

**For Immediate Release**

**June 18, 2014**

Queen Anne's Conservation Association (QACA) Executive Director Jay Falstad today released the following statement:

"The County claims that its proposed SKI pipeline will result in no more than 658 new buildable lots in the nine SKI communities. That result, however, depends on the Lot Consolidation Ordinance adopted on May 27 being upheld against the announced legal challenges that will be brought against it by vacant lot owners.

"Our lawyers have found, after extensive legal research and analysis, that contrary to what the County has been saying, the challenges have a good chance of succeeding. Because the Ordinance was deliberately written so that the challenges need not be brought or resolved now, but only after the pipeline is in the ground, the success of these challenges would open SKI up to as many as 2,000 new houses.

"The Lot Consolidation Ordinance looks increasingly like an ingeniously-constructed Trojan Horse for developers wanting to turn Kent Island into Ocean City on the Bay.

"The Smart Growth Coordinating Committee (SGCC) in Annapolis is currently considering whether to approve State funding for the SKI Sanitary Project. We have shared the two memorandums attached hereto with the Committee and look forward to their careful review of the threat that the pipeline, in conjunction with the legally dubious Ordinance, poses to smart growth on Kent Island."

Attached to this Release are:

(1) Memorandum for Jay Falstad dated June 17, 2014 from Rosemary Greene, Esq. of the Washington, D.C. firm of Meyer Glitzenstein & Crystal, forwarded on the same date to the SGCC. (The Meyer firm has assisted QACA on several matters, including the Foreign Affairs Security Training Center in Ruthsburg and the Karbaum-Meehan sand and gravel mine in Ingleside.)

(2) Memorandum from QACA for the Smart Growth Coordinating Committee dated June 16, 2014.

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