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October 26, 2009

Mr. Joshua J. Cohen
Councilman, Sixth District
Anne Arundel County Council
44 Calvert Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Via email to: Joshua Cohen

Dear Mr. Cohen:

Your decision to withdraw the proposed GDP amendment for a land use change for the Priest's Point property at 152 Riverview Avenue alerted the Severn River Association (SRA) to new issues that were not made known to us at the time I sent you our letter of support.

At our October meeting additional facts were presented concerning the requested land use change from Open Space to Rural. In addition the SRA received notices of strong dissent from other organizations who expressed serious concerns about potential adverse environmental affects if the land use change was approved.

As a result of this new information, the SRA Board of Directors voted to withdraw the support previously indicated in my October 1, 2009 letter. More thorough review of the property's history, neighborhood views, environmental impacts, and land use issues is needed before a well researched position can properly be formed.

Thank you for requesting the Severn River Association's opinion in your decisions regarding critical area actions in your District.

Sincerely,

Bob Whitcomb
President