

“Good afternoon, my name is Guy Semmes I am a lifelong resident of Montgomery County, and the owner of the Potomac Oak Center. 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 extension of community sewer to the Potomac Oak Center and the Old White House sites would create a vibrant local destination with historic character and a true sense of place that would enhance and build upon private and public investments in the area such as the Glenstone Museum and Greenbriar Community Park
 - Community sewer service, the cost of which will be borne by the property owners, can be extended in a manner that does not disturb wetlands/stream buffers or other habitat, but within the Travilah Road right-of-way
- Existing low-density residential areas of the County such as Travilah deserve smart growth in the form of a more sustainable localized commercial center that can offer a functional and attractive gathering place and destination for the community

Thank you for your consideration of this request.