

**Sandy Spring Ashton
Rural Preservation Consortium
(SSARPC)**

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Ike Leggett
Montgomery County Executive
Executive Office Building
101 Monroe Street, 2nd Floor
Rockville, MD 20850
Ike Leggett, County Executive

Dear County Executive Leggett:

The Sandy Spring/Ashton Rural Preservation Consortium (SSARPC) is a group of citizens in the Ashton and Sandy Spring area who are concerned that the area retains its rural character, as envisioned in the Sandy Spring/Ashton Master Plan of 1980 and 1998.

As you probably know, Resurrection Baptist Church is being constructed at the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and Ednor Road. We welcome the church to our community, but we are dismayed that the trees and other vegetation were removed next to New Hampshire Avenue, in direct conflict with the letter and spirit of the Master Plan. The attached letter to the Planning Board describes the situation and a suggested solution.

As someone who feels strongly about development in Montgomery County and is a member of the Resurrection Baptist Church, we wanted to make sure that you are aware of this disturbing situation. We have attempted through various avenues to contact representatives of the church and have not received any response.

Please feel free to call Michelle Layton at 301-570-0521 or send email to ssarpc@preserveashton.org to discuss this situation or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michelle Layton, Co-Chair
SSARPC Steering Committee

Gary Letcher, Member
SSARPC Steering Committee

cc: Robert Kronenberg, Acting Team Site Leader, Park and Planning Staff

Attachment: Letter to Planning Board (plus attachments)