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Mr. John McCoy
Watershed Manager, Columbia Association
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Dear John,

Thank you for your May presentation to our Board concerning the Stevens Forest Pond situation and the two proposed solutions from the engineering firm.

Our Board is concerned about the future of the pond. We want to preserve and enhance the pond as a focal point. We are concerned that the engineering firm's two proposals will decrease the surface area and/or the depth of the pond and will result in creating a marsh.

Our Board asks that you explore solutions that preserve and enhance the pond as a focal point and do not decrease the surface area and/or the depth of the pond. We also want to maintain the complete walkability around the entire pond. We understand that the cost of solutions is a factor to be considered, but we feel there are other possible funding sources in addition to CA's budget.

Our Board looks forward to partnering with you in developing a suitable solution for Stevens Forest Pond.

Sincerely,

Jonathan L. Edelson, Chair
Oakland Mills Board of Directors

cc: Mr. Dennis Matthey, Community Operations VP, Columbia Association
Mr. Gerry Witte, OMCA Open Space Committee, Co-Chair

