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**MINUTES**

**The Frederick County Parks and Recreation Commission**

January 11, 2024

Updated

**Parks and Recreation Commission Attendees:**

Howard Looney  
Viktor Kraenbring  
Charlotte Davis  
Harry Lashley  
Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis  
Council Liaison-Mason Carter  
BoE Liaison – Nancy Allen

**Parks and Recreation Commission Absentees:**

Nicholas Augustine  
Mary Jo Richmond

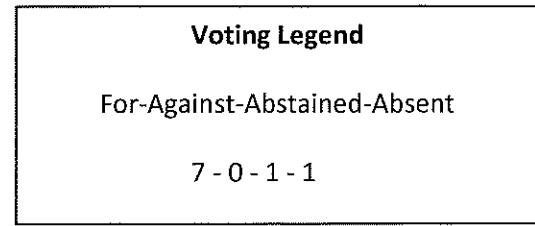
**Public Attendees:**

Corey Bursa  
Cody Burtner  
Jamie Lynn Dice  
Ryan Dice  
Darell Saxton  
Suzanne Saxton  
Andrea William  
Barb Ryan  
Kim Hdagan  
Clair Lasey  
Jackie Hoffman  
Theone Andrero  
Mak Schmitt  
Sue Donalsan  
Lacey Mckintosh  
Joel Anderson  
Brigitta Shroyer  
Karen Knotts

Richard Jameson  
Lysiane Grovel  
Robin Gautney  
Dakotah Rowel  
Roni Hankins  
Lynda Arnold  
Beth Loratto  
Natalie Kimmel  
Stephanie Kimmel  
Liz Hadley  
Suzanne Anderson  
Dina Sharpe  
Donna Stilwell  
Lynda Rogers  
Madeleine Dolan  
Lynn Gulley  
Mark Townsend  
Dwight Reynold  
Victoria Kaminski  
Chris Lewis  
Lynn Ribin Traversa  
Elizabeth A Comer  
Joanie Helman  
Mary Roby  
Dawn Downing  
Dale VanderHann  
Kelly Jaeger  
Tracy McKenna  
Damm Omeda  
Kai Bradley  
Cindy Bradley  
Sarah Shriner  
Jennifer Baker  
Jodi Beckon  
Daniel Pronty  
Becky Maticie  
Laren Smith  
Reana Lentz  
Diana Gunder  
Jo Grigsby  
Wanda Jensen  
Lisa Cantwell  
Sarah Week  
Christie Harrison  
Hanna Wharson  
Carolann Sharpe  
Jonell Caliskan  
Candy Sexton  
Ross Feddicond  
Candy Ridenour  
Karen Bates

Dee Dee Barrie  
Karen Magee  
Shemus Bissoh  
Susan Kephart  
Suzan Payne  
Graham Hubbard

**Staff Attendees:**  
Jeremy Kortright  
Joseph Hayden  
Lin Wang  
Melissa Kinna  
Leyda Navarro



**APPROVED**  
*May 9, 2024*

**Call to Order:**

Chair Howard Looney called the January 11, 2024, meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from the November 2023 meeting were presented for approval. Viktor Kraenbring motioned to approve the November 2023 minutes. Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis seconded the motion.

**The Motion passed 5-0-2-2**

**PRC Chair Comments:**

Chair Howard Looney said he wanted to proceed with the Kanode Farm Park Master Plan presentation because we had citizens that want to comment and discuss the studies that will be presented tonight. Also, tonight, we will make our decision whether to recommend approval to the Planning Commission for their February 21, 2024, meeting.

**Council Liaison Comments:**

Council Liaison Mason Carter suggested to all Commissioners to go ahead with the presentation and public comments before any PRC decision. All Commissioners agree with the decision suggested.

**Kanode Farm Park Master Plan Comprehensive Study Presentation:**

Chair Howard Looney thanked all the Commissioners and public attending the meeting and presented Ms. Lynette Pinhey, PLA, CPSI Registered Landscape Architect who will be talking and explaining the Kanode Master Plan comprehensive study done by Human & Rohde Landscape Architects Inc.

*\*Note: (Please find the Comprehensive study presentation by Ms. Lynette Pinhey, Human & Rohde Inc. on page 9-12)*

The Kanode Farm Park Master Plan Comprehensive Study presentation covered the development of a 182.7-acre site, focusing on agricultural preservation and outdoor activities. The master plan includes provisions for agrotourism, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and group picnics, with constraints such as a two-acre parking limit with permeable pavement. The emphasis was placed on maintaining the site's environmental assets and agricultural land, with areas designated for lease farming and educational programs. The plan also addresses concerns about traffic impact, archaeological sensitivity, and restroom facilities, concluding that the proposed developments are feasible and supported by the community, with minor modifications suggested.

- Site: 182.7 acres, including soybean fields, hay fields, existing farm complex, and permanent agricultural preservation area.
- Activities Permitted: Agrotourism education, horse riding, cross-country skiing, hunting, canoeing, trail riding, hiking, and group picnics.
- Restrictions: Maximum of 2 acres of permeable parking, septic systems not feasible due to shallow bedrock.
- Master Plan Highlights:
  - Preserve agricultural land (64 acres for lease farming).
  - Develop an entrance with a separate driveway for park users.
  - Create visitor parking and orientation area near the log cabin.
  - Establish agricultural education and programming area with restrooms and repurposed farm buildings.
  - Designate an equestrian area with unpaved parking and various arenas.
  - Allocate a plots and events area with parking, pavilions, and agricultural research fields.

- Include environmental education opportunities like pond study, wetlands exploration, creek study, and meadow demonstration.
- Develop a native plant arboretum and enhance existing stream buffers.
- Create a potential 3-mile multi-use trail system around the property.
- Feasibility Studies:
  - Agricultural and equestrian needs: Supported by community and experts.
  - Traffic impact: Adequate capacity on nearby roads, further review is needed for park entrance design.
  - Archaeology: No significant findings, master plan avoids sensitive areas.

**PRC Comments:**

Council Liaison Mason Carter suggested going ahead public comments first before any PRC decision. The Vice Chair Viktor Kraenbring agreed and explained design to the public that this is a master plan that we will recommend for approval, but it doesn't mean there can't be changes after this, so we want to be good neighbors and we want to make sure that at the end we all happy.

Jeremy Kortright explained to the Commissioners that there are sixteen (16) individuals who would like to speak (public comment) and that they will have three (3) minutes each.

Harry Lashley made a motion to allow public comments first and Vice Chair Viktor Kraenbring second the motion.

**The Motion passed 7-0-0-2**

**Public Comments:**

*\*Note: (All 19 public comments made after PRC Comments on this section you will find them on page 12-21)*

The public comments regarding the Kanode Farm Park project cover various concerns, benefits, and perspectives from members of the community. Details from each speaker are attached as an addendum.

A summary of the comments is below:

**Several neighboring members have concerns:**

- Using MALPF easement for public parks, questioning its integrity.
- Soil quality and the environmental impact.
- Park's design appears like an event center rather than low-key park.
- Park's functions overlap with Snook Farm Area.
- Increased development and lack of defined limits.
- Incomplete traffic study and potential impacts on local roads.
- Danger of increased traffic for pedestrians and horse riders on narrow local roads.
- Worries about the increased traffic due to park activities and bridge closures.
- Questions about the necessity of extensive facilities.
- The cost and maintenance of the park – taxpayer concerns of the park budget.

**Several public attendees supported the park master plan:**

- Support the park's focus on training and recreation for the equestrian community, fulfill the needs of underserved segments of the equestrian community.
- Advocate for inclusive therapeutic equestrians.
- Recommend considering carriage driving on multi-use trails for accessibility.

- Support the potential benefits of agricultural research and education.
- Benefits of soil management
- Opportunities for AG research, extension programs, and 4H activities.
- Supports conservation aspects of the park including native plant arboretum and stream buffers.
- Park provides valuable resources for the training and recreation of equestrians.
- Benefits of preservation of historical integrity.
- Economic impact – to the county as well as to the community in the area.
- Horse owners are responsible drivers and have little traffic impact to the area.

**PRC Comments:**

Chair Howard Looney thanks everyone who has commented, then PRC Commissioners were ready to entertain a motion. Charlotte Davis recommended to the Planning Commission approval of the master plan and Harry Lashley second the recommendation.

Charlotte Davis stated that there are important aspects of this plan, including the AG education where we desperately need. Our farmers are aging, and we need good partnership with the Board of Education of Frederick County Public Schools. It is important to include in this the Career and Technology Center. Working with the neighbors of the County we can minimize the impact to the local jurisdiction. Seeing the demonstration of the support for the horse industry here this could be an absolute gem of a park for the State. This plan took multiple groups and organizations into account and feedback and information.

Frederick County Parks is probably one of the best County parks in the state. We are truly blessed that Mr. Kanode decided to give us his property.

**Harry Lashley Comments:**

Also, I want to thank all the public participating with their comments tonight about the project and that the Commission hear all their voices. He let them know that Frederick County Parks is probably one of the best County parks systems in the State. He also let them know that we are truly blessed that Mr. Kanode decided to give us his property, therefore we wanted to give everyone a chance to participate.

**Council Liaison Mason Carter Comments:**

Thanked everyone for their participation and let them know that their comments, opinion, and input matters and let them know that we are hopeful to put together a product that will serve our equestrian community, our AG community, and our student community.

**PRC Decision:**

Chair Howard Looney let everyone know that there was a motion to approval for the Planning Commission of the project and that they had a second and had discussions. All present Commissioners have a unanimous passing of the motion.

**Jeremy Kortright Comments:**

The project will be presented to the Planning Commission on February 21, 2024. The review of the project will be a non-binding review. The Planning Commission will be looking to see if it is complying with Livable Frederick as a comprehensive plan and then they're going to recommend the next step. All the public comments were made today will be recorded and share with the Planning Commission prior to their meeting on February 21, 2024.

**The Motion passed 7-0-0-2**

**Recommendation of new Commission Member: Mr. Daniel Vigus**

Chair Howard Looney reconvened the meeting to go over the information of Mr. Daniel Vigus who applied to be on the Parks and Recreation Commission. It is in the discretion of the PRC Commission to make a recommendation to have Mr. Vigus appointment as a commissioner. The PRC doesn't have to take the time for interviews when there's just one person applying. The Commission has two openings currently and there will be a couple more at least coming up at the end of June.

There's a desire for the Commission to have the planning regions covered by a park commissioner, if possible. But it's not required or mandatory. We have Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis, who's supposed to be on her year off, and she is continuing to serve, which is allowed when there are no applicants, and Dave Twigg was doing that, but then he's decided he's not coming back again. Mr. Daniel Vigus is a registered voter, resident of the County, then he meets the minimum requirement and has a lot of experiences and education in our field. It is the discretion of the Commission to recommend to the County Executive to appoint M. Vigus with the advice of the County Council.

Parks and Recreation Commission recommends Mr. Daniel Vigus to be appointed to the Frederick County Parks and Recreation Commission. Charlotte Davis made the motion and Vice Chair Viktor Kraenbring second the motion.

**The Motion passed 7-0-0-2**

**Director's Comments:**

Jeremy Kortright introduce Leyda Navarro, the new Administrative Support Supervisor and Joseph Hayden, the new Deputy Director.

Jeremy shared several updates on parks, recreation, and capital projects:

1. We opened the Brunswick Recreation Center. It is at the new school and it's fantastic and very well received and a lot of programming opportunities.
2. Daddy Daughter Dance – February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Frederick Fairgrounds.
3. Enrollment for recreation activities in the Spring and Summer season open February 13<sup>th</sup>.
4. Middletown Skate Spot – Met in December briefly with the Middletown School students in a classroom setting to show them two options for the Middletown Skate Spot and they got to comment on it and vote it sketch they like and that is the one we have in our web at this moment and that is the one we are going to build.
5. League Brochure for Spring and Summer came out digitally yesterday, January 10, 2024.
6. Middletown Park Shop has been remodeled and refined for the staff that works out there.
7. Next two shop we are going to rehab over the next six-month, Rose Hill Manor and Urbana District shop. We have been going around the County updating the park's shops for the staff that works in those places, to have them in good condition.
8. Tuesday night (January 9, 2024) Flooding – Impacted some of our parks.
9. February 21, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. – Planning Commission is going to meeting in the morning and they will discuss the Kanode Property.
10. FAQ list is on our website about the Kanode Farm – we have been updating it continuously.

**Commission items:**

Vice Chair Viktor Kraenbring thanked everyone for their input tonight. It was a great turnout. Council Liaison Mason Carter echoed the Vice Chair's words and he let them know that he is glad to be part of it and happy to see all the public. Harry Lashley explained that for the last two years basically the Commission has been working with the Kanode Farm project and it's worked out well. BoE Liaison – Nancy Allen let everyone know that it was a good meeting especially with all the public present to comment on this project and she think this project is going to be a wonderful opportunity for the education prospect and obviously for the equestrian community. Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis said that she went with her husband and kids to the Smore's with Santa, and it was one of the best events ever attended. Charlotte Davis thought the Kanode Farm Plan was great.

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business, Harry Lashley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. and Vice Chair Viktor Kraenbring seconded the motion.

**The Motion passed 7-0-0-2**

Respectfully Submitted,

Leyda Navarro  
Recording Secretary

## **Comprehensive study presentation - Ms. Lynette Pinhey, Human & Rohde Inc.**

We're just going to start here a little bit reviewing what we talked about almost a year ago last April 2023, when we made the first presentation to the board. So honestly, I am not going to go into tremendous detail like I would have in the original presentation, but we will just review everything.

The Kanode Farm Park site is made up of 182.7 total acres. The acres encompass an area that includes soybean fields, these emerald soybean fields and the hay fields towards the background and the existing farm complex with the log cabin and the existing stone driveway that is shared with this adjacent neighbor, and then it comes down into the farm complex. There is about 175 acres in the permanent agricultural preservation.

The process we went through from about six (6) months with the Master Plan Advisory Committee and over the course of five meetings was to review our site analysis of the site. That is, we evaluated its assets and its constraints and restrictions, physical and those imposed by the mouth easement itself and the advisory. The Committee gave us their wish list, features and programming they would like to see on this site, and we put all of that information together to develop the master plan. The activities that can occur on it and is permitted on the site within that would pertain to our project it's agrotourism education tours and programs; horse riding lessons, horse shows, cross country skiing, hunting, canoe, trail riding, hiking and group picnics are all permitted. These are activities that the County and the Advisory Committee was looking to do with in this property.

The restriction is that only you can have a maximum of two acres of parking and that has to be permeable pavement. So that's really restrictions and of course, the primary focus is agricultural preservation naturally based on the easement. The impact on how we develop the put all of the puzzle pieces together to develop the master plan and the most critical one is that there's a very shallow depth of that rock, which means that we're not going to get any percolation for testing or septic systems on this site. So that's going to restrict how we handle restroom facilities for the public and usage on the site. Otherwise, the site is gently rolling farmland which this makes it look like it's a tinsel top and it is not. There is considerable amount of slow from Stephens Rd. from Stephens Rd. to the South and then down to. Where big Hunting Creek borders the property on the South and on the West. We put all that information together from the Advisory Committee recommendations and it's the site constraints and the assets because the site does have tremendous environmental assets for the County. This is the preliminary master plan that was generated and approved by the Advisory Committee last January 2023 (a year ago). The primary focus of the master plan and what's desire is preservation of agricultural land, so the large part of the property in the north and the east side is designated for lease farming, the continuation of lease farming, active farming, it's about 64 acres worth of farmland there, which is currently being farmed by at least farmer with the county as soybean fields.

Beyond that, we have to get into the site we will have to develop an entrance where we will be sharing the entrance with the gravel driveway that is at the best possible place. For sight distance along Stevens Rd. because it's in the middle of the straightaway. Now we will bring the driveway in parallel with the gravel driveway along this edge of this western edge of the property. It will have its own separate driveway because it will be use different and it will keep the resident's usage separate from the park usage and it will keep the resident's usages separate from the park usage.

It will have a visitor parking and orientation area which is adjacent to the log building. The farm complex is the collection of barns and outbuildings and log building, which was Mr. Kanode's residence originally. Adjacent to that was the best place to have the agricultural education and programing. Therefore, the school system can participate with student's projects, set aside garden maybe greenhouse. Outdoor classroom space, a pavilion towards that end and discuss previously some restrooms. It will be an alternative form of restroom, like a vaulted

toilet or portable toilets. This type of alternative toilets is something that the County uses quite often in many of their parks already because they don't have septic available. Amongst the other farm buildings, the outbuildings will be where the maintenance area is for the park or the central maintenance operations area. They will use, reuse, and repurpose the existing farm buildings. There is a garage pole barn, some other buildings of that nature to store equipment, maintenance equipment and materials as necessary. As we go past the visitor parking down the park roadway and to the central area is the lattice part of the site, so it made sense to put any development there, especially that is anything needs parking or flat spaces because it minimizes earthwork and the costs. And plus, with the shallow bedrock, that makes it more difficult for excavation and so on. So you know that is why these facilities are in this central area.

There will be also the equestrian area, which has an unpaved parking area for horse trailers. And then several different types of horse arenas of different sizes that would, based on the Advisory Committee recommendations, that would accommodate different types of riding styles. Plots and events area has its own parking lot, which would be again permeable paving and would accommodate test plot areas, administration gardens and we'll have a couple of pavilions for educational purposes for groups, schools and other classes related to the agricultural demonstration types of activities and associated with that will have 24 acres of agricultural resource research and demonstration fields. It can also be a regenerative farming for demonstration practices and agricultural research, largely spearheaded by the County Extension Service people.

Again, as I mentioned, we have opportunities for other environmental education uses and we have identified several. There is an area for pond to study pond ecology, a nearby existing wetlands and area that would be a good outdoor classroom facility. Then down where there is a piece of property on the south that touching the Creek would be a good area for science at New Creek study and finally on the western side of the property is a beautiful existing natural meadow, which is just a natural place for exploration of meadow demonstration and research and experimentation and display and can be combined with orchard use which was requested. In addition to those there are three areas set aside for native platform Arboretum development here on the south.

Another little tidbit on the southeastern edge, which will also benefit the site by expanding the buffer to the wetland to the floodplain and the Creek by introducing the use here furthermore there is an unnamed tributary that divides the property. It is already wooded. It is a nice, wooded corridor, if you will, but we also are the master plan is proposing stream, buffer, and enhancement plantings to widen that buffer for that for that existing.

And finally, the dashed line that you see on the master plan represents the potential for a multi-use trail system around the entire property and we get it over three (3) miles of trail that potentially can be developed here. The idea is that it will be on grade and follow natural contours so that it will be an accessible at accessible slopes just for ease of negotiating the entire site by all. And I want to make one notation that since the original master plan that was presented last year the neighbor up in the northeast corner requested that the trail be moved further away from their property to reduce noise. The December of 2023 revision reflects the request, and we move the trail further away from that. So again, the Master plan is just again a guide for the development of the property. It doesn't every single detail. Not everything has been worked out. But this is a guide for the general locations and uses that could be. Developed on this property based on the Advisory Committee recommendations and desires and how the site could make that happen, so as was mentioned following the April 2023 presentation the community had some questions and requested further studies to prove or demonstrate the feasibility of the master plan. What is been the need for the various? Agricultural education and active agricultural facilities and use that are proposed so the three, the three issues that were of concern were the feasibility. Are these things that are proposed necessary and appropriate to serve the public need? Can the site support these uses? And what

is the programming that the county wishes to actually use and how are they plan to operate these facilities. The second part is traffic.

More people coming to the farm than thereafter used to be, so what is the potential impact to the local roads from this additional traffic. These uses for education and equestrian will bring more horse trailers and buses that have to be accommodated. And finally, there were concerns about archaeology and having a study of the area around where the development is going to occur. Will any of this development have an impact on setting archaeologically sensitive areas? And so that those the traffic study and the archaeological study were conducted, and they were included in and the information that is been posted on the website. Consequently, we put together this comprehensive study again, hopefully we once had a bit of a chance to take a look.

We are just going to touch on the points that were discussed in the report. And the summary and the conclusions, so the point is to find out the feasibility and the need for these for facility. These we reached out to the Advisory Committee members. We reached out to equine industry experts and other agricultural educators to look at the master plan versus what their needs are for their particular uses. And give us input as to how successful the master plan will be to support what they want to and would like to have done and how they would like to use this. Again, the study has a very brief discussion of the site conditions and constraints. Because this this information was well presented in the site analysis during the master plan process, but just the summary of the items like the septic issue, there's water on site, so that's not an issue. What are the other things the site entrance and so on? South those things were briefly touched upon in a section. In the study. Then Parks and Recreation developed a list of possible potential programming for the site with their operational needs would be, and it is a long list in the in the study, those are just a list of potential uses for consideration. As the park becomes developed. Then we have the traffic study that was performed in October of last year. And its conclusions we have the Phase One archaeological survey. That was performed in September of 2023. It has the entire report with photographs of what little was found and how they went about the process and their conclusions. Towards also, at the end of the comprehensive study are the minutes of all the Advisory Committee meetings so that there is a historical record of the development of the master plan. And finally, Ross Hedegore, the Executive Director of the Maryland Horse Industry Board, provided some history and data on of horses and their assets in Frederick County as some background information for the equestrian use and need. So again, very briefly, I am simplifying this. Granted there's a lot of information in this comprehensive study, but just for remedy, the agricultural and equestrian community. Was overwhelmingly in support of what is shown in the master plan, and they expressed excitement for the potential for the development of any facilities that would assist them in the progressing their programming and we acknowledge that the site has natural limitations and assets as we have discussed and to answer the initial question, all of those things were taken into consideration when we developed the master plan. That is part of the process site analysis programming, and you take that together and arrive at one possible illustration of how the site could be developed. The traffic study concluded that there is adequate capacity on Stephens Rd and Old Frederick Rd to handle the traffic to the park. That was the general conclusion. It is recommended, however, that the more review will take place when final design goes forward for the entrance to the park and any anything else that has to do with the road improvements. And that will be obviously having to go through the approval process with Frederick County Office of Transportation Engineering, all considerations will be taken into account and have to go through the approval process. The conclusion from the archaeologically, no significant findings that were to be impacted by the development. The property has been farmed for decades and disturbed already the biggest place of development is as we as I discussed is in that central area around the farm complex, which is again seen disturbance and farming for decades, so we won't be disturbing anything there. A far as the rest of the site goes, we are talking about trails that and potentially some educational science areas which will not disturb anything that could potentially be elsewhere on site so. From that perspective the master plan is adequate to satisfy that concern about archaeological findings. The conclusion was that except for some minor modifications and maybe

some additions potential additions to the master plan that came through the discussions with the various experts, everyone who reviewed the master plan. Beyond that, the original group seeing the master plan to be a viable document for the potential development of the farm property. Again, there were a lot of recommendations throughout the Division of Parks and Recreation and will consider them all but not all of them will be implemented. For the master plan all of these things will be incorporated into the construction documents at the time when each phase of the park is developed, so these things will be taken into consideration.

#### **Public Comment 1: Joel Anderson**

I'm sure most of you know that I own the intergenerational family farm across the road. I'm going to read a little bit of this because I don't want to mess it up anyway, I have a long-term perspective on that area. A large portion of our 195 acres is in the amount easement as well. And you've heard my concerns about using that MALPF easement for a public park. It's the first time it's ever been done in the state of Maryland, so it does bring into question the integrity of the mouth easement. It's kind of interesting. I can't believe I'm here defending them out the mouth easement before the county. Less than 25 years after they came to me and asked me to join in. Anyway, this getting to the that's being said, getting to the soils on that farm, they're extremely rundown. I've been next to that farm my whole life. And the phase one as you show in the CIP in 2025 does nothing to improve those sorts if we want to have demonstration plots out there and all these kinds of things that have to come in phase one. So phase one, as I see it right now, is totally equestrian, and if equestrian is going to have a large impact on this on the Community and the and it's going to have an environmental impact. We also need to do the positives to the soil at the same time to offset some of the heavy traffic and all those kinds of things. It's very important. Anyway, I would recommend that we start smaller on the equestrian side and focus on getting that farm in shape because it really needs it. Anyway, in the meantime, while we're doing this, the horse community pointed out that there are 77. I didn't know these 77 private stables in this county. That's their number where people can go and ride horses and rent horses. This park doesn't serve those people. Because you have to unhorse a trailer and a truck to get there.

So, in the meantime, the horse community is going to be served as we go through building this park properly and that and again going back to let's focus on the good parts like the stream valleys and the and all the in, I'm sorry I'm losing my train of thought here. Us almost 70 years old anyway, it just the replanting and the stream buffers, and those aspects. Thank you.

#### **Public Comment 2: Brigitta Shroyer**

Well, I think all of us are concerned in the immediate area that we were told from the beginning, this was going to be a low-key park, but the whole design shows event center with three riding rings and other developments. Also, we're interested to know what's going on at the Snook family Farm AG education area, and can there be some overlap with students getting there now? This garden plots are on that master plan. If they haven't even been developed yet. Plus, that road could better handle the traffic all for the road. I was surprised to see the wish list expanded hugely, but like you said, these are all suggestions, but it's just adding to more and more, more, more, more like. Where's the limit?

#### **Public Comment 3: Karen Knotts**

Hi and I want to thank you all for changing your order as well. So, I'm a nearby property owner, have been for 30 years. I live on Hunt Club Rd., which was not included in your study but will be impacted by this absolutely. I have concerns. We have folks that run, walk, cycle, ride horses on Hunt club Rd. It's a community that's been there a long time and folks have lived there for many, many years, 30 plus years because they love the ability to use Hunt Club Rd., and Stephens Rd., and we give back by picking up trash. We're good neighbors. And the concern is the traffic study is incomplete because it did not include Huckleberry, and it will be impacted so that's the problem. Also, the data from what I understood from the plan the traffic study was outdated, not outdated. It was

incomplete because the bridge closure did not allow you to see accurate usage current usage and get a car count. So even on Hunt Club or I'm sorry, an Old Frederick Road and Stephens Rd., you didn't get the full assessment of the traffic pattern, and the mitigation measures that were mentioned in the plan, because you acknowledged Old Frederick Rd. has speeding issues, safety issues in terms of many accidents, the measures that were employed were signs and I can tell you they have made zero difference. Aggressive driving heavy speeding, dangerous conditions are normal on Old Frederick Rd. My concern is that Hunt Club Rd. will have diversions because folks will come from 550 to cut through to avoid Old Frederick and there are going to be dangerous situations to pedestrians, to people that might be out riding horses, stretching your legs while you're visiting the farm. It's dangerous that somebody's going to get seriously injured and the widening of the road, which I'm not a horse person, but I just listening to what you said now, what you're going to do within the park because of space. I don't know how, and I am wonder why you are not going to widen Stevens Rd. So, you widen that road and once that bridge is fixed, you'll if you did do a study with that bridge open, you'll see the usage on that road by cars all the time. That bridge gets heavy usage. You can widen that road, put a line down the middle, and that traffic is going to come speeding through there. And those folks that live nearby are going to be impacted, so I appreciate the education features, but I and the horse stuff, ok. Right. But I agree with Mr. Anderson's comments that you need to start slow because you don't know, you don't know what this is going to do to our community and keeping that road not widened because Catoctin Creek happened, it got widened by 40 some percent, right, so it's going to happen, you need to know what the impacts to our community are before you start really building this out and promising equestrian folks that they can do things that it just aren't going to fit, it's dangerous.

#### **Public Comment 4: Lysiane Grovel**

Hello everyone and thank you for having us all tonight. I live in Stevens Rd. on the other side of the bridge, so on the side of Wilhide Road and Angleberger, I am the property at the corner of Stevens and Wilhide. I'm not a horse person, but I love horses. And I am not against that part, at all. It's a wonderful idea. There are beautiful features both for agricultural and horses, in that master plan. However, that park has no place on Stevens Rd. Unfortunately, we will have to deal with it because it will happen on Stevens Rd., and that's the very unfortunate part. Many of us property owners on Stevens Rd., and adjacent roads all have properties in one easement of some sort of another, whether it's prestation AG preservation and never did we think that such a concept such a part of this magnitude could come or could be created in a preservation. I can speak for many of my neighbors, we've been punched in the gut. When we saw that password, it will. It's already affecting our lives. We're already worried about how it's going to affect our roads. How it's going to affect our properties? We're already wondering, should I then send my property if you're an adjacent owner to the future park? Should I put a gate in my front yard because traffic will start driving on my property? It's already happening to me just because of the detours of the bridge being closed. I have people on my property, every day to maneuver traffic, the roads on the other side of the Stephens Rd. Bridge are not wide enough to accommodate 2 cars, let alone if we start having 4th century other traffic car truck, and trailer traffic.

There's a lot to think about. As far as traffic once the park starts phase one and people start coming and going. With the bridge being closed right now as somebody else mentioned already, people cannot read road signs, cannot understand the detour sign will not read the sign will not take recommendations of, hey go that way instead of this way. My greatest fear is that a lot of the truck and trailer people will decide to go across the Stevens Bridge Rd. and then on the other side, the rules are extremely narrow, and they cannot accommodate wide trucks and trailers, especially if you're about to meet somebody else. That is something that should be considered as part of the master plan as part as one of the phases like hey, phase one is successful if we go to. Phase two, what do we do with the roads? There is a lot to consider honoring the peace and tranquility and quality of life of the people that live right next to this park right now.

#### **Public Comment 5: Robin Gantney**

Hi everybody. My name is Robin and I'm on the other side of Stevens where the bridge is closed. I'm on Angleberger and because of the traffic issues, of course it's worse than ever but our roads there are extremely, extremely narrow, and windy, and I guess our concern is living back there. It is definitely going to impact us. There's a lot of cyclists back there, there's a lot of walkers and I know that I've driven and if you have another vehicle coming on Wilhide or Angleberger there's nowhere to go and that's just with two vehicles and there's drain ditches that are very deep, so you cannot go over too far to allow the other vehicle in. I think it's a great idea, the parks are great idea, I love horses too. But my concern is traffic. And how it's going to impact our life back there.

#### **Public Comment 6: Corey Burtner**

My name is Corey Burtner. I'm another neighbors of the Farm. I'm all for the farms. Also, Richard Kanode was you know the guy that donated the farm. He loved animals. I mean, how many people in here would donate a whole farm and \$1,000,000 dollars, right? You know, all these people talking about, they don't want it. Well, why don't they do it in their farm. So anyways, they're talking about the park being too muddy the whole farm, the whole park is still farmed it plowed every year. If it was that muddy, tractors are going to get stuck. We've been riding horses there for six years, you know, and a good bit of traffic. Obviously, the lane is not torn up. There's still, I mean it's not muddy. I don't know what to talk about. Also, the cycling on the bicycles, I want to comment on the bicycles you got Old Frederick Gray and on a cycling day there's 1000 bicycles going up Old Frederick Rd., and the traffics is 50 miles an hour and cyclist are going right down the road, so I don't understand what you all are talking about. Three horse trailers a day going are going to come to the park and they're going to run a bike driver? That doesn't make any sense to me.

Let's say. And again, like the road is not wide enough. I have tractor trailers coming down that route a lot. We're going to be, you know, because. I'm a farm too. Tractor trailer drives right down there all the through the road backs up, no problem, so a bumper pull horse trailer or somebody driving a horse trailer is not going to make a big difference. And another thing like if you go to a horse park, I've been to plenty of horse parks, you go there anytime during the week, if there's more than three people there, you're lucky. And then you're talking about the bathrooms and stuff, some locations just have one porta potty. Those people that have horse trailers, they have a bathroom in the horse trailer, so I'm just for phase one, it just makes the horse trail and a parking lot, I mean people are on the fence.

Would be happy for a long time. And then the covered arena the covered it's nice, but if the parks it's not going to be open in the winter, what's the point of the covered arena? I mean who wants to ride a bicycle in your garage? You know what? I mean like just. Maybe you save the money, build some other stuff if you're going to make the arena, close it in and then leave it open in the winter, so people can use it in the winter, you know, because that would be the attraction to the park in the winter, like when it's 20° outside. You want garage your horse? Of course, where you can ride it. That would be ideal if you could close the arena, it will be okay.

#### **Viktor Kraenbring asked a question to Jeremy Kortright:**

What's our usual turnover for like going from phase one to phase two. How many years are we talking about? Give me an average.

#### **Jeremy Kortright answered:**

We have a lot of parks with a lot of phases, and we cycle through the County as fast as we can, so that every area gets something every other year. I would say that it's probably possible between a phase one of this property and a phase two could it be anywhere between 6 years because that's the CIP that doesn't have it in it to 10 years.

#### **Public Comment 6: Jimmy Lynn Dice**

I'm Jimmy Dice. I'm the owner of Starry Nights stables. I live about 12 to 15 minutes down the road. I smack dab in the middle of an area that doesn't have a lot of trails for my 45 students to ride on. I teach young low income to mid income families. They don't have their own trailers; they don't have their own horse. My students, my parents. They're here tonight. They want to see this spark happen.

Tell you how many people I know in this room, because the equestrian community wants this park. You don't have to do all of it, though. I would encourage you guys to look at what stocks the people that the Woodstock in Montgomery County. I would encourage the people of Stevens Rd. to look at what's. Stock on Montgomery County. We're not asking. And you drive by it and there was nobody there. We go up there because there's nobody there. I'm lucky to see a fellow equestrian up there once a year. We are really good about our resources here. We don't like to do the same part over and over again. My trail riders in this room, we get bored. We're going to travel. We go to Morgan, run down in Carroll County. We go out to. The door is like Corey said, and again, another fellow horse person. We know each other, trust me, and can name probably 15 people in this room. We're really wanting this for the opportunity to have another one. To have more space for us to go. I right now, to take my students to a decent not dangerous trail. I have to go to Morgan for I have to go to Woodstock or have to Gettysburg, that's where I have. I can't do the reservoir too often, the watershed right above us. We live right at the base of Hamburg Road and all that we could my myself I can do it. In my experience, riders can do it. That is a bike trail, and any horseback rider will tell you when they make them for bikes, it's hard, but we do them occasionally. It's difficult. We'd like a nice flat area. We like a nice, you know, wavy area to go take some of these beginner riders out and do this. I don't need all the other stuff. I know some of the equestrians would benefit from a covered arena and all that. We just need a place to safely take our kids in school now. Cross country jumps would be amazing out there, but I'm not begging for them. I'd love to see them. I'd love to see this become a like Woodstock, and if it was only like Woodstock, if it was only in equestrian area, Stephens Rd. wouldn't have to worry about their traffic, I guarantee. If you add all that other stuff in there, yep, might see more bulk traffic on the weekend, I doubt to see it during the week. I highly doubt to see it during the week. But I can tell you right now your horseback riders are respectful, all we want to do is go in there and ride a little bit. Give these people that don't have arena an arena. I don't think they need four of them. I think they'd all be really happy with one big one. They don't need four of them. They need a big one to work on go in, you can put your side stuff in there if you need it. You can put barrels in there. If you want. Those are my words.

#### **Public Comment 7: Susan Saxton**

I'm Suzanne Saxon. So, I came to the advisory committee meetings with my husband. To help watch this get built. I guess, Jeremy, you brought up budget today. I'm an accountant, so all the numbers in my head, I find this to be very overwhelming expense. I think about the maintenance of trails and the footing that goes in these arenas, and so the accountant on me kicked in the taxpayer on me kicked in. So that's what I had to say if we've taken any of that in concern. Also, the traffic study missed the part at the end of Old Frederick Road., to get on the 15. If you've ever tried to get on 15 after the lacrosse tournament got out, nobody can merge on the 15 and we're just going to add to it if any other events let out at any other time, just think the traffic setting, might miss that. That's all I have to say.

#### **Vice Chair Viktor Kraenbring Comment to the Public:**

I just want to throw in one thing about what you said about the cost and everything and taxes and stuff. I don't know if everybody realizes we have probably one of the best park systems in the state, we're blessed in Frederick County, so I just want you all to be aware of that and you know what we continue to do is want to make that grow and sit out the next generations can have, you know, an abundance of places where they can go to. Thank you.

**Public Comment 8: Clair Lacey**

Hi, I want to thank everybody for coming and thank you very much for the details overview of what's going on here. I think I want to clarify a little bit that the intent of this park is that it is going to be primarily for training and recreation rather than competition. Is that correct? So, with that, I think it's providing something that's a really valuable resource for a very underserved segment of the equestrian community. Yes, there are 77 farms where if you are fortunate enough to have your horse there, you can do stuff there, but there are many, many people who keep their own horses on small acreages but have no space for an arena of their own because this provides a useful resource. Covered or not, the advantage of a covered arena should you get to it, is it an extends the useful season of the surface, so that you're not put out of use by it raining, it preserves the surface, so that's just something to consider in the future. What I have not heard is if the multi-use trail will incorporate having carriage driving. This was something I brought up at the meeting last April and it was well supported. We serve the older and the handicapped communities providing accessibility and I would really strongly encourage with the trails are kept wide enough, which will also give access in the case of an emergency that people could take the carriages there. Currently there is nowhere in Frederick County that people can take their carriages to drive. When I say carriages, we're not talking Down Abbey. So, if you have a trail that's wide enough that you can drive UTV or something like that, then it's going to be suitable for people to be able to change their carriages, largest segment of people driving horses are people driving minis which are 44 inches high or less. Believe I know people personally that are handicapped, that they only can drive is the only way that they can get around places. And we would really like to encourage inclusivity of our therapeutic equestrians in this project. I really thank Frederick County for being as inclusive and listening to all the audience here. This is a tremendous thing that you guys are doing. Thank you.

**Public Comment 9: Mark Townsend:**

Well, my name is Mark Townsend. I'm the Frederick County AG agent with university on extension. It's a pleasure to be with all of you today. So, I will not speak for the residents. I understand that this is a dramatic change for that area. I can attest to the soils of that particular location. They are challenging in an agricultural sense as well as a construction sense. I would say bear that in mind. I'm sure that you already have. Number 2; on the AG research side of things. This is incredibly valuable for the larger AG community. In particular, those soils as mentioned are very difficult given their morphology. Oftentimes, when I approach farmers about, hey, we should consider this, you know, management practice that has XYZ benefit is met with extreme resistance based on that doesn't work right. This is red ground. You don't know what you're talking about? And in truth, there is a degree of truth to them. However, I would love to say that you're wrong, quite frankly, been blunt and work within the confines and manage soils in that everyone could understand where has a benefit that they see on their operation, right? So that's how I perceive it. On the 4H side of things, I will speak briefly. This is an outstanding opportunity for anyone involved in that sort of you know, animal showing education is beyond. I think that when it comes to the extension office, this would be an outstanding resource by which we can sort of train the next generation of agriculturalists. That's it for me. Thank you.

**Public Comment 10: Chris Lewis**

Hello, I'm Chris Lewis. Our family has owned and operated a bee farm for the last 60 years. Of the proximity of the Kanode Farm Park. We have land in conservation that's directly across the road from the Kanode Farm Park. I've made extensive written comments I presented in June. Also presented written comments tonight and I still stand by all of those comments and some of them are quite critical. However, since I desire to get out of the parking lot safely tonight. My comments tonight will be somewhat tempered. First of all, I would like to say that I do support the concerns expressed by my local neighbors and friends because I share those. My comments are mostly going to be very limited and they're going to mostly focus on the conservation aspects of the property. I'm certainly in

favor of the native plant Arboretum and also in favor of the stream buffers, but it wouldn't make a couple of suggestions. First, I would suggest that all of the stream buffers be extended to a minimum of 300 feet on each side of the stream. That's the minimum that's necessary to promote native plant and animal species. I would also suggest that those areas be placed either permanent conservation easements or contractual conservation easements through the Farm Service Agency prep program. That's the Conservation reserve program. This would provide local farmers that come to visit the site an opportunity to see firsthand how they can practice conservation; practices implement conservation practices and yet generate income. I'm very interested in the regenerative agricultural practices that we're going to put on place on the property and I think that's a much needed. I think that they're going to be cutting edge and very innovative, especially the agro- ecosystems which we put in place on the farm. I think this provides a perfect example to farmers to come to visit the property to see how they can continue to produce agricultural products, but at the same time implement these restorative measures, the sort of replicate what natural systems do that will tend to restore and rejuvenate depleted land and soil. I would have to say that all of these conservation easements that I'm suggesting, or these conservation programs that I'm suggesting are consistent with what local farmers are already doing. The sand gravel has nearby has first planned your property committed to a tree planning buffer along big Hunting Creek. Joel Anderson for over half a century has implemented best farming practices and conservation practices on his property. Thank you.

**Public Comment 11: Lynn Rubin Traversa**

Good evening. I'm Lynn Rubin Traversa. I'm your area extension director for Central Maryland and I want to say thank you for many things. One is for the opportunity to have our super smart faculty, contribute to the discussion and lend their expertise. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful extension team in Frederick and to represent University of Maryland extension to say we very much support this project. I know my day is busy, I can't imagine what it's like to take all of these comments into consideration and to make your resume recommendations as a committee. There are so many things to consider and hearing all these perspectives is just a wonderful opportunity and looking at the master plan, I've had the opportunity to look at that and I see the opportunities for partnership with extension to be limitless in terms of education and research. And so, we are very grateful, and we are very much in support of this project. So, thank you.

**Public Comment 12: Elizabeth Comer**

Hi, I'd like to point out that the Knodel Farm is a historic landscape that conveys, in essence, the agricultural history of Frederick County. There are very few places in this county where you can see the landscape as the Native Americans saw it as the first settler saw it. And its subsequent generation has experienced and appreciated it. The history of the farm is that of a single-family farms. And that is part of that is its historic viewshed, which brings in the Catoctin Mountains and it's an irreplaceable resource of you ship. Think about it when you start building, you change it. When you start widening roads, you change it and you change it on that view, well, it won't be reversed. And it takes away that, as I said, irreplaceable resource. The archaeological study that was undertaken was simply an archaeological study. It was not what is really needed, which is a cultural resource study. Cultural resources are both above ground and below ground. Archaeological resources are those that are below ground. Historical resources, such as the built environment and the historic landscape, the cultural landscape are those above ground. And those were not considered and have not been considered in this study at all. So that archaeological study was very narrow and did not look, as I said at the built environment and the cultural landscape which are significant. They are the reason one goes to the Kanode Farm, looks at those mountains, looks at that landscape and goes, oh my God, this is just gorgeous, and it's because it has been preserved and it is there for us to see. It should be evaluated that did not take place in this study. Once that landscape was altered and compromised, it's gone forever and this agricultural preservation easement preserves that landscape, and that was one of the things that this being over, you know, is being changed for the first time in the state of Maryland by your precedent, if

in fact you take that. In addition of large structures and incompatible with the view of the Catoctin Mountains and should Mr. Butler, the African American who lived adjacent to the property in the 19th century comeback, should Mr. Stevens come back, they would not recognize their property. Once these changes take place. The economic impact of bike routes, the most popular and most well-known and used bike route in the state of Maryland, goes right adjacent to this property. The spur is Stevens Rd., and the economic impact of biking is huge. Just look at the great Allegheny Passage or any of the other bike routes and I don't think that has been taken into consideration. The property is surrounded by single family working farms, not commercial. And don't forget the rural and scenic roads. Thank you.

**Public Comment 13: Joanie Helman**

Hi, I am Joanie Helman and I just want to say that I appreciate everything the committee has done. You guys are amazing. I've done a lot of the job, a lot of work well done. I'm a trail rider and I'm really excited about this part coming to the area. I think it'll be great. And plus, the educational component that's going to be here is amazing for our young people. Thank you.

**Public Comment 14: Mary Roby**

Hi, I'm Mary Roby, I am also a trainer at Starting Night Stables. I don't know Frederick area as well as everyone else here, but I do know Howard County and this park very much reminds me of school in Mill Park that I have known for 20 years with one of my horse trainers that I have known since I was eight. I've also done the Maryland Open Horse show series with them, and I've also done for each with them before that I have seen them do very similar to this with horse people coming in, soccer players, parks, regular recreational. I have not seen them do research there, which I think this gives us a lot more benefit than school Mill does. It's also on a busy road as well it's on 108 and I've seen it. I've seen horse trailers go in and out, and honestly, it really doesn't make much of a difference on the traffic. Even when I had my horse living across the street, it's going to a park. I've seen many changes that I think that this farm would improve compared to what we have done at school at Mill. And now I'm also a runner outside myself, I run 5 miles. Currently I do 5K's. And try to do 10K. I live on the back of the woods by multiple horse farms and yes, it can be kind of dangerous. It does scare my parents a little bit, but it's still, there's still possibility of being safe, even with back roads and trailers coming in, and, like others have pointed out. It's a rarity for horse trailers to see horse trailers coming in and out, it's even more rare to see tractors, and tractor trailers coming in and out. And I live on Colton Court. I live by Larry Lant. Like, I see almost absolutely nothing even with Larry Lynn, even during their busiest times of the year, and I've also with this budget, yeah, you can kind of avoid few things like everyone said, cover arena. Yeah, it could be the end of the list. You know, as long as the budget is acquired and taken properly, I think you can make it really good. Please don't be like schooling now, where they spent \$500,000 on a new equestrian arena to avoid flooding and did nothing. It really did do nothing, and I was baffled when my oldest director told me their budget, and I'm like, what? and then when I saw it, I'm like it looks better. And then it rained, and it didn't do anything. So, I think as long as you know things like that are taken required, we don't need shows right now. Our shows beneficial. Yeah! Does it change the traffic that much more? Not really. And I've done the shows for again nearly 20 years at that park.

**Public Comment 15: Daniel Prouty**

Do you mind putting up the master plan really quick? I just want to give some context to where I live, I'm not going to try to belabor all the points. Everybody's ready to make and I am a direct neighbor. Hopefully I just want to say I'm probably the most excited of all the neighbors. I went to an Academy that I dated a couple of girls that have horses. You know, horses and romance. They make, so I appreciate the horse community. With that said, I do have real concerns. Some are unique to us in particular because of where we live. Overall, I'm really encouraged by all the communities by the panel. I really appreciate you letting us talk. This is going to happen. Anybody that's worried about it not happening the horse people, relax, it's happening. Those of us on the other side of it, we're just trying to hope that we can have some influence so this whole thing isn't just a big mess. On that note, can I

just go back to it was the one that had the map. I just want to show you where I live, and I want to show you a video of one of the real concerns with the water. OK. So, our properties right here, we have got 3 acres right here. There's our shed, there's our driveway. You can't see all that. So, some of the concerns that we have locally, there are people coming onto our properties. They see the bridge there, back into our driveway that I had to replace the mailbox several times. Things like that. I'll deal with that. That's not a big deal. The things I have more of a problem with are if these things like this are not paying attention to this is what happens. Almost every year on that Creek. This is from here is where the Creek lawn lives. It comes up higher than this. It got up over the banks from this last gold. It's all clay up here. The entire properties are clay. The reason they have to do this is because they couldn't sell the property. You can't farm the property because it lays wet. All the farmers know that, you know, it lays wet. So, you have to take all that stuff seriously.

You've got to amend that soil. These are all the points I wanted to make. Obviously tracks to huge concern. One of my primary concerns, too, was fishing. Nobody's really mentioned that I'm worried about people coming out of my property. This is very neat concern to me. I'd like some mitigation of people walking out of my property. There's nothing there. I don't want to have to put in \$10,000 off fences. I love the horse community. I love the farming community. I think this is going to be great for everybody. We're excited. I hope my kids get to use this. Maybe my grandkids will get to use this. We literally step onto the onto the property, which is something that I hope we can continue to do. At the same time, having traffic respected the water respected the fact that that's actually more of a swamp than a meadow respected what people are taking seriously, so everybody thrives. I want this to be successful, for the horse people. If this doesn't work, if we don't plan right, it's going to be a failure for the horse people. I don't want that. I want my daughters to learn how to ride up there. I want access for the local community too. I think it's great that other people are going to be brought in, but I do want this to be planned well so it can all be combined. That's all I got. Thank you.

#### **Public Comment 15: Lisa Cantwell**

Hi, I think this is wonderful and I do hear the concerns of the property owners. I'm Lisa Cantwell. I live up in Sabillasville. I'm a lifelong horse owner and have ridden many, many of these places that some of us have discussed and I just want to ask if you don't mind. How many equestrians are here? Yes, yes, so. I'm looking forward to this park for its many uses and like I can echo what some of them said here, we just like to get out the ride and we would be excited to know that the integrity of the farm is preserved that there's historical interpretation. And that sort of, say, some of the archaeological studies were brought up. Well, we don't want anything disturbed that doesn't need to be disturbed. So, all around, I mean, what a, what a great undertaking. Thank you. And I'm so grateful. I didn't know Mr. Kanode but I am thrilled. So, that being said, I come from the land of excellent horse parks. I'm Kentuckian, and you can coexist. You can do this. It's all I can do not to take my horse to Ballenger Creek. Right. What a beautiful park. So, I trust this could happen. We don't need the big arena right away, do we? No. We just want to get out and smell and we can pull out our horse manure. We do it at Gettysburg.

#### **Public Comment 16: Dee Barrie**

I'm Deedee Berry. I am a quarter horse trainer in Poolesville, MD, and I have had an absolute roller coaster of emotions in here tonight because I came here frothing at the bit, for lack of a better term, about an event facility and a place where we could go in horse show. And the longer that I've stood here, I've come to realize, because I've only ever really seen, you know, social media and of course, the Maryland Horse Industry Board I was in on a call and like, heard very briefly about this whole this whole plan and so of course the horse trainer and me, that has virtually nowhere to show except for PGA Questran Center, which frankly is not working for us anymore. Was so excited to see something that was going to be so close to install and have a covered arena. I mean for even a one-day open show. Because we take a lot of our clients to those one-day open shows for you know teaching new clients to, to show and bringing new kids and it's such a great way to feed the industry and to feed trainers like myself and facility owners like everyone that's in here. And the longer that I've been here. We're very, very close to Woodstock and so we see it and I've used it multiple times. And the longer that I've sat here, I totally sympathize

with the homeowners that are surrounding this place and the traffic. And one thing I do want to say as a horse professional, somebody that pulls 50 feet plus of rig up and down back roads constantly all year. Horse people that are hauling horse trailers full of their best friends and their biggest investments, and the thing that they dump all of their money into with at their job, you know, they drive extremely respectful. They are always the slowest person, driving up a mid-lane. They're always the person that's going wide berth around a cyclist and pinching behind them and not making any dangerous passes. I mean, we are so, so careful when we drive. I personally live on Edwards Ferry Rd. In Poolesville and all of those roads in Poolesville. I mean, you guys are familiar with Poolesville, all equestrian communities out there and they're all these, like, pathetic one lane back roads that are, you know, covered with down, there's down trees, all that, you know, it's really, really kind of narrow back there and in the 12 years I've lived in Maryland, I have never knock on wood, seen any more trailer off the road. I've never seen a more trailer accident. I've never seen anybody get hung up on those back roads. And to be honest with you, I'm constantly passing fellow trainers on those roads with rigs the same size as mine and it's always completely copacetic. I mean, we're careful, we're paying attention and to somebody else's point of people pulling onto their property and like making a wrong turn, I will say that horse people are terrified of getting stuck somewhere. Our biggest fear is to pull in somewhere and then have to back out or whatever. So, I will say that that I I'm a mother. I have a son who's going to be three years old in March. I'm really excited for an opportunity for him to grow up and have places in his area, I know where Montgomery County, but places in his area where he can study agriculture on a scientific level, this is something that's not offered. I don't. I've never experienced this offered anywhere else. Wherever I live. So, I'm excited about this.

**Public Comment 16: Janelle Kaliski**

Hello, my name is Janelle Kaliski and I'll be really quick. I just want to say thank you so much. I was so excited to hear about this opportunity from Mr. Kanode to have this equestrian park and facility. We don't have anything like this. I mean, we traveled to Woodstock. We travel all these places to have these, so I'm just super excited. I do feel for the people that have a little bit more traffic maybe, but honestly like the one fellow said there's really not that many of us in one place at one time, unless it is used for like shows. Which I mean, I'm up for whatever. I think it's a great opportunity for education and agricultural studies and things like that, but I'm just really grateful that we could have the opportunity in Frederick instead of traveling really far for all these different places, and yes check the land make sure it's good. We don't want flooding, we don't want to get stuck in our trailers, so I'm all for all that, but thank you for the opportunity. I can't wait.

**Public Comment 17: Carolyn Sharp**

Good evening, I am Carolyn Sharp. I take 3 minutes to tell you what I do for horses and people, but I'm going to do that. I am a board member of the Maryland Horse Council and I want to put some numbers in our conversation and everything, I don't repeat anything that's been said, everything's been excellent, but my background is in real estate property management. And protecting homeowners. I'm also a former accountant. I'm also a public-school teacher, and some of the hardest schools in Baltimore County. So, I want you to understand where I'm coming from. I see both sides, but I want to put something out there. Maryland, unlike Kentucky, has the largest per capita of horses in United States. We just recently did an economic impact \$2.87 billion dollars comes into Maryland for horses alone. That's \$3 billion. Find me another industry that does. I have yet to project. Of that almost 500 million is exclusively recreation riders; 77 horse barns are licensed in Frederick County. We are only one of two states that licenses our County. Our license bonds. If you rode a horse for anyone other than your brother or sister and a family, you are required to have a license. So, I may have one horse, my backyard, my best friend, and I have to get a license. That license goes to Maryland Horse Industry Board, and it supports our state. Of that many don't have arenas, many don't have trails. Many don't have the opportunity, as Jamie said, to show children that are every different background. What horse worlds look like, what the locations look like. So, I don't want to piggyback on that. I'm also going to go back with property values. I'm going to encourage any of you that have a home near this to look up the property values in the last 10 years of Fair Hill, Patapsco State Park, Marysville, Woodstock, and

Liberty Reservoir. I promise you; I live on Liberty reservoir. You can't find a property that has not gone to \$300,000 above what Zillow thinks it should be. People are giving away their fair hill homes before they even hit the market. So, I'm promising you that if you want more value, we're not trying. To take it away. The driving, I drive a 250 RAM truck. I had to fight my husband to get it. Trust me. I don't want to scratch, dent or mud on it. I bought two horses in my favorite yellow taxi, New York City taxicab. I'm not going in your driveway. I would find Wawa, 711. I don't want your driveway because I love my camper and my horses more than I love your driveway and your grass, but I promise you we're not doing that. E-bikes are something that we are also dealing with in the parks and I encourage people to get there on the trails, but trails I'm going to say is what we're looking for, yes, educational opportunities, the arenas, the 4H is absolutely going to be positive, but overall horses are 95% of all livestock and animal county, and you might want to look at what's happening in Frederick to because you're coming really close.

**Public Comment 17: Richard Jameson**

I am Richard Jameson. I live on Angleberger Rd, my question is this, right now the bridge has been out for about a year or a little over a year, and I should know nothing you've done over the last year with it. It makes a lot of sense given where you're studying brought things up to you. They only address the other. That bridge because there's no intention of widen Angleberger. I live on Angleberger. I've driven with a Texas Cadillac and a rig on back. It's not safe. All right? You really living here, you only got to what are you doing going through that curve. All right. The bridge it's extremely dangerous. I'm asking you; do you apologize while we're there? I want to slow motion myself alright. I understand, but we'd like to know what's going on.

**Public Comment 18: Sarah Shriner**

Hi, I wasn't planning on talking but I vote first to talk. My name is Sarah Shriner. I'm going to talk to advisor, so I'm excited for the opportunities for our high school kids and what that could offer not only for our high school kids in the county, but even across the state. So, we have a contest that sometimes we have problems locating places to host them we could even, I know we talked about soil a lot we could dig a soil that can go down in there and see what actually is going on in the soil and the kids could take that and they could do some of these studies that you're talking about. We have agricultural and science competitions and things that they could go do. We have entrepreneurship students that could we talked about the are the garden plots so they could grow that for their own little businesses because they assume they have businesses. So, I'm excited for the opportunity especially being so close by that I can take my own classes there and go do some studies during the year and I like horses too, but I'm thinking that we should phase in the agricultural education piece kind of first as a whole for all education because our #1 industry is also and that is speaking from the mom of a very excited 10-year-old boy that rides over there too. But we can do all of that. But I'm hoping we can phase in kind of the education piece first for the value of that. And I didn't hear anything about scouts, but I'm also involved in scouts and that could be another of course. Just don't forget all AG education. I want this to happen with horses, too. I was even like we could do an artificial insemination clinic. Thank you.

**Public Comment 19: Anonymous**

It's going to be short. Like our local people, I mean. We're for just trying to minimize it. We don't want the traffic; we don't want commercial vehicles. Again, if you if you've been out on Frederick Rd. and Utica comes out, I mean, it'll take you 10 to 15 minutes to get on 15 and then you add a 50-foot rig trying to get out there. You know, we're afraid that the traffic is going to get too bad. And you know, we don't want it to be an Event Center. We would love it to be just horse-riding trails and minimize it. And that's all we want. We just don't want the traffic. We don't want another J Bar. W Ranch on Steven R.