



February 1, 2010

The Honorable Nancy Floreen, President
Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

RE: White Flint Sector Plan / MARC station location

Dear President Floreen:

The Town of Garrett Park is pleased to ally itself with our neighbors in Randolph Hills to endorse the Nicholson Court location for a potential MARC commuter train. As you know, the Town of Garrett Park and Randolph Hills have a common boundary along the mainline tracks of CSX; the same tracks serve the Brunswick line of MARC. Randolph Hills, as represented by the Randolph Civic Association, and Garrett Park thus share a mutual interest in a number of issues brought about by our proximity to the CSX tracks; the Town and RCA are engaged in what we hope will be a long-term and mutually beneficial dialog to address an number of issues of common interest.

Of immediate concern is the location of a potential additional MARC station associated with the White Flint Sector Plan. The Town's interest is both pragmatic – as a number of residents use MARC – and historic – the Garrett Park station has been an integral part of the Town since its inception in the 19th Century. For those reasons, and the purposes more fully articulated in the RCA letter of even date, the Town strongly endorses placement of a future MARC stop at the Nicholson Court location.

On behalf of the citizens of Garrett Park, and with the concurrence of the Garrett Park Town Council, I ask your support for placing the MARC stop at Nicholson Court. I would be pleased to discuss this issue further with any interested party. Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

Christopher W. Keller, Mayor
Town of Garrett Park

cc: All members of the Montgomery County Council