

# We All Live Downstream .... of the ICC



## A Few Facts You Should Know About the Intercounty Connector

- The ICC would be a 19-mile, six to 12-lane interstate \$7 per day toll highway, stretching across Montgomery County and ending at Route 1 in Laurel.
- The State Highway Administration plans to clear cut and bulldoze hundreds of acres of irreplaceable forests, wetlands and floodplain in the headwaters of the Anacostia River, destroying vital storm buffers that protect downstream communities.
- The state's ICC storm water plans are designed, at best, to handle only the first 1.5" of rain storms.
- The ICC would severely damage the healthiest streams in the Anacostia and Rock Creek watersheds. The state is trying to exempt itself from environmental protections in these special protection areas.
- The ICC would generate thousands of acres of sprawl development, destroying even more forests and wetlands and increasing run-off and sedimentation.
- **These impacts would increase the frequency and magnitude of floods downstream.**
- The ICC would not relieve congestion on the Beltway, I-95, I-270 or most local roads.
- Building this \$3.1 billion highway would bind Maryland into massive, long-term debt, shift jobs away from Prince George's County, and drain funding from local road improvements and urgently needed public transit projects – such as the Purple Line and rail on the Woodrow Wilson Bridge.

The ICC is at a tipping-point!  
**Speak Up Now to Stop the ICC!**

Join 35 Delegates and Senators who have asked Governor O'Malley to take a timeout on the ICC while the transportation needs of the state are studied as a whole.

Call and write Governor O'Malley  
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### Sample Message:

Everyone knows the ICC wouldn't solve Beltway or I-270 congestion and I'm concerned it will put Metro funding at risk. I'm particularly concerned about increased flooding downstream as a result of clear cutting and sprawl development upstream. To save the Bay and stop global warming pollution, we can't follow the Ehrlich Administration's policy of building more big roads that only increase development and traffic. Governor O'Malley should help working families and the environment with transit – not toll highways. Name, address.

FOR MORE INFO:

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To learn more or to help Stop the ICC and raise awareness in Prince George's County, send an email to [MoveSmartPG@gmail.com](mailto:MoveSmartPG@gmail.com)