

**CALVERT COUNTY
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Mr. Richard Klein, President
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Dear Mr. Klein:


Our Board has reviewed both your letter of July 21, 2008, to the Planning Commission Administrator and the follow-up email to Commissioner Parran, also dated, July 21. We have responded to several letters of concern from residents of the Apple Greene subdivision. It is our understanding that, as a representative of members of Apple Greene Civic Association, you have reviewed files in the Department of Planning and Zoning and met with staff members there.

The responsibility for requirements of wastewater treatment systems used in Calvert County rests with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), not with local government. In the past, we have been advised by State and federal experts that land application systems are best for the environment, in that wastewater is pre-treated and applied to the land, rather than being discharged into streams, rivers, and the Chesapeake Bay. Your comments and observations about land application systems raise valid questions that we will forward to Shari T Wilson, in the Office of Secretary, MDE, to ensure the systems are properly designed and neighboring properties are protected.


Requests for amendments to County codes are explained in the Zoning Ordinance accessed via www.co.cal.md.us (Planning and Zoning) (documents) (zoning ordinance) (1-6 or Article 1, Page 2). We hope you find this information helpful. Our Department of Planning and Zoning will share with you the information received from MDE.


Sincerely,

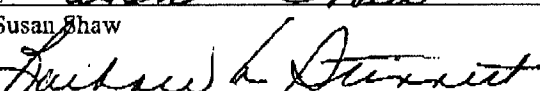
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