

***Friends of Harford***  
**Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2018-2019**

***Friends of Harford*** (FoH) is proud to be "The Citizens Voice for Responsible Land Use". FoH has a vision of Harford County as a community where an exceptional quality of life is achieved through respecting the environment and the needs of all citizens, by protecting natural resources, improving neighborhoods and preserving open space and our rural character. Our mission is to effectively inform residents and advocate for policies and actions for responsible land use.

This year our efforts focused on reviewing local regulations to allow for public input on amendments to legislation, reporting local legislative voting records, and researching information for citizens.

***Friends of Harford has:***

- Updated and expanded resources on the FoH website and added a Scorecard on important land use legislation that explains FoH's position and shows how each County Council member voted.
- Provided land use questionnaire and responses from local government candidates running for County Executive and County Council.
- Issued 28 "FoH Alerts" for: Development Advisory Committee (DAC) meetings and Community Input Meetings (CIM), Special Exceptions, notices of information meetings on local I-95 Toll Lanes, the Green Infrastructure Plan, Zoning Appeals Hearing for the tire pyrolysis plant, and public hearing for the Joppa-Edgewood Enterprise Zone legislation.
- Attended several CIMs and DACs and participated in public input hearings.
- As requested, provided information to the public on developments due to public concerns on the indicated issues:
  - Royal Farms for Box Hill South - Intrusive lighting.
  - Emmorton Road in Abingdon - Zoning Code lacked definition for proposed Use.
  - Ansar Housing in Joppa - Zoning code and development procedures.
  - Bel Gate development at Old Joppa Rd and Business 1 - Safety and traffic concerns.
  - Belair Overlook at former Bel Air Auto Auction – Lighting, runoff, cut-through traffic, noise concerns.
  - James Run Mixed Office - Traffic impacts and safety.
  - Abingdon Business Park - Wetlands, specimen trees, traffic safety and impacts, lighting, and noise.
  - New Points Sober Living Facility - Zoning and Special Exception.
- FoH partnered with Gunpowder River Keeper, beginning with position paper for Abingdon Business Park.

This coming year we will continue our support to the public while also working for legislation to protect against intrusive lighting, to provide Open Space where needed by residents, and to restore the public's right to question their government via Interpretations.