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Re: Commitment to Montco Preservation

Dear Commissioners:

In following Montgomery County's long tradition of protecting its land and history, we have taken action steps to establish a "Commitment to Montco Preservation" as part of our proposed housing development in Whitemarsh Township located at 4006 Butler Pike.

The Villages at Whitemarsh have been designed to fully preserve the historic structures adjacent to the proposed development, which includes Abolition Hall and the Hovenden House, and to maximize open space. We have listened to and met with neighbors and community leaders through all stages of the development process, including Friends of Abolition Hall and township and county officials. We have adopted many of their suggestions into our proposed plan, such as:


- Creating open space that could function as a welcome park adjacent to the historic neighboring Abolition Hall and Hovenden House, which will be owned by members of the Whitemarsh community, as part of the development's homeowners association;
- Supporting all efforts to ensure these sites remain on the National Register of Historic Places, which will be fully preserved as part of the development;
- Utilizing only 70 percent of the allowed density for the overall site;
- Incorporating a walking trail across the site that will be part of Montgomery County's "Cross County Trail" system; and
- Fulfilling a suggested use in the township's comprehensive plan, without any significant traffic impact.

The action steps listed above are a core component to our Commitment to Montco Preservation plan. We want our proposed development to meet the needs of the community and create an opportunity for families to grow and be part of the Whitemarsh community.

As Montgomery County's top officials, we want to inform you of all aspects of our proposed development and how we are working with community members to incorporate their feedback. We would look forward to answering any questions as you can learn more about our plan at www.villagesatwhitemarsh.com.

Very truly yours,

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