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To: RestonMasterPlanSpecialStudy
Subject: Reston's Historic Cemetery - Reston Master Plan

GREETINGS -

(PLEASE EXCUSE THE ALL CAPS IN THIS EMAIL - But I copied my neighbors to save time - most because I completely ECHO his thoughts. I did change the year as to how long I've lived on Hunt Club Rd. I have however lived in Fairfax County since 1986. I am a concerned Reston/Fairfax County citizen.

I AM WRITING TO YOU AS A CONCERNED NEIGHBOR WHO HAS LIVED ON HUNT CLUB ROAD SINCE 2002—(WITHIN VIEW OF THE FAIRFAX HUNT CLUB)—AND AS SOMEONE WHO APPRECIATES AND HAS A DESIRE TO PRESERVE OUR HISTORY. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE CLUB PROPERTY IS NOW ON THE MARKET TO BE SOLD. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE HISTORIC LOG HOUSE WILL BE PRESERVED WITH A 500-FOOT BUFFER AND THAT THE ONSITE UNNAMED CEMETERY WILL ALSO BE PRESERVED.

I URGE YOU TO CONSIDER ADDING LANGUAGE TO RESTON'S MASTER PLAN II AS IT PERTAINS TO THE HUNT CLUB PROPERTY AND, SPECIFICALLY, THE CEMETERY CONTAINING AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF GRAVE SITES. SINCE THE LOCATION AND NUMBER OF BODIES IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME, PLEASE CONSIDER ADDING LANGUAGE TO THE MASTER PLAN TO PRESERVE A 500-FOOT BUFFER AROUND THE CEMETERY. THIS COULD POTENTIALLY ALLOW ARCHAEOLOGISTS IN THE COUNTY TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF THIS FINAL RESTING PLACE AND TO POSSIBLY IDENTIFY WHO MAY ACTUALLY BE BURIED THERE. TO RECKLESSLY DIG UP THE GROUND AROUND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF TOMBS, IN MY HUMBLE VIEW, WOULD BE UTTERLY DISRESPECTFUL OF THE PEOPLE WHO DIED AND ARE BURIED THERE.

YOU COULD MAKE THIS HAPPEN. WHOEVER BUYS THE HUNT CLUB PROPERTY WILL NO DOUBT WANT TO ENACT SOME SORT OF DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE ADOPTED MASTER PLAN. THIS NOTE AND THAT OF OTHERS, ONLY REQUESTS YOUR CONSIDERATION TO PRESERVE A LITTLE MORE OF OUR RICH HISTORY AND TO RESPECT THE REMAINS OF THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED BEFORE US. RECOMMENDING A 500-FOOT BUFFER AROUND THE EXISTING CEMETERY WOULD ACCOMPLISH BOTH OF THESE ADMIRABLE GOALS AND STILL ALLOW THE PROPERTY TO BE REZONED SHOULD THAT BE DECIDED.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

SINCERELY AND RESPECTFULLY,

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