



Bringing back the birds



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Rick Anthony
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Dear County Executive Schuh and Parks Director Anthony:

The American Eagle Foundation (<https://www.eagles.org/>), Maryland Ornithological Society (<http://www.mdbirds.org/>) and American Bird Conservancy (<https://abcbirds.org/?gclid=CPK1vezTnNMCfYOKswodZUwJNA>) have received many citizen complaints about the potential adverse impacts to Bald Eagles from the Master Plan implementation for the Beverly-Triton Beach Park in Anne Arundel County, MD.

As is well known, the Bald Eagle is protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA), and any killing or disturbance of eagles or their nests is expressly prohibited without a permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). Consequently, as there are several eagles that reside in this area, any development is subject to FWS review and permitting.

We have been told that potential impacts on the resident eagles was not considered in the development of the Park's Master Plan. We were, however, happy to learn that some proposed developments in the park have been eliminated to ensure that the surrounding environment is kept in its natural state and provides habitat for these and other federally protected birds.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.



Shaping the future for birds

Respectfully Yours,

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The American Bird Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) science-based, not-for-profit membership organization whose mission is to conserve native birds and their habitats throughout the Americas... ABC acts by safeguarding the rarest species, conserving and restoring habitats, and reducing threats, while building capacity in the bird conservation movement.

The American Eagle Foundation (AEF) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to care for and protect the USA's living symbol of freedom, the Bald Eagle, and other birds of prey through the four pillars of Education, Re-population, Conservation and Rehabilitation.

The Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS) is a nonprofit, statewide organization of people who are interested in birds and nature. MOS promotes knowledge about our natural resources, and fosters its appreciation and conservation. The Society also maintains a system of sanctuaries to encourage the conservation of birds and bird habitat, and to help record and publish observations of bird life.