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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed comprehensive plan amendment. While I don't have the privilege of being a county resident, I've had the great privilege to travel to Charles County for many walks through the woods and even boating excursions on Mattawoman Creek. The woods and waters of eastern Charles County are a community amenity that other areas less fortunate envy. I urge the County leaders to continue and if possible increase, not remove, protections for more than 500 acres around Mattawoman Creek. Shrinking the Watershed Conservation District is a short-sighted idea that doesn't give proper weight to the community quality-of-life as well as the economic values generated by a protected Mattawoman Creek. The Mattawoman Creek is nationally known for its productive fish habitat. The protected areas around the Creek support its health and productivity. In

September 2021 alone, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources website showed 5 fishing events scheduled at Smallwood State Park, with people traveling to Charles County from other states to participate. The protected lands around the Creek are essential to the future of these and other recreational activities that help support the local economy. The existing recreation-based economic activity anchored by the healthy Mattawoman Creek will decline if the proposed shrinkage of the Conservation District goes forward and development of what is now forests and wetlands moves ahead. I urge a "no" vote on the proposed amendment.

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