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The Honorable Craig Rice
President, Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Council President Rice,

I am writing concerning the pending decision on the Ten Mile Creek Limited Master Plan Amendment, and request that you consider Arlington County's perspective, as well as the region's need for a reliable and secure water supply, in making your decisions regarding what could have impacts to the capacity of the Little Seneca Reservoir, a key portion of the region's water supply during times of drought.

Arlington is aware of the smart growth principles that guide the decisions in Montgomery County, Maryland and we applaud you and your colleagues for your efforts in this regard. These efforts in planning and land use decisions throughout the Potomac River watershed help to protect the safety and supply of our drinking water in the national capital area every day, not just during times of drought when the Little Seneca Reservoir plays a greater role as a vital supplement to the natural flows in the Potomac.

Please place these smart growth principles at the forefront of your deliberations in the Ten Mile Creek watershed considerations where additional efforts and controls, particularly in the area of sedimentation, will help preserve the capacity and efficacy of the Little Seneca Reservoir as part of the overall water supply coordination efforts led by the major water suppliers in the region, the Council of Governments and the States and District signatories to the regional agreement.

Thank you for consideration of Arlington's position on this matter and for your continued efforts regionally as a leader in the area of smart growth.

Sincerely,

Jay Fiset, Chair
Arlington County Board