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*From the Moyaone President:*  
**Next Steps in the Fight  
against Charles Station**

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The Moyaone Association, in its opposition to Dominion Energy Cove LNG's proposed Charles Station compressor project, has explored—and is continuing to explore—a variety of legal, political, and informational avenues to stop this project from becoming a reality in our midst.

Through the efforts of the Moyaone Task Force to Stop the Charles Station, several of our area state-elected officials from Prince George's and Charles counties have been successfully approached; several candidates for Prince George's County Council District 9 seat have expressed opposition; a meeting was held with the Director of the Department of the Environment; and other political connections have been made and are ongoing.

In addition to AMPCreeks, the first group in the opposition fight, the Moyaone is coordinating with Mount Vernon, the Accokeek Foundation, and the Alice Ferguson Foundation. The Moyaone is also working in concert with a variety of kindred organizations in its opposition. It has sought help from the Environmental Integrity Project, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the National Sierra Club, Earthjustice, and others. There is an opportunity for the Moyaone to receive legal assistance and representation from several of the well-known environmental organizations.

And it is important that the Moyaone Association, through the Task Force, develop fact-based information papers to help those charged with issuing permits to approve or deny this proposed project's progress to make the best informed decision, as well as to educate all of our members and those affected by this project in our larger community. A special section in the Moyaone Association website has been created to assist in getting out the word on how disastrous this proposed project would be to our community ([www.moyaone.org](http://www.moyaone.org)).

See pages 2 and 3 of this issue of *Smoke Signals* for more information on all of this work, as well as announcements on upcoming hearings that everyone should try to attend. The next monthly Moyaone Board meeting (Tuesday, June 12, 7 pm, Wagner Center, 2311 Bryan Point Road) will also discuss the latest results and projects in opposing the proposed Charles Station compressor project. All are welcome to attend.

## **Mt. Vernon Issues Statement on Charles Station**

*Luke J. Pecoraro, PhD*  
*Director of Archaeology, Mount Vernon*

Following the decision by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association Board to oppose the proposed Dominion Energy Charles County compressor station, a letter was sent to Dominion's CEO, Tom Farrell, on May 7. A response was received on May 25 from Farrell's office, but the content did not address our concerns, nor did it suggest that Dominion would consider moving the compressor station elsewhere.

During the period while we awaited Dominion's response, Mount Vernon's team members of our internal Viewshed Taskforce have been working towards the first deadline of submitting a letter to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) related to Dominion's air quality permit by June 12. Work has also been undertaken to generate awareness amongst members of the communities in Virginia who share the view, and meetings have taken place with staff of local elected officials to better educate them on the potential effect and the implication of the station's construction for the region. Mount Vernon is continuing to hold meetings and build a network of support moving forward beyond the closure of the MDE comment period.

A further action under way is that Mount Vernon, with help from members of the Moyaone Association, the Alice Ferguson Foundation, the Accokeek Foundation, and the National Park Service, are working towards forming a coalition of regional and national organizations to support efforts to ensure the viewshed is preserved.

# Moyaone Task Force Goal Is to Stop Charles Station

—Karen Hoagberg, Coordinator

Moyaone residents are united in our opposition to Dominion's proposed compressor station, which would pollute our air, threaten our wells, kill many of our trees, greatly increase the possibility of a catastrophic forest fire, and threaten the beloved Mount Vernon viewshed in which we live. Moyaone Association President Michael Leventhal put together the Moyaone Task Force to Stop Charles Station shortly after our Annual Meeting. Our goal is to stop "Charles Station," the proposed compressor station—a six-acre industrial complex that Dominion Energy plans to build in Bryans Road, immediately adjacent to Piscataway Park.

## Three Working Groups Comprise Task Force

Our task force is divided into three working groups. These are: Lobbying, Community Outreach & External Liaison, and Public Relations. There is a core group of people in each group, with many of us doing additional work in other areas. Smart and talented Moyaoners, with the perseverance to see this through, have joined this effort, including Theresa Abell, Judy Allen-Leventhal, Rita Bergman, David Bookbinder, Nan Fremont, Rhonda Hanson, Keely Hollyfield, Sue Jones, Sara Lilly, Vivian Mills, Mary Lee Phelps, Ron Pollack, Kay Powell, Anna Sewell and Holly Wagner. It is a joy to work among such dedicated individuals.

## Task Force Interacts with Local Politicians

Delegate Kris Valderrama of our District 26 is energetically leading the charge against the proposed compressor station. After our first meeting with her she took the initiative to meet with Maryland Department of the Environment Secretary Ben Grumbles, and she invited us to join them. She also met with Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh, impressing him to the degree that he has agreed to visit the proposed compressor station site and meet with us here. District 27A Delegate Elizabeth "Susie" Proctor, sharing our concerns about the proposed compressor station and the natural gas infrastructure being built throughout Southern Maryland, met with us immediately. She wrote a pertinent letter to Secretary Grumbles asking him to conduct a health impact assessment prior to making a decision on the air permit. District 28 State Senator Mac Middleton, although stating his neutrality in this issue, has gone out of his way to search for answers to every question we have asked him and he remains in touch with us. We have recently made contact with District 28 Delegate C.T. Wilson, who has come out in opposition to the proposed compressor station. We continue to reach out to our local, state, and federal representatives.

## Moyaone Joins with Other Nonprofits

In addition to our partner organizations, the Alice Ferguson Foundation, the Accokeek Foundation, and Mount Vernon, we are actively forming relationships with many nonprofits. These include the National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1000 Friends of Maryland, the Smarter Growth Alliance of Charles County, the Potomac Riverkeepers, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the Environmental Integrity Project, the Chesapeake Conservancy, and others. Our goal is to form a broad coalition of allied organizations who will take a stand against Dominion's Charles Station.

## Spreading the Word

Our current challenge is to increase the awareness and visibility of the issue across the region, to join with our neighbors in Accokeek and Bryans Road, while reaching across the Potomac River to our neighbors in Virginia, who would also be affected by pollution and changes to the viewshed. Along with bringing the best information we can to our own Moyaone community, we need to spread the message to as many people as possible. We are looking at opportunities to garner media attention, along with working to build a social media presence and getting the word out on Moyaone.org. Many thanks to Jon Rietmulder for his help with our website pages ([moyaone.org](http://moyaone.org)). Have you seen it? It will take all of us working together to defeat Dominion here in our backyard. If you would like to help, send an email to: [MoyaonersAgainstCompressors@gmail.com](mailto:MoyaonersAgainstCompressors@gmail.com)

## You Can Help Us Defeat Dominion

—Kay Powell, Moyaone Task Force to Stop Charles Station

The Charles Station project is not well known to the public. A major task we must undertake is to inform a wide audience about the proposed compressor station, its risks, and the impact it would have on the environment and residents' health. ***This is more than a local issue.*** The Mount Vernon viewshed and a national park would be destroyed by the intrusion of a six-acre industrial complex emitting toxic gases and noise day and night.

We are putting together a public relations and media campaign to make it a national issue. That's what we want. That's what will stop Dominion. Thankfully, Mount Vernon, the Alice Ferguson Foundation, and the Accokeek Foundation are joining us in opposing this behemoth.

A part of our task force is dedicated to getting media attention, writing press releases, printing flyers and posters, making signs, and flooding social media with this story. Signs, flyers, and help with press coverage are taking us beyond our means. There is no time to hone those skills. We need printed material now. We need help with the press now.

This is the support we need:

- *Connections*—If you have any contacts with the newspapers, radio, or television personalities, please introduce us.
- *Graphic design and writing skills*—You can write editorials, create visuals, and post on social media. Your voice is important.
- *Money*—Any donations you can make to the Moyaone Association are welcome (to be placed in a special fund dedicated to defeating Dominion). Mail donations to Moyaone Association, PO Box 113, Accokeek MD 20607 or make donations via PayPal (follow directions on the website: [moyaone.org](http://moyaone.org)). Checks should be made out to the Moyaone Association with "Dominion" noted on the memo line.

Please check your facts before submitting letters to newspapers, Maryland Department of the Environment, or elected officials. See [moyaone.org/dominion](http://moyaone.org/dominion) for details. It will take all of us working together to defeat Dominion's proposed project here in our backyard and the nation's backyard. Contact the Task Force ([MoyaonersAgainstCompressors@gmail.com](mailto:MoyaonersAgainstCompressors@gmail.com)) with questions.

## Charles Station Compressor Station

### —Addresses and Dates to Remember

**Monday, June 11 at 4:30 pm** is the hearing for Dominion's Water Appropriation and Use Permit for dewatering the proposed compressor station site. This hearing will be from 4:30 to 7:30 pm at the Bryans Road Volunteer Fire Department, 3099 Livingston Road, Bryans Road. Make sure to attend, submit written comments and, if permitted, ask questions—use the water permit talking points for ideas. The hearing will last until 7:30 pm.

**Tuesday, June 12** is the deadline for submitting written comments to MDE for the Air Quality Permit. Use the talking points and urge them to deny the Air Quality Permit that Dominion Cove Point LNG has applied for in order to build this compressor station, "Charles Station." In addition, we must urge them to do a comprehensive and independent health impact assessment.

### Contact Information for Messages and Letters Regarding the Proposed Compressor Station

**1) Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).**

RE: Air Quality Permit. Shannon Heafey, MDE/ARA; 1800 Washington Blvd., Ste. 720; Baltimore MD 21230-1720; shannon.heafey@maryland.gov

**2) MDE Water Office.** RE: Permit to Appropriate and Use Waters of the State. John Grace, Water Supply Program, MDE; 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore MD 21230; john.grace@maryland.gov; 410-537-3714

**3) Chesapeake Fish and Wildlife Service.** Genevieve LaRouche; Genevieve\_LaRouche@fws.gov; 410-573-4573; general office, 410-573-4599

## The Moyaone Moneybag

—Charles Gaumond

I was elected comptroller at the spring meeting of the Moyaone Association. I will write a short article each month and can include answers to some questions that I have been asked. This past month, I was asked about the tax status of the Moyaone Association. It is a 501(c)4 organization and your dues cannot be treated as a charitable contribution. Charities are 501(c)3 organizations.

One of the oddities of becoming a Moyaone comptroller is that the duties begin in May, just in time for the House Tour, Memorial Day picnic, and the start of pool season. These events involve a multitude of invoices, reimbursements, credit card transactions, PayPal transactions, checks, and cash. The income and expenses are recorded using QuickBooks Online. I am grateful for the continuing help from the previous comptroller, Jamie Kucab. The Moyaone also has a remote CPA, who is also very helpful to me.

Enjoy the common areas this summer!



## Preparedness Corner

Alex Naar, CEM (alex@alexnaar.com)

Moyaone Resident and AVFD Officer

### Emergency Response and the Moyaone

A rural emergency incident requires the timely response of first responders and their related vehicles and emergency equipment. In the Moyaone, as in many rural areas, we have a variety of challenges that can delay timely emergency response. These include: location identification; road condition and size; distance from hydrants; and intermittent obstructions such as snow, fallen trees, and/or parked cars.

### Location, Location, Location

Two key reminders here:

1) When you call 911 to report an emergency, give as accurate a location as possible; e.g., "2311 Bryan Point Road in Accokeek, Maryland" is better than "The Moyaone Commons!" Remember that some 911 calls from the Moyaone might go to Fairfax County 911 or Charles County or Prince George's County. Do not hesitate ever in calling 911 because you think a situation is not urgent enough. Let the public safety dispatchers make that decision.

2) Is your house address visible? Do you have a reflective sign that is free from vegetation, etc.? We sell, at cost, reflective signs at the Accokeek Volunteer Firehouse, 16111 Livingston Road.

If first responders cannot find you, they cannot help.

### Road and Driveway Condition/Size

Maintenance of shared roads is a partnership. The Moyaone Roads Chair provides guidance and direction as warranted (*see article on page 4*). Dirt roads require care and present a challenge year round to all first responders. If there are washouts, fallen trees upon a road, or ice or mud from poor drainage, emergency response may be delayed.

The width of roads and driveways in the Moyaone presents real challenges to all first responders but especially to fire and EMS. Our fire trucks and ambulances are wide, heavy, and in some cases long. If you see delivery trucks, oil or propane trucks, or utility trucks having trouble navigating a road or driveway, you can be assured fire department vehicles will have as much and most likely more trouble getting to where they need to go.

Parked cars, staged building materials, or encroaching vegetation can all hamper emergency response.

We have had two structure fires this year in the Moyaone in which the width of the roads hampered emergency response. A parked car in one fire blocked firefighter access.

The Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department (AVFD) continues to offer free site visits to evaluate access to your home. Please contact me if you would like us to come out. We can offer our professional assessment and make suggestions to improve access.

Talk to your neighbors as well and find out if you might have shared access issues that can be resolved collectively. Improving emergency access can be achieved while preserving and respecting both private property and environmental values.

Seconds and minutes count in an emergency—take a few moments to think about how emergency responders can access your neighborhood and your home.

Finally, a gentle reminder to evaluate your home smoke/fire/carbon monoxide alarms. Smoke alarms should be placed on every level, in every bedroom and hallway to bedrooms. If your smoke alarms are more than ten years old—please replace them. Smoke alarms saved lives here in the Moyaone this year.





Heavy rains in the last four weeks have opened deep ditches along some Moyaone roads. This one is on Reserve Road. Road repairs are in progress.

## Working on Clear Access for Moyaone Roads

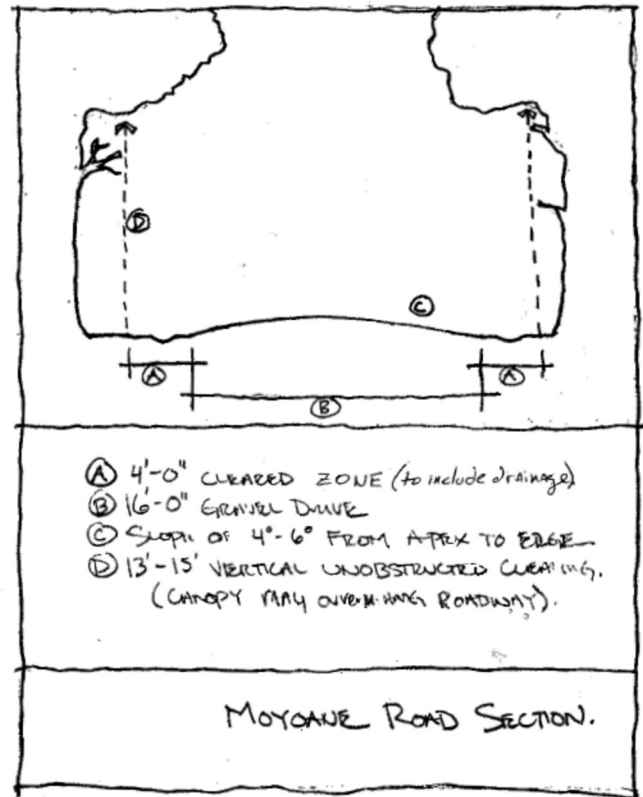
### Dear Landowners:

To ensure that our Moyaone gravel road network remains navigable, following the recent storm I have identified various challenges and have prioritized addressing them; first is to repair roads that have no alternative exit point, such as Hidden Valley and Laurel Drive.

When skilled volunteer effort is available to help with clearing trees, please contact [KentLHibben@gmail.com](mailto:KentLHibben@gmail.com) or text (me) at 202 316-8432 as quickly as possible. NextDoor Moyaone Reserve often enables multiple parties to field and then respond to a posted road issue. All good—yet as the Roads Chair, my first line of assistance generally is licensed and insured tree removal help. To coordinate and prioritize these blended assists (there are regularly more than one site simultaneously in need of clearing), a call/email/text to me is requested, since once I give the okay for the contractor, their clock runs, even if they arrive to find the work (appreciatively) completed.

Help is also welcomed with keeping the roadsides clear of encroaching vegetation. But please contact me before working to clear roadsides on property other than your own. Again, I might have a contractor en route, and there are many specimen plants that should be left to grow.

Clearing culverts under the roads and beneath driveways entering Moyaone roads, and clearing detritus from the channels along the roads is also an assist where volunteering is welcomed (hats off to the many who do so). Here again, heads-ups are welcomed, as the Roads budget and plans include the hiring of contractors to help, in a triaged fashion.



A diagram of a cross-section of a Moyaone road (*above*) illustrates the goal that we strive for. Note that not all roads currently meet those width/clearance specifications for budget or other logistics reasons. Yet, at every intersection, for example, the Fire Department would be best served by having unimpeded access to maneuver emergency vehicles with a maximum of clearance and lack of constraints (*see related article on emergency preparedness on page 3*). In a recent reconnaissance drive-through, Fire Department representatives pointed out that seconds count for safety. Follow-through actions are thus under way to adjust several Moyaone road corners and other locations.

Meanwhile, any suggestions are welcome on road TLC approaches and on recommended persons who could be hired to help with culvert cleaning and roadside vegetation clearing.

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Follow the transformation of red-hot iron into essential tools and implements with local blacksmith Tim Buckley. Try your hand at hammering, then explore the National Colonial Farm to look for hand-forged items. Photo: Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park.

## Explore Colonial Life at the National Colonial Farm

Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park, 3400 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek. Visit [accokeekfoundation.org/events](https://accokeekfoundation.org/events) or call (301) 283-2113 for more information.

**Secrets of 1770**—Saturdays and Sundays, times vary. Free.

Explore the domestic side of the 18th century with friends of the Bolton family. Experts from the community will demonstrate their heritage trades and skills on the National Colonial Farm.

- June 9 & 10: Blacksmithing
- June 16 & 17: Colonial cooking
- June 23: Sheep to Shawl and Meet Cate Sharper
- June 24: Meet Cate Sharper
- June 30: International Mud Day
- July 1: Kitchen Garden

**Free Guided Tours**—Saturdays 11 am & Sundays 2:30 pm

Explore Piscataway Park with a knowledgeable educator. Travel back in time to take a look at the daily life on the National Colonial Farm, get to know endangered heritage breed livestock, or discover various ecosystems on a trail walk. Topics vary. Tours will begin at the Visitor Center, and last 30 minutes to 1 hour. Weather dependent.

## Summer Events Abound at Alice Ferguson Foundation

*Alice Ferguson Foundation, 2001 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek.* For information on events at the Hard Bargain Amphitheater, contact Trey Thomas (TThomas@fergusonfoundation.org; 240-766-8830).

**June 8–9—The Heidi Chronicles.** Premiere weekend! Come join us under the twinkling stars to see Heidi's beautiful, inspirational, and sometimes heartbreaking journey of seeking love and equality!

**June 14—Porkchop Volcano Improv Troupe. Ka-Boom!** Come out for a night of laughs with this troupe of professional comic improvisers. They bring the fun, with a passion in making people laugh who would otherwise not be laughing.

**June 15-16: The Heidi Chronicles.** The Hard Bargain Players present *The Heidi Chronicles* by Wendy Wasserstein, a Pulitzer Prize-winning play about a woman on a long and bumpy road to self-discovery.

**June 16—Volunteering in the Garden.** Help this outdoor classroom grow! Join us in the Children's Garden on the third Saturday of each month, March through August.

**June 22–23—The Heidi Chronicles.** Last week! Join us for this great performance of *The Heidi Chronicles* by Wendy Wasserstein in our outdoor historic theater. See this show before it's gone!

**June 25–29—Children's Theater Camp.** This weeklong summer workshop will introduce young theater enthusiast ages 7–14 to the world of the theater. Activities will range from beginner theater to advanced theatrical concepts and acting techniques.

**June 30—Yoga & Mimosas.** A class and a glass event at the Alice Ferguson Foundation's outdoor amphitheater for a morning of community, yoga, and mimosas with yoga instructor Sean Fraser.

**June 30—Concert in the Woods, Eric Scott.** Washington, D.C. area musician Eric Scott has performed on numerous stages around the world, and is coming back to Accokeek for this special concert in the woods.

## Summer Solstice Celebration at National Colonial Farm, June 21

Accokeek Foundation staff invite you to join them on Thursday, June 21, 7–9 pm, to celebrate the Summer Solstice on the National Colonial Farm!

Grab a Kona Ice snowcone (proceeds support the Accokeek Foundation's educational and interpretive programs), toast a marshmallow, make a s'more over the bonfire, enjoy some sun tea, and celebrate the longest day of the year! Honoring the summer season with DIY activities like solstice herb potions and suncatcher mandalas. Behind-the-scenes tours of the National Colonial Farm will also be offered.

Members and volunteers: free admission; general public: \$5/person. National Colonial Farm at Piscataway Park, 3400 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek. RSVP and tickets at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-solstice-celebration-tickets-46849676644>





## Antique Needlework Talk at Mt. Aventine

**Sunday, June 24, 2–4 pm.** A Stitch in Time: Presenting Antique Needlework Sewing Tool and Techniques, 1700s–1900, with Pat Brennan

Pat Brennan (*pictured above*) is a local collector, researcher, and theater costumer; member of Thimble Collectors International, Capital Area Thimblers, and Thimbles on Wheels. In her presentation at Mt. Aventine on June 24:

- Learn about pre-industrial revolution sewing tools and how they were used.
- Explore the innovations of the industrial revolution.
- Experience insights into the daily lives of both commoners and gentry from Georgian through Edwardian eras in Europe and America.
- View Pat's extensive collection up close and see the exquisite workmanship and variety of antique sewing tools and needlework samples.

The cost is \$3 per person; RSVP required ([shmtaventine@gmail.com](mailto:shmtaventine@gmail.com)). Mount Aventine at Chapman State Park, 3452 Ferry Place, Indian Head, MD.

## Lynn and Band Play at Baldwin's Station

**Thursday, June 14, 8 pm.** Lynn Hollyfield with the band—Dave Abe (violin, mandolin, penny whistle), Steve Wolf (bass), and Jimmy Brink (percussion)—return to beautiful Baldwin's Station as part of the Uptown Concert Series, hosted by Joyce Sica. Baldwin's Station (7618 Main St., Sykesville, MD) is an old railroad station on the Patpsco River that has been transformed into a quaint, award-winning restaurant. Admission: \$20. Tickets and information: <https://uptownconcerts.com>; phone 410-795-1041.

### Save the date—Sunday, Sept. 23, 6–7:30 pm.

Moyaone resident Jim Turner will be giving a book talk at Busboys and Poets, Village at Shirlington, 4251 Campbell Ave., Arlington, across from the Signature Theater. His new book, *Selma and the Liuzzo Murder Trials*, was released earlier this year. [https://www.press.umich.edu/9753373/selma\\_and\\_the\\_liuzzo\\_murder\\_trials](https://www.press.umich.edu/9753373/selma_and_the_liuzzo_murder_trials)



*A good friend of the Moyaone is depicted in artwork by Moyaone resident Sheila Cox: "Una Opossum."*



*Fresh farm products can be purchased from the Hard Bargain Farm. Photo: Alice Ferguson Foundation.*

## Farm Products Available from Hard Bargain Farm

*Grass-fed beef* is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Meat is generally sold by the quarter, which weighs approximately 90 lbs, and requires 3 cubic feet of freezer space. Beef is vacuum-packed and frozen, and consists of an assortment of steaks, roasts, cubes, and ground beef, priced at \$7.50/lb. Smaller packaged cuts are also available, priced individually.

*Free-range chicken.* These young, meaty birds are raised on pasture and grain in "chicken tractors." All broiler chickens are cleaned and frozen on site. They range from 3.5 to 6.5 lbs and sell for \$4.00/lb.

*Farm-fresh eggs* are \$4.00/dozen.

To learn more or reserve your beef, chicken, or eggs for purchase, please email the farm manager ([farmproducts@fergusonfoundation.org](mailto:farmproducts@fergusonfoundation.org)).

**SEND NOTICES FOR SMOKE SIGNALS TO:**

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**Next DEADLINE:** July 6 for July 2018 issue.



*(above) Rendering of new proposed lodge for Hard Bargain Farm's environmental campus. (At right, top and bottom) Students visit the Cafritz Environmental Center and explore sustainability and renewable energy by doing hands-on experiments to measure energy produced by solar panels. Photos: Alice Ferguson Foundation.*

## Alice Ferguson Foundation's Education Campus One Step Closer to Completion

During the 2017–2018 school year, students who participate in Alice Ferguson Foundation's overnight programs have enjoyed using the new bunkhouses and the Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Environmental Center, while experiencing the wonder of our local wetlands, woodlands, and waterways. In just 2017, more than 10,000 students created a meaningful connection to nature, enhanced their awareness of the importance of agriculture, and deepened their understanding of the cultural heritage of our watershed.

The facilities that support this experiential learning are teachers themselves; the Foundation's investment in the Living Building Challenge helps draw tangible connections between the built world and the natural world. The first phases of the building project are complete including the wetlands boardwalk, Cafritz Environmental Center, and bunkhouses. The final phase of the project will focus on the overnight lodge.

Thanks to the Prince George's County Council, with efforts led by District 9 Councilman Mel Franklin and Council Chair Dannielle Glaros, the Foundation has received an additional \$300,000 to help support the cost of the final phase of the building project.

"We are grateful for Councilman Franklin's continued



support and leadership," said Alice Ferguson Foundation President and CEO Lori Arguelles. "From the outset, he has understood the value of our programs and the unique setting we have in Piscataway Park. His commitment to serving the students of District 9 and beyond is clearly demonstrated in the way he has championed this project, which will benefit students throughout Prince George's County."

According to Councilman Franklin, "the Cafritz Environmental Center is a critical step forward in Prince George's County's effort to become a national leader in clean energy and the green economy. I am privileged to have supported this project from start to finish. The living building model is a glimpse into our future where buildings with little or no carbon footprint become the normal standard for development in our communities."

Private sector efforts to fill the remainder of the funds needed to construct the overnight lodge are being vigorously pursued. If you'd like to learn more about how you can help, please contact Lori Arguelles at 202-441-6789 or [larguelles@fergusonfoundation.org](mailto:larguelles@fergusonfoundation.org).