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Dr. Royce Hanson, Chair  
Montgomery County Planning Board  
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, Md. 20910-3760

RE: Lake Frank Connector Trail/North Olney Trail

Delivered via email to: [mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org](mailto:mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org)

Dear Dr. Hanson and Members of the Planning Board:

On behalf of the Greater Olney Civic Association which represents over 40,000 people in Olney, we are urging you to approve "Alignment B" for the Lake Frank Connector Trail.

We exist not only to serve Olney but to uphold the ***Olney Master Plan***. Our delegates have voted to support "Alignment B" based on the following criteria:

This proposed trail is in keeping with the intent of the ***Olney Master Plan***. Our delegates and citizens, many of whom are avid bikers and hikers, feel this proposed trail is consistent with existing park use. We find the nature and arrangement of this design very attractive. This proposed trail would remove the **least number** of large trees. This would be the most direct connection and would have the least vertical elevation change to the east side of Lake Frank from the Rock Creek Trail.

Furthermore, we firmly believe this trail would be a great amenity for Olney that will improve access to Lake Frank, the Rock Creek Trail and to the vast county and existing regional bikeway network, provide additional recreational opportunities, and support bike transportation instead of relying on automobiles. We are additionally encouraged by the fact that this trail will be paid for with ***ICC Environmental Stewardship Funds***.

Our sincere thanks for the opportunity to provide input and convey our feelings to you.

Sincerely,

*Matt Zaborsky*

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President