

Rock Creek Hills Citizens' Association
~ For residents & friends of Rock Creek Hills ~
9723 Kingston Road, Kensington MD 20895

August 28, 2017

Mr. Casey Anderson
Chair, Montgomery County Planning Board
via email

Dear Mr. Anderson,

To greet the opening of Silver Creek Middle School, we ask that the Planning Board and the Parks Department take these steps at your earliest possible convenience:

- To protect students walking to and from Silver Creek Middle School:
 - Update the worn asphalt pedestrian path along Kingston Road to secondary bike path standards;
 - Install a sidewalk on south side of Kensington Pkwy between the Beltway bridge & Beach Drive;
 - Update the old pedestrian bridge over Silver Creek at Franklin Street.
- To remediate recent uncontrolled stormwater runoff from the school construction site:
 - Improve creek bank stabilization between Saul Road and East Bexhill Drive;
 - Improve the bridge spanning Silver Creek at East Bexhill Drive.
- To preserve and protect the new school's namesake creek:
 - Improve creek bank stabilization between Kent Street and Saul Road;
 - Plant trees along the creek bank.

We respectfully ask that you prioritize these actions in order to protect the creek and the safety of students, children, and citizens, and to improve and encourage pedestrian and bike use in the community.

Sincerely yours,



James J. Pekar, Ph.D.

President, Rock Creek Hills Citizens' Association

P.S. Photos from recent walkthrough with a Parks Department representative that identified areas of heavy erosion, runoff, and damage needing immediate attention and remediation to prevent further deterioration:

- Chockfull pedestrian bridge (near Franklin St.): <https://goo.gl/photos/jLkUm7sGetycKoo57>
- Undercut stream-bank: <https://goo.gl/photos/9nNo93tooMgxHPxV9>
- Downed tree on straight stretch (& many invasives): <https://goo.gl/photos/nsv12SnAXcqAvVSg8>
- Dead tree & roadside erosion: <https://goo.gl/photos/VgvZToiQnk9LFipAA>
- Erosion at Kingston & Saul Roads due to runoff from school site: <https://goo.gl/photos/7jjMKaFSNRMvndpd7>

Cc: Mr. Michael Riley, Director, Montgomery County Parks
Dr. Traci Townsend, Principal, Silver Creek Middle School
Mr. Michael A. Durso, President, Montgomery County Board of Education
Mr. Isiah Leggett, Montgomery County Executive
Mr. Roger Berliner, Montgomery County Councilmember
Mr. Matthew Fleischer, Executive Director, Rock Creek Conservancy