



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
BALTIMORE DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
P.O. BOX 1715  
BALTIMORE, MD 21203-1715

JAN 07 2011

Operations Division

Montgomery County Department of Transportation  
Attn: Mr. Bruce E. Johnson, P.E. Chief  
Division of Transportation Engineering  
100 Edison Park Drive, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Baltimore District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has completed its review of the Alternatives Retained for Detailed Study (ARDS) document, dated November 29, 2010, developed for the Midcounty Corridor Study. Based on the information provided, we concur that the alternatives that are proposed to be 'retained' as identified in the ARDS should be carried forward under the NEPA/404 Process.

A copy of this letter is being furnished to Mrs. Barbara Rudnick, EPA - Region 3, Mr. Bob Zepp, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service - Chesapeake Bay Field Office, Mr. Jeff Thompson, MDE - Nontidal Wetlands Division, and Mr. Greg Golden, DNR - Environmental Review Unit. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (410) 962-4503.

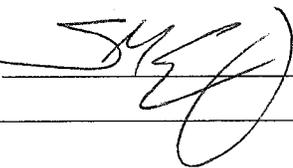
Sincerely,

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Stephen M. Elmsky  
Biologist, Maryland Section Northern

Enclosure

## Alternatives Retained for Detailed Study

<b>Project Name: Midcounty Corridor Study (MCS), Montgomery County, Maryland</b>	
<b>Having reviewed the June 2010 draft Alternatives Retained for Detailed Study (ARDS) document and the November 29, 2010 supplement letter, (by signing this document) the following agency:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
<input type="checkbox"/> Maryland Department of the Environment	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Concurs (without comments)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Concurs (w/ <u>minor</u> comments)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Does Not Concur</b>	
Comments / Reasons for Non-Concurrence:	
<i>Note: Please do <u>not</u> provide "conditional" concurrence. You should either concur with the information as provided (without comments or with <u>minor</u> comments) or non-concur until revisions are made or additional information is provided.</i>	
Additional Information Needed:	
Signature: 	Date: <u>1-7-11</u>