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May 22, 2005

St. Mary's County  
Board of County Commissioners  
Governmental Center  
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Dear Board of County Commissioners,

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the May 17, 2005 public hearing regarding the Lexington Park Development Plan and would like to submit this letter for the public record.

I strongly support and encourage the decision to remove 'Flower of the Forest Farm' off Willows Road as well as the environmental easement areas south of the farm to Route 5 from the Lexington Park Development District. These areas are all within the Hilton Run subwatershed, part of the greater St. Mary's River Watershed, and serve as a buffer between the Development District and the St. Mary's River. Removing these areas from the Development District is prudent and will help maintain the environmental integrity of the St. Mary's River.

On the other hand, I request that you reconsider the addition of the Beavan property on the west side of Indian Bridge Road and the proposed Wildewood property to the Development District. With the Development District not even close to being 'built out' I don't believe we should increase its size at this time. I do recognize the need for schools and the challenges we face in securing sites and believe that schools need to be located in the Development District as it stands. The large number of houses and significant increase in impervious surface that would follow with the addition of these two properties to the Development District will have negative impacts on the St. Mary's River Watershed. With this in mind, I oppose any expansion of the Development District within the St. Mary's River Watershed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nancy E. McAllister  
Acting Executive Director  
St. Marys River Watershed Association