

July 12, 2022

TO: County Council members

RE: The 2022-2031 Ten-Year Comprehensive Water Supply & Sewerage Systems Plan

Dear Council Members,

As a nearby resident of the Potomac Oak Center and Old White House property at the intersections of GLEN and TRAVILAH Roads, **I am writing to request that the Council include a commercial sewer policy for the Travilah Crossroads area as an amendment to the 2022-2031 Comprehensive Water Supply Sewerage Systems Plan.**

Having lived near Travilah Crossroads for over 20 years, I can attest to what an incredible savings of time, carbon emissions, and road wear this project would make possible. Many residents of this area are forced to drive great distances for all their errands because the lack of a commercial sewer policy out here imposes a terrible limitation on the kinds of businesses that we can have nearby. This would be an incredible boon to our quality of life, while employing all the principles of smart growth — which we also care about!

It would also be wonderful to finally see a proper use for the historic Old White House. When I first moved here, it was an abandoned property that was used for raves and other illicit purposes. Then it became so dilapidated that it was no longer attractive to the people who were using it in this way. It was a pleasure to see it lovingly restored after all these years. Now is the time to actually turn it into a proper destination that adds to the beauty and functionality of our neighborhood.

There is no downside to this sewer extension proposal. Every neighbor I have spoken to loves the idea. I urge you to support it.

Sincerely Yours,

Julia Pelosi