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3 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO FIGHT OAKS III Make Your Voice Heard

3 Tell your neighbors and friends in the county and have them do the same. Demand Protection for the Town of Occoquan. Take Action: Stop Oaks III!

THE POWER OF ONE
 You care about Occoquan, and want to help protect it from this destructive development. Talk to your neighbors and friends, get them to help you write letters and emails.

Perhaps you belong to another group which might be interested in writing to support our goal of stopping the Oaks III development. Speak to them, and get a letter on letterhead to deliver to the PWCPOS. The more support we can show, the more likely the BOS is to kill the rezoning.

Use Facebook, Twitter, and blogs to tell our story and to build support. Town of Occoquan Preservation Society is on Facebook, have all your friends "like" us and get involved.

Plan on attending and speaking in opposition to the rezoning at the PWCPOS meeting on July 19th, at 7:00 p.m.. That is when the supervisors will vote on the project.



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING JULY 19TH.
PLAN TO ATTEND AND SPEAK FOR OCCOQUAN**

Follow our guide to citizen's action-make your comments count, Send a message that is heard at the PWCPOS.



Occoquan in 1862, as depicted on the McDowell Map, O.R. Atlas.

THREE THINGS YOU CAN DO:

1. Send comments to the PWC Website voicing your opposition to Oaks III.
2. Write letters and Emails to the PWC Board of Supervisors.
3. Tell your neighbors and friends in the county and have them do the same.

1 Send Comments to the County's Planning Staff Via the Planning Comment Form

<http://www.pwcgov.org/Apps/Forms/PlanningCommentForm.htm>, it is hard to find, but it is how comments get to the county's planning staff, and they play a key role in advising the Board of Supervisors. Use Case Number and Name we have on the

Prince William County Planning Office
Comment Form for Pending Planning Cases

Please Note: All fields, except phone number are required to submit a comment for public record. If you have a question or need a response, please provide your email address, phone number or contact the Planning Office at 703 792-6830.

First Name*

Last Name*

Home Address*

Phone Number

Email*

Case Name or Number*

Comments*

*Required Fields

form. What should you say? You can use the Town's Resolution regarding Oaks III as a start. Just remember a few tips

1. Don't just say, "I don't like it." Tell them why it is bad for you as a citizen and why you think it impacts you adversely.
2. Point out the the town's support for developments that recognized our need for protection (Like Vantage Point.) In other words, as a town, we are not NIMBY but just what good development.
3. Use your own words and make sure to be concise and clear. The more people who comment, the better.

2 Write Letters and Emails to the PWC Board of Supervisors: Letters Still Matter!

It is still true that the pen is mightier than the sword. Politicians care about what their constituents think. There is no more powerful method of getting their attention than writing a letter. They do read them and they know that people who write are motivated, and often are influential in the community. Do some research before you write. Good sites to check out:

- <http://www.efa.org.au/Campaigns/lobby.html>
- www.solonschools.org/.../108201094705_TipsforWritingLetteustoPoliticians.pdf

Take some time, this is an important step, because your letter represents your opinions, but also the character of our town. Give the Same time and thought to your emails. Plan on writing at least one letter, and at least three emails during the lead up to the vote.

Quick Tips for Effective Letters and Emails

- They stand out and get the point across quickly.
- They draw the eye to focus on them immediately as the salient points.
- They are easy to find again when the reader wants to refer back to your letter.
- State your key message right up front, in the first sentence.
- Say something nice and acknowledge previous and ongoing efforts.
- Lay out your facts in bullet point form.
- Establish your credentials (if necessary).
- Close by summarizing your key message and requesting specific action.
- Include a pleasant salutation and a sincere offer to help.
- Use standard English, not email or text message abbreviations.

Who To Write:

- Chairman Corey Stewart, 1 County Complex Court, Prince William, VA 22192 cstewart@pwcgov.org
- Occoquan District Supervisor Michael C. May, 2241-B Tackett's Mill Drive Woodbridge, VA 22192 mcmay@pwcgov.org