

May 30, 2020

Members of the Montgomery County Council

In re: newly proposed zoning text amendment related to Ten Mile Creek and weakening of impervious surface regulations

Dear County Council Members:

The importance of protecting the water quality of Ten Mile Creek and our nearby backup drinking water supply, Little Seneca Reservoir, **MUST** outweigh any proposals for additional impervious surface areas in that part of Montgomery County – even if for ostensibly good causes, such as bikeways.

Indeed, scientists tell us that each addition of pavement to this sensitive watershed threatens both the quality of Ten Mile Creek and the health of our region's only nearby back-up drinking water supply, Little Seneca Reservoir. Indeed, the world is running short on drinking water supplies so we need to do what we can to help, not impede, our county reservoirs.

Consequently, the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County asks that you **do not support** this upcoming ZTA that the planning board has proposed for you to pass.

Yours truly,
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Co-presidents, LWVMC