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DELEGATE JOHNNY MAUTZ  
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**HB 1313—ENVIRONMENT—EXCEPTION TO NONSTRUCTURAL SHORELINE STABILIZATION REQUIREMENTS**

*Attached is our correspondence and photo evidence with our constituent, Mr. Ellis Juan. He is unable to attend the hearing, but asked that his story be shared with the Committee.*

**Evidence List**

- Email from Mr. Jaun
- Photo, Rip Rap #1
- Photo, Rip Rap #2
- Photo, Living Shoreline Area #1
- Photo, Living Shoreline Area #2
- Photo, Living Shoreline Area #3
- Photo, Living Shoreline Area #4
- Photo, Living Shoreline Area #5

## **Mautz, Johnny Delegate**

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**From:** Ellis J. Juan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 7, 2022 1:15 PM  
**To:** Mautz, Johnny Delegate  
**Subject:** Shore Erosion, 24499 New Post Road, St. Michaels, MD 21663  
**Attachments:** IMG\_2477.jpg; IMG\_2476.jpg; IMG\_2475.jpg; IMG\_2474.jpg; IMG\_2473.jpg; IMG\_2472.jpg; IMG\_2471.jpg; IMG\_2470.jpg

Hi Johnny,

Attached please find the pictures of the shore line of our home. The first two pictures are from the area of our shoreline with rip-rap (about a 1/5 of our shoreline). Land has hold and some living shoreline plants are healthy and growing. The rest of the pictures are from the living shoreline (4/5 of our shoreline). You can see the results. Land is ceding and the trees and plants (living shoreline) are close to be taken down by water currents, wind (Gall), and summer and winter storms.

The house was built in 2000, and has had only two owners. The original owners (the Gloyds), and ourselves since October 2020. The previous owner did an investment in the living shoreline, but unfortunately weather conditions in our particular lot of land (i.e., a point overlooking at the Myles River not protected) means a high exposure to water current, winds and storms. The likelihood of living shoreline resisting such weather conditions are very dim at best.

Since we bought the house and found out about the situation we have been negotiating with the Maryland Department of Environment represented by Lane Engineering (in charge of the permits) to change to rip-rap as a way to protect our shoreline. We have not yet reach any conclusion but last set of communications seem to indicate a willingness to increase the area of the shore line with rip-rap (not the full area) though.

Hope these arguments can help reconsidering the use of living shoreline in these sensitive shore line areas.

Best regards,

Ellis J. Juan  
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Rip Rap #1



Rip Rap #2



Living Shoreline #1



Living Shoreline #2



Living Shoreline #3



Living Shoreline #4





Shoreline #8