



February 19, 2008

The Honorable Isaiah Leggett  
Executive Office Building  
101 Monroe Street, 2nd Floor  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Mr. Leggett:

On behalf of myself and my neighbors, I am writing to thank you for the interest your office has shown in helping the Farm Road property owners of Sandy Spring. I am also writing to request your assistance in having the County Government and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (the "Commission") re-recognize Farm Road as the ingress/egress access to our properties.

Specifically, we are requesting that you and the County Attorney, Leon Rodriguez, take the respective steps on the attached email. Please let us know if you will do that, or if not, why not. Ms. Schwartz-Jones from your office made it clear in the meeting on February 13, 2008 that she believed that the community should file suit in this matter and she failed to see the benefit in the government re-recognizing the road that serves our properties.

However, rather than suing the Commission, something that will take years and hundreds of thousands of dollars we don't have, the community feels strongly that it would be much more efficient and better for all concerned if you would simply make a phone call for us as we have requested. We all voted for you and hope you will make the call.

Thank you in advance for taking a leadership role on this issue and ending the injustice that is harming our community.

Sincerely,

Oneida Prather

Attachment: 1/31/08 email from Steve Kanstoroom to Leon Rodriguez

cc: Leon Rodriguez, Montgomery County Attorney  
SaveSandySpring.org  
Contessa Crisostomo, the Gazette  
Audrey Barnes, WUSA TV

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**From:** Steve Kanstoroom [mailto:sjk@femainfo.us]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2008 5:05 PM  
**To:** 'Tibbitts, Dale'  
**Cc:** 'Elrich, Marc'; Leon Rodriguez (leon.rodriguez@montgomerycountymd.gov); 'Friedman, Eric'  
**Subject:** Farm Road February 13, 7 pm Meeting Confirmation

Dale,

I passed the word that the meeting will be at 7 p.m. on February 13, 2007 in Sandy Spring with Councilmember Elrich, County Attorney Leon Rodriguez, Mr. Eric Friedman, Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs and a representative from Mr. Leggett's office. I will arrange for a meeting room at either the Sandy Spring Slave Museum or the Ross Boddy Community Center and let you know ASAP which location will work.

As we discussed, the Farm Road property owners believe that the Executive could take one or more of the following action steps on their behalf:

- 1) Use his political skill to prevail upon Royce Hansen to direct the MNCPPC-MC Director to issue addresses along the Farm Road as MNCPPC-MC has done as recently as 2002.
- 2) Suggest that Mr. Rodriguez contact the MNCPPC General Counsel and share with him the view that, inasmuch as MNCPPC has a history of issuing addresses along the Farm Road, it should continue to do so.
- 3) Designate the Farm Road as a Public Highway pursuant to Chapter 49 Section 49-6. While such action could solve the problem it is important to note that the residents have not requested this action as MNCPPC has recently reported to the media.
- 4) Initiate the process with the State Tax Assessor to refund the past five years property taxes for all Farm Road property owners and maintain a tax abatement until such time as the County and MNCPPC remedy the access situation.

The owners who will be attending the meeting have vivid accounts of using the road. Hence, it would be helpful if all those persons who are attending the meeting on behalf of the County understand that the road exists such to have bad feelings needlessly arise. If any of the meeting attendees wish to receive any information prior to the meeting about the Farm Road, or MNCPPC's past actions of issuing addresses for properties situated along it, please let me know.

Lastly, I found proposed development plans for property adjoining both sides of the road. In one instance MNCPPC has the plans filed under a different city. In the other instance, a pre-submission notice regarding a proposed development adjacent to the Farm Road properties was recently received by some community groups across the County. It was not however received by adjacent Farm Road property owners. Consequently, they are unaware of the meeting scheduled for tonight that the engineering firm involved with the Dellabrooke Subdivision is holding in their Gaithersburg office. Typically such meetings are held in the community where the development is planned.

Thanks again for arranging the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>. I appreciate it very much as do the Farm Road residents I have been able to thus far contact.

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