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Harford County Executive Statement on U.S. Supreme Court Decision Not to Review Rubble Landfill Case

BEL AIR, Md., (Oct. 14, 2020) - The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday declined to review the Maryland Court of Appeals decision favoring Harford County, Maryland, thus ending a 30-year battle over a proposed rubble landfill in Gravel Hill. Maryland Reclamation Associates, Inc. sought to build the rubble landfill in violation of local development regulations and brought suit against the county over the years, at one time winning a \$45.4 million jury award that was later overturned by the appellate court.

Harford County Executive Barry Glassman, who in 1991 was on the County Council representing the area when the case began, issued the following statement in response to Tuesday's Supreme Court decision:

"This victory belongs to the citizens of Harford County, especially those who first stood up to protect their community. It also vindicates our decision not to use county tax dollars to pay MRA to settle the case. Instead, we successfully defended our position that local governments have the ability to adopt responsible development regulations."

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