
RESOLVING TRAFFIC, FLOODING & OTHER ISSUES

Ensuring Bethany Glen Does Not Harm Your Quality of Life

INTRODUCTION

Bethany Glen is proposed to be 238 age-restricted housing units on a 68 acre site straddling I-70 east of Bethany Lane (see illustration on other side). This project could increase traffic on MD99, worsen downstream flooding, increase noise and cause views from nearby homes



to go from one of farms and forests to housing units. HARP has developed a strategy to prevent the negative impacts of Bethany Glen and use this project to make increase traffic safety, reduce flooding and resolve other issues. We can only implement our strategy with your support. At this point we need you to help us establish a \$10,000 quality of life defense fund by contributing \$200 or more.

THE HARP WINNING STRATEGY

With the assistance of a national consulting group (ceds.org), HARP has developed a strategy to prevent Bethany Glen approval until all impacts to Valley Mede, Chamberlea and other area communities have been fully resolved. We've identified issues and begun lining up an attorney and expert witnesses to prevent the project from being approved. Our consultant played a key role in recent denials for two other projects in Howard County. We realize though that the 68-acre site is going to be developed eventually. Therefore, we've identified a number of changes that would resolve all Bethany Glen impacts and actually enhance quality of life for area residents. From our position of strength, we've begun working with the County and developer to win each of these changes. We are very confident that this strategy will be just as successful as it has been in many other similar cases.

HOW WE'LL MAKE MD99 SAFER

Our strategy will allow HARP to use Bethany Glen to: Get a comprehensive study of options for making MD99, Bethany Lane and other area roads safer; Amend County law to prevent new development from adding more traffic to excessively congested roads like MD99 and Bethany Lane; and Make it safer and easier for those living off of Litter Drive, Weatherstone Drive and other roads to turn onto and off of MD99.

WE'LL ALSO REDUCE FLOODING

HARP will seek to have flood control measures installed on the Bethany Glen site that can reduce the frequency and severity of downstream flooding. We're also seeking flood reduction measures elsewhere in the land area that contribute the runoff that caused so much recent damage.

PRESERVING & ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE

We are also seeking the following measures to preserve and improve quality of life for those living in Valley Mede, Chamberlea and other area communities: Add sidewalks and other improvements to our neighborhoods streets so they're safer for kids walking to school, other pedestrians and cyclists; Make Bethany Glen trails, pool, playgrounds and amenities available to area residents; Add more single-family homes to the areas north and south of I-70 so Bethany Glen is more compatible with existing neighborhoods; and Preserve views from existing homes and MD99.

We Can Win With Your Support!

Implementing our strategy will cost \$10,000. To reach this goal we need 50 people to contribute \$200 each. If you left your checkbook home or would prefer to pay online, then use the Pledge Form you received. Place your completed form in the collection plates we'll pass around later.

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