



May 14, 2008

Honorable Ed Reilly
Anne Arundel County Council
P.O. Box 2700
Annapolis, MD 21404

Dear Ed,

During last year's budget review, you directed the Department of Public Works (DPW) to modify its plans for the Town Point DMP to ensure that no dredged materials would be trucked in or out of the Fairhaven area in fiscal year 2008. Since that time, DPW staff have worked with the community and affected parties to craft a new plan for storing spoils at Town Point that would eliminate the need for such trucking.

Key elements of the county's revised plan were outlined in a July 24, 2007, letter from County Executive John Leopold to the Advocates for Herring Bay. In that letter, the county committed to use the Town Point DMP to store spoils from only three local waterways (Town Point Cove and Broadwater and Carrs Creeks) and to end the county's use of the site by June 30, 2011. In addition, Mr. Leopold promised to submit a report to the County Council by April 1, 2008 if the final management strategy would involve trucking.

Mr. Christopher Phipps, DPW's Deputy Director for Engineering, has told us that DPW did not submit a report to the County Council in April because the new approach will not require any trucking of dredged materials. It is our understanding that the budget request for 2009 for the Town Point DMP upgrade (capital project Q517300) adheres to that revised plan. Based on those assurances, the Advocates for Herring Bay urge you to approve full funding for this project.

The Advocates for Herring Bay greatly appreciate your leadership and the dedication of DPW staff in forging an environmentally and socially responsible approach to managing spoils from our local waterways.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Gramp
President

cc:

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