Corsica River Conservancy
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Centreville Town Council

Re: Proposed Carter Farm Development

We are writing in support of the natural resource provisions of the Green Development/ReMake proposal that is currently under review for the property known as the Carter Farm.

The Corsica River Conservancy works to restore and preserve the Corsica River and its surrounding lands. As we understand the proposal, the following aspects appear to support those goals.

- Minimize impervious surfaces. The buildings are to be clustered, with limited pavement and parking and protected open space.

- Use stormwater best management practices such as vegetated swales, pervious pavers, and rain gardens to minimize damage from polluted runoff.

- Remove invasive plants and repair riparian buffers to improve both habitat and water quality by planting in the buffer and expanding the buffer zones with vegetation native to the Eastern Shore.

- Create public access with trails and river overlooks to enhance community understanding of the importance of individual practices on healthy habitat, water quality, and the multiple values of natural resource preservation. The trails and overlooks could also balance the competing objectives of public access and resource protection.

- Decrease unnecessary car traffic by having town businesses within walking distance.

Although any building on the property will have environmental consequences, several of the factors in this proposal reflect significant attention to environmental stewardship. We note that the Town has taken a stance in its willingness to

consider and adopt innovative alternatives to streets within their ordinances that also support such stewardship. We hope that Carter Farm becomes a new model for sustainable development on the Eastern Shore.

Sincerely,

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