

Date: October 26, 2017
From: The Forest Preserve Advisory Board
To: The Greenbelt City Council
RE: The SCMaglev rail project

The Forest Preserve Advisory Board is alarmed at the proposed SCMaglev rail line because of the impact that routes J1 and J would have on the Forest Preserve. We unanimously oppose this project in the strongest terms. The project would impact the Forest Preserve by destroying all or most of the North Woods and Hamilton Woods tracks and the delicate ecosystem of the Goddard Creek floodplain. The project would require activities prohibited by City Code, sections 12-156(a-e), and would fail to protect resources as required by section 12-157. The Forest Preserve is a small part of a much larger forest ecosystem that would be negatively impacted by the SCMaglev project. The Forest Preserve is also a contributing property to the Greenbelt National Historic Landmark.

Sincerely,



Valerie Elliott
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