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**Sent:** Thursday, September 30, 2021 4:23 PM  
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**Cc:** Carol DeSoto; Mark Belton; Deborah Hall; Erica Rizor  
**Subject:** FW: Public Hearing

Good Afternoon Commissioners:

Please find the below public comment regarding the WCD Amendment.

Thank you,

*Jesse Lynn Bungcayao*

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**From:** Gabrielle Tayac <tayacg@gmail.com>  
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Greetings Ms. Bungcayao,

Again, I would like to thank you and the Commissioners for trying to work with me to be heard at the hearing on the WCD Amendment on September 22. I am submitting my testimony below for the record.

Sincerely,  
Gabrielle Tayac, Ph.D.

September 30, 2021  
Via Email

Esteemed Commissioners,

My name is Dr. Gabrielle Tayac, I reside at 9725 Nanjemoy Creek Pl, Nanjemoy, MD. I attempted multiple times on September 22, 2021 to access the microphone at the hearing, including working with your administrator and nothing would work on any of my platforms.

Thank you for this opportunity to state my absolute opposition to the amendment to remove the Water Conservation District to allow industrial expansion in the Mattawoman Watershed. I ask that you vote against the amendment as the change would clearly endanger a most precious life source, Mattawoman Creek, as well as the health and wellbeing of our entire community. Prioritizing out of county interests to destroy our local environment and peaceful residential areas does not benefit the people who live here. There is a true opportunity here to appropriately and vibrantly develop this area of the county, where nature and multicultural truths are its true treasures. I have had the opportunity to work with indigenous peoples and diverse peoples across the world and have seen how valuable up-scale eco-development can be.

I support the Mattawoman Watershed Society's position to not amend the WCD. There is a clear reason why there is a Water Conservation District that you enacted already - because it was proven that the industrialization of the Mattawoman would push it beyond the tipping point for health. I just saw that there is increased annual industrial development planned so it doesn't add up that you would not keep amending and expanding. There is only one Mattawoman, an essential indigenous cultural landscape. I just saw that there is increased annual industrial development planned so it doesn't add up that you would not keep amending and expanding.

I am first and foremost a Piscataway woman, a mother, and a relative to this ancestral and ongoing vibrant land. I am also a history professor specializing in the indigenous experience that has been ongoing for over 10,000 years in Charles County, dedicated to educating all about what it means to be part of this place. I also focus on indigenous ecologies across the hemisphere – this is also a contemporary history, one that is bound in the nearly complete genocide of our indigenous ancestors, which ripped open this place for ecological destruction, and the brutal system of enslavement.

The airport expansion and the change in the Water Conservation designation is a short-term, cannibalistic solution to a true economy that would be sustainable. Indigenous peoples are 5% of the world's population and steward 80 % of the world's biodiversity. What would happen if the County took a bold step, looked at long term benefits, and upheld zones for ecological and culturally regenerative development solutions. This is about your last chance to stop causing more suffering on Mother Earth. Echoing a Piscataway speaker from the 1600s, Mattaguund, we can fly no farther, and this time it is all of us, not just tribal people. There's been too much suffering, too much death, let's look towards life.

I thank you for your concern and attention. Please let me know if you would like to meet with me to entertain alternative solutions.

Sincerely,  
Gabrielle Tayac, Ph.D.

On Wed, Sep 22, 2021 at 9:13 PM Jesse L. Bungcayao <[BungcayJ@charlescountymd.gov](mailto:BungcayJ@charlescountymd.gov)> wrote:

The record will be open until 9/30/21.

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I deeply appreciate the opportunity to comment. What is the new deadline?

We just lost Chief Tayac and I can't forget how he signed every letter, May Mother Earth Endure Her Suffering.

Thank you again!

On Sep 22, 2021, at 8:35 PM, Jesse L. Bungcayao <[BungcayJ@charlescountymd.gov](mailto:BungcayJ@charlescountymd.gov)> wrote:

Of course!

At the end of the hearing, the Commissioners may decide to keep the record open. If that's the case, you can still submit a comment; Feel free to send here. The Clerk to the Commissioners is copied above and will ensure the Commissioners receive it.

Best Regards,

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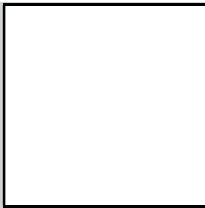
Thank you very much for all of your help.

On Sep 22, 2021, at 7:28 PM, Jesse L. Bungcayao <[BungcayJ@charlescountymd.gov](mailto:BungcayJ@charlescountymd.gov)> wrote:

I can try to help you troubleshoot to see if I can help you get connected. Please feel free to give me a call 301-638-0801

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