

January 4, 2009

Royce Harrison
Chair, Planning Board
Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Mr. Harrison:

I am writing to you to voice my opposition for the EZ Storage self-storage facility in Sandy Spring, MD.

The facility will add nothing to the community, since there is no need for this service in this area. It will lower property values both of homeowners and business owners in the area. It presents dangerous traffic issues, particularly to the extent contractors use facility in early morning hours when students are traveling to Sherwood High School.

The facility is inconsistent with the Sandy Spring/Ashton Master Plan vision, which is to preserve the character of Sandy Spring/Ashton as a historic rural community. It will diminish the value of community as a historic destination.

This type of facility is usually located in an industrial park setting. Given that Sandy Spring is a residential/historic area, there is a high potential for failure, and it will be difficult to repurpose the facility.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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