

***Friends of Harford***  
**Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2018**  
**(2017 - 2018)**

***Friends of Harford*** (FoH) is proud to be "The Citizens Voice for Responsible Land Use". Our goal is a fair balance between the rights of those wanting to develop a property and the rights of neighbors who might be harmed by that development.

This past year, our focus has been on the Comprehensive Zoning Review (CZR) process.

***Friends of Harford has:***

- Expanded our website to publicize extensive information on the CZR process and to answer questions we were receiving from the public. Much effort was expended explaining the meaning of the various "zoning districts" and what uses each district would allow.
- Kept the public informed of what was happening during the CZR process and identified opportunities for public input.
- Spoke with groups and individuals to explain what the proposed zoning on specific properties would allow (citing Harford's Zoning Code). Where possible, we proposed new solutions when a proposed rezoning was objected to by the neighbors but which might still enable the property owner to accomplish his stated reason for requesting rezoning.
- Publicized our positions on each of the 115 CZR issues and explained our rationale whenever we disagreed with the Administration's positions. Testified before the County Council on the issues we strongly opposed.
- Sent out two "FoH News & Views", one on our CZR positions and another explaining what Special Exceptions are, their advantages, and how the process works. Issued 32 "FoH Alerts".
- Participated in Maryland Department of the Environment's "A Better Maryland Plan" meeting. We also supported improvements to Maryland's Forest Conservation Act.
- Developed land use questionnaires for candidates for County Executive and County Council. All candidates were requested to respond so that voters could understand their positions on the issues. All responses were published on our website simultaneously and an FoH Alert sent out announcing their availability.
- Responded to individuals' queries and met with community groups on various land use concerns.

Since the Comprehensive Zoning Review is finished, we will now return our focus to promoting needed changes in the Zoning Code. As always, we will also:

- Keep you informed via our website, FoH Alerts, and FoH News & Views.
- Review land use legislation, and publish on our website the voting records of Council members on land use bills and resolutions. Push for improvements to the Zoning Code.
- Work with local communities and individuals.