

**Sandy Spring Ashton**  
**Rural Preservation Consortium**  
**(SSARPC)**  
Box 518  
Ashton, MD 20861

October 8, 2007

Pastor, Resurrection Baptist Church  
P. O. Box 772  
Burtonsville, MD 20866

Dear Pastor:

The Sandy Spring/Ashton Rural Preservation Consortium (SSARPC) is a group of citizens in the Ashton and Sandy Spring area who are concerned that the area keeps its rural character, as envisioned in the Sandy Spring/Ashton Master Plan of 1980 and 1998.

We welcome you to the area and hope that we can work together with you and your members to maintain the rural character of the area and to help the church become a valued part of our community.

Attached is a letter that we have sent the Montgomery County Planning Board outlining our concern about the trees and vegetation that have been removed from the Resurrection Church site immediately adjoining New Hampshire Avenue. We have attempted through various avenues to contact representatives of the church and have received no response.

Please feel free to call Michelle Layton at 301-570-0521 or send email to [ssarpc@preserveashton.org](mailto:ssarpc@preserveashton.org) to discuss this situation or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michelle Layton, Co-Chair  
SSARPC Steering Committee

Gary Letcher, Member  
SSARPC Steering Committee

cc: Ike Leggett, County Executive  
Robert Kronenberg, Acting Team Site Leader, Park and Planning Staff

Attachment: Letter to Planning Board (plus attachments)