

**Sugarloaf Alliance, Inc. has a strong interest in preserving the many good features that make Frederick County such a desirable place to live and work. We have supported the county's effort to draft a Sugarloaf Treasured Landscape Management Plan that would effectively preserve the attractive and productive rural nature of the southern part of the county, to the west of I-270, which encloses the Plan's signature Sugarloaf Mountain.**

**We support this Plan. It incorporates two features we consider essential for its effectiveness:**

- inclusion of the entire area enclosed by the Montgomery County line, the Monocacy River, and Route I-270, and**
- the application of the protective Overlay over the entire area of the Plan.**

**In our view, these two aspects must be retained, and could be strengthened, in arriving at the county's final Plan.**

**We commend both the staff of the county's Department of Planning and Development Review for their dedication in preparing the draft plan and the Frederick County Planning Commission for their wisdom and oversight in helping to advance the goals of the Sugarloaf Plan in a transparent and public process.**