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Save open space in the city, too

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The Sun's editorial "Shoreline savings" (July 22) did a great service by underscoring how crucial it is for Maryland to think innovatively and long term about how to preserve our precious open spaces.

Another effort to protect a threatened open space is being made right now in Baltimore.

The Baltimore Country Club is interested in selling 17 acres of open space to develop a large long-term care facility (with a 400-space parking lot) on that land ("Country club OKs sale to Keswick," July 15).

The community surrounding this club opposes this large development. It seeks instead to find a way to keep those 17 acres open as green space.

An innovative proposal is being developed by the community to

purchase this land. The community's goal is to preserve it as open, green space for the long term.

Community groups are seeking support from organizations such as the Trust for Public Land and other generous conservation-groups to help in this effort.

I think this community effort to preserve open green space in the midst of our city merits the same kind of support from the city's political and civic leadership as the valuable initiatives to preserve Maryland's shoreline.

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