https://dnr.maryland.gov/.../tredmanAlliance_Presentation... Here is some more information: (Interagency Task Force, "The Case for Protection . . ." https://dnr.maryland.gov/.../Mattawoman_Ecosystem_Final... YouTube video on lead and the airport with Dr. Richard Cook, President of the Charles County Medical Society. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-Tv1c1-PTw> Bay Journal article about how proposed airport expansion endangers local community's health, welfare, and quality of life with threat to fish, wildlife, and bird habitat of local, state, and national renown. https://www.bayjournal.com/.../article_e183545c-c483-11eb... Grist article regarding

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