

March 16, 2016

Re: Dulaney Valley Branch Tributary

Dear Property Owner:

The Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (EPS) is conducting a watershed assessment along the stream corridor that is adjacent to your property. The purpose of this assessment is to characterize stream reaches that are unstable and prioritize potential restoration projects. The reason we targeted this specific area is that we have already identified a potential restoration project for the stream system that parallels the south side of Windemere Parkway. The overall goals of Baltimore County's Watershed Restoration initiatives are to improve water quality and ecological function of the region's streams and waterways.

This Department utilizes a natural approach to stream restoration design, and has implemented over 65 projects in the past 20 years. Native materials such as rock, wood and vegetation are strategically placed to control stream flow and armor banks where necessary. The intended result will be a stable, self-maintaining stream corridor that provides a number of environmental benefits including nutrient and sediment reduction, improved aquatic and terrestrial habitat, and better ecological function.

At this time, we are seeking your permission to access your property for continued assessment purposes only. Once the assessment is complete, we will discuss our findings and proposed actions with you. We will not begin construction of a stream restoration project until we have discussed detailed plans with you, and you have signed an access agreement. All of the proposed and potential work will be performed at no cost to you.

Please look over the enclosed information, and sign and return the survey. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-887-2904 or [lbledsoe@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:lbledsoe@baltimorecountymd.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Bledsoe".

Lisa Bledsoe, Natural Resource Specialist  
Watershed Restoration Section

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