



BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Public Comments

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I. Public Comments Received via BPW Website Form

Department of General Services

1. 25-CGL Lauryn Countess: Support

Good morning! The SB7 Coalition would like to issue a correction to some information listed about our grant. The total project cost came out to \$918,175, not \$100,000. \$100,000 was the grant amount. We would like to have this information noted within the agenda item for the sake of accuracy.

2. 46-LL Chris Sybert: Oppose

Completely opposed to item as it currently stands as it needs a more extensive environmental impact analysis, shorten length of lease back to the public and increase oversight of discharge as these parameters are CRITICAL to the health of the bay (which, of course, everyone SAYS they are concerned about until it comes to money).

3. 46-LL Nancy Hart: Oppose

One just needs to put their kayak in at Mariner Point Park and experience the beauty and wonder of urban kayaking from the bay into the Gunpowder River. Eagles soar above, heron scurry as you round a corner and startle them, turtles slide off rocks into the murky water, all Amtrak trains rush by. These are sacred places that people in urban environments have worked hard to create, preserve and protect. My opposition stems from the length of the lease, a lack of language detailing state control of the escrow account, and a lack of Special Environmental Plan for the Irreplaceable Natural Area of Days Cove located within the Critical Area of the Chesapeake Bay. I urge the Board to reconsider the environmental monitoring necessary to protect the waterways being discharged into, formalize the escrow language, shorten the length of the lease to transition the area for public use, and to increase the external oversight of the discharge in order to prevent potential harm to aquatic life and riverine recreation and livelihoods. Thank you.

4. 46-LL Brian Phipps: Oppose

Thanks to the Maryland Department of the Environment, Department of Natural Resources, and Board of Public Works for continuing to listen to our community's concerns over the Days Cove

Rubble Landfill Lease Renewal. At this time, I, much like the Gunpowder RIVERKEEPER, OPPOSE the Maryland Board of Public Works Department of General Services Agenda item 46-LL. Our opposition stems from the length of the lease, a lack of language detailing state control of the escrow account, and a lack of Special Environmental Plan for the Irreplaceable Natural Area of Days Cove located within the Critical Area of the Chesapeake Bay. We urge the Board to reconsider the environmental monitoring necessary to protect the waterways being discharged into, formalize the escrow language, shorten the length of the lease to transition the area for public use, and to increase the external oversight of the discharge in order to prevent potential harm to aquatic life and riverine recreation and livelihoods.

5. 46-LL Tim Martin: Support

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6. 46-LL Jes Maaswinkel: Oppose

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7. 46-LL Sean Eagan: Oppose

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8. 46-LL Neal Sheehan: Oppose

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9. 46-LL Emma Johnson: Oppose

The Days Cove Rubble Landfill has been a known rule-breaking permit holder by exceeding their allowed effluent limits for YEARS. They are harming local waterways, local wildlife, and recreation waters we value so much here in Baltimore. Please close this place down. Keep our waters clean.

10. 46-LL Michael Panzer: Oppose

I oppose the continuation of the lease for the rubble runoff

11. 46-LL Sue Thompson: Oppose

I appreciate the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Board of Public Works for continuing to appear to listen to our community's concerns regarding the Days Cove Rubble Landfill Lease Renewal. However, with Agenda Item 46-LL, it appears that the core issues raised by residents have not been fully addressed, particularly with respect to protecting the waterways that supply our drinking water. At this time, I oppose the Maryland Board of Public Works Department of General Services Agenda Item 46-LL. My opposition is based on the length of the proposed lease, the absence of clear language ensuring state authority over the escrow account, and the lack of a Special Environmental Plan for the irreplaceable natural area of Days Cove, which lies within the Critical Area of the Chesapeake Bay. I respectfully urge the Board to reevaluate the environmental monitoring required to safeguard the waterways receiving discharge, to formalize and strengthen the escrow account provisions, to shorten the lease term to allow for future transition to public use, and to increase independent oversight of discharge activities to prevent potential harm to aquatic life, recreation, and local livelihoods.

12. 46-LL Carl R. Gold: Oppose

I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL and urge the Board to take the following steps before approving any lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill: extend the timeline by 60 days to allow for full community review; transfer the escrow account to state control during that time; require a Special Environmental Project as a lease condition to ensure fines and penalties benefit the impacted area; strengthen operator oversight and coordination with MDE; and commit to a shortened lease term with a defined path toward returning this land to public use within Gunpowder Falls State Park. Days Cove is a designated Irreplaceable Natural Area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return.

13. 46-LL Sherri Morgan: Oppose

I own and reside on property immediately adjacent to the Gunpowder River and recreate on and in the river. I oppose BPW agenda item 46-LL and, at a minimum, urge the Board to extend

the timeline by 60 days to allow for full community review. In addition, I support taking the following steps before approving any lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill: 1) transfer the escrow account to state control during the extension; 2) require a Special Environmental Project as a lease condition; 3) strengthen operator oversight and coordination with MDE; and 4) commit to a shortened lease term with a defined path toward returning this land to public use within Gunpowder Falls State Park. Days Cove is a designated Irreplaceable Natural Area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return.

14. 46-LL Jeannine Albert: Oppose

General opposition Option A: I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL. The Days Cove Rubble Landfill has operated within Gunpowder Falls State Park and the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area for 40 years without adequate reassessment. The community deserves greater transparency and stronger protections before any lease renewal is approved.

15. 46-LL Laura Schneider: Oppose

Too many years have gone by without assessing the damage being done to the local waterways. These Waterways need to be clean and healthy for we the people now, and for future generations to come.

16. 46-LL David Hash: Oppose

This renewal needs to be tabled until environmental and community concerns are more fully addressed.

17. 46-LL Fred Whiton: Oppose

I strongly oppose BPW agenda item 46-LL and urge BPW to take the following steps before approving any lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill: extend the timeline by at least 60 days to allow for complete community review; transfer the escrow account to State of Maryland control during that time; require a Special Environmental Project as a lease condition to ensure fines and penalties benefit the impacted area; strengthen operator oversight and coordination with MDE; and commit to a shortened lease term with a defined path toward returning this land to public use within Gunpowder Falls State Park. Days Cove is a designated

Irreplaceable Natural Area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return.

18. 46-LL Matt Lonsdale: Oppose

The landfill operator has repeatedly violated their discharge permit. They have demonstrated that they cannot be trusted as good stewards of ANY publicly owned land, and that goes double for such environmentally critical land as the Days Cove area. State and County environmental regulators have likewise been negligent in holding the operator to account. This landfill operating lease should not be renewed, and the property should immediately begin the closure processes of capping and remediation planning.

19. 46-LL Sophie Troy: Oppose

I am a resident of Baltimore County who kayaks on the Gunpowder River and I oppose agenda item 46-LL. I am asking the Board to ensure that the renewal of this lease includes meaningful oversight, enforceable protections for water quality, a reduced timeline, and a clear path toward returning this land to public parkland use.

20. 46-LL OedipaTorregoza: Oppose

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21. 46-LL Geraldine Willis: Oppose

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Area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return.

22. 46-LL Edward Stuebing: Oppose

Days Cove sits in the only natural river delta in Maryland. It is UNIQUELY precious and mismanagement would be a uniquely severe threat to one of Maryland's Irreplaceable Natural Areas. This agenda item should be postponed until the report from the Maryland Environmental Service to DNR, the draft lease agreement, the 2004 Critical Areas Report, and 2026 Q1 leachate monitoring results, among others, have been properly reviewed by the Days Cove Task Force. There are very important risks here in properly protecting parkland, water quality, sensitive species, and the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area.

23. 46-LL Sandra Triolo: Oppose

I oppose the lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill. I realize we need to find solutions to waste disposable but private landfill is not the way forward. Thank you to the Maryland Department of the Environment, Department of Natural Resources, and Board of Public Works for continuing to listen to the community's concern about the Days Cove Rubble Landfill Lease Renewal. My concerns include the lease, a lack of language detailing state control of the escrow account, presence of endangered species within the basin, potential impacts on the Irreplaceable Natural Area, and concerns about discharge within the Days Cove Critical Area of the Chesapeake Bay. Please reconsider the environmental monitoring necessary to protect the waterways being discharged into, formalize the escrow language, shorten the length of the lease to transition the area for public use, and increase the external oversight of the discharge in order to prevent potential harm to parklands, sensitive species, water quality, and community aesthetic, environmental, and property interests. Thank you, I feel strongly that we must prioritize protection and clean up of our natural resources more than ever. There is no time to lose.

24. 46-LL Alisha Bethouille: Oppose

I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL and urge the Board to take the following steps before approving any lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill: extend the timeline by 60 days to allow for full community review; transfer the escrow account to state control during that time; require a Special Environmental Project as a lease condition to ensure fines and penalties benefit the impacted area; strengthen operator oversight and coordination with

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25. 46-LL Mary Ellen Martin: Oppose

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26. 46-LL Jim Martin: Oppose

I am a resident who recreates on and along the Gunpowder River and I oppose agenda item 46-LL. I urge the Board to ensure that the renewal of this lease includes meaningful oversight, enforceable protections for water quality, a reduced timeline, and a clear path toward returning this land to public parkland use.

27. 46-LL Elizabeth Hartka: Oppose

I am a resident who recreates on and along the Gunpowder River and I oppose agenda item 46-LL. I urge the Board to ensure that the renewal of this lease includes meaningful oversight, enforceable protections for water quality, a reduced timeline, and a clear path toward returning this land to public parkland use.

28. 46-LL Melissa Geigley: Oppose

I am a resident who recreates on and along the Gunpowder River and I oppose agenda item 46-LL. I urge the Board to ensure that the renewal of this lease includes meaningful oversight,

enforceable protections for water quality, a reduced timeline, and a clear path toward returning this land to public parkland use.

29. 46-LL PamelaShaw: Oppose

I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL and urge the Board to take the following steps before approving any lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill: extend the timeline by 60 days to allow for full community review; transfer the escrow account to state control during that time; require a Special Environmental Project as a lease condition to ensure fines and penalties benefit the impacted area; strengthen operator oversight and coordination with MDE; and commit to a shortened lease term with a defined path toward returning this land to public use within Gunpowder Falls State Park. Days Cove is a designated Irreplaceable Natural Area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return.

30. 46-LL Mike Waltz: Oppose

I am a resident who both works on/in and recreates on and along the Gunpowder River and I oppose agenda item 46-LL. I urge the Board to ensure that the renewal of this lease includes meaningful oversight, enforceable protections for water quality, a reduced timeline, and a clear path toward returning this land to public parkland use. With the past history of this lease and discharges, this lease should not be renewed as is.

31. 46-LL Douglas Stratton Oppose

I am writing in opposition to renewal of Days Cove Rubble Landfill lease. Unchecked and unmonitored this landfill will continue to operate and pollute the surrounding area and everything in it's reach. In Maryland we are the caretakers of the largest estuary in the world, the Chesapeake Bay and all it provides. It is clearly time to take steps to save this treasure of Maryland and future generations.

32. 46-LL Brittany Daniels: Oppose

I live on the river and have 2 young children. Our river is already suffering from development and pollution. This would SIGNIFICANTLY add to the problem, reduce our quality of life, and hurt the environment.

33. 46-LL Kevin Keane: Oppose

I oppose agenda item 46-LL and urge the Board to extend consideration by 60 days. This additional time should be used to finalize language transferring the escrow account to state control, share outstanding documents with the Days Cove Task Force, and allow for meaningful community review before a decision is made.

34. 46-LL Bill Temmink: Oppose

As one of the Harford County representatives on the Days Cove Task Force, I ask the Board to reject this lease agreement. If you were in our position, I am sure you would reject it as well. No one signs a big contract without reading that contract. We have been denied any opportunity to do so. This is not a completely closed door. A delay, and a mandate from the Board to make information available to the public might make this contract extension acceptable. We will not know until we have that information. I do not know how much you know about the Gunpowder Falls State Park, but it is always one of the top three most visited state parks in Maryland. As of the last census, it was the number one most visited Maryland State Park at approximately 1.5 million visitors. It has over 100 miles of trails. It has fishing from upriver trout to tidal striped bass, and pretty much every species in-between. It is also a tremendous crab nursery. Days Cove itself is one of the key treasures of the Gunpowder Park system. According to a simple Google Search, it is... Days Cove is a critical 4.5-acre forested wetland and ecological treasure within Gunpowder Falls State Park, vital to the Chesapeake Bay watershed. It is a priority conservation area facing urgent threats from leachate discharge from a neighboring rubble landfill, prompting intense community advocacy to transition the site into a fully protected public restoration area. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] Key Environmental and Strategic Significance: • Sensitive Habitat: Located in the Bird River watershed of Baltimore County, Days Cove is a restored wetland system providing essential habitats. • Recreation and Wildlife: The area supports numerous waterfowl hunting sites, which must be accessed by water. • Water Quality Threats: The adjacent landfill has reported high levels of contaminants (iron, total suspended solids), leading to concerns about water quality in the Chesapeake Bay. [1, 2, 3, 4] • The Days Cove Task Force is now one of three bi-county working groups on specific issues to protect the Gunpowder River. Residents of Harford and Baltimore County have combined our efforts to protect our shared river and park from threats posed by the impact of the 2.5 million people living in the surrounding area. These threats are not the result of hostility. They are simply the result of individual actions taken by those living in the region, but without consideration of the impact of those actions on others. Five years ago, a DR Horton development project resulted in so much sediment run-off into the river it could be seen from space. This project is ongoing and continues to dump sediment in the waters. Last year, the Amtrak bridge crossing the Gunpowder was found to be in such poor

shape that it is now scheduled for replacement. We have been shown no plans for how this will be built. The Days Cove Rubble landfill is one of several landfills established within the Gunpowder River watershed. Each has its own impact or potential impact. All three of these actions have led to cross-county cooperation to defend our watershed. Coming back to back to back, they have practically forced bi-county cooperation. To use an old saw, "You have poked the bear." Our voices will not be silenced. We are not irrational. We realize that two hundred years of struggle between industrial development and the desire to protect our natural resources will not be solved overnight. We do not expect all existing operations to shut down by the end of the workday. But, we will not sign-off on a blank piece of paper. Let us see the facts, and we will continue to negotiate in good faith. Keep hiding behind the argument that, "You cannot see the details until after the BPW Board vote, and we will continue to object to any lease extension. This is NOT a competitive bidding situation. This is NOT a situation where trade secrets must be kept secret. This is simply a, "What is the best way to safely close an operation?" situation.

35. 46-LL Stven Kline: Oppose

Need more information before approving this legislature, leachete info....This is going into a recreational body of water that we all crab and fish.

36. 46-LL Elizabeth Entwisle: Oppose

As a resident who recreates on and along the Gunpowder River, I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL and urge the Board to take the following steps before approving any lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill: extend the timeline by 60 days to allow for full community review; transfer the escrow account to state control during that time; require a Special Environmental Project as a lease condition to ensure fines and penalties benefit the impacted area; strengthen operator oversight and coordination with MDE; and commit to a shortened lease term with a defined path toward returning this land to public use within Gunpowder Falls State Park. Days Cove is a designated Irreplaceable Natural Area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return. We need to steward this land for the generations who come after us.

37. 46-LL Kathy Lambrow: Oppose

We oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL. The Days Cove Rubble Landfill has operated within Gunpowder Falls State Park and the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area for 40 years without adequate reassessment. The community deserves greater transparency and stronger protections before any lease renewal is approved. We understand that key documents requested by the Task Force working with DNR and other State agencies have not been received and must be considered before the Board can give consideration to any lease renewal for Days Cove. We urge the Board to extend consideration by 60 days. This additional time should be used to finalize language transferring the escrow account to state control, share outstanding documents with the Days Cove Task Force, and allow for meaningful community review before a decision is made. The environmental community and residents of the County are strongly in opposition to the agenda item 46-LL as written. Days Cove is a designated Irreplaceable Natural Area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return. Please do not rush to approval when so much is at risk.

38. 46-LL Michael Fox: Oppose

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39. 46-LL Jennifer Cookous: Oppose

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40. 46-LL Dr. Carol Newill: Oppose

I and my family are taxpayers and Maryland voters who use the Gunpowder River for hiking and we used to kayak there when we were younger. We oppose agenda item 46-LL. I urge the Board to ensure that the renewal of this lease includes meaningful oversight, enforceable protections

for water quality, a reduced timeline, and a clear path toward returning this land to public parkland use.

41. 46-LL Candice Kaminski: Oppose

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42. 46-LL Carol Schreter: Oppose

Birding Club member attended some meetings about the Day's Cover Rubble Landfill lease renewal. We have been attentive to the Day's Cove Task Force oversight process over the past five months. We understand that the required official reports (MES, etc) on this renewal request have not yet been provided to the Task Force for review a comment. Thus, it to TOO EARLY TO TAKE THIS VOTE at the Board of Public Works. Wait to hear from the Task Force -- before you vote on this!

43. 46-LL Rachael Moore: Oppose

I am writing to express my and my family's strong OPPOSITION the Maryland Board of Public Works Department of General Services Agenda item 46-LL. We have several issues with the item, first of which is our opposition to the length of the lease. Second, to the omission of language detailing state control of the escrow account. Third and most importantly, the lack of Special Environmental Plan for the Irreplaceable Natural Area of Days Cove located within the Critical Area of the Chesapeake Bay. PLEASE DO RECONSIDER the environmental monitoring necessary to protect the waterways being discharged into, formalize the escrow language, shorten the length of the lease to transition the area for public use, and to increase the external oversight of the discharge in order to prevent potential harm to aquatic life and riverine recreation and livelihoods.

44. 46-LL Terrie Ottomano: Oppose

Thanks to the Maryland Department of the Environment, Department of Natural Resources, and Board of Public Works for continuing to listen to the community's concerns over the Days Cove Rubble Landfill Lease Renewal. I OPPOSE the Maryland Board of Public Works Department of General Services Agenda item 46-LL. My opposition stems from the length of the lease, a lack of language detailing state control of the escrow account, presence of endangered species within the basin, potential impacts on the Irreplaceable Natural Area, and concerns about discharge within the Days Cove Critical Area of the Chesapeake Bay. I urge the Board to reconsider the environmental monitoring necessary to protect the waterways being discharged into, formalize the escrow language, shorten the length of the lease to transition the area for public use, and to increase the external oversight of the discharge in order to prevent potential harm to parklands, sensitive species, water quality, and community aesthetic, environmental, and property interests.

45. 46-LL John Gaffney: Oppose

Hello and good day. I am in total opposition to the renewal of Days Cove having its lease renewed. This facility was supposed to have been shut down years ago and never was. It continues to be a problem for our community by poisoning the land and nearby water. You said you were going to shut it down and turn it into the park. We need this now more than ever. Please shut down this toxic landfill and turn it into a natural resource again. Thank you very much. Sincerely, John Gaffney

46. 46-LL Meredith McDonagh: Oppose

I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL and urge the Board to take the following steps before approving any lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill: extend the timeline by 60 days to allow for full community review; transfer the escrow account to state control during that time; require a Special Environmental Project as a lease condition to ensure fines and penalties benefit the impacted area; strengthen operator oversight and coordination with MDE; and commit to a shortened lease term with a defined path toward returning this land to public use within Gunpowder Falls State Park. Days Cove is a designated Irreplaceable Natural Area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return.

47. 46-LL Heathet Johnson: Oppose

Shut Down of Days Cove Rubble Landfill. Keep our waterways safe.

48. 46-LL Michelle McCarty: Oppose

Hello, I am in total opposition to the renewal of Days Cove having its lease renewed. This facility was supposed to have been shut down years ago but it was not and it continues to be a major problem for our community. One example, It has been poisoning the land and nearby water supply to the extent of killing species that would feed on the midges, now we are over run by them. You said you were going to shut it down and turn it into a park which we desperately need, now more than ever. Please shut down this toxic landfill and turn it into a natural resource again. Thank you.

49. 46-LL Keith Pritchett: Oppose

I am a resident who recreates on and along the Gunpowder River and I oppose agenda item 46-LL. I urge the Board to ensure that the renewal of this lease includes meaningful oversight, enforceable protections for water quality, a reduced timeline, and a clear path toward returning this land to public parkland I use. I urge the Board to take the following steps before approving any lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill: extend the timeline by 60 days to allow for full community review; transfer the escrow account to state control during that time; require a Special Environmental Project as a lease condition to ensure fines and penalties benefit the impacted area; strengthen operator oversight and coordination with MDE; and commit to a shortened lease term with a defined path toward returning this land to public use within Gunpowder Falls State Park. Days Cove is a designated Irreplaceable Natural Area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return.

50. 46-LL Ronald Brown: Oppose

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51. 46-LL Ralph Comegna: Oppose

As a resident and homeowner who has property on the water of the Gunpowder river I am asking you to oppose any extension or modification to the lease agreement currently in place applicable to the Days Cove Rubble Landfill. The struggle that our community is having to save this invaluable resource can at times be very frustrating as the agencies that are suppose to be tasked with representing us, the single homeowner who faithfully pays their taxes seem to be not doing that. Our environment is being abused on a daily basis, we are adjacent to APG (Federal Govt), we have runoff and expansion pollution for the I-95 extension project (Fed Highways), we have the state running multiple landfills along the waterway including Days Cove (State), and we have local development (Ridgleys Reserve HarCo) that are contributing to the destruction. Not any one of them singularly can be "blamed" but does anyone look at the sum of the parts? Is anyone looking at the fact that 82% of the SAV in our river has been destroyed over the last few years? Who will be the first to stand up and say enough is enough and we as a Government agency should start reflecting the will of the people and begin the closing down of all of these landfills so as to protect the jewel that we are responsible for because the river, the birds, the fish, the things that live there and thrive can't speak up for themselves so we must. We ask that you do the right thing and end this madness.

52. 46-LL Michael Panopoulos: Oppose

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Area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return.

53. 46-LL Renee Vanderstelt: Oppose

I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL and urge the Board to take the following steps before approving any lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill: extend the timeline by 60 days to allow for full community review; transfer the escrow account to state control during that time; require a Special Environmental Project as a lease condition to ensure fines and penalties benefit the impacted area; strengthen operator oversight and coordination with MDE; and commit to a shortened lease term with a defined path toward returning this land to public use within Gunpowder Falls State Park. Days Cove is a designated Irreplaceable Natural Area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return.

54. 46-LL Kelly White: Oppose

To Whom It May Concern: I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL. The Days Cove Rubble Landfill has operated within Gunpowder Falls State Park and the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area for 40 years without adequate reassessment. The community deserves greater transparency and stronger protections before any lease renewal is approved. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Mr. Kelly White

55. 46-LL Tim Martin: Oppose

I believe in environmental monitoring necessary to protect Maryland waterways, and increased external oversight of the discharge in order to prevent potential harm to our parklands.

56. 46-LL Alex Vitkauskas: Oppose

I am a resident who recreates on and along the Gunpowder River and I oppose agenda item 46-LL. I urge the Board to ensure that the renewal of this lease includes meaningful oversight, enforceable protections for water quality, a reduced timeline, and a clear path toward returning this land to public parkland use.

57. 46-LL Kathryn Hernandez: Oppose

I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL and urge the Board to take the following steps before approving any lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill: extend the timeline by 60 days to allow for full community review; transfer the escrow account to state control during that time; require a Special Environmental Project as a lease condition to ensure fines and penalties benefit the impacted area; strengthen operator oversight and coordination with MDE; and commit to a shortened lease term with a defined path toward returning this land to public use within Gunpowder Falls State Park. Days Cove is a designated Irreplaceable Natural Area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return. If this goes through it will devastate critical areas and keep citizens from enjoying our natural resources.

58. 46-LL Marcia Watson: Oppose

I am OPPOSED to Agenda Item 46-LL, renewal of the Days Cove Rubble Landfill Lease. I have learned that critical documents were not provided in time to be used in the Days Cove Task Force's review of the landfill's lease renewal request. The Task Force requires these documents so that it may fulfill its role in speaking for the community regarding issues at Days Cove, specifically: a report from the Maryland Environmental Service to DNR, the draft lease agreement, 2004 Critical Areas Report, and 2026 Q1 leachate monitoring results. As you know, the Board of Public Works directed that there should be "coordination and dialog" between the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Maryland Park Service, and Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) with community stakeholders around the closing of Days Cove Rubble Landfill. I am a member of both the Gunpowder Valley Conservancy and the Gunpowder Riverkeeper, and those organizations speak for me on the Task Force. I live on the Gunpowder near Loch Raven in northern Baltimore County, and I take measures to maintain good water quality on my land in the watershed. I also advocate for clean water quality measures throughout the county. It is personally insulting that I work so hard to improve water quality in the Gunpowder watershed, and yet the Days Cove facility, sitting near the mouth of the Gunpowder, is allowed to undo all that work through its reckless disdain for environmentally sound practices. The unfettered pollution emanating from the Landfill is even more egregious considering that Days Cove has been designated as an Irreplaceable Natural Area by the Maryland General Assembly. I have conducted bird surveys in the Days Cove section of the state park, and can attest to the visible degradation of this valuable habitat, caused by the Landfill activities. I am asking the Board of Public Works to DENY the Days Cove Rubble Landfill lease renewal at this time, and to take these additional steps: 1) extend the timeline by 60 days to allow for full community review; 2) transfer the escrow account to state control during that

time; 3) require a Special Environmental Project as a lease condition to ensure any fines and penalties benefit the impacted area; 4) strengthen operator oversight and coordination with MDE; and 5) commit to a shortened lease term with a structured path toward returning this land as soon as possible to public use within Gunpowder Falls State Park.

59. 46-LL John Gunning: Oppose

In this day and age, we should be fighting to protect every possible water way in Baltimore County and the State of Maryland. People are trying to improve the water quality in the Chesapeake Bay and this would be another setback if allowed to move forward.

60. 46-LL Holly Bobloch: Oppose

I urge DNR to require a Special Environmental Project as a condition of the lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill. Days Cove is a designated Irreplaceable Natural Area operating within/ within proximity of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. A SEP would direct any fines or penalties from alleged violations back to the impacted area, provide a faster path to resolution than lengthy legal proceedings, and ensure the community sees direct benefit from enforcement actions.

61. 46-LL Julie Plume: Oppose

I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL and urge the Board to take the following steps before approving any lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill: extend the timeline by 60 days to allow for full community review; transfer the escrow account to state control during that time; require a Special Environmental Project as a lease condition to ensure fines and penalties benefit the impacted area; strengthen operator oversight and coordination with MDE; and commit to a shortened lease term with a defined path toward returning this land to public use within Gunpowder Falls State Park. Days Cove is a designated Irreplaceable Natural Area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return.

62. 46-LL Gregg Zahora : Oppose

Their past record shows they aren't willing to what is best for the river

63. 46-LL Anthony DeAngelis: Oppose

Our opposition stems from the length of the lease, a lack of language detailing state control of the escrow account, and a lack of Special Environmental Plan for the Irreplaceable Natural Area of Days Cove located within the Critical Area of the Chesapeake Bay. We urge the Board to reconsider the environmental monitoring necessary to protect the waterways being discharged into, formalize the escrow language, shorten the length of the lease to transition the area for public use, and to increase the external oversight of the discharge in order to prevent potential harm to aquatic life and riverine recreation and livelihoods.

64. 46-LL Jack Whisted: Oppose

We began opposing this extension and delayed closing for six months now. Only to receive a letter saying thanks for your input, but we have decided to extend the lease and approve direct release of toxic chemicals and leachate into tidal waters. The letter was received as a direct ignorance of the communities that live on the Gunpowder and Bird River and full of confusing details and mis-directions to white wash our concerns. We have contacted the landowners DNR, for further understanding and continued requests to eliminate or even reduce the timeline which has been extended beyond the original closure. We have also found out that all three regulatory agencies, MDE, DNR and MES, Have been acting separately and engaged as a nuisance project. I have also pointed out that none of the agencies have considered Maryland state law or regulations in reference to the Critical Area Commission , nor have they filed for new permits to support the extension or release of leachate into the tidal basin known as Days Cove. As a practicing Civil Engineer , living on the Gunpowder River all my life I cannot stand for this inter agency irresponsible regards to the Critical Area of the Gunpowder and Bird River. We are requesting and continuing this decision until all agencies are cooperating in unison and in complete compliance to COMAR laws and regulations. Any other actions will be detrimental to our Environment, the very thing you all are bound by Law to protect , not pollute. Thank you for your consideration and action as requested herein

65. 46-LL Darlene Piercy: Oppose

I live on the Bird River/Gunpowder River and oppose Days Cove application to permit discharge treated leachate into our river

66. 46-LL Rachel DeSantis: Oppose

I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL and urge the Board to take the following steps before approving any lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill: extend the timeline

by 60 days to allow for full community review; transfer the escrow account to state control during that time; require a Special Environmental Project as a lease condition to ensure fines and penalties benefit the impacted area; strengthen operator oversight and coordination with MDE; and commit to a shortened lease term with a defined path toward returning this land to public use within Gunpowder Falls State Park. Days Cove is a designated Irreplaceable Natural Area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return.

67. 46-LL Gayle Matysek: Oppose

I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL and urge the Board to take the following steps before approving any lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill: extend the timeline by 60 days to allow for full community review; transfer the escrow account to state control during that time; require a Special Environmental Project as a lease condition to ensure fines and penalties benefit the impacted area; strengthen operator oversight and coordination with MDE; and commit to a shortened lease term with a defined path toward returning this land to public use within Gunpowder Falls State Park. Days Cove is a designated Irreplaceable Natural Area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return.

68. 46-LL David Zandona: Oppose

I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL and urge the Board to take the following steps before approving any lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill: extend the timeline by 60 days to allow for full community review; transfer the escrow account to state control during that time; require a Special Environmental Project as a lease condition to ensure fines and penalties benefit the impacted area; strengthen operator oversight and coordination with MDE; and commit to a shortened lease term with a defined path toward returning this land to public use within Gunpowder Falls State Park. Days Cove is a designated Irreplaceable Natural Area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return.

69. 46-LL Ed Obaza: Oppose

Thanks to the Maryland Department of the Environment, Department of Natural Resources, and Board of Public Works for continuing to listen to our community's concerns over the Days Cove Rubble Landfill Lease Renewal. At this time, I oppose the Maryland Board of Public Works

Department of General Services Agenda item 46-LL. My opposition stems from the length of the lease, a lack of language detailing state control of the escrow account, and a lack of Special Environmental Plan for the Irreplaceable Natural Area of Days Cove located within the Critical Area of the Chesapeake Bay. I ask the Board to reconsider the environmental monitoring necessary to protect the waterways being discharged into, formalize the escrow language, shorten the length of the lease to transition the area for public use, and to increase the external oversight of the discharge in order to prevent potential harm to aquatic life and riverine recreation and livelihoods.

70. 46-LL David Himlin: Oppose

I am a resident who recreates on and along the Gunpowder River and I oppose agenda item 46-LL. I urge the Board to ensure that the renewal of this lease includes meaningful oversight, enforceable protections for water quality, a reduced timeline, and a clear path toward returning this land to public parkland use.

71. 46-LL David Marks: Oppose

I oppose any lease renewal until concerns raised by numerous environmental stakeholders are met. The Gunpowder Riverkeeper, Gunpowder Valley Conservancy, and other organizations have requested better monitoring, a shortening of the lease, and other conditions. My constituents have clearly spoken: the integrity of our waterways, including the Gunpowder River, much be a top priority for the State of Maryland. Please listen to those who are immediately affected by what happens at Days Cove.

72. 46-LL Ainsley Plume: Oppose

I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL and urge the Board to take the following steps before approving any lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill: extend the timeline by 60 days to allow for full community review; transfer the escrow account to state control during that time; require a Special Environmental Project as a lease condition to ensure fines and penalties benefit the impacted area; strengthen operator oversight and coordination with MDE; and commit to a shortened lease term with a defined path toward returning this land to public use within Gunpowder Falls State Park. Days Cove is a designated Irreplaceable Natural Area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return.

73. 46-LL Gabriela Cantarero: Oppose

I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL and urge the Board to take the following steps before approving any lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill: extend the timeline by 60 days to allow for full community review; transfer the escrow account to state control during that time; require a Special Environmental Project as a lease condition to ensure fines and penalties benefit the impacted area; strengthen operator oversight and coordination with MDE; and commit to a shortened lease term with a defined path toward returning this land to public use within Gunpowder Falls State Park. Days Cove is a designated Irreplaceable Natural Area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return.

74. 46-LL Edward Conway: Oppose

I reject the idea of the company Self inspecting and recording the state should be checking and inspecting all chemical release into the Gunpowder a Bird river. That's like telling a contractor/ developer he can inspect his own projects.

75. 46-LL Geoffrey Miller: Oppose

I am a resident of Baltimore County who recreates along the Gunpowder River. I write to express my opposition to agenda item 46-LL a as it relates to the Days Cove rubble Landfill.

76. 46-LL Barbara Nypaver: Oppose

I am a resident who recreates on and along the Gunpowder River and I oppose agenda item 46-LL. I urge the Board to ensure that the renewal of this lease includes meaningful oversight, enforceable protections for water quality, a reduced timeline, and a clear path toward returning this land to public parkland use.

77. 46-LL Deborah Krueger: Oppose

I am resident who lives on and along the Bird River and I oppose agenda item 46-LL. I urge the board to ensure that the renewal of this lease includes meaningful oversight, enforceable protections for water quality, a reduced timeline and a clear path towards returning this land to public parkland use.

46-LL Michelle Pasternack: Oppose

No to plan

78. 46-LL William Vondrasek: Oppose

I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL and urge the Board to take the following steps before approving any lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill: extend the timeline by 60 days to allow for full community review; transfer the escrow account to state control during that time; require a Special Environmental Project as a lease condition to ensure fines and penalties benefit the impacted area; strengthen operator oversight and coordination with MDE; and commit to a shortened lease term with a defined path toward returning this land to public use within Gunpowder Falls State Park. Days Cove is a designated Irreplaceable Natural Area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return.

79. 46-LL Marian Charland: Oppose

Lease lacks the necessary environmental controls necessary for a critical watershed area.

80. 46-LL Joe Mcmonagle: Oppose

I strongly oppose the renewal. We must protect the environment

81. 46-LL Joel Baldwin: Oppose

I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL and urge the Board to take the following steps before approving any lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill: extend the timeline by 60 days to allow for full community review; transfer the escrow account to state control during that time; require a Special Environmental Project as a lease condition to ensure fines and penalties benefit the impacted area; strengthen operator oversight and coordination with

MDE; and commit to a shortened lease term with a defined path toward returning this land to public use within Gunpowder Falls State Park. Days Cove is a designated Irreplaceable Natural Area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return.

82. 46-LL Sarah Kestner: Oppose

I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL and urge the Board to take the following steps before approving any lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill: extend the timeline by 60 days to allow for full community review; transfer the escrow account to state control during that time; require a Special Environmental Project as a lease condition to ensure fines and penalties benefit the impacted area; strengthen operator oversight and coordination with MDE; and commit to a shortened lease term with a defined path toward returning this land to public use within Gunpowder Falls State Park. Days Cove is a designated Irreplaceable Natural Area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return.

83. 46-LL Joseph Plume: Oppose

I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL and urge the Board to take the following steps before approving any lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill: extend the timeline by 60 days to allow for full community review; transfer the escrow account to state control during that time; require a Special Environmental Project as a lease condition to ensure fines and penalties benefit the impacted area; strengthen operator oversight and coordination with MDE; and commit to a shortened lease term with a defined path toward returning this land to public use within Gunpowder Falls State Park. Days Cove is a designated Irreplaceable Natural Area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return.

84. 46-LL Jessica Clark: Oppose

I strongly oppose the extension.

85. 46-LL Chad Kestner: Oppose

Keep our waters clean.

86. 46-LL Patty Mochel: Oppose

I urge DNR to require a Special Environmental Project as a condition of the lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill. Days Cove is a designated Irreplaceable Natural Area operating within/ within proximity of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. A SEP would direct any fines or penalties from alleged violations back to the impacted area, provide a faster path to resolution than lengthy legal proceedings, and ensure the community sees direct benefit from enforcement actions.

87. 46-LL Sarah Ford: Oppose

N/A

88. 46-LL Elizabeth Dunne: Oppose

Do not renew lease

89. 46-LL Joshua Crone: Oppose

I oppose agenda item 46-LL and urge the Board to extend consideration by no more than 60 days. This additional time should be used to transfer the escrow account to state control, share outstanding documents with the Days Cove Task Force, and allow for meaningful community review before a decision is made.

90. 46-LL Lindsay Crone: Oppose

Gunpowder Valley Conservancy — Official Position Statement Submitted to the Maryland Board of Public Works | May 5, 2026 Re: Department of General Services, Agenda Item 46-LL

Background Days Cove was designated as a natural area and the crown jewel of Gunpowder Falls State Park. A rubble landfill was permitted on the site more than 40 years ago, and successive administrations allowed additional leases and discharge permits. The last lease ended December 15, 2025, at which point the landfill was to transition to cap and closure, but instead, the lease was extended again. As early as the 1980s, the DNR Secretary assured Vera Reiner, a Gunpowder River resident since 1936 and the last surviving member of the Gunpowder Falls State Park Citizen Committee, that the landfill would close by 2000. That

commitment was never honored. The Days Cove Task Force, formed in response to the December 2025 lease renewal, includes citizen and environmental groups from Baltimore and Harford Counties. We have regularly engaged with DNR and the Comptroller's Office on closure terms for the landfill (prior BPW items 53-LL and 63-LL). Our core principle: DNR and MDE must work in tandem for the safe and timely closure of the landfill. The community wants clean water and restored parkland; not bureaucratic silos. We urge the Board to help bridge the divide between DNR's lease oversight and MDE's permit authority. Priority 1: Escrow Account The closure escrow must be secured under State control. The Treasurer's Office indicates plans are in place through the new lease, but we have not received written confirmation. Priority 2: Lease Length We requested the minimum term necessary for safe closure, with strict oversight and enforceable penalties. An MES independent analysis, which we recommended, shortened the lease to no later than December 31, 2029, one year earlier than proposed. The lease addendum reportedly includes five new provisions never seen in prior leases: a binding closure timeline, a prohibition on renewal, a defined end use for the property, third-party engineering oversight at DNR's discretion, and financial penalties for missed deadlines. These are meaningful gains. However, the Task Force has not been provided the MES report, and the word "reportedly" reflects that gap. Priority 3: Special Environmental Project (SEP) We requested SEP designation to enable rapid remediation and direct any fines to the Gunpowder watershed, without protracted legal action, especially given that landfill operations in the Critical Areas may have continued since 2003 with no reassessment since 2004. This recommendation has not been pursued. Priority 4: MDE Discharge Permit & Monitoring Data The permit was granted with no increase in discharge quantity. However, we are still assessing whether quality-related changes adequately protect against future harm. As of May 4, MDE has promised a document detailing protective changes between permits. Any of the 700+ commenters may file for Judicial Review until May 28, 2026, so the permit is not yet final. Critically, Quarter 1 2026 monitoring data has not been released, making it impossible for the public or the State to confirm current site compliance Position We thank the Comptroller's Office for engaging Gunpowder Valley Conservancy in this process, and DNR for its dedication. Meaningful progress has been made, and many changes reflect community recommendations. Nevertheless, significant questions remain unresolved and we have not received outstanding information in writing. Therefore, Gunpowder Valley Conservancy and the Days Cove Task Force are unable to support Agenda Item 46-LL as currently written. Submitted on behalf of Gunpowder Valley Conservancy

91. 46-LL Louise Chan: Oppose

I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL. The Days Cove Rubble Landfill has operated within Gunpowder Falls State Park and the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area for 40 years without

adequate reassessment. The community deserves greater transparency and stronger protections before any lease renewal is approved.

92. 46-LL Adreon Hubbard: Oppose

I am a resident who recreates on and along the Gunpowder River and I oppose agenda item 46-LL. I urge the Board to ensure that the renewal of this lease includes meaningful oversight, enforceable protections for water quality, a reduced timeline, and a clear path toward returning this land to public parkland use. When I go canoeing, I want to see clean water, healthy aquatic life, and lots of healthy birds.

93. 46-LL Meredith Phillips: Oppose

Oppose

94. 46-LL Marie LaPorte: Oppose

RE: Board of Public Works (BPW) agenda item 46-LL, Days Cove Rubble Landfill Lease Sierra Club Maryland Chapter does not support Board of Public Works 46-LL, a new long-term lease for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill, and we request that 46-LL be removed from the agenda until key documents are made available for public review including the draft lease agreement, a report from the Maryland Environmental Service (MES) to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), 2004 Critical Areas Report, and 2026 leachate monitoring results which were not provided for review before the BPW vote. Without reviewing these documents, we are unable to support a lease keeping the landfill open through December 2029, followed by a three-year closure process. The State of Maryland long promised area residents to close Days Cove Rubble Landfill by December 2025, with the expiration of the 40 year-old landfill's last 10-year lease. Hundreds of community members, several environmental groups, and the Baltimore and Harford County Councils have opposed the extension of this lease and the related discharge permit issued by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). Both Baltimore and Harford County Councils passed resolutions opposing the landfill expansion and the Baltimore County Council sought closure of this landfill, which has had several leachate violations. As the landfill operates within the Gunpowder Falls State Park, adjacent to the park's irreplaceable natural area (INA) containing rare and threatened species, concerns have been heightened. Environmental groups and hundreds of area residents, many of whom recreate in this area and/or depend on water from nearby wells, registered their concerns through comments on the lease and the discharge permit. Since January, the DNR has been meeting with a group of community and

environmental group advocates to understand their concerns. We have also met with MES and staff from the Comptroller's office and appreciate these listening sessions and the sincerity of the State staff that has led the outreach. Nonetheless, this new long-term lease has been proposed, without providing evidence to any of the stakeholders, including the Sierra Club Maryland Chapter, supporting the lease term. Lease: The new lease must include a requirement for earliest feasible closure with mandatory penalties. Since the draft lease has not been made public, we are unable to review the language to determine if the language is sufficient to ensure the commitment to the community and other stakeholders. The community was assured 10 years ago that the prior "final lease" would be the last, but the State failed to honor that commitment. Monitor Progress: The DNR has said the landfill's current structure cannot yet support closure. Without the MES report, we lack clarity on the timeline for necessary structural improvements, who will oversee the progress, and how milestones are outlined in the new lease. Furthermore, we seek clarity on how stakeholders, including the community, will be kept informed leading up to the December 2029 deadline. Monitor Water Quality: Related to the lease is the discharge permit for the site. While this is a separate issue determined by MDE, given the numerous violations, we are concerned ongoing monitoring is inadequate to protect the watershed, residents, and the INA. Further, the Q1 2026 leachate results have not been made public. Escrow: We understand the new lease will give the State access to \$7 million currently held in escrow by the operator, which will be used to fund the closure. If so, we are appreciative that this issue will soon be resolved. While we value the recent dialogue with State staff, the Sierra Club Maryland Chapter remains concerned that we still lack the data needed to support a new four-year lease and clear steps to ensure this promise is finally kept. Marie LaPorte Josh Tulkin Biodiversity and Natural Places Chair Chapter Director
marielaporte@verizon.net josh.tulkin

95. 46-LL Kris Sanders: Oppose

Our family and neighbors oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL. The Days Cove Rubble Landfill has operated within Gunpowder Falls State Park and the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area for 40 years without adequate reassessment. The community deserves greater transparency and stronger protections before any lease renewal is approved. Thank you.

96. 46-LL Steven Lee: Oppose

This would be detrimental to our community

97. 46-LL Brian Klausmeyer: Oppose

Waterways must be protected.

98. 46-LL Melissa Shifflett: Oppose

Please do not extend this lease.

99. 46-LL Tina Allio: Oppose

Please do NOT approve this lease

100. 46-LL Barbara Blackburn: Oppose

Oppose

101. 46-LL Suzanne Haslbeck: Oppose

We live on the Gunpowder and witnessed the effects of The run off from Dave's Cove landfill

102. 46-LL Deborah Howes: Oppose

I live on the water and I am concerned about any runoff.

103. 46-LL Robert Boulter: Oppose

I am in opposition agenda item 46-LL as written. I am a resident who recreates on and along the Gunpowder River and Bay, I oppose agenda item 46-LL. I urge the Board to ensure that the renewal of this lease includes meaningful oversight, enforceable protections for water quality, a reduced timeline, and a clear path toward returning this land to public parkland use. The community deserves greater transparency and stronger protections before any lease renewal is approved.

104. 46-LL Brian Radcliffe: Oppose

I oppose agenda item 46-LL and urge the Board to vote to not allow the company to do business at this site beyond the current contract. Let's take a stand and really protect our waterways rather than just appear to care.

105. 46-LL Amy Lamp: Oppose

I am a resident who recreates on and along the Gunpowder River and I oppose agenda item 46-LL. I urge the Board to ensure that the renewal of this lease includes meaningful oversight, enforceable protections for water quality, a reduced timeline, and a clear path toward returning this land to public parkland use.

106. 46-LL Sarah Anderson: Oppose

I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL and urge the Board to take the following steps before approving any lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill: extend the timeline by 60 days to allow for full community review; transfer the escrow account to state control during that time; require a Special Environmental Project as a lease condition to ensure fines and penalties benefit the impacted area; strengthen operator oversight and coordination with MDE; and commit to a shortened lease term with a defined path toward returning this land to public use within Gunpowder Falls State Park. Days Cove is a designated Irreplaceable Natural Area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return.

107. 46-LL Josh Sines: Oppose

No discharge should be going into the river. Do not renew this lease

108. 46-LL Debbie Roberson: Oppose

No. Stop polluting

109. 46-LL Nicole Erby: Oppose

I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL and urge the Board to take the following steps before approving any lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill: extend the timeline by 60 days to allow for full community review; transfer the escrow account to state control

during that time; require a Special Environmental Project as a lease condition to ensure fines and penalties benefit the impacted area; strengthen operator oversight and coordination with MDE; and commit to a shortened lease term with a defined path toward returning this land to public use within Gunpowder Falls State Park. Days Cove is a designated Irreplaceable Natural Area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return.

110. 46-LL Julie Hiles: Oppose

I oppose this Agenda item!

111. 46-LL Katherine Pettway: Oppose

I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL and urge the Board to take the following steps before approving any lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill: extend the timeline by 60 days to allow for full community review; transfer the escrow account to state control during that time; require a Special Environmental Project as a lease condition to ensure fines and penalties benefit the impacted area; strengthen operator oversight and coordination with MDE; and commit to a shortened lease term with a defined path toward returning this land to public use within Gunpowder Falls State Park. Days Cove is a designated Irreplaceable Natural Area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return. We are considering moving from Maryland due to continued pollution in our river. We fish, crab, and boat on this river all summer and fall.

112. 46-LL Delegate Ryan Nawrocki: Oppose

I oppose renewing the lease unless the concerns raised by multiple environmental groups are properly addressed. Organizations such as the Gunpowder Riverkeeper, Gunpowder Valley Conservancy, and others have called for improved monitoring, a shorter lease term, and additional safeguards. My constituents have made their position clear: protecting the health of our waterways, including the Gunpowder River, must remain a top priority for the State of Maryland. Please listen to the voices of those directly impacted by activities at Days Cove.

113. 46-LL Cynthia Massey: Oppose

Do not renew

114. 46-LL Delegate Kathy Szeliga: Oppose

I oppose renewing the lease unless the concerns raised by multiple environmental groups are properly addressed. Organizations such as the Gunpowder Riverkeeper, Gunpowder Valley Conservancy, and others have called for improved monitoring, a shorter lease term, and additional safeguards. My constituents have made their position clear: protecting the health of our waterways, including the Gunpowder River, must remain a top priority for the State of Maryland. Please listen to the voices of those directly impacted by activities at Days Cove.

115. 46-LL Katherine Reiner Martin: Oppose

My name is Katherine Jean Reiner Martin. My family and I, are 5 generations on the Gunpowder River in Oliver Beach starting in 1936. I'm one of the Task Force members meeting with State agencies during the current short term Days Cove Rubble Landfill lease, Dec 2025-May 2026. At each of our Task Force meetings, our concerns focused on four key priorities (1. Escrow. 2. Lease Length. 3. SEP/Special Environmental Project or other protective oversight. 4. MDE Discharge permit.) with the emphasis that DNR and MDE work in tandem to protect these State owned lands and waters. The Community at large does not care about agencies but about the cleanest water and for the park land to be available as soon as possible and in the best shape possible. As a long time resident, I and my family have actively engaged with community and watershed groups as well as Commissions and Advisory Boards. My mom was a member of the Gunpowder State Park Advisory Commission, so was in the room in the 1980s and 1990s when acquisition and land use plans were being deliberated with promises that sludge, mining and/or landfill operations would have very limited lifespans, specifically by Secretary Coulter, that any landfill would be closed by 2000. I am grateful for the State's engagement with the Task Force to engage MES which facilitates a quicker move to closure. I acknowledge the shorten lease proposal in the 46-LL lease summary, but in the interest of the best water quality and environmental protections, there are still important missing requested materials - like leachate monitoring reports for 2026. Also, I've brought to the table at each meeting there is an opportunity to demonstrate how to bring together all state resources for a more comprehensive plan in the protection of state owned lands and waters of Days Cove. So as written, I oppose

Agenda item 46-LL and strongly urge continued engagement with the Task Force with another short term lease that #1 allows for the escrow to be moved under State control and #2 allows more time to break down the silo's between DNR for the lease and MDE for the permit to protect and honor these State Park lands with strongest most coordinated oversight for one of Maryland's 'Irreplaceable Natural Areas', Days Cove area of the Gunpowder State Park. Respectfully, Katherine Jean Reiner Martin Oliver Beach, MD Baltimore County Commission on Environmental Quality member MD Water Monitoring Council Community Science Committee Global Ministry EarthKeeper

116. 46-LL Lauren Harcum: Oppose

I write in defense of Mother Earth. I write in remembrance and honor of the People - my people. The land in which Day's Cove Rubble Landfill sits has witnessed many historical events. The colonization and removal of my Ancestors, the sale and enslavement of my Ancestors, and the destruction of Mother Earth has led to what we know as Day's Cove. This landfill is a festering wound that leaks out into our waterways, spilling waste in uncontrollable amounts into our communities. This leachate threatens the safety of the people, plants, and animals that reside in the area. We have had enough. The remediation must begin now. Effective management of this land is mandatory. The People of the land demand justice, respect, and remediation of our sacred soils and waters. We must not wait for a better day. We make those decisions now. Vote in accordance with the World you want our future generation to witness. Thank you for your time.

117. 46-LL Senator J.B. Jennings: Oppose

I oppose the lease renewal until the outstanding environmental concerns have been addressed. Local and regional organizations, including the Gunpowder Riverkeeper and Gunpowder Valley Conservancy, have outlined recommendations including, a stronger oversight, a reduced lease duration, and additional protective measures. My office has been contacted by many constituents, and residents in the surrounding communities have made it clear that safeguarding the Gunpowder River and nearby waterways is non-negotiable. I urge the Board to take these concerns seriously and ensure that any decision reflects the interests of those most directly affected by the Days Cove site.

118. 46-LL Coleen Schmitt: Oppose

I oppose the Days Cove landfill lease renewal. We keep seeing the same pattern—aging infrastructure, limited transparency, and decisions pushed forward without full accountability. That’s exactly how problems start—and how they end up impacting our waterways, our communities, and the Chesapeake Bay. Do it right, or don’t do it at all.

119. 46-LL Lauren Kirchner: Oppose

Option A: I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL. The Days Cove Rubble Landfill has operated within Gunpowder Falls State Park and the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area for 40 years without adequate reassessment. The community deserves greater transparency and stronger protections before any lease renewal is approved.

120. 46-LL Cyvelle Geeza: Oppose

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121. 46-LL Anthony Petruccy: Oppose

I am a resident who recreates on and along the Gunpowder River and I oppose agenda item 46-LL. I urge the Board to ensure that the renewal of this lease includes meaningful oversight, enforceable protections for water quality, a reduced timeline, and a clear path toward returning this land to public parkland use.

122. 46-LL Jason McKendry: Oppose

I don't support this.

123. 46-LL Ricky Krueger: Oppose

I formally oppose Agenda Item 46-II

124. 46-LL Tina Cassell: Oppose

Keep trash out of the water ways

125. 46-LL TheauxLe Gardeur: Oppose

Gunpowder Riverkeeper, (GPRK) a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit with 502 supporters, from 17 states, that monitors and advocates for improving water quality in the Bush, Gunpowder, Little Gunpowder, Bird, and Middle River watersheds which comprise 802 square miles. The organization performs education and outreach, and litigates when necessary to protect our organizational and our supporter's interests in protecting water quality and community interests. A simple majority of our members are local residents in Baltimore and Harford counties who have interests in parklands, sensitive species, water quality, and aesthetic, environmental, and property. The organization's interest and our supporters interests will be harmed if the current lease is approved by the Board of Public Works (BPW). At this time, Gunpowder RIVERKEEPER® (GPRK) OPPOSES the Maryland Board of Public Works Department of General Services Agenda item 46-LL. Our opposition stems from the length of the lease, a lack of language detailing state control of the escrow account, presence of endangered species within the basin, potential impacts on the Irreplaceable Natural Area, and GPRK's concerns about past non-compliance record, the unknown current compliance record for the 1st 4 months of 2026 as of this writing this information is not available on the EPA Echo Database and concerns about the volume and concentration of pollutants allowed to be discharged within the Critical Area of the Chesapeake Bay at Gunpowder State Park's Days Cove under the MDE permit. We respectfully request that the BPW vote down, or, in the alternative, withdraw 46-LL until substantive documents mentioned above are provided to stakeholders and the public at large that should inform the Department of Natural Resources and MDE collectively 'the Agencies' and the BPW to allow a continuation of the lease between Department of Natural Resources towards a safe closure and conversion to State Parklands. Gunpowder Riverkeeper asserts that significant improvements need to be made to Agenda item 46-LL "the Lease" prior to BPW taking it under consideration for a vote. Namely that; Based on past noncompliance of permit conditions, independent environmental monitoring of the discharge is necessary to protect the tidal Basin of the Bird and Gunpowder; Formalizing the escrow language will provide assurance of a safe closure, while shortening the length of the lease will facilitate transitioning the area for its intended use by the public, and; Increasing the external oversight of the discharge will prevent potential harm to parklands, sensitive species, water quality, and community aesthetic, environmental, and property interests. We urge the BPW to prompt the Agencies to continue to work collaboratively with stakeholders and the public at large to assure certainty of a path forward for a shorter, more protective lease. This will entail the adoption of meaningful conditions related

to third part monitoring to assure compliance with permit conditions. The Lease should include a separate, related consent decree directing future noncompliance at the facility to direct the payment of stipulated penalties to fund a special environmental project that will benefit the impacted area. Thank you to the Agencies for their collaboration and to the BPW for their consideration of these comments. Sincerely, Theaux M. Le Gardeur Exec. Director and Riverkeeper, Gunpowder Riverkeeper 1207 Sparks Rd Sparks, MD 21152

126. 46-LL Kim Stansbury : Oppose

I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL. The Days Cove Rubble Landfill has operated within Gunpowder Falls State Park and the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area for 40 years without adequate reassessment. The community deserves greater transparency and stronger protections before any lease renewal is approved.

127. 46-LL John Pfeifer: Oppose

It's time to start caring about the beauty of the Chesapeake!

128. 46-LL Erik Snyder : Oppose

I am a resident who recreates on and along the Gunpowder River and I oppose agenda item 46-LL. I urge the Board to ensure that the renewal of this lease includes meaningful oversight, enforceable protections for water quality, a reduced timeline, and a clear path toward returning this land to public parkland use.

129. 46-LL Brandi Downing: Oppose

The bird river is just beginning to look viable for swimming. The County paid millions to dredge through deep mud pockets for homeowners. Enough dirty runoff into our waterways.

130. 46-LL Thomas Over: Oppose

I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL and urge the Board to take the following steps before approving any lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill: extend the timeline by 60 days to allow for full community review; transfer the escrow account to state control during that time; require a Special Environmental Project as a lease condition to ensure fines

and penalties benefit the impacted area; strengthen operator oversight and coordination with MDE; and commit to a shortened lease term with a defined path toward returning this land to public use within Gunpowder Falls State Park. Days Cove is a designated Irreplaceable Natural Area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return. In addition, many fisherman and water use citizens have noticed an extremely drastic reduction in SAV since 2023 when the previous discharge operations ceased. This cannot continue for the health of the ecosystem to sustain.

131. 46-LL David Koonce: Oppose

Keep our water clean.

132. 46-LL Frank Martin: Oppose

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133. 46-LL Steve Quaerna: Oppose

I oppose the renewal of the Days Cove Rubble Landfill Program! I live across the river from it and the smell, the noise and the seepage of waste into the bird and gunpowder rivers flows into the Chesapeake Bay. It should be shut down and capped permanently.

134. 46-LL Pamela Sicca: Oppose

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II. Public Comments Received Via Email

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May 5, 2026

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RE: Board of Public Works (BPW) agenda items 46-LL, Days Cove Rubble Landfill Lease

Dear Governor Moore, Comptroller Lierman, and Treasurer Davis,

Sierra Club Maryland Chapter does not support Board of Public Works 46-LL, a new long-term lease for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill, and we request that 46-LL be removed from the agenda until key documents are made available for public review including the draft lease agreement, a report from the Maryland Environmental Service (MES) to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), 2004 Critical Areas Report, and 2026 leachate monitoring results which were not provided for review before the BPW vote. Without reviewing these documents, we are unable to support a lease keeping the landfill open through December 2029, followed by a three-year closure process.

The State of Maryland long promised area residents to close Days Cove Rubble Landfill by December 2025, with the expiration of the 40 year-old landfill's last 10-year lease. Hundreds of community members, several environmental groups, and the Baltimore and Harford County Councils have opposed the extension of this lease and the related discharge permit issued by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). Both Baltimore and Harford County Councils passed resolutions opposing the landfill expansion and the Baltimore County Council sought closure of this landfill, which has had several leachate violations.

As the landfill operates within the Gunpowder Falls State Park, adjacent to the park's irreplaceable natural area (INA) containing rare and threatened species, concerns have been heightened. Environmental groups and hundreds of area residents, many of whom recreate in this area and/or depend on water from nearby wells, registered their concerns through comments on the lease and the discharge permit.

Since January, the DNR has been meeting with a group of community and environmental group advocates to understand their concerns. We have also met with MES and staff from the Comptroller's office and appreciate these listening sessions and the sincerity of the State staff that has led the outreach.

Nonetheless, this new long-term lease has been proposed, without providing evidence to any of the stakeholders, including the Sierra Club Maryland Chapter, supporting the lease term.

Lease: The new lease must include a requirement for earliest feasible closure with mandatory penalties. Since the draft lease has not been made public, we are unable to review the language to determine if the language is sufficient to ensure the commitment to the community and other stakeholders. The community was assured 10 years ago that the prior “final lease” would be the last, but the State failed to honor that commitment.

Monitor Progress: The DNR has said the landfill’s current structure cannot yet support closure. Without the MES report, we lack clarity on the timeline for necessary structural improvements, who will oversee the progress, and how milestones are outlined in the new lease. Furthermore, we seek clarity on how stakeholders, including the community, will be kept informed leading up to the December 2029 deadline.

Monitor Water Quality: Related to the lease is the discharge permit for the site. While this is a separate issue determined by MDE, given the numerous violations, we are concerned ongoing monitoring is inadequate to protect the watershed, residents, and the INA. Further, the Q1 2026 leachate results have not been made public.

Escrow: We understand the new lease will give the State access to \$7 million currently held in escrow by the operator, which will be used to fund the closure. If so, we are appreciative that this issue will soon be resolved.

While we value the recent dialogue with State staff, the Sierra Club Maryland Chapter remains concerned that we still lack the data needed to support a new four-year lease and clear steps to ensure this promise is finally kept.

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May 5, 2026

Dear Members of the Board of Public Works

Re: Agenda Item 46-LL – Days Cove

I write to respectfully express my opposition to Agenda Item 46-LL, the proposed lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill.

As a current Harford County Councilmember representing District A, and as a member of the Conowingo Dam Advisory Group, I have been deeply engaged in regional efforts to protect and restore the health of our waterways from the impacts of the Conowingo Dam through the Gunpowder River watershed and into Chesapeake Bay. This work has reinforced a clear and consistent priority: safeguarding water quality, environmental integrity, and public health must remain at the forefront of all decision-making. The Days Cove landfill sits within a highly sensitive and protected environmental area, adjacent to the Gunpowder River and within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. These are not ordinary lands; they are part of an interconnected ecosystem that supports drinking water, wildlife habitats, recreation, and local economies. Extending operations at this site without stronger environmental safeguards and a clear path toward closure raises serious concerns about long-term impacts to these vital resources.

Throughout my public service, I have consistently advocated for environmental responsibility, transparency, and accountability. In this case, there remain significant unresolved issues that warrant pause and reconsideration, including:

- The lack of clearly defined state control and accountability over escrow funds designated for closure and remediation
- Concerns regarding the adequacy and independence of environmental monitoring, particularly related to potential leachate impacts on surrounding waterways
- The absence of a comprehensive and enforceable Special Environmental Plan for this Irreplaceable Natural Area
- A proposed lease term that delays a necessary and responsible transition toward closure, restoration, and potential future public use

Additionally, the level of public concern surrounding this issue cannot be overlooked. Residents, environmental organizations, and local leaders across Harford and Baltimore Counties have voiced strong and sustained opposition, calling for greater transparency, stronger protection, and a more deliberate path forward.

Based on both my professional responsibilities and my ongoing work in environmental stewardship, I respectfully urge the Board to:

- Deny the renewal of the lease as currently proposed
- Require full transparency and disclosure of all environmental, operational, and compliance data
- Strengthen the environmental protection, monitoring, and enforcement mechanisms

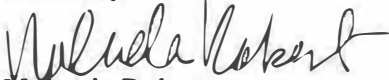
- Consider a significantly shortened lease term that prioritizes closure and site reclamation
- Ensure long-term accountability through clearly defined financial and regulatory oversight structures

This decision carries implications far beyond a single site. It reflects our collective commitment to protecting Maryland's natural resources and the communities that depend on them. The work we are doing regionally from the Conowingo Dam through the Gunpowder River demands consistency in how we approach environmental protection at every level.

I respectfully ask that you act in the best interest of our environment and our communities by taking a more cautious, transparent, and protective approach to this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Nolanda Robert

Harford County Council District A