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Disappointment: White's Ferry Shuts Down



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Dear Catoctin Residents,

I am extremely disappointed in the shutdown of White's Ferry as a result of the court decision in [Rockland Farm, LLC, et al. v. White's Ferry, Inc](#), which found that White's Ferry is trespassing on Rockland Farm's property.

The County was not a party to this case between two private entities, Rockland and White's Ferry, and has no standing in the current situation. However, I am exploring actions between the parties that can be taken to restore this vital regional transportation link between Montgomery and Loudoun counties. This

historic landmark has been home to a ferry service since 1786 and should continue to serve Virginia and Maryland citizens.

The closure of White's Ferry, which serves 600 cars per day, due to a lawsuit also illustrates the critical need to pursue a future bridge crossing between Virginia and Maryland. Regional connections between Maryland and Virginia are extremely susceptible to issues such as the closure of White's Ferry and the American Legion Bridge.

I call on our regional transportation leaders to see the benefits of what can be achieved by addressing long overdue regional transportation needs by building an additional bridge crossing between Virginia and Maryland. Less congestion will deliver job opportunities, quality of life for our residents, and economic development to our region. The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors acted in [September of 2018](#) and chose [Route 7/Route 28 and Route 7/Loudoun County Parkway](#) as potential bridge crossings from Virginia to Maryland.

We will not be in COVID lockdown forever, and the region's transportation volumes will return at some level to pre-COVID volumes. With the susceptibility of the Whites Ferry crossing and shut down of the American Legion Bridge, there is no better time than the present to get serious about regional transportation needs between Virginia and Maryland.

Let's not wait until post-COVID congestion returns to tackle this problem. In the meantime, please know that I will be working to restore White's Ferry service as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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