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Members of the Montgomery County Council,

I am requesting you to consider hiring more staff to regularly monitor and clean our waterways. I have recently been getting in touch with various local officials to make them aware of trouble spots I've noticed and am learning more about how they can respond to such issues when notified. The encouragement of more volunteers seems to be the default solution.

Below and **on the following pages are a few of the more recent photographs** I've taken documenting examples of the problem.

Muddy Branch Creek at Malcolm King Park - April 7th 2021



The amount of trash that remains in or near our waterways ought to be addressed by the local government in a more proactive and direct manner. The photos I've included can help demonstrate examples of the problem, but only to a very small degree. The picture becomes much clearer if you have the opportunity to regularly walk around these areas to see the conditions up close.

Please consider more actively managing this environmental challenge, perhaps by allocating a **portion of the funds raised from the 5-cent bag tax to hire additional staff.**

Thank you!

Rock Creek just south of Veirs Mill Road - April 8th, 2021



A large pile of various types of waste, including plastic bottles, food scraps, and other debris, illustrating the volume of waste generated.

A photograph showing a rusty metal shopping cart partially submerged in a river. The cart is tilted, with its front end lower in the water. It is surrounded by green foliage and branches that hang over the water's surface. The water is dark and rippled, reflecting light. The scene suggests environmental pollution or littering in a natural setting.