



Worcester County Office of Tourism

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The Honorable Senator Paul G. Pinsky, Chair
The Honorable Senator Cheryl C. Kagan, Vice-Chair
Senate Education, Health, and Environment Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
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Annapolis, MD 21401

March 21, 2022

On behalf of the Worcester County Office of Tourism and Economic Development and as a resident of Worcester County, Maryland, I would like to offer our support of the Trail Through the Wildlands set to be location in Snow Hill. This trail has been long awaited and would be a tremendous new asset for the county to drive Tourism and Economic Development.

Our office would be delighted to see the development, to help locals and tourists alike experience a new trail and would be a natural tourism driver to the southern parts of the county, especially among those who enjoy outdoor adventures. Especially since the beginning of the pandemic, having another natural outdoor attraction showcasing the tremendous beauty and unique wildlife we have to offer will benefit the entire county! It is well known that a result of the pandemic is a much higher interest in outdoor adventures, and people want to be in open spaces to explore new things. This, too, would benefit the new and existing community of campers since this trail would connect to Pocomoke River State Park. These wildlands are not accessible any other way other than creating this hiking/biking trail between Shad Landing and Snow Hill. This would introduce a whole new segment of guests to our natural resources.

Thank you so very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Melanie Pursel, Director
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Maryland's Coast- Worcester County