

“Good afternoon, my name is Bob Eisinger a lifelong resident of Montgomery County, and the owner of the Old White House. I am testifying to request that the Council include an amendment to the County’s *10-Year Comprehensive Water/Sewer Plan* that creates a new commercial sewer policy specifically applicable to the crossroads area of Travilah.”

- The crossroads area of Travilah (intersection of Travilah and Glen Roads, i.e., location of Potomac Oak Center and Old White House) has long supported, over 170 years, local convenience commercial uses
  
- A commercial sewer policy for this area of the County would:
  - Fulfill the vision of the Potomac Subregion Master Plan which affirmed the continuation of commercial uses at Potomac Oak Center and recommended appropriate special exception uses (aka conditional uses), such as a country inn, for the Old White House property
  
  - Promote a more robust mix of neighborhood retail at the Potomac Oak Center to better serve adjacent residential communities
  
  - Facilitate an economically viable re-use of the Old White House property – an historic asset to the Travilah community that is worthy of protection

I want to remind you that your Planning Commission Chairman blessed our application to upgrade this intersection stating it fit perfectly into the County’s planning and expressed his opinion that the Council should find the way to implement it, and the T&E Committee unanimously approved the application.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.