

## **MCCF Resolution Supporting Revocation of the Chelsea Court (Silver Spring) Stormwater Permit**

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Whereas, the Montgomery County Civic Federation is concerned that current county practice fails to implement current law that mandates Environmental Site Design (ESD) to the Maximum Extent Practicable; and

Whereas, failure to implement stormwater law increases pollution in our creeks, watersheds and the Chesapeake Bay; and

Whereas, contrary to current law and state and county regulations detailed in the Maryland Stormwater Design Manual, engineered and structured practices to manage stormwater runoff now take priority over the use of natural areas and landscape features and site design, unprotected trees, slopes and other natural features of a development site; and

Whereas, Chelsea Court can serve as a model for the rest of Montgomery County and the State of Maryland for environmentally responsible development, but only if the county insists that the developer implement ESD by using the site's natural features as the first means for managing stormwater and, as the law requires, by resorting to structural solutions only when those natural means combined with site design solutions have been exhausted;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Montgomery County Civic Federation supports the request of the Seven Oaks Evanswood Citizens Association and the Audubon Naturalist Society that the county Department of Permitting Services revoke approval of the Chelsea Court Stormwater Management Concept Plan and require the applicants to submit a new proposed SWM Concept Plan that will protect and incorporate into the stormwater management design the existing trees and steep slopes on the property and thereby comply with state stormwater law, and state regulations and county law.