

December 6, 2021

To: The Mayor and Town Council of Washington Grove,

I could not attend your meeting on Saturday about the bike path. I am a small business owner of The Track on Oakmont. Saturday is my busiest day. I work from 9:00 am into the evening. I work hard so I can pay over \$8,000 in property taxes for my home in Washington Grove.

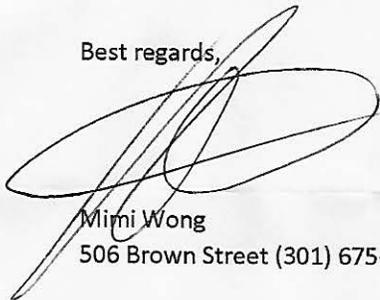
I do not understand why other residents in Washington Grove chose to put the bike path on Brown Street. Why didn't the Brown Street residents have a choice about putting the bike path in front of our homes? No one from Town contacted us. We should have a right to reject this invasion of our privacy. We fought Montgomery County on construction of the first salt barn and lost. We fought on construction of the second salt barn and lost. How does our vote make a difference? Now we have the presence of these two buildings in our face every day. We wake up to the noise early morning and late at night. Montgomery County is not looking out for us. Why doesn't Washington Grove protect us?

I like the Salt Barn route because it crosses County lands, not Washington Grove. They should use their own land. The bike path between my house and a salt barn will give more positive presence to the area than the overgrown, abandoned property between me and the salt barns now.

If the Mayor and Town Council had already made up your mind on Brown Street, why did you ask us to vote. Why can't we vote on the Salt Barn as a first preferred choice? How could the Town pick Brown Street over the needs of Brown Street residents?

I have been a happy resident of Washington Grove for over 20 years. But events over the past few years, first the salt barns and now the bike path are unfair and prejudiced against me. They make me question my decision to live here. I will have to build a fence on two sides of my property to maintain my privacy. Other Brown Street residents might have to build fences, too. That will change the look on Brown Street. Why are you destroying the neighborhood that we have spent years trying to preserve?

Best regards,



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