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### Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Lands Surrounding Maryland Airport

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### Public Hearing Comment Form

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Please vote against the amendment to remove the Water Conservation District that protects the Mattawoman Creek Watershed land surrounding the airport. The stated purpose of the Amendment is to allow a large expansion of an airport whose propeller planes use leaded gas that pollute local communities. The Amendment is a threat to a nationally recognized bass fishing habitat that drives local ecotourism. The Amendment would fragment forest and wildlife corridors in an area with documented biodiversity. The worldwide climate crisis expresses itself in our region in flooding and forest loss. Local governments have a responsibility to consider holistically their contribution to the global climate crisis. Airplanes have a big fossil fuel footprint. The airport expansion, for which the amendment was devised, represents removal of the benefits to the community of the protections and economic opportunities afforded by this land and transferring it to a private out-of-county owner. The Commissioners at the hearing repeatedly denied any

environmental damage from the airport expansion, which is totally inconsistent with the content of the scientific reports which spurred the creation of the Watershed Conservation District.

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Thank you,  
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