



March 14, 2024

Dear Community Member:

My office has received several inquiries about the work being done off of Patuxent Road and the status of the proposed Chesapeake Terrace Rubble Landfill.

The work off of Patuxent Road is for wetland mitigation. The permit for this work dates back decades, and the county has had inspectors on site to confirm that the work is being done within the scope of what was approved. Once the work is complete, the access points off of Patuxent Rd. will be stabilized and closed off. These access points cannot be used to operate a landfill and no further work in this area is permitted.

As you may know, in February 2023 MDE announced that they had made the tentative determination to approve a permit to operate the rubble landfill. The process was subsequently delayed after the northern long-eared bat was officially put on the endangered species list in March of 2023. However, federal authorities have determined that the bats would not be detrimentally impacted and so MDE has been cleared to continue processing a permit to operate the landfill.

The County's position on the proposed landfill has not changed. Regardless of whether MDE issues a permit, the developer has not yet met the local zoning requirements. The county cannot issue a zoning certificate of use, and no work on a landfill can happen unless those requirements are met. To meet the requirements under the special exception as approved in 1993, the developer would have to convince the school system to sell them an access road to the landfill through the campus of Two Rivers Elementary School. That location is the only legal access point to the proposed landfill. My administration will enforce all legal requirements.

Sincerely,

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