

Written Testimony of Maureen Carr York
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On SB 1045

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The Greater Severna Park Council is an umbrella group of nearly 60 Home Owners' Associations, Community Associations, and Environmental Groups in Severna Park, as well as in portions of Arnold, Millersville, and Pasadena. Our members are deeply concerned about the effects of development on their own properties, community properties and the environment.

We, as well as our member organizations, frequently find ourselves treated as if we have no interest in land use decisions, zoning and the permit process despite the fact that we have seen again and again damage to existing homes, yards and open spaces after developers are allowed to skirt through what should be requirements but are often waived to make possible what truly should not be.

The Greater Severna Park Council supports and joins the Magothy River Association and Russell B. Stevenson, Jr. in asking for your support for SB 1045.