

**Western Zoning Public Input Session
June 7, 2006**

My name is Nicole Hamilton. I live in Waterford, and I'm President of Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy. While I stand here as one person, I represent hundreds of our members who come from every one of your districts and who care about and are concerned for the wildlife and habitat of Loudoun.

In terms of the proposed rezoning,

- We support the Clem-Burton proposal, as originally proposed, and ask that you enact it now.
- We do not support the grandfathering because it effectively nullifies the rezoning, allowing speculative development to be pushed through. We ask that grandfathering be removed from the proposal.

Our primary concern is for protection of wildlife and wildlife habitat and we saw that all protections have been removed from the proposal. Once the rezoning is in place, it is essential that you revisit the environmental protections to include conservation design, green infrastructure, river and stream corridor protections and wetland protections.

Wildlife habitat is the natural wealth of our county and must be protected for our own quality of life and that of future generations. We depend on natural habitat for clean water, clean air, cooling forest cover, healthy soils and productive landscapes, not to mention the sheer joy of appreciating the diversity of life around us.

I'm not sure when the last time was that you went into the woods or fields simply to explore nature. I invite you to come on some of our field trips. I guarantee it will enliven your spirit and you will see the true wealth of our county.