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I've met you several times over the years, in various contexts. The National Capital Region Watershed Stewards Academy was hosted by WAU about 10 years ago, and we still have a lovely conservation landscape behind the Wilkinson building I see now and again. It was a great and welcoming experience.

Also Professor Melinda Villanueva is on the board of Friends of Sligo Creek, on which I have served as president and now advocacy director. She is a valuable partner.

Over the years, I've walked the campus with various staff talking about possible stormwater projects.

Now I understand there is some negotiation about WAU taking on some of the land and presumably buildings that WAH is leaving. I wanted to make sure you know that Montgomery County requires that any renovation of buildings and etc, follow the new building requirements for capturing stormwater, and presumably zoning and etc.

About 10 years ago I attended a very interesting meeting with mostly WAH officials with a green plan for the hospital footprint that involved removing most of the oldest buildings and asphalt especially closest to the big hill leading to Sligo Creek. At the time and still I think it was a very useful template, that clearly was overtaken by events. I'm hoping something like that can be incorporated into WAU plans for taking on some or all of the WAH campus.

I'm happy to discuss this further.

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