MEMORANDUM

January 21, 2010

TO: Nancy Floreen, President
    Montgomery County Council

FROM: Robert G. Hoyt, Director
       Department of Environmental Protection

Carla Reid, Director
Department of Permitting Services

SUBJECT: Transmittal of the Annual Report to the County Council Concerning Implementation of Chapter 19, Article V (Water Quality Review - Special Protection Areas)

In accordance with Chapter 19, Article V, Section 19-67(d), the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Department of Permitting Services (DPS) in consultation with the planning board are submitting the twelfth annual report on the Special Protection Area (SPA) program. The report can be reviewed or downloaded at: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/deptmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/SPA/home.asp#annual.

This report includes the results of stream monitoring and best management practices (BMPs) in SPAs through 2008. This report presents a comprehensive analysis of all available biological, chemical, and physical data collected to date and assesses the impacts of land use change on water quality.

Please call Mr. Steven Shofar (240-777-7736) of DEP if you have any questions concerning the report. Questions concerning the status of specific SPA developments should be referred to Mr. Rick Brush (240-777-6343) of DPS.

cc: Isiah Leggett, Montgomery County Executive
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    Royce Hanson, Chairman, Montgomery County Planning Board
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