



COUNTY COUNCIL OF HARFORD COUNTY

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October 21, 2016

Maryland Department of the Environment
Attn: Mr. John Roche, P.E.
1800 Washington Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

Dear Mr. Roche:

In addition to being a current Harford County Councilman representing the area set for the Winters Run earthen dam, I wish to present a few additional facts.

Having been a lifelong resident of Bel Air, I specifically remember two significant drought conditions where water was actually tanked in from Aberdeen Proving Ground. That was approximately 1953 or 1954. The entire north part of Bel Air had no water at that time. Certain wells and other resources have been added to the infrastructure and I doubt we will ever have that severe problem again.

More recently, we have had numerous water restrictions and severe cutbacks affecting Maryland American clients.

I sat through the series of public hearings held by the County Council and during that period of time "NO ONE" gave valid substantiated testimony that the proposed earthen dam would in any way be adversarial to the long-time future of Bel Air and Harford County.

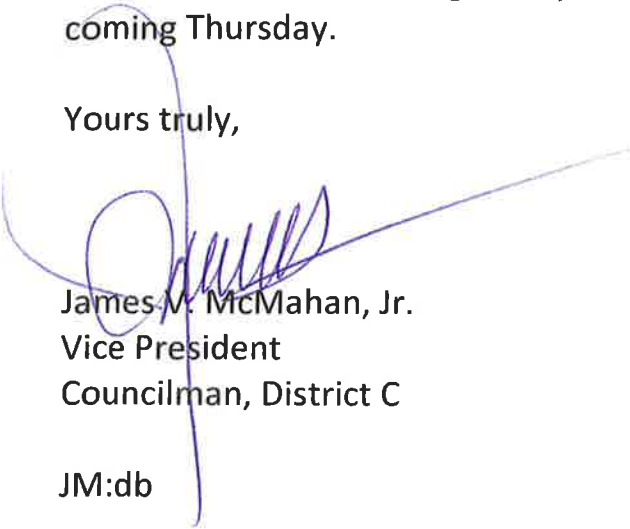
The construction required by numerous regulatory agencies far exceeds the standard of the old-type earthen dams and the possibility of a rupture under

today's standards is minimal. In addition to the overall protection this reservoir would provide citizens in the form of potable water, the area also comes with an MOU from Maryland American to provide scenic walking trails and natural habitat for migratory birds.

The area chosen is more than ideal because of topography, position along Winters Run, proximity to the current treatment plant and the available contractual agreement keeping cost in line for both Maryland American and Harford County. It actually will improve an area that was open space.

I strongly support this project, not only as an elected representative of the people of the district involved but as a lifelong resident of Bel Air and Harford County. If this opportunity is lost the chances of a similar location with its relative low cost may never be achieved again. I plan to be on hand at the public meeting this coming Thursday.

Yours truly,



James M. McMahan, Jr.
Vice President
Councilman, District C

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cc: Jesse Bane, Town Administrator

Mayor Susan Burdette

✓Robert McIntyre, Operations Manager, Maryland American Water



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WATER SUPPLY PROGRAM

To whom it may concern,

The Commissioners and staff for the Town of Bel Air wish to express their support for the following State Permits as they address a very critical need for the citizens and businesses of Bel Air. They include the following:

- (1) Waterways Construction Application
Case Number: 16-OB-0036, Agency Interest (AI): 150858
- (2) Water Appropriation and Use Permit Application
Application Number: HA1976S015/07
- (3) Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Permit Application
Case Number 15-NT-0386/201561803, Agency Interest (AI): 50858.

These are the applications of the Maryland American Water Company located at 260 Gateway Drive, Suite 17-18B, Bel Air, MD, 21014. Until such time as MAWC is able to begin the construction process for a water impoundment, the lack of an adequate water supply during drought conditions will continue to have a negative human and economic impact on the citizens and businesses of our Town.

Your time and attention dedicated to this matter is greatly appreciated. You may contact me at your convenience should you have any questions or concerns. I will follow this fax with an original, signed copy of this correspondence by way of the United States Postal Service.

Sincerely,



L. Jesse Bane

Town Administrator for Bel Air, MD