

Subject: Thank You

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Dear Dr. Papenfuse:

We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to you and to your staff at the Maryland State Archives. As you know, we are researchers on an NSF-Funded Grant who are examining the processes of siting environmental disamenities in Baltimore from 1880 to the present. In the summer of 2007, our research led us to the Baltimore City Archives. We were disheartened: the records we needed at the Baltimore City Archives (Board of Zoning Appeals decisions between 1900 and 1971) were in complete disarray. They were stacked in no logical order in the corner of a dimly lit room. Many files had been removed from boxes and placed into other boxes for no apparent reason. It would have taken a small army to organize and sort this jumbled mess of records. We simply did not have enough time, money, or resources to be able to assess these important records in any meaningful way.

Fortunately, you came to our rescue! Your staff at the Maryland State Archives acquired the records from the Baltimore City Archives (even though the City Archives had been closed to the public because it was being relocated to a new facility), transported them to Annapolis, reorganized and catalogued the misplaced records, and made the complete set of organized records available to us. The contrast between the Baltimore City Archives and the Maryland State Archives is almost too vast to describe. We were delighted to be able to go into the neat and orderly stacks, ask questions of knowledgeable staff members, and conduct the research that we needed in much less time than we had anticipated (originally, we expected our research in Annapolis to take up to five days; however, we ended up accomplishing even more research than originally planned in merely three days). This assistance saved us countless hours of time. In fact, if your team had not helped us in this regard, we probably would not have been able to use these records in our research. We are just now analyzing the data, and we are quickly learning that our conclusions are going to be based almost entirely on these records (this realization was unexpected for us, and thus we are all the more thankful that you gave us this tremendous opportunity).

We enjoyed also very much our meeting with you and our discussion of your teaching and the amazing paper that your student wrote on the early battle over the trash incinerator. I look forward to keeping in touch regarding our mutual research interests.

Please thank your team for us. We had a wonderful and most productive visit

Sincerely,

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