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Costco/Westfield are messing with Wheaton's Green Forest Buffer and the watershed by which groundwater reaches the Chesapeake Bay.

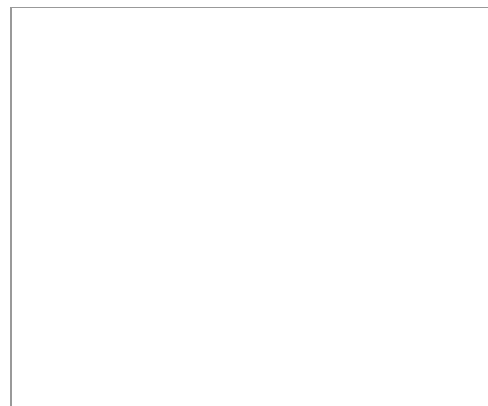
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WHAT HAVE FOREST BUFFER CONSERVATION & WATERSHED PROTECTION GOT TO DO WITH A MEGA GAS STATION?

Plenty! As part of its struggle to block Costco's request for Special Exception to build a mega gas station in Westfield Wheaton Mall, the Stop Costco Gas Coalition is calling attention to the fact that Costco has not filed a Forest Conservation Plan, claiming an exemption that SCGC finds invalid (www.stopcostcogas.org (<http://www.stopcostcogas.org>)).



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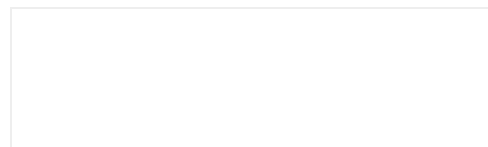
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Wheaton's Green Forested Buffer, a portion of which is owned by Westfield Group, is a thin 10-acre strip of woods that protects Kensington Heights residents from the air, noise, and light pollution generated by Wheaton Mall. The largest collection of trees in the entire Wheaton Sector Plan area, this forested buffer conveys stormwater from the Mall into Sligo, Silver and Rock Creeks. Westfield recently sold half the woods for upzoned transit-oriented residential development, and pierced the heart of remaining forest with bulldozers to construct an outfall that dumps stormwater from the Costco project into Silver Creek. This was done without a Forest Conservation Plan, in stark contrast to the spirit and letter of the Wheaton Sector Plan, as approved in 2011, to mandate additional protection and special status to Wheaton's green forested buffer.

More from Wheaton Patch

- **WOW House: \$6M Buys Heated Garage, Elevator**
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- *Patch Localstream: GreenWheaton*
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(<http://patch.com/maryland/wheaton>)

Now Costco also wants to build a gas station, the busiest in Montgomery County, right above the headwaters of Silver Creek and next to single-family residences, and plans to do more work in the

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- 5 ► **Cops Trick Car Thief Into Driving To Police Headquarters**
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Conservation Exemption that is inaccurate and invalid. According to the SCGC, if Westfield & Costco are allowed to proceed, one of the results will be further damage to our dwindling forest buffer and further degradation of the groundwater that drains, via our regional watershed, into the Chesapeake Bay. The SCGC is urging concerned citizens to contact the Planning Board about this environmental injustice.

For more information, read [here](http://www.stopcostcogas.org/s2863filings/OurRebuttalLandsc)
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Across Maryland

- Pedestrian Killed in Hit-and-Run in Oxon Hill (Bowie, MD)
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Take a look inside one of the top properties on the market in Montgomery County.

Dogs Deserve Better: Sara's Turn
(<http://patch.com/maryland/wheaton-md/dogs-deserve-better-saras-turn>)



Sweet Sara is still waiting for her new home. This happy, affectionate, and playful pup will make a great addition to your family.

Pedestrian Killed in Hit and Run, Woman Carjacked, High School Bomb Threat, Poll: Clinton Leads in Maryland: News Nearby
(<http://patch.com/maryland/wheaton-md/pedestrian-killed-hit-run-woman-carjacked-high-school-bomb-threat-poll-clinton-leads-maryland-news>)



Some top posts in Maryland, including a beam from Ground Zero heading to Maryland. Plus, how to share your local news, events and pics.

Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad Hosts Open House
(<http://patch.com/maryland/wheaton-md/wheaton-volunteer-rescue-squad-hosts-open-house>)



Event will be held on Oct. 18.

13-Car Crash, Cop Saves Baby, Jobless Rate: News Nearby
(<http://patch.com/maryland/wheaton-md/13-car-crash-cop-saves-baby-jobless-rate-news-nearby>)

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Not Actual Vehicle

Victim was standing in the middle of the road, according to Prince George's County Police. Driver left the scene.

Howard County Officer Charged with DUI in Hit and Run: Police (http://patch.com/maryland/wheaton-md/s/fbrr2/howard-county-officer-charged-with-dui-in-hit-and-run-police)



Maryland State Police said an officer from the Howard County Police Department appeared unsteady on his feet when they tracked him down.

Steel Beam from Ground Zero En Route to Carroll County (http://patch.com/maryland/wheaton-md/s/fbppk/steel-beam-from-ground-zero-en-route-to-carroll-county)



The Carroll County Sheriff's Office is escorting piece of World Trade Center from New York to Maryland.

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