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Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Lands Surrounding Maryland Airport

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The Charles County slogan is "Where Eagles Fly". If you allow this MD Airport Expansion to go through, you will need a new slogan-- "Where Eagles Die". The waterways in the area that will be affected by the expansion are the nursery for the fish and crabs that our eagles, osprey, turtles, frogs, herons, egrets, and larger fish species rely on for food. One jet fuel spill will cause irreparable damage to this already fragile ecosystem. There are schools less than a half mile away from the airport expansion site. Many of the children who attend these schools already suffer from asthma and other respiratory illnesses. I was a teacher for thirty-two years. There is nothing more sad or more frightening than to watch a child who is desperately struggling to breathe. The population that will be

most affected by the negative impact of the airport expansion are Black. This project smacks of environmental racism. The Rural Legacy projects that Charles County has in place mostly protect land owned by White residents in the eastern part of the county. However, if you allow these waterways to be poisoned, the diminished water quality will negatively affect those who fish, farm, and live in the eastern part of the county, too. Piscataway Creek in Prince George's County is already a dead body of water. Marylanders cannot afford to lose another vital system of waterways due to a project that won't even produce that many jobs. The dangers created by this expansion project are too great. Do the right thing and vote against this project.

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