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## Comments from MCA re Item #11 - "Creekside at Cabin Branch"

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Dear Chair Anderson and Planning Board Members,

This morning, per usual, I reached for my first sip of water... and took notice of the absolute clarity of the water drawn from the vast Piedmont groundwater aquifer as mapped above... I know that this is a privilege that, globally, too many others do not share. Here in our County... every governmental land use decision must hold at center the protection of our regional water resources.

As has often been noted, the Ten Mike Creek watershed serves as part of a regional water supply security for over 4 million residents. Please make sure that you are up-to-date on the forecast for our water supply And the master plan provisions to inform your decision making in this instance.

See the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin long-term planning:

Reads in part:

This study assesses a range of solutions to increase the capacity of the region's water supply, which may not under all conditions meet unrestricted demands by 2040. The Washington Metropolitan Area Water Supply Alternatives Study provides information on alternatives out to 2085 to help ensure strategic options are available over that planning horizon. Alternatives were evaluated by their abilities to maintain

reliability in the face of growing metropolitan area water demand, decreasing river flows due to upstream use, and the potential impacts of climate change. In January 2018, the ICPRB Commissioners adopted a resolution encouraging action on the study results.

Executive Summary:

[https://www.potomacriver.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Washington-Metropolitan-Area-Water-Supply-Alternatives\\_ExecSummary.pdf](https://www.potomacriver.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Washington-Metropolitan-Area-Water-Supply-Alternatives_ExecSummary.pdf)

Full report:

<https://www.potomacriver.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2020-WMA-Water-Supply-study-FINAL-September-2020.pdf>

You have received a number of thoughtful comments that provide solid science and public policy behind the ask for the board to deny this site plan as configured. Please send the site plan back in order for the deficiencies to be addressed with regard to the excessive amount of imperviousness at LSTM 110 and 111.\*

Thank you for your consideration.

\*Site Drainage Pattern Overview reveals that the figures are 6.9 (LSTM 110) and 12.8 (LSTM 111).

Respectfully,

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**"Whether we and our politicians know it or not, Nature is party to all our deals and designs, and she has more votes, a larger memory, and a sterner sense of justice than we do." ~Wendell Berry**