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Dear Mr. Hurewitz:

The following is in response to your email to Howard County Government's Office of Public Information, requesting information in accordance with the Maryland Public Information Act, 4-101 *et seq.* of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (the "PIA"), which this office received on December 18, 2020.

Specifically, you asked for "... documents regarding the effect of the water levels and velocity caused by the water which can be trapped on Main Street by the Tiber wall at the CSX viaduct, the elevation increases of Main Street on and near the Patapsco bridge and/or from the Jersey barrier on the Patapsco bridge (all as illustrated by the photo from the 2018 flood on page 3 of the USACE report https://f7ffdcab-43e5-473c-85ed-f1db9af7ab7a.filesusr.com/ugd/34b2b4_5a07637d56f44afabf3cdce386452063.pdf)

"In addition, please include any documents regarding any plans or proposals by Howard County and/or the State Highway Administration to ameliorate these conditions."

The County's Department of Public Works and Office of the County Executive have no records responsive to your request.

While Howard County has the right under the Public Information Act to charge you for search time in excess of two hours, no more than two hours was expended on your request.

Pursuant to MPIA § 4-362, you are entitled to seek judicial review of this decision by filing a complaint in the Circuit Court for Howard County or the Circuit Court in Maryland in the County where you reside or maintain a principal place of business. You may also refer any concerns about this decision to the Public Access Ombudsman pursuant to MPIA § 4-1B-01 *et seq.*

Sincerely,

Alexandra Bresani
Office of Public Information