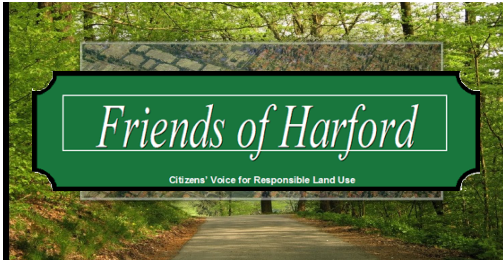


2019-2020-2021 SUMMARY REPORT



Since 1995 FOH, a 501(c)3 charitable organization, serves to protect the communities that make Harford County unique. A group of local volunteers dedicated to being **The Citizens' Voice for Responsible Land Use.**

2019

Testified opposing Resolution 007-19, Edgewood Joppa Enterprise Zone Expansion; 337+/- acres to include Abingdon Woods.

Legislative FOH scorecard provided opinions written on the following: Bill 19-016 Multiple Zoning Changes, Bill 19-028 Retail in AG, Bill 19-029 Accessory Dwelling Unit, Bill 19-030 Changes to Housing for Elderly, and Bill 20-001 Commercial Amusement and Recreation.

Attended several Maryland Department of Environment public input hearings for Mountain Christian Church request for New Private Septic with outfall to a Tier III stream.

Donated over \$2000 to local organizations focused on protecting Harford County.

2020

Education outreach on ways to participate virtually for Zoning Hearings and County Council Meetings due to Covid 19.

Attended DAC for Special Development (Fallston area) for an Integrated Community Shopping Center in B3; provided comments to People's Counsel as testimony for Board of Appeals hearing.

Monitored County Council meetings.

Provided testimony at Public Hearing for Bill 21-001, Solar Energy.

Appointed to the County Council Community Solar Commission work group.

2021

Issued position paper challenging the Nontidal Wetlands and Waterway permits for Abingdon Woods; and highlighted the negative impacts of site inclusion in the Enterprise Zone (allowed removal of key water quality protections).

FOH joined Save Abingdon Woods (SAW) coalition opposition papers regarding the Forest Stand Delineation and Forest Conservation Plan for Abingdon Business Park.

Educated community groups about zoning code special exceptions and rural village zoning design standards. Examples, Dollar General designated use and Restaurant / Farm Brewery use in Village Business, and Special Exceptions for construction services in agricultural districts.

Provided input on Board of Appeals issues i.e. Appeal Written Determination, Case No. 5922, New Points, LLC., Rezone 133.61 acres from R1 Urban Residential to R3 Urban Residential District, Case No 185, Foster Run LLC. (FOH disagreed with increased zoning request)

Published FOH Scorecard tracking every land use bill including comments and voting records of County Council.

Issued 14 FoH Alerts for Development Advisory Committee (DAC) and Community Input Meetings (CIM), and Special Exceptions.

Provided testimony at Public Hearing for Bill 21-003 requesting the Gas Station bill be withdrawn.

Maintained an informative website with topics on how to navigate the land use process in Harford County.

FOH continues to focus on identifying needed changes in law (e.g., updating zoning law and adding language to enforce protections and allowing public testimony on amendments) to find a fair balance between the rights of those wanting to develop a property and the rights of neighbors who might be harmed by a development. FOH's mission is to preserve Harford's quality of life by effectively informing residents and advocating policies and actions for responsible land use.