



Sandy Spring-Ashton Rural Preservation Consortium PreserveAshton.net

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Please Fund Road Improvements at Route 108 and New Hampshire Avenue

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Mr. Neil Pedersen
State Highway Administrator
707 N Calvert St.
Room C-100
Baltimore, MD 21202

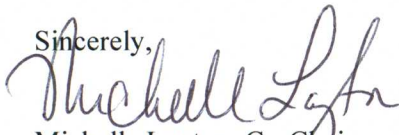
Dear Mr. Pedersen:

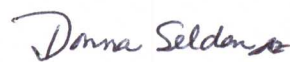
The design of Ashton Meeting Place, to be developed at the intersection of Route 108 and New Hampshire Avenue, was approved by the Montgomery County Planning Board on May 15, 2008. The Sandy Spring-Ashton Rural Preservation Consortium (SSARPC) worked for years to ensure that the design conforms to the Sandy Spring-Ashton Master Plan. SSARPC is very pleased with the current design and looks forward to Ashton Meeting Place being built and the services it will bring to the community.

One of the conditions of the County approval for Ashton Meeting Place is that the road improvements at the intersection of Route 108 and New Hampshire Avenue be completed. The improvements are not only necessary for the building of Ashton Meeting Place, but also will substantially improve the safety and traffic flow of the intersection. In order for the Sandy Spring-Ashton community to see the benefit from the redesigned Ashton Meeting Place, it is essential that the State fund the intersection improvements. We are looking forward to the development of a safe, walkable area. Without state funding, the improvements may never happen.

If we can provide you with any more information, please contact Michelle Layton at 301-570-0521 or feedback@ssarpc.org or mull@earthlink.com. More information about SSARPC and our projects, including Ashton Meeting Place, can be found at www.ssarpc.org.

Sincerely,


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