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**To:** Mr. Alan Soukup  
DEP Water Supply and Wastewater Unit  
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Wheaton, Maryland 20902

**Subject: Opposition to Sewer Category Change Request WSCCR 22-TRV-01A**

Dear Mr. Soukup,

Thank you for the notification we received related to the sewer category request WSCCR 22-TRV-01A. We would like to formally communicate our strong opposition to this request to change the sewer category on the property associated with 11415 Glen Road and the 11000 block of Wood Thrush Lane. Our property at 11716 Wood Thrush Lane (Potomac, MD), and the entire surrounding community, would be severely impacted in multiple ways in the event this request was approved, as described in the following bullets:

- To grant public sewer to the applicant in this matter would require significant destruction of property, vegetation, and wildlife habitat that currently exists on the properties included in the two implementation options presented in the report by WSSC, and other impacts to surrounding community members. For example, option #2, which would cut between my home and my next-door neighbor's home, would require removal of significant stonework, a relocation of a large solar generation management infrastructure at my residence, rerouting of natural gas utilities on my property that run towards the rear of my property, removal of the large community drain between our homes, and removal of over 40 trees.
- Any development on the applicant property of the magnitude being proposed will result in the destruction of the stream system that currently keeps our basements on Wood Thrush Lane from being flooded. This river routes rain water to the large community drain that sits right in the middle of proposed option #2. We greatly depend on it since our home resides at the bottom of the sloped parcel of the applicant. All of our homes abutting this property have had water infiltration in our basements as a result of water runoff prior to the stream being reinforced several years ago.
- The property, when acquired, was a combination of 2 landlocked parcels as shown on the map renderings in your report. On paper it may appear that options 1 & 2 are viable options, but if you were to come to the gated community that contains Wood Thrush Lane and physically look at the homes that abut this property, you would clearly see that the applicant land parcel was never meant to be the site for a new multi-home development. The parcel associated with the 11000 Block of Wood Thrush Lane was actually an out-lot of the Estates of Greenbriar Preserve community before being sold to the previous owner of my home at 11716 Wood Thrush Lane to extend his backyard space. Building a new subdivision of any size is inconsistent with the intent of that land and would severely impact the quiet enjoyment of all the surrounding properties. If a home was constructed on the parcel directly behind our house it would literally be right in our backyard which is why this parcel was initially deemed an out-lot by the original developer of the Greenbriar community. Our privacy would be severely impacted as a result.

For these reasons we hereby request that you add 11716 Wood Thrush Lane (Potomac, MD) to the formal opposition list and deny this request (WSCCR 22-TRV-01A) to change the sewer category from S-6 to S-3. It will fundamentally change the broader community and have negative impact for not only our family but also the families affected along Piney Meetinghouse Road, Glen Road, and Wood Thrush Lane. Thank you in advance for your time in this matter.

Respectfully,

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