

Senate Bill 353 – SUPPORT

**Senate Bill 353 – Environment - CAD Task Force
House Committee on Environment and Transportation**

My name is Shane Troyer. I live in the Rock Creek Community in Pasadena, MD. My partner and I moved into our home on Rock Creek in May of 2021 and enjoy our property more than we could have ever imagined. Our entire family lives on the creek, our parents, aunts, uncles, cousin, family and friends. We have created an incredible community here. The proposed MPA plans will change everything for us. There will be no more swimming, kayaking, paddleboarding, fishing or crabbing in our waterways. This is going to completely contaminate the Patapsco. Our health is at risk with this proposal. Not to mention that we are not even able to change the landscaping on our property without the approval of the county let alone dump contaminated dredging into the waters that our homes are all on. This plan is going to have massive impacts on the surrounding areas, communities, and waterways. The MPA has done nothing but try to keep this entire situation under the radar to ensure that the community doesn't have the opportunity to push back. They don't have answers to our questions. They are only trying to profit off of this opportunity and it doesn't seem like anyone is trying to stop them. We only found out about this after local residents started hearing rumors and began to involve the community. The MPA never reached out to us to tell us out any of this. They started all of this back in 2010, almost 14 years ago and did an active project in 2016 without any knowledge of the local communities. They were just going to keep on doing the same thing with this plan too. They have no care for the fact that this is our home, this is where we are living and raising our families. I plan to have kids in my house and raise them on these waters, I cannot do that if they are contaminated.

I strongly support Senate Bill 353 and its independent investigatory role, independent scientific expertise, and meaningful citizen inclusion and legislator participation. It is of utmost importance that a great environmental injustice is not committed in the name of cost and convenience to the state.

Sincerely,

Shane Troyer

Rock Creek Community