

February 23, 2022

Ms. Kelly Neff
Maryland Department of the Environment
Mitigation and Technical Assistance Section, Chief
Wetlands and Waterways Program
1800 Washington Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21230

RE: Permit Number: AI 170959/21-NT-3040/202160426
Project: DRG/WSSI Umbrella Mitigation Banking Instrument and Addendum #1 Lake Elkhorn
Mitigation Bank, Columbia, MD

Ms. Neff,

The Town Center Community Association Board of Directors (TCCA) has reviewed various letters and information from watershed experts, concerned citizens and organizations from those supporting the Lake Elkhorn Project and those opposing it. Based on our review of that information, we fully support the project as outlined in the project description.

The stream restoration and mitigation bank project will help to restore the streams, reconnect them with flood plains, reduce erosion and improve overall stream quality. This long-term project will protect the watershed for future generations to enjoy across all of Columbia.

The surrounding lakes and tributaries that are impacted today by excessive runoff and massive erosion will once again be restored to manage the pressures of climate change and increased storm water as our environment changes.

Doing nothing is not an option and, this project is a positive step in the right direction to a sustainable future for our watershed.

Sincerely,

Kevin Fitzgerald

Kevin A. Fitzgerald
Town Center Community Association
Chair

Cc: Lakey Boyd, President/CEO, Columbia Association, Inc.