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County Executive

April 10, 2013

Mr. Evan Glass, Chair  
Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board  
One Veterans Place  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Mr. Glass:

Thank you for your correspondence related to Bill 35-12, Tree Canopy Conservation, which is currently being considered by the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment (T&E) Committee of the County Council. I appreciate the input of the Silver Spring Citizen's Advisory Board regarding the bill.

This bill is intended to help fund the replacement of trees lost due to development. I believe the current bill strikes a balance between those who want more stringent regulations to protect individual trees and those that feel any additional protection is unnecessary. I recognize, however, that there may be improvements that can be made to the bill. My staff will continue to engage in discussions on how to improve the bill as the T&E Committee and the full Council deliberate on the bill this summer. The next T&E Committee work session on the bill is tentatively scheduled for June 24, 2013.

Please contact Stan Edwards in the Department of Environmental Protection if you have any questions or would like an update on the status of the bill. Mr. Edwards can be reached at 240-777-7748 or by email at [Stan.Edwards@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Stan.Edwards@montgomerycountymd.gov).

Sincerely,

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