



**CARDEROCK SPRINGS**  
National Register of Historic Places

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**Re: I-495 and I-270 Managed Lanes Study, Programmatic Agreement Second Draft,  
received January 4, 2022 (Section 106 Materials)**

Dear Mr. Archer,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with our comments to the Section 106 Materials. Consistent with our April 12, 2021 comment letter on the First Draft Programmatic Agreement, we disagree with SHA's determination that "the project will not adversely affect the Carderock Springs Historic District." We continue to believe that the loss of mature trees and landscape buffer would have an adverse effect on our community, since trees and natural landscape are one of the character-defining features of the Carderock Springs Historic District.

We also request that the design of the sound barriers will be dealt with in a similar manner to other neighborhoods which border I-490 / I-270. We did note that the Second Draft Programmatic Agreement provides that, for the Morningstar Cemetery, the SHA is committing to "context-sensitive design" and "context-sensitive solutions" such as "sympathetic design treatment of new noise barrier that faces the cemetery, and potentially other design elements of the project that are compatible and beneficial to the property." Since the views from our community are architecturally significant for Carderock Springs as part of our bucolic setting, we request the same consideration regarding the design of the sound barriers and the treatment of the mature trees, including a tree survey and a plan to replant trees where they will need to be removed or will not survive the sound barrier installation.

We read that the flyover ramp locations have been moved from their preliminary locations in the SDEIS; however, we haven't found the exact location of these ramps to assess whether they would still impact our community or not. Would you please let us know their new location so we can evaluate their impact on the Carderock Springs Historic District?

The current plan as stated in the Section 106 PA is to meet with the Consulting Parties every 6 months. However, we believe that it is important to get updates more frequently, at least every 3



months, as a design may be changing very quickly, and our community might not get a chance to comment on some important elements.

As part of the Programmatic Agreement, we request the following:

- to continue to search for creative design solutions that prioritize avoidance of adverse effects per Section 106, which would require no encroachment of the LOD on Carderock Springs Historic District, Carderock Springs South, Gibson Grove Church or Moses Hall and Cemetery, or adverse impacts on their visual and environmental qualities;
- that quarterly meetings be held to inform our community of the status of the proposed project and any changes to the current design and to allow the community to voice concerns and ask questions; and
- that we be a part of the design review process and given the opportunity to provide formal comments in response to the proposed design. Although our community doesn't concur with SHA findings in the PA, we wish to remain involved as a Consulting Party in the process

Thank you for consideration of these comments.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Orrick", written over a horizontal line.

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