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Fwd: Site plan 820200160) - Creekside at Cabin Branch -testimony

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**Conservation
Montgomery****To:** Montgomery County Planning Commission**Re:** Site Plan 820200160 - Creekside at Cabin Branch

Dear Chair Anderson and Commissioners,

Conservation Montgomery was part of a broad coalition that worked to bring science-based impervious caps to the *2014 limited Master Plan Amendment*. This proposal clearly violates the clean water outcomes promised to the citizens of Montgomery County when the *Plan* was adopted. It exceeds the 6% impervious cap necessary to protect Ten Mile Creek and the vital drinking water supply in Little Seneca Reservoir.

Of the greatest concern is the emphasis the *Master Plan* places on the need to minimize grading and soil disturbance, especially in the most sensitive tributaries of Ten Mile Creek. The two most sensitive tributaries, LSTM 110 and 111 currently have the lowest impervious levels and this proposal will degrade these critical tributaries with massive changes to the soils, topography and subsequent hydrology. These are the very impacts the *Master Plan* intended be avoided. 326 houses on 90 acres is not minimal and puts the water quality of our last best stream and its tributaries in jeopardy.

The proposed site plan is nothing short of a betrayal. It not only violates the substance of the *Master Plan* but the trust of citizens who worked together believing that through a process of adhering to science-based impervious caps, Ten Mile Creek would be treated as a "complete and functioning watershed and ecosystem, including all the contributing tributaries and their drainage areas." The *Master Plan* clearly state this as an

imperative. Please reject the proposal before you.

Sincerely,

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