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Please publish my letter (below) as soon before the 8/9/06 scheduled meeting on the subject as possible.

Regarding the news story on Mill Creek (The Sunday Capital, July 23), I am infuriated at the suggestion by Public Works Director, Ron Bowen, that the \$600,000 commission suggests leaky septic tanks on lands in the surrounding area could be a significant factor in our creek's condition. In fact, spending six-hundred thousand dollars for a bunch of psycho-babble rationale following a three-million gallon raw-sewage spill, is a gross waste of taxpayer money.

Mr. Bowen is trying to mitigate his department's responsibility for the condition of our creek.

Over the past 30 years, the pumping station has spilled far more sewage into Mill Creek.

The February 9th meeting was nothing more than an attempted lesson on the technical aspects of sewage pumping, followed in more recent months by a two-thirds mile sewage extension pipe running above ground from the station to Peninsula Farm Road. Though the pipeline is now disassembled, nothing has been done to clean Mill Creek. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to know that millions of gallons of sewage over many years will pollute the waters and the bedding of the creek. But, instead of immediately dredging the most recent waste from our creek, Mr. Bowen, et al, are buying time and ignoring the urgency of the problem.

County Councilman, Cathy Vitale, and even U.S. Representative Wayne Gilcrest have shown an interest in our creek's well being.

To Mr. Bowen: Stop messing around with this common-sense issue, make spills never happen again, and get our creek clean.

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