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Maryland National Park and Planning Commission
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Re: Opposition to current specifications of Thomas Building (Goddard School)

Dear Messrs. Hanson and Braunstein:

I am the owner of 1011 Windrush Lane, Sandy Spring, MD 20860, a townhome within the community of Sandy Spring Village. My townhome is directly adjacent to and located within fifty feet of the proposed Thomas Building project. As a little history, in 1989 I moved into a rental unit at Sandy Spring Village. I was so taken with the quaintness and rural feeling of Sandy Spring that I wanted to permanently reside there. In 1996 I pursued and purchased a different townhouse unit within Sandy Spring Village. In that regard, I am writing this letter as a concerned homeowner that will be adversely affected by the proposed project.

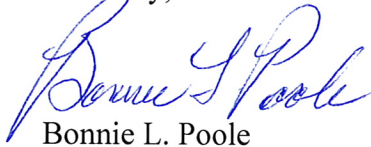
I am quite saddened and strongly oppose the current proposed specifications of the Thomas Building project. The sizes of the buildings are massive and are not in keeping with the surrounding environment and architecture of the other Sandy Spring buildings. The large size of the parking garage will have a negative impact on the entire community but especially me as that will now be my "scenic" view. A concrete structure will take the place of trees and open space. This proposed plan does not comply with the Master Plan (i.e. the structures do not fit into a rural, small scale area). I'm also very concerned about what impact this entire project will have on Sandy Spring Village's storm drain capacity. Many units currently have water issues and the proposed size of the Thomas Buildings will only adversely affect our storm drain capacity.

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I know progress is inevitable, but it's a shame that the proposed structures will negatively affect what once was and should continue to be the quaint town of Sandy Spring. The newly proposed structures are not compatible with the existing land uses. They will dwarf the other surrounding buildings and completely change the feel of what attracted me to this part of the County. I also believe that the proposed massive buildings, garage, play area, noise level, additional traffic, lack of trees and lack of open space will negatively affect the value of my home.

I respectfully request that you reconsider the massive size of the buildings and garage, along with the other aspects of this project, when you determine if they are in compliance with the Master Plan. Please put yourself in my position when you consider what the current proposed specifications will do to not only me and the other townhomes of Sandy Spring Village, but to the remaining residents of Sandy Spring.

Sincerely,



Bonnie L. Poole

P.S. Please feel free to contact me directly at my office (410) 897-3063,
or cell (443) 822-4804 if you should have any questions or concerns.