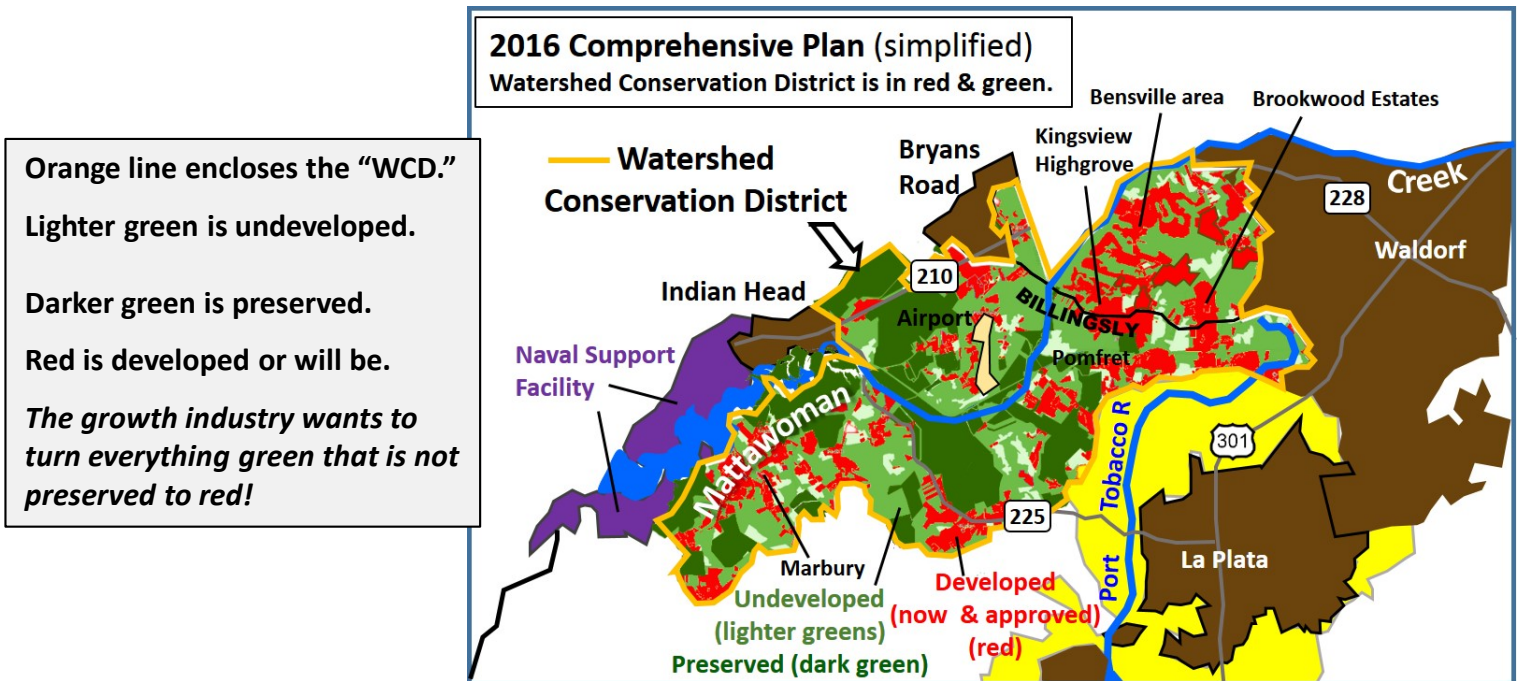


# Say yes to the Watershed Conservation District!

## Say no to 17,000 new housing units!

Hearing expected before elected officials to be announced.



The Watershed Conservation District (WCD) is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to rein in sprawl development with lower housing density.

But the growth industry has testified they want to kill the WCD so they can build the [17,000 new housing](#) units presently allowed. They have organized to stop the WCD. *Your support is needed. Look for a hearing in late spring!*

The amount of development (red) in the WCD is the reason Mattawoman Creek is suffering. The growth industry wants to build-out the rest of the WCD that is not preserved (that is, the lighter green portions).

The WCD benefits taxpayers and home owners because:

- improves home values by reducing competition *and* conserving green space
- stabilizes property taxes by avoiding public subsidies for sprawl development
- promotes investment in "[Priority Funding Areas](#)," where the state assists with funding
- reduces the county's growth rate—ensures drinking water won't run out as predicted
- reduces growth of congestion on 228 and commuter routes 210 and 301
- alleviates school overcrowding
- keeps Mattawoman Creek from exceeding the "tipping point" for irreversible loss
- conserves important headwaters of the Port Tobacco River like Page's Swamp
- protects the Indian Head naval base, the county's largest employer, from encroachment



**Please support the Watershed Conservation District at the upcoming hearing!**

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