

Jasmine Forbes

From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 10:24 AM
To: 'Maureen mills'
Subject: RE: Whip Clean Express Car Wash

Good Morning,

Thank you for your correspondence related to Concept Site Plan SP-8819-2021. Your correspondence will be included into the record. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,
Jasmine Forbes

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Planning and Code Administration

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From: Maureen mills <maureenmills@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 6:23 AM
To: Planning External Mailing <Planning@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: Whip Clean Express Car Wash

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Maureen Mills and I have lived in Gaithersburg since 1974.

I am writing in to support the proposed Whip Clean Express Car Wash on the corner of S Frederick Ave and Central Ave.

I believe a state-of-the-art Express car wash would be a great addition to the corridor and the community.

The existing corridor lacks prominent retail and could really use some improvement.

We live in a major metropolitan city and could definitely use another carwash.

Thank you
Maureen Mills

Jasmine Forbes

From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 4:11 PM
To: 'Unity of Gaithersburg'
Subject: RE: Proposed carwash on 355 and Central Ave.

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From: Unity of Gaithersburg <admin@unityofgaithersburg.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 12:52 PM
To: Jasmine Forbes <Jasmine.Forbes@gaitersburgmd.gov>
Subject: Proposed carwash on 355 and Central Ave.

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Dear Ms Forbes,

I am writing to express my opposition to the carwash proposal at the intersection of Central Avenue and 355. I have serious concerns about the environmental impact it would have on the adjacent streams, which are part of the Muddy Branch watershed, and ultimately the Potomac River. The constant runoff, including when it rains will have a significantly negative impact.

It is not congruent with Montgomery County's goal of minimizing the impact of human activity on natural areas. This is from the county website:

Environmental planners throughout the Planning Department strive to achieve sustainability in Montgomery County. By protecting the ecosystems that purify air and water and provide habitat for living things by designing, restoring, and maintaining places that mimic nature, we reduce carbon footprints and contribute to healthier, happier communities.

...Streams are the backbone of environmental sustainability. Water sustains life as it flows from rain through plants, wetlands and forests into waterways that lead to the Chesapeake Bay. Protecting streams and their

buffers — wetlands, floodplains and slopes — is essential to a healthy environment. These sensitive areas provide habitat, cool clean water and natural areas to absorb flood waters, avoiding damage to private property.

The Central Avenue neighborhood is becoming increasingly subject to the onslaught of development, to the detriment of local wildlife and wetlands. In addition, a commercial establishment at the corner would bring increased traffic to an already difficult intersection.

Thank you for considering my remarks.

Edie Crane

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Edie Crane
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Jasmine Forbes

From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 10:30 AM
To: 'francieleib@aol.com'
Subject: RE: Carwash

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From: francieleib@aol.com <francieleib@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2021 8:48 AM
To: Planning External Mailing <Planning@gaitersburgmd.gov>
Subject: Carwash

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Hello,

I work in Gaithersburg and am writing to support the proposed Whip Clean Car Wash on the corner of Frederick Ave and Central Ave.

It would be wonderful to have a car wash at this location!

Thanks for your consideration,

Francie Leibovitch

Jasmine Forbes

From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 4:57 PM
To: 'Greg Wims'; Rob Robinson
Cc: Mayor and Council
Subject: RE: Environmental Standards Waiver Request

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From: Greg Wims <gwims@boldconcepts.com>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 2:16 PM
To: Rob Robinson <Rob.Robinson@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Cc: Jasmine Forbes <Jasmine.Forbes@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Mayor and Council <MayorAndCouncil@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: Environmental Standards Waiver Request

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Dear Mr. Robinson,
My name is Gregory Wims, 28 O'Neill Drive Apt. 5 Gaithersburg, Md. 20877. I was born and raised in Gaithersburg and also work in Gaithersburg at Bold Concepts, Inc.

I am writing to oppose the Environmental Standards Waiver by (Concept Plan, Whip Clean Car Wash)It is very hard for us who live on Rt 355 (Frederick Rd) to get in and out of our neighborhood. If you add another car wash (we already have two within a three mile radius) it would be a nightmare.

This is my 3rd year as a board member on the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay. I am the only member from Montgomery County. I am very concerned that the proposed project would disturb 9,000 plus square feet of the stream valley buffer. I am speaking as a Gaithersburg resident and not for the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

Please feel free to contact me by phone of email: gwims@boldconcepts.com Phone: 301-212-4141

Sincerely,
Greg Wims

Jasmine Forbes

From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 9:35 AM
To: 'William Duthe'
Cc: Tanisha Briley; jim.gilchrist@house.state.md.us; Barve, Kumar Delegate
Subject: RE: STOP - Whip Clean Car Wash

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From: William Duthe <williamduthe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 5:09 PM
To: Jasmine Forbes <Jasmine.Forbes@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Cc: Tanisha Briley <Tanisha.Briley@gaithersburgmd.gov>; jim.gilchrist@house.state.md.us; Barve, Kumar Delegate <kumar.barve@house.state.md.us>
Subject: STOP - Whip Clean Car Wash

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Mrs. Jasmine Forbes,

I hope this email finds you well.

For the last several weeks I have been following the development of the proposed Whip Clean Car Wash that is currently under consideration. As you and other local leaders go through the approval process, it is my hope that you will consider the following questions;

- What percentage of the existing watershed will be lost and/or paved over?
 - I believe the most recent number is 70% - Is this in the best interest of the environment and community of Gaithersburg?
 - Where will the run-off water go?
- How many car washes are within a 2 - 3 mile radius?

- Do we need another?
- Is there a shortage or an increase in demand for another car wash?
- How much noise will be created as a direct result of the proposed Car Wash?
 - Have any professional studies been conducted or considered?
 - Is it true the proposed development is calling for 20+ exterior vacuums?
- Will the development of another car wash pave the way for other industrial complexes?
 - I'm all for new jobs. However, I think we need to be careful when it comes to opening up to industrial business that will further impact the environment.

My wife and I moved to Gaithersburg six years ago because we were tired of all the development and the continued industrial buildup in Bethesda/Chevy Chase. We loved the BCC area but were growing concerned that the local governments were more concerned with development and expansion than their citizenry. Having lived in the City of Gaithersburg for six years we have grown fond of how the city has approached the balancing act of modernizing while ensuring its citizens have an exceptional quality of life.

When I look at the area where the proposed car wash would be located I see a number of vacant buildings. Why are we considering an industrial business over trying to fill these vacant offices and store fronts. If approved, will this car wash negatively impact others? I would assume the answer is yes. Which brings me back to my question regarding filling existing vacancies and not adding one business that may close one or two others.

I believe the City of Gaithersburg's leadership has done an exceptional job over the years. All I ask is that you continue to do what's best for the citizens and reject the proposal for the Whip Clean Car Wash.

Thank you for all that you do for the City Gaithersburg.

Yours,
Will & Grace Duthe
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