



CARDEROCK SPRINGS
National Register of Historic Places

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Subject: Carderock point-of-contact for the Section 106 process, Draft EIS

Dear Mrs. Choplin,

Thank you for your response of July 10, 2019 to our June 12, 2019 comment letter regarding the proposed Beltway widening project. There were some points raised in your letter that I wanted to respond to.

Our historic community as well as the children that attend the Carderock Springs Elementary School face significant community integrity, quality of life and learning impacts from the Beltway expansion. As our comment letter stated, adding 2 lanes in each direction would reduce the distance between the lanes of the Beltway where vehicles will travel and school and residences, resulting in an increased noise and dangerous air pollution. This approach wouldn't be compatible with our designation as a National Historic District and with a learning environment for the children in our community and elementary school that includes students with autism.

Given our National Historic Designation, our community looks forward to participating and providing its input during the Section 106 process. John Tiernan (jtier@verizon.net) will be representing Carderock in this process. Konstantin Gartvig (kgartvig@yahoo.com) and Elena Kazakova (elenawiz@gmail.com) will be alternates.

Our community is strongly interested in SHA's evaluation of noise mitigation through sound barriers construction and how these can address our concerns on sound and air quality impacts. Once this analysis is completed, we would like to invite SHA representatives to come to our community to discuss the findings.

Also, if public reviews of the Draft EIS are still planned for December 2019, our community would like to participate in the public hearings on the Draft EIS. Please alert us when these are to take a place so we can organize a community meeting to discuss these findings directly with our residents. We hope that our community concerns will be heard and addressed in the Draft EIS.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.



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