

Dear Montgomery County Council Members:

As a Maryland Master Naturalist and Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional, I implore you to pass the Native Plant Protection Act, which would ban the commercial sale of invasive bamboo and require that at least 50% of landscaping in new construction projects use native Mid-Atlantic plant species.

I encourage you to increase the requirement for native plants to be at least 75% of landscaping in new construction projects, which is the amount needed to support our native insects and birds.

My clients and I spend an inordinate amount of time and money removing invasive plants in order to plant plants that are native to the Piedmont region of Maryland. We are in a biodiversity crisis and this Act will help address it.

I look forward to hearing that you have passed this critical Act and will be heartened if you increase the requirement for native plants to be at least 75% of landscaping in new construction projects.

Very sincerely,

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