

March 16, 2025

Dear Charles County Commissioners,

I fully support the donation of 1618 Country Lane, Waldorf, MD also known as the Waldorf Nike Battery Site so that Chairman Francis Gray and the Piscataway Conoy Tribe can develop a Piscataway Cultural Center and Museum.

As a Piscataway historian, university professor, and Smithsonian museum curator, I can attest that there is great demand for resources about Maryland's history and that best practices are for tribal knowledge holders to share their stories for everyone's educational benefits. As an individual Piscataway community advocate and cultural practitioner, I clearly state that a cultural center is imperative for mental and physical health and wellbeing.

The Nike Site has a long history of being a significant place of learning and gathering for Marylanders of all backgrounds. The land donation will also upgrade tourism opportunities in Southern Maryland. Thank you for considering this donation.

Sincerely,



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