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Dear People and Neighbors of Emmanuel:

Emmanuel United Methodist Church has placed a large portion of our forested property into Howard County's Forest Retention Areas. These areas must be protected from disturbances.

Howard County's Forest Retention Program was enacted to protect and preserve trees and other natural vegetation in Howard County by promoting environmentally sensitive design. Owners and neighbors must avoid activities that destroy or degrade protected forest resources that have been placed under a public forest conservation easement.

White signs with green lettering have been posted on Emmanuel's property to show the Forest Retention Areas. The protected areas are behind these signs. Please be advised that these signs may not be removed, and no one may mow, dig, dump (including leaves, sticks, dirt, etc.), park vehicles, or otherwise infringe upon or damage these protected areas.



Disturbances of Forest Retention Areas shall be considered a violation of the Forest Conservation Regulations and are subject to enforcement action by the Department of Planning and Zoning. Enforcement action may include monetary penalties including civil fines, as well as mitigation to restore the forest area to a quality acceptable to the Department.

Emmanuel's Forest Retention Areas are shown on the map on the back of this letter.

Thank you,

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