

January 2, 2003

Beth Bullamore
President
Charles Village Civic Association
2740 Maryland Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21218

Dear Beth:

I write on behalf of several residents (and life time members of the CVCA) of the 2900 block of North Charles Street who met yesterday to review the current plan for the redesign of North Charles St. Because we want to preserve the greenspace in front of our homes and a sense of connection to the Dell while allowing places for residents to park, we feel strongly that the final design should include the following:

A service drive not more than 16 feet wide on our block and on the residential blocks north of 34th Street. Parking along the drive should be included in the City's residential parking permit area 12. With the significant increase in the number of Hopkins students and staff living and working in the Homewood apartments who park on the 2900 block of Charles and the intersecting unit block of 30th Street, the availability of parking on the service drive is essential to residents of this block who do not have garages.

An east side buffer median not less than 20 feet. This protects our homes from traffic and maintains the greenspace that we treasure!

A greenspace flanking the dell that is not less than 16 feet wide inclusive of a sidewalk.

Assuming that the conditions listed in 1-3 above are met, we support a "pooched" parking area along the northbound lane adjacent to the eastside buffer median. This parking should be included in the City's residential parking permit area 12.

As noted in earlier meetings, we are willing to compromise on the concept of a center median, but believe that it should not be less than 12 feet wide and not more than 18 feet wide. The median on Roland Avenue is 12 feet wide and would appear to satisfy Hopkins need for a "refuge" for pedestrians crossing the street. In addition, assuming that the conditions set forth in 1-3 above are met, we would support off-peak parking on the south bound side of N. Charles Street.

Thank you for seeking our input on this issue of critical importance to those of us who live on the 2900 block N. Charles Street.

Sincerely yours,

Dawna M. Cobb
2943 N. Charles St.
Baltimore, Md. 21218

Cc: 2900 block N. Charles residents Paul Hulleberg, Charles and Pam Kelly, Suzanne and Joseph Rexing
Doreen Bolger- BMA
Louise Toomey-North Charles Village Community Association
Sandra Sparks- Charles Village PUD
Jim McGill-The Johns Hopkins University
Suzanne Rexing-Friends of Wyman Park Dell
David Wallace-RK&K