

APPENDIX C

Streamside Landowner Contact Letters



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Dear Patuxent River Watershed Resident:

Your help is needed for an important environmental study of the Patuxent River and its tributaries.

In March 2002, Anne Arundel County Government and the Anne Arundel County Soil Conservation District along with the Maryland Conservation Corps began a base study of several tributaries to the Patuxent River to obtain baseline condition information on these tributaries.

Your permission is requested to allow a field team to visit the stream on the property shown under your ownership by the latest digital version of the Maryland tax record at ****address goes here**** referenced by tax identification number ****tax id number goes here****. Each member of the team will be appropriately identified. It is anticipated that the crews will be in your area in March or April 2002.

The first step in the program is to walk the stream and to do field observations of various stream characteristics such as erosion, stream degradation, unshaded stream banks, and other related environmental concerns. In addition, a field crew may also collect a water quality sample and/or a sample of the aquatic insects that live in your stream. Finally, a survey of the stream cross-section may also be performed.

Your cooperation is vitally important in helping the County and Conservation District staff understand the overall conditions of streams draining to the Patuxent River. The information from this study will be used to identify and set priorities for potential restoration projects. The types of projects include but are not limited to:

- Tree and shrub plantings
- Streambank restoration and stabilization
- Streamside wetland restoration and creation
- Streamside fencing
- Larger County capital-funded projects

Potentially, landowners that agree to assist in this study will be eligible for County environmental restoration funds.

While your permission is greatly appreciated, you are under no obligation to participate in any way. If you choose not to participate, the segment of the stream on your property will be avoided. However, by allowing this work to occur on your land, you will be helping the County and the State better understand stream conditions within the Patuxent River, allowing for efficient use of your tax dollars by enabling County staff to direct environmental restoration activities where they are most needed.

Please contact Chris Victoria or Janis Markusic, Office of Planning and Zoning, at (410) 222-7441 to provide your permission to allow this important project to go forward. You may also provide your permission by email to cvictoria@mail.aacounty.org or jmarkusi@mail.aacounty.org.

If you have any questions about the study, you may contact the County staff listed above, or you may direct inquires to Jeff Opel, District Manager, Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District, at (410) 222-7822. We thank you for your time and attention on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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