



Board urges MC Council to leave bag fee rule in place

**Email Sent on May 5, 2013 by Bruce Sidwell
*Advocacy chair, Friends of Sligo Creek***

On behalf of the Board of the Friends of Sligo Creek, I urge you to be cautious in whatever steps you may wish to take in tinkering with the bag fee. For more than 12 years, our group of volunteers has spent literally thousands of hours in picking up bags and other litter in and near the Sligo Creek Watershed. Although the bag fee regulation has only been in place for a short time, we believe we are beginning to see a reduction in bags littering our parks.

We think it is too early to make decisions about whether to keep or tinker with the bag regulations. What is clear is that the benefits of keeping trash out of our waterways far outweighs the trivial cost and inconvenience to our residents of the bag fee.

Thank you for your hard work on keeping the County a great place to live.