

Sample letter

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Dear County Board (and/or) _____
County Manager

I am (We are) writing to demand that the Board reject the proposed plan for “stream restoration” on Donaldson Run Tributary B that will destroy at least 80 mature trees.

Arlington County must use the latest sustainable methods that preserve our public trees while still addressing erosion. Nationally recognized experts have documented [alternative design approaches](#) that require less bulldozing and tree removal, cost less, and offer better resilience to future storm events than the County’s plan. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation strongly supports preserving trees along waterways as natural means to control runoff and preserve water quality.

The current plan will have detrimental effects on our green spaces that are key infrastructure assets providing cleaner water, improved air quality, better health, increased property values, and enjoyable surroundings. Experts doubt the ability of the plan to provide protection for these assets from extreme events like the July 2019 rainstorm.

Please cancel further commitments on this project until an independent review of its effectiveness and value can be completed. Thank you for seriously considering this urgent matter.

Sincerely,