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Subject: Re: Howard County - 50 meter indoor competition pool...please!

I looked into this and agree that a 50-meter pool is a much needed amenity. However, I was told that the cost would run around \$20 million, and CA would need to find partners to share the cost. It is my understanding that there have been discussions with the County, although without any resolution. Anyone have further information on how we could proceed?

-- Dick

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Ginny,

All swimming classes at all swimming levels are turning away people because there just isn't enough pool space to keep up with the demand. The children classes, in particular, have become very highly competitive across the county because the demand to get into the classes are so high...our children can no longer be kids who can swim for the love of swimming because there are so many other kids who are faster than them. The swim meets for the competitive swimmers are also a nightmare. I was at a swim meet just a few weeks ago where the meet lasted for over 7 hours each day over the weekend trying to get all the kids through their races...it was grossly overcrowded, hot, and uncomfortable to sit through...not to mention that most meets are located upwards of an hour away because we can't host any of the meets locally.

And yes, people do still get hurt due to overcrowding. Just last week a swimmer in my lane left practice early because they got kicked in the face/goggles due to crowding.

Do you have addresses for POCs for District 13 and 12 in the Howard County Delegation to the MD General Assembly. I'd be happy to forward it on.

Michelle

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Michelle,

Thanks for sharing this with us. Recently I heard about the need for a 50-meter pool from many parents. They have to drive more than 30 minutes to an hour to other counties for their kids' swimming training.

I totally support the idea of building such kind of pool.

Best regards,

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Columbia & Howard County

- The need for a new 50 meter pool -

Proposal by Michelle Grey, Columbia Masters Swimmer

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Needed indoor pool space

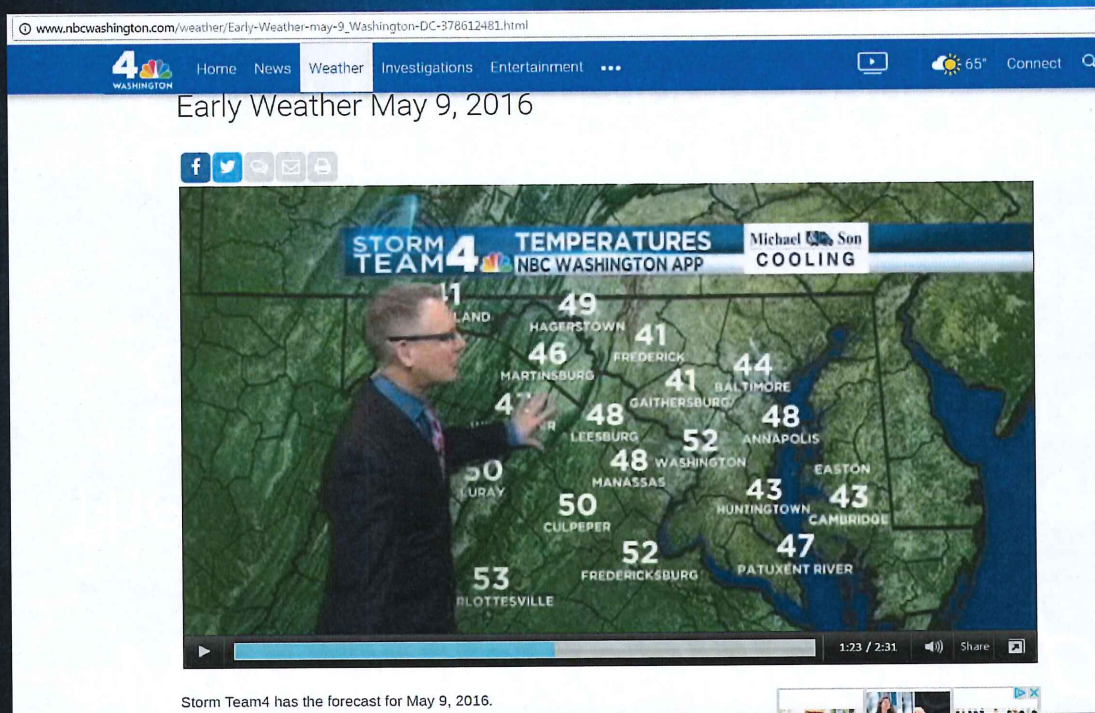
- ⊕ 50 m by 25 m (10 lanes), Olympic, USA-certified competition pool
 - ⊕ Cooler pool temperature for competition swimmers
 - ⊕ Appropriate pool for hosting meets and training
 - ⊕ Appropriate pool for long distance swim events
 - ⊕ Appropriate pool for US Masters/Olympics competitions
- ⊕ 50 m warm up/warm down pool with diving well in deep end
 - ⊕ Can be divided into three 25 meter pools to host more people
 - ⊕ Can accommodate non-competition swimmers, water aerobics and other classes
- ⊕ Large jacuzzi
 - ⊕ Means to provide muscle relaxation to prevent soreness and injury
- ⊕ 10,000 seats for spectators
- ⊕ Children's play area (optional, but nice in keeping with Columbia's family values ideals, however, not required for a competitive training facility)

Why more indoor pool space?

- ⊕ There are too many people crammed in the pool.
 - ⊕ US Masters weekday morning practices in the Swim Center program pool (5 lanes)
 - ⊕ Regularly have 4-5 people per lane and
 - ⊕ Most recently has had up to 8 people per lane
 - ⊕ US Masters weekend morning practices in the Swim Center program pool (5 lanes)
 - ⊕ Regularly have 2-3 people per lane and
 - ⊕ Most recently has had up to 5 people per lane
- ⊕ The main pool at the Swim Center regularly has 2-3 people per lane, some times more (6 lanes)
 - ⊕ Swimmers will wait 20-30 minutes for other swimmers to finish before getting in the pool
 - ⊕ Other swimmers will leave without getting in the water at all
 - ⊕ The speed of the swimmers vary drastically in each lane making it almost impossible to circle swim without impacting your or someone else's workout.

Why more indoor pool space?

- ⊕ The prevention of swimming outside in cold weather just to access more lanes
 - ⊕ May 9, 2016 was the first day of Master's practices swimming outdoors for the season



- ⊕ Swimming OUTSIDE at 5:30 am while it was in the low 40s!

This year, May 8th... expect ~41 degrees!

Why more indoor pool space?

⊕ Injury prevention

- ⊕ Most injuries are minor, but occur more often when there are too many people in the pool
- ⊕ Injuries due to impacts with other swimmers and the lane lines due to overcrowding can include:
 - ⊕ Bruised fingers, hands, arms
 - ⊕ Poked in the face or hit in the head
 - ⊕ Damaged fingernails - not superficial breaks
 - ⊕ Bruised fingernail beds
 - ⊕ Broken fingernails into the nail bed (painful & take weeks to heal)
 - ⊕ Scratches across the legs, arms, back, and face
 - ⊕ Twisted ankles trying to avoid other swimmers during flip turns
- ⊕ More severe injuries can include: broken fingers/toes, concussions, torn ligaments, bruised bones, pulled muscles, etc

Why more indoor pool space?

- ⊕ More relaxed and enjoyable workout
 - ⊕ Swimmers feel intimidated to be in a lane when they are slower than other swimmers in that lane
 - ⊕ Faster swimmers can't perform their best when slower swimmers hold them up
 - ⊕ More pool space will allow for the power of stronger swimmers to dissipate making the water less choppy and easier for others to swim in
 - ⊕ A coach can try techniques to alleviate the impact of the crowd, however, this can break down and all the swimmers end up in confusion with a reduced workout
 - ⊕ Swimmers will come to the pool, swim and enjoy swimming rather than leave because it is too crowded.
 - ⊕ Swimmers will experience the full exertion of their workout becoming faster and healthier

Why more indoor pool space?

- ⊕ Competition swimmers and triathletes need a longer pool to practice in on a regular basis
 - ⊕ Columbia has a large group of adult members who compete in various open water swims, US Masters swim meets, triathlons, etc multiple of times throughout the year.
 - ⊕ Columbia also has a large group of children aged 5-18 who swim and compete as well.
 - ⊕ The first time and only times we swim in a 50 m pool shouldn't be during meets. Competitors need to be comfortable in the swim environment when they get there, not inhibited because it is bigger than any other pool they have ever seen before.
 - ⊕ Since there isn't an adequate competition pool in the area:
 - ⊕ Local swimmers go to other pools in other counties (with their money) to train and compete.
 - ⊕ I sent my children to Fairland Aquatics Center in Prince Georges County.
 - ⊕ My husband has suggested that I move to Fairland as well.
 - ⊕ Competitions can't be hosted in Columbia and the revenue from a competition can't be earned in the county.
 - ⊕ People who would otherwise swim, don't.
- ⊕ A 50 meter pool inherently can help circumvent issues due to overcrowding

Why more indoor pool space?

- ⊕ Revenue and Advertising from competitions
 - ⊕ The 2016 Olympic Trials had nearly 200,000 spectators across 15 sold-out sessions
 - ⊕ More than 36 million television viewers watched live primetime coverage from the eight nights of Trials on NBC
 - ⊕ The event generated more than \$74 million for the city of Omaha
 - ⊕ Smaller events host fewer people and therefore have less revenue for the city, but they do generate revenue for the pool and the surrounding restaurants, hotels and stores.

Why a Certified Pool?

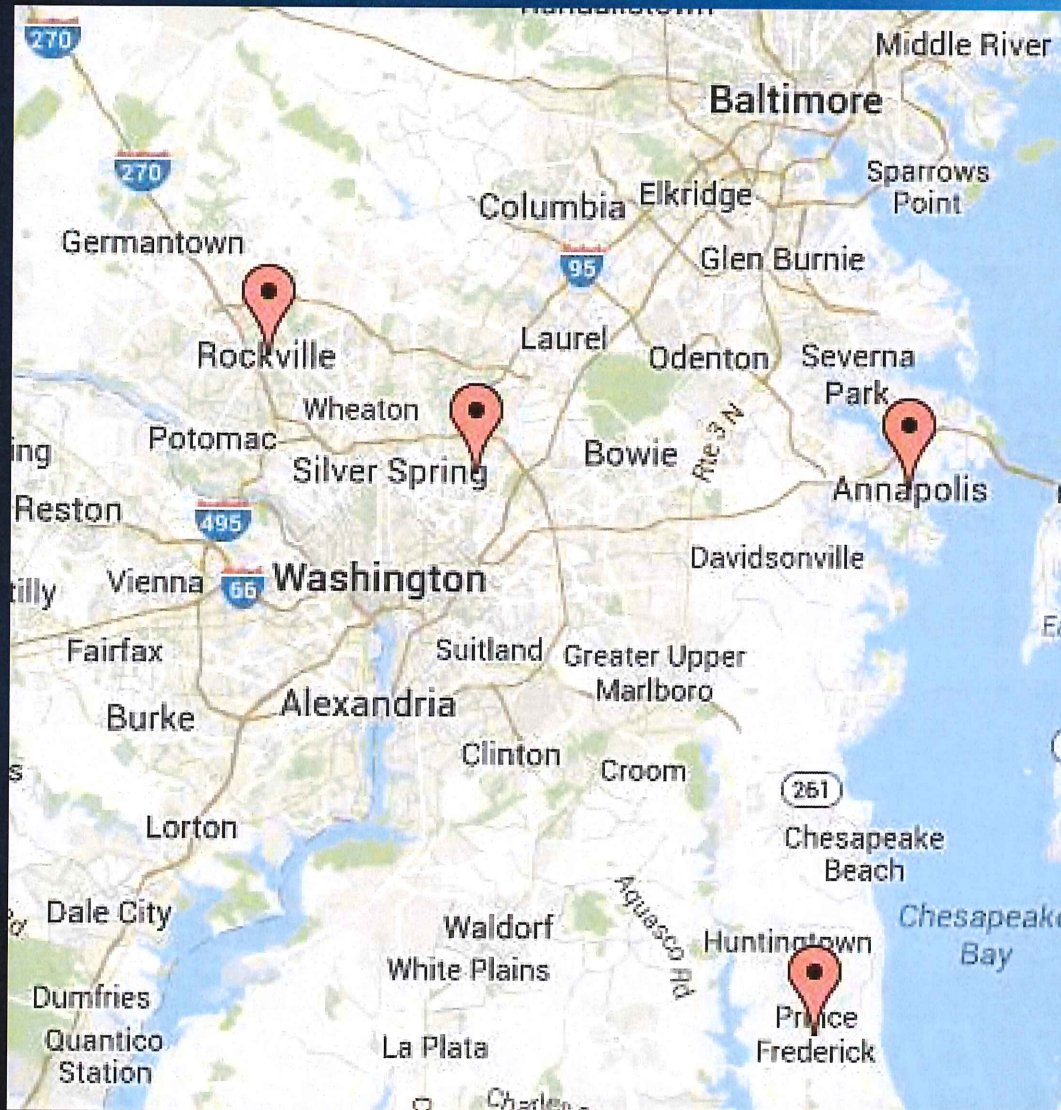
- ⊕ For a World, American or US Open swimming record to be recognized, the racing course must be certified.
- ⊕ Competitors, officials, coaches and swimming enthusiasts all want racing courses to be accurate and consistent.
 - ⊕ Imagine the feeling a swimmer has when he/she swims a best time in a “short” pool and then wonders why it is impossible to repeat the performance.

Certified Places to Swim

Maryland Swim Center Location	Lanes Layout	Date Built
Calvert County Indoor Aquatic Center (Prince Frederick)	10 lane 25 m Short Course 10 lane 50 m Long Course	11/06/2009
Colesville/White Oak Swim Center (Silver Spring)	8 lane 25 m Short Course	11/23/1982
Coppin State University (Baltimore)	8 lane 25 yd Short Course	1/29/2010
Garrett CARC Aquatic and Fitness Center (Garrett College - McHenry, MD)	6 lanes 25 yd Short Course	7/28/2011
Germantown Swim Center (Boyds)	10 lanes 25 m Short Course	11/23/2005
Johns Hopkins University (Homewood campus - Baltimore)	6 lane 25 yd Short Course	11/7/1980
Lejeune Hall pool (US Naval Academy - Annapolis)	23 lane 25 m Short Course 10 50 m Long Course	10/29/1982
Loyola Blakefield Aquatic Center (Towson)	8 lanes 25 yd Short Course	6/11/2010
Rockville Municipal Swim Center (Rockville)	8 lanes 50 m Long Course (outdoor)	12/01/1989
Towson State College (Burdick Hall - Towson)	8 lanes 25 yd Short Course	3/4/1974
University of Maryland (College Park)	16 lane 25 m Short Course 8 lane 50 m Long Course	3/4/1959

~75% of certified MD aquatic centers contain only short course pools
 Swimmers need a 50 meter, long course pool for training and competition

Certified Places to Swim



It is at least a 30-45 minute trip for Columbia residents to get to a certified 50 meter pool.

Since there are no adequate indoor pools in Columbia, we can't host or make profit from competitions.

Who Should Build the Pool?

- ⊕ Choose a company that has vast experience and capability in building certified championship pools.
 - ⊕ Myrtha Pools (www.myrthapoolsusa.com)
 - ⊕ Building pools in +60 countries
 - ⊕ Supplied competitive pools to the Olympic Games, European and World Championships
 - ⊕ High technology, pre-engineered designs, stainless steel construction, fixed costs, rapid assembly, low maintenance, and long life
 - ⊕ Any of the other USA Swimming “Preferred Providers”
 - ⊕ They offer preferred pricing and/or services in order to build and operate more effective and efficient facilities and more successful, profitable businesses.
 - ⊕ http://www.usaswimming.org/_Rainbow/Documents/9b4123d8-0c72-47d1-9814-9f5d1a1e00ac/Professional%20providers%20updates%202013_2-25-13.pdf
 - ⊕ Choosing a local, less capable company may be more expensive!

How to pay for a new pool

- ⊕ Create a publicly accessible pool with exclusive swim times in the main pool and rates reserved for the dominate payers.
 - ⊕ Maryland State Government grants
 - ⊕ Howard County Government
 - ⊕ Johns Hopkins University
 - ⊕ The JHU Applied Physics Lab
 - ⊕ Howard County Community College
 - ⊕ Columbia Association
 - ⊕ Local community businesses
 - ⊕ Independent donors
 - ⊕ Federal Grants
- ⊕ USA Swimming hosts several regional “Build A Pool” conferences to help determine cost and recommendations to manage business

Cost & Income of a new pool

- ⊕ USA Swimming's Facilities Development Department and their Preferred Providers can assist in developing and planning new aquatic facilities as well as renovating and upgrading existing facilities to ensure proper construction meeting Olympic requirements.
- ⊕ Estimated cost (source: <http://www.usaswimming.org/ViewMiscArticle.aspx?TabId=1755&mid=7716&ItemId=3570>)
 - ⊕ Cost is ~\$90/ft²
 - ⊕ 8 lanes x 50 meters = ~12,300 ft²
 - ⊕ ~\$1.107 Million for the pool
 - ⊕ ~\$80,700 for the deck
 - ⊕ ~\$712,950 for a building to house a 50 m pool
 - ⊕ ~\$244,440 for annual operation costs
- ⊕ Estimated annual income based on daily attendance
 - ⊕ ~\$414,000 for an 8 lane x 50 m set up
 - ⊕ ~\$666,540 for an 16 lane, 50 m pool set up for short course

~\$2M for an enclosed 50 m pool



Building Cost Examples

RECENT BID COMPARISON- MYRTHA POOLS VS. CONCRETE / OTHER

No.	Project Name / Location / Scope	Year Bid	Myrtha	Concrete / Other	Myrtha Premium (\$)	Myrtha Premium (%)
1.	San Fernando Regional Pool Facility San Fernando, California 50 Meter Pool, Activity Pool	2004	\$3,196,700.00	\$2,198,700.00	\$998,000.00	45.39%
2.	Northside ISD Natatorium (1) San Antonio, Texas 25 Yard x 50 Meter Pool	2004	\$1,571,139.00	\$1,257,644.00	\$313,495.00	24.93%
3.	Clovis North High School Clovis, California (2) 25 Yard x 50 Meter Pools	2007	\$7,313,000.00	\$6,907,000.00	\$406,000.00	5.88%
4.	P-164 Miramar Combat Training Facility San Diego, California 25 Meter x 50 Meter Pool	2009	\$2,790,000.00	\$1,765,611.00	\$1,024,389.00	58.02%
5.	Crafton Hills College Wellness Pool (2) Yucaipa, California 6 Lane x 25 Yard Pool	2010	\$947,876.00	\$576,719.00	\$371,157.00	64.36%
6.	Mount Diablo USD Concord, California (2) Pools- 6Lx25Y, 25Yx25M	2010	\$2,453,983.00	\$1,809,000.00	\$644,983.00	35.65%

Notes:

(1) For the Northside ISD Natatorium, the CM at Risk received pricing from Myrtha Pools and Natre, also a stainless steel pool system.

(2) For the Crafton Hills College Wellness Pool Project, ADG received pricing from Myrtha Pools and The Pool Company, a Myrtha certified installer.

- ⊕ One 50 meter pool will likely cost <\$3 Million to build
- ⊕ Two 50 meter pools will likely cost <\$8 Million to build
- ⊕ The Hobbit's Glenn Club House cost ~\$6 Million to build

Cost & Income of a new pool

⊕ Additional income sources

- ⊕ US Masters swimmers
- ⊕ Clippers swimmers
- ⊕ JHU and APL swimmers
- ⊕ HCCC swimmers
- ⊕ Diving clubs
- ⊕ Water polo clubs
- ⊕ Scuba diving training
- ⊕ Lifeguard training
- ⊕ Water safety training
- ⊕ Swim lessons
- ⊕ Synchronized swimming clubs
- ⊕ Multiple high school swim teams
- ⊕ Local and nation-wide competitions
- ⊕ Local, regional, state and National Championships
- ⊕ Medical patients needing a heat therapy pool
- ⊕ Concessions
- ⊕ Revenue from: hotel stays, restaurant use, shopping, tourist attraction activities, parking, etc

Cost & Income of a new pool

- ⊕ Encourage more people to attend:
 - ⊕ Offer the most amount of swimming space possible
 - ⊕ More different types of pools under one roof
 - ⊕ Allow more and different types of swimming clubs to use the pool
 - ⊕ Allow the general public to use the pool and all the pools at the center at a reasonable price
 - ⊕ Advertise...several Marylanders are Olympic swimmers, if an Olympics hosting pool was built, they will train there
 - ⊕ If done correctly, it could be the pool environment used to host summer Olympic swimming events
 - ⊕ The Washington DC and Baltimore corridor has been one of the final selections to host the summer Olympics several times and has been repeatedly dropped at least partially due to the lack of an adequate swimming site
 - ⊕ Offer adequate, convenient parking

The Social Impact

- ⊕ A new Aquatic Center directly helps by:
 - ⊕ Creates jobs during building and daily operation of the facility and even more to host meet events and other activities (clubs, lessons, etc)
 - ⊕ Brings travelers into the area to stay at our hotels, eat at our restaurants, shop in our stores, and explore our city
 - ⊕ Potentially can reduce crime by creating a safe, fun environment people want to go to
 - ⊕ Citizens and families live a healthier lifestyle which makes everyone more productive and reduces healthcare costs to businesses
 - ⊕ Organizations can spend their community support dollars more effectively since the community as a whole is healthier.
 - ⊕ Schools can be the beneficiary of a healthier and more socially responsible student body and staff.
 - ⊕ The local government can redirect dollars towards needed services such as streets and parks with fewer dollars spent on solving social issues.

Other Possible Additions

- ⊕ A gym
 - ⊕ Adult gym and/or kid's gym space
- ⊕ Day care services
- ⊕ Day spa services
- ⊕ On-site medical services
- ⊕ Children & adult play areas/slides
- ⊕ Birthday (& other) party rooms

What to do with Older Columbia Pools?

- ⊕ For the pools that are greatly under utilized now, turn them into something else:
 - ⊕ Indoor aquatic park (slides, diving boards, splash area)
 - ⊕ Skateboard parks
 - ⊕ Aquaponics gardens (example: GardenPool.org)
 - ⊕ Ice/roller skating rinks
 - ⊕ Batting cages
 - ⊕ Indoor soccer, track and basketball facilities
 - ⊕ Gymnastics and/or dance facilities
 - ⊕ Huge outdoor playgrounds for kids and adults
 - ⊕ Libraries
 - ⊕ Indoor trampoline facilities

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Attachments: 2017 Need for a new pool v3.ppt

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Temperatures are expected to be in the low 40s on Monday, May 9th when the 5:30am Columbia Master's Swim Team practices move OUTSIDE!!!! Please build a community indoor 50 meter pool so that we can have more indoor pool space in Howard County and spend our time swimming in an appropriately controlled environment built for competitive swimmers. There are many issues with the current indoor pool situation in Howard County and many reasons why we should have a 50 meter indoor competition pool facility in the area and benefits that will come from it. Many of these issues, reasons and benefits are included in the attached powerpoint presentation. Swimmers have been begging for decades for a new indoor 50 meter pool easily accessible to the community. As you step outside in the 40-50 degree weather this weekend, please think of us...we will be swimming outside in that weather because we do not have adequate indoor pool facilities in the area.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,
Michelle Grey

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May 2, 2017

Good Evening Council Chairperson Weinstein and Council Members:

I am Cindy Parr, the executive director of The Arc of Howard County.

Thank you for the opportunity to present written testimony for The Arc of Howard County's Community Service Partnership grant money.

First, and foremost, I would like to thank you for your continued support of The Arc of Howard County and the work we do with people with disabilities in the community.

We have been fortunate to receive a Community Service Partnership grant from Howard County government for many years. The grant amount of \$159,750 provides critical supplemental dollars to aid us in delivering our respite program and administer residential maintenance for 50 homes.

Our respite care program is a program that provides quality temporary care for children and adults at our Respite Care home located in Columbia. These services are provided on a daily, weekly, and weekend basis. Our Residential Support service provides routine maintenance and/or renovation for the 50 Howard County homes that serve as residences for people supported by The Arc. We also annually choose maintenance projects that will make these homes more accessible and energy efficient.

We are hopeful that you will continue to support our receipt of this grant as it helps to leverage our ability to serve close to 135 individuals in the disabilities community.

Sincerely,



Dorothy Plantz, President
Board of Directors
Arc of Howard County



Cindy Parr
Executive Director
Arc of Howard County

Sayers, Margery

From: Joan Pontius <joanpontius@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2017 8:00 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: testimony against CR66-2017

I am contacting you to voice strong opposition to CR66-2017 which would provide exemptions for certain entertainment taxes in Howard County. Specifically, I am concerned about the proposal to exempt select activities from the entertainment tax and reduce the tax imposed on other selected activities.

My first concern, when I hear of exemptions from tax, is to wonder: who will pay for this tax reduction? How will the budget compensate for the deficit represented by these uncollected funds? These funds will have to be collected from elsewhere, which means that effectively the proposal is to have these entertainment costs be absorbed by those taxpayers who do not benefit by the proposal. In this proposal, the activities to be subsidized: hot air ballooning, golf fees, concerts, and agritourism, can be outside of the budget of some family households. So the net effect of the tax exemption is to subsidize entertainment of the wealthy, while passing the costs of funding this subsidy on to those who do not benefit from it.

My second concern is regarding the trend in our local and federal government to move away from a free market economy towards corporatism, where government regulations are crafted to financially benefit specific interest groups. In a free market economy, the success and failure of an entertainment establishment would be dictated by the consumer assessment of the cost and benefits of the product or service. This bill would circumvent the free market by subsidizing activities such as agritourism, golf, indoor athletic fees, concerts, and hot air ballooning, artificially lowering their costs relative to other entertainment options. Thus this bill could be thought of as taxing other entertainment options in order to subsidize select activities, used and run by a small minority, rather than to advantage of the general public.

To pass this bill would be a misuse of government authority, and is unbefitting to a representative democracy.

Joan Pontius
4879 Manor Lane
Ellicott City MD 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: DIANE BUTLER <politicodiane@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2017 7:28 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: taxes

To the Council,

Please do not vote to raise our property taxes. Putting this large of a tax burden on the homeowners of the county just diminishes our ability to live any longer in Howard County as we age. My taxes are already almost as much as my house payment. This is not how it is supposed to be. Sorry to miss the hearing.

Diane Butler

Sayers, Margery

From: Susan Garber <buzysusan23@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2017 5:53 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Constant yield hearing

Greetings

I find it impossible to take an intelligent position at the Constant Yield hearing this evening when it appears that the critical figures have NOT been made public to date. This seems rather inappropriate and in need of an explanation.

Susan Garber



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May 2, 2017

Re: Support the Howard County Watershed Stewards Academy in the FY2018 Budget

Dear Chairman Weinstein and Honorable County Council Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Proposed FY2018 Operating Budget. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) and our over 20,000 members in Howard County are vitally interested in the ongoing restoration and protection of water quality in local rivers, streams, and the Chesapeake Bay. Water quality relies on many factors, such as public education and participation, conservation and restoration efforts, and smart land use planning. Most of these factors, and therefore clean water and healthy communities, depend at least in part on sufficient resources and funding. We appreciate the Council's ongoing support for clean water in Howard County, as evidenced through the County's stormwater program. To build upon and expand the County's stormwater pollution reduction efforts, **CBF urges the Council to support the University of Maryland Extension's request to include the Howard County Watershed Stewards Academy in the County's FY2018 operating budget.**

The Howard County Watershed Stewards Academy (WSA) has proven highly successful in educating the public, assessing community watersheds, and implementing stormwater pollution reduction projects, all of which benefit and complement the County's ongoing efforts in these areas. As you know, the County is currently undertaking stormwater remediation efforts pursuant to the County's federal Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit as well as the County's Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP). However, as demonstrated through remediation plans, the County has a difficult time accessing private property. As private residences make up approximately 60 percent of the County's impervious surface, this is a major obstacle to meeting the County's pollution reduction obligations. That is why the Howard County WSA is such a great asset to the county, local communities, and clean water. Through the Extension, the WSA achieves and supplements several of the objectives of the county programs in a highly cost-effective manner that leverages resources and volunteers and can access private land the county has found inaccessible.

CBF members and employees have participated in WSA activities, such as the Master Watershed Steward program and various public forum and speaking events, and found that the WSA truly engages and inspires public action. The volunteer and community based model of WSA reaches citizens and removes common hurdles to project implementation in our communities.

For these reasons, CBF and our Howard County members strongly support the WSA program and urge the Council to approve the University of Maryland Extension's request for the FY2018 WSA program funding.

Please reach out with any questions, and we look forward to continuing working with you to achieve clean water in Howard County!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elaine Lutz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Elaine Lutz

To the Honorable Howard County Council,

I am writing to urge you to support the University of Maryland Extension's request to include as a new program the **Howard County Watershed Stewards Academy** (HoCoWSA) into the County's FY 2018 operating budget. HoCoWSA provides valuable services to the Howard County community. The academy trains and educates local citizens in relevant stormwater and watershed issues using trained Master Watershed Stewards. These stewards assess neighborhoods and residential sites for stormwater management problems and potential solutions, while also guiding citizens as they seek to initiate residential-scale best management practices that will reduce the volume and pollution that leaves these sites as stormwater runoff.

HoCoWSA is able to access private property within Howard County – property that is outside of the County's authority/ownership and is thus inaccessible – and has collaborated with a number of county departments, nonprofits, schools, Boys/Girls Scout Troops, homeowner associations, and places of worship conducting education and outreach efforts and acting as an effective bridge between the County and its citizens. With the increase in rain events and their resulting impacts to individual properties, the demand for help from homeowners across the county continues to increase.

Prior to meeting the Howard County Watershed Stewards we had limited knowledge about stormwater runoff. Living in western Howard county we did not believe that it was something we needed to be concerned about. When talking with our neighbors about stormwater runoff, they all have similar beliefs that our runoff doesn't cause a problem. After being educated by the stewards at an outreach event we now realize that stormwater runoff affects all of us. Therefore, we believe it is critical that the Howard County Watershed Stewards program continue if we as a county are going to move forward in controlling stormwater runoff.

Again, I urge you to support the University of Maryland Extension's request to include as a new program the Howard County Watershed Stewards Academy (HoCoWSA) into the County's FY 2018 operating budget.

Thank you for your attention and support.

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Ken and Carolyn Derrenbacher

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Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,

Ken and Carolyn Derrenbacher

Sayers, Margery

From: stukohn@verizon.net
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2017 10:23 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Chris Alleva; stukohn@verizon.net
Subject: Thanks For Your Perseverance

Dear Council Members,

I can't begin to thank you enough for your perseverance and conscientiousness regarding security in the libraries as witnessed at your Work Session. A point I would like to reiterate is that some employees have major concerns as they have told Chris Alleva and me. One of these concerns is that their backs are facing the elevators at the Central Library on the second floor and therefore do not immediately see patrons if they choose to use the elevator. We have received feedback from them and they are very pleased of us and you being very proactive in trying to improve security for all. This is undoubtedly much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Stu Kohn

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Timothy Beaty <tsbeaty@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 11:58 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Oakland mills community

please vote for

N3102 FY2000 Blandair Regional Park

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E1043 FY19 Talbott Springs Elementary School Renovation

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T7106 Stevens Forest Road and Farewell Road/Night Street Hill Intersection or Corridor Safety Improvement Program

A project to install a mini-roundabout at the intersection of Stevens Forest Road and Farewell Road/Night Street Hill to address traffic operational and safety concerns. This project is still under design, approximate estimate for this task is \$300K. Timeline to start and complete project - 30% design complete, 90% design underway in FY 17/FY18 and potential construction towards late FY18 or early FY19.

Streetscape final design and construction for Stevens Forest Road from Santiago Road to and through Whiteacre Road and Streetscape design and construction for Thunder Hill Road, South of 175, to Whiteacre Road.

Funding for design and construction of Oakland Mills streetscape projects was included in the FY17 budget. However, the projects were placed on hold awaiting the results of the Oakland Mills Village Center Area Feasibility Study. The final study was presented and it is now time to begin community renewal projects. One of the first is roadway modifications and streetscape improvements to Stevens Forest, Whiteacre, and Thunder Hill Roads as a component of the reinvention of Oakland Mills. Consequently, we ask that the budget maintain current funding for the construction of the streetscape projects already in the design phase and any new design modifications as necessary for streetscape design and traffic flow improvements.

Thank you

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United Airlines	Actions Speak Louder than Words : To ensure delivery to your inbox, please add UnitedAirlines@news.united.com to your address book. Vi	7:10 pm
unitedairlines	CodeShare check-in notification - UA9117 departing ALA : United confirmation number: B991YC The first flight in your upcoming United itinerary is operated by	6:10 pm
unitedairlines	CodeShare check-in notification - UA9117 departing ALA : United confirmation number: P3DJHV The first flight in your upcoming United itinerary is operated by	6:10 pm
WTOP Daily Headlines	Trump tweetstorm targets Dems as shutdown looms - WTOP Afternoon Headlines - Thursday, April 27, 2017 : A short-term spending bill is reportedly expected to pass easily, averting a shutdown of the federal	5:16 pm
The Washington Post	Afternoon Buzz: Metro says it will expedite repairs after nightmare commute Thursday morning : Virginia gov's race gets weird, as GOP candidate spars on Twitter with musician John Legend; Nation'	4:51 pm
Christ Episcopal Church	Christ Church Gatherings : April 27th Edition : CHRIST CHURCH GATHERINGS A NOTE FROM FR. EARL Dear Parish Family, Thank you for making me feel at ho	4:19 pm
Pamela Rounsley	Re: Addresses : Glad you are doing well! Mark & I had a nice time with the kids in the city, but it wore me out! We	4:08 pm
Pamela Rounsley	Re: Addresses : Steven- 5841 Village Bridge Drive Hilliard Ohio 43026 Allen- 628 E 20th ST Apt 4F New York NY 10009	3:43 pm
The Washington Post	The Post Most: North Korea puts out new video showing the White House in crosshairs and carriers exploding : North Korea puts out new video showing the White House in crosshairs and carriers exploding; Top Pen	3:04 pm

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland	The 233rd Diocesan Convention, May 12-13, 2017 : View this email in your browser [Facebook] [Twitter] [Instagram] Diocese of Maryland Cathedral of th	1:12 pm
The Washington Post	The Daily 202: Trump is setting up Paul Ryan to be his fall guy : The Speaker is less powerful than we expected 100 days ago Sponsored by Morgan Stanley If you're h	12:39 pm
Carolyn Ryan	Re: Addresses : Sounds like you're having a great trip! I am so happy! Addison Fleming 60 L Amberstone Court Annapol	12:38 pm
Walters Model Railroad	May Flyer is online now! : See what's new, get great deals & more. To view this email as a web page, go here. [Walters] Proud!	11:48 am
Sewing It Up from AllFreeSewing	19 Half-Yard Tutorials : Free projects from AllFreeSewing [Sewing It Up from AllFreeSewing] Bags Dresses Home Decor Bab	10:30 am
Roberto J. Coquis	Re: Time for last PP : Safe travels! Roberto Coquis YRCI Federal Human Capital Program Manager email: rcoquis@yrcci.com * we	7:45 am
WTOP Daily Headlines	Flashback: Remembering the Caps' first home - WTOP Morning Headlines - Thursday, April 27, 2017 : The birth of the Washington Capitals and the late Capital Centre is a storied tale of innovation and	7:14 am
Roberto J. Coquis	Re: Time for last PP : Thank you Tim. Hope you had a good trip to Almaty and see you went to the Azalea Festival, that soun	7:06 am
Tim Beaty	Time for last PP : I dont think I sent this to you previously. Sherri, please remember that from 5/1-5/4 we will be goi	6:27 am
Oakland Mills Community Association	Message About BB Gun Incidents : Having trouble viewing this email? oaklandmills.org April 26, 2017 A MESSAGE FROM HOWARD COUNTY POLI	Wed Apr 26
WTOP Daily Headlines	Trump proposes dramatic tax cuts - WTOP Afternoon Headlines - Wednesday, April 26, 2017 : President Donald Trump is proposing major tax cuts for individuals and businesses even as Washington	Wed Apr 26
Citi® / AAdvantage® Card	You spent \$59.82 on Apparel. Now let us look for a lower price. : Citi Price Rewind. You buy. We track. You save. View in Web Browser View Your Account [Citi - Americ	Wed Apr 26
The Washington Post	Afternoon Buzz: Breastfeeding mom causes a stir in Va. church sanctuary : Elephant tranquilizer is the latest lethal addition to the heroin epidemic; Metro workers planning ‘	Wed Apr 26
Virginia Thomas and Bill McCormack Jr.	COUNTY BUDGET ACTION NEEDED : A Messge from Ginny Thomas & Bill McCormack Having trouble viewing this email? oaklandmills.org URGE	Wed Apr 26
Howard Hughes	Downtown Columbia Update : Wednesday, April 26, 2017 Downtown Columbia Update Bisnow BOOM Event Attracts 300 Attendees The Howa	Wed Apr 26
Suzanne	Re: Pictures : Hi Donna, I will send you some pictures today. Suz Sent from my AT&T Trek™ HD 4G LTE tablet On Apr 2	Wed Apr 26
Donna Campagna	Pictures : All, I would like to have a couple of WOCC pictures for Website as soon as possible . You can downlo	Wed Apr 26
jo-emily knox	Reminder! Tea at Elkridge Furnace Inn and Proposed Agenda for the WOCC Meeting on Monday, May 1, 2017 : Ladies: Sunday, April 30, 2017, is the last day one can sign up for the tea at Elkridge Furnace Inn	Wed Apr 26
The Washington Post	The Post Most: Sanctuary cities ruling: When a judge quotes Sean Spicer, it's not a good sign for the White House : Sanctuary cities	Wed Apr 26

Travelzoo	ruling: When a judge quotes Sean Spicer, it's not a good sign for the White House; This Week's Top 20 : Italy Mexico Peru Norway Summer Cruise South Africa [Travelzoo] THIS WEEK'S TOP 20 ® April 2	Wed Apr 26
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Jenifer K. Johnson	Re: July game date : Heh, heh, heh... On April 25, 2017, at 8:05 PM, Timothy Beaty wrote: It's 0600 here, Sherry can ans	Wed Apr 26
Tim Beaty	Re: YRCI Time and Attendance : I already answered this from the apartment. Class is over on Thursday - mid-day. Chris has invited a Jane : Good news Jane is out of rehab and staying with her daughter in Eldersburg. She is weak and they are	Tue Apr 25
Carolyn Uber	Re: Need your help! : Hi Tim, I talked to Alejandro again, he advised that in order to have you switched to HCTM from OMD	Tue Apr 25
Cidra Robinson	Thank you for your recent order. : Please review your OnStar order confirmation details. View Online [Onstar] Order Confirmation	Tue Apr 25
OnStar Subscriber Services	Thank	Tue Apr 25
Columbia Pro Cantare	Happy anniversaries : Twenty years ago, Columbia Pro Cantare commissioned Peabody Professor Tom Benjamin to compose a chor	Tue Apr 25
Jenifer K. Johnson	July game date : Before we get too far down the road, the Johnsons have to renege on hosting Game Group on July 22. A	Tue Apr 25
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Carolyn Ryan	Re: Abby has great news!!! : She will be teaching CPR and First Aid. She is currently certified in both, but needs to get certifi	Tue Apr 25
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Episcopal Diocese of Maryland	DioMaryland eNews 4/25/2017 : View this email in your browser [Facebook] [Twitter] [Instagram] Diocese of Maryland Cathedral of th	Tue Apr 25
Cidra Robinson	Re: Need your help! : Hi Tim, Alejandro advised that he on-boarded you, which means in order for you to lose computer acce	Tue Apr 25
Ashleigh Appel	Re: Need your help! : Tim Cidra is trying to see what can be done to bring you over to HCTM under YRCI and request you acc	Tue Apr 25
Tim Beaty	Fwd: ADS 309 for presentation : Timothy R Beaty Human Resources Consultant, FSN Unit Overseas Human Capital Initiatives Division and	Tue Apr 25
Anastasia Trushina	ADS 309 for presentation : Dear Tim, Please copy this onto your portable flash drive so we can put this up on the wall for ever	Tue Apr 25
Carolyn Ryan	Re: Abby has great news!!! : It was just an announcement I am so incredibly proud of her! Sent from my iPhone On Apr 25, 2017, at	Tue Apr 25
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Groupon	Purchase Confirmed: Thank you for your purchase! : [GROUPON®] Your Groupon purchase was successful, you're almost done! Follow the instructions below t	Tue Apr 25

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Tim Beaty

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Need your help! : Hi, my contract with ES3 ends on Sunday - they
have coordinated with OMD on its renewal but no word

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Sayers, Margery

From: Gerry Witte <gwitte22@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 2:34 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Gerry Witte
Subject: Support for Proposed FY18 Budget Capital Improvements

Thank you for a well conceived FY 18 Proposed Capital Budget. In particular, I am in strong support of the following:

- N3102 Blandair Park
- B3863 Bridge Columbia
- E1036 Oakland Mills Middle School Renovation
- E1043 Talbot Springs Elementary School Renovation
- T7106 Stevens Forest Road/Farewell Road mini-roundabout

Thank you.

Gerhart Witte
Columbia Resident 20145

Sayers, Margery

From: Christopher Phillips <chrisgphillips1@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 10:55 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Budget Items

I am writing to request your support for budget items that support progress in improving our Columbia community. Specifically, I ask that you vote for:

N3102 FY2000 Blandair Regional Park
B3863 Bridge Columbia
E1036 Oakland Mills Middle School Renovation
E1043 Talbott Springs Elementary School Renovation
T7106 Stevens Forest Road and Farewell Road/Night Street Hill Intersection or Corridor Safety Improvement Program

These are all projects for which our citizenry have invested a lot of time and energy highlighting needs and helping devise solutions.

Thank you for considering this request.

Christopher Phillips
9576 Woodblock Row
Columbia, MD 21045
chrisgphillips1@verizon.net

Sayers, Margery

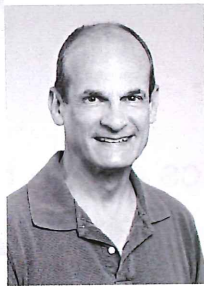
From: Loretta Foster <lorfoster@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 10:11 PM
To: CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Budget

Hello

Thank you for including the projects slated for Oakland Mills in the capital budget.

The community will certainly benefit due to the improvements for schools, transportation and walking routes.

Sincerely, Loretta Foster
9413 Farewell Rd.; Columbia, MD 21045



URGENT - ACTION REQUESTED

Message From

Oakland Mills Board Co-Chairs

Virginia Thomas and Bill McCormack

cgthomas65@verizon.net

William.R.McCormack@verizon.net

April 26, 2017

Over the past three years you have successfully lobbied the County for projects to help revitalize Oakland Mills. We again need your assistance.

PLEASE contact the Howard County Council members to ask them to support the capital budget items below that County

Executive Allan Kittleman included in his budget at our request. We thank Mr. Kittleman for adding these projects to the capital budget. We are aware that he had more requests than there was money available. He can be reached at 410-313-2011 or email at akittleman@howardcountymd.gov if you want to thank him.

These projects will improve our schools, increase safety on our roads, provide more recreation opportunities for everyone, and build on our potential to take the next steps in our re-inventing Oakland Mills Village Center Area.

If the Council approves these projects on May 24, 2017 then the budget would be effective July 2017. Please help make sure this happens.

Here is the link to contact the Council members:

councilmail@howardcountymd.gov.

Or you can call the office at 410-313-2001.

Here is the link if you would like more specifics on the below projects click [HERE](#).

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If you have any questions or would like to discuss this please email us.

Thanks for your prompt action.

Sincerely,
Bill McCormack and Ginny Thomas,
Co-Chairs of your Oakland Mills Village Board

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From: Martha B McSorley <martha.mcsorley@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 6:50 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: watershead

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The watershed has tried to help with what moneys and information they can. Any help is appreciated

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Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely, The McSorley Family

Sayers, Margery

From: Debbie Nix <covenants@harperschoice.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 5:51 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for HoCoWSA

April 26, 2017

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Here in Harper's Choice, we have referred quite a number of our residents to the HoCoWSA for help with their personal property water issues and to those interested in becoming watershed stewards. We find this organization to be a valuable resource for us when working with our residents.

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Sincerely,

Debbie E. Nix

Covenant Advisor

Harper's Choice Community Association

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"Working to Keep Harper's Choice The Best Choice"

Sayers, Margery

From: Jerold Gettleman <jgettleman@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 4:07 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Oakland Mills , Columbia

I am in support of the projects below and urge you to support the school projects and fund the others! Thank you
Jerry Gettleman
jgettleman@verizon.net

N3102 FY2000 Blandair Regional Park

\$700,000 in GO Bonds was added for FY18 for construction fees for Phase III. Construction is expected to start this Fall with funding of \$1.7 million for the completion of a "Playground for All," a universally designed playground for children of all abilities, space for games, a restroom and pavilion at Blandair Park.

B3863 Bridge Columbia

\$500,000 was put into the capital budget to support the renovation of the bridge in FY18. Project is slated for completion early in spring 2018. Transitway study was previously funded as part of the Transit Development Plan.

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Sayers, Margery

From: Radhika V. Wijetunge <radhika@navibo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 2:54 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Howard County Watershed Stewards Academy

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The training I received while going through the WSA program, as well as the resources, information, and network of experts that I've encountered along the way, have helped me become a better Watershed Steward. I worked with a group of cub scouts, stenciling storm drains in their neighborhood - their enthusiasm led to their school's science teacher requesting us to do the same on the school storm drains. In the last year, this program has expanded to several public county schools and a number of scout programs. We've also included the after-school Bridges programs.

Again, I urge you to support the University of Maryland Extension's request to include as a new program the Howard County Watershed Stewards Academy into the County's FY 2018 operating budget.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,

Sayers, Margery

From: Lucie Pettis <lucie.pettis@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 11:09 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: HoCo Watershed Stewards Academy

To the Honorable Howard County Council,

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I am a case in point. I live on six acres in western Howard County, at 3450 Sharp Road in Glenwood. My basement was flooding during intense rainstorms. My creek was also flooding and blocking the entrance to my neighborhood. I needed to learn how to manage the storm water on my property. HoCoWSA taught me just what I needed to properly manage my home and land. The education I gained as a student in this year's HoCoWSA has helped both me and my neighborhood, and now I am committed to being a resource for my community. In fact, I have already volunteered twice to assess private properties at the request of Howard County homeowners who wanted help. I have also helped plan a Village event to provide storm water management education to Wilde Lake residents.

Again, I urge you to support the University of Maryland Extension's request to include as a new program the Howard County Watershed Stewards Academy (HoCoWSA) into the County's FY 2018 operating budget.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,

Lucie Geinzer

Sayers, Margery

From: Haupt, Alice <AHaupt@wtplaw.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 9:28 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Watershed Stewards Academy

To the Honorable Howard County Council,

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I hosted a watershed event last year, where many neighbors joined together to learn about invasive species, stormwater management and what we could do in our own neighborhood to benefit the environment. It was very informative for everyone who attended and there was a lot of support afterwards at a stream cleanup of a stream that runs through our community before making its way to the Chesapeake Bay.

Again, I urge you to support the University of Maryland Extension's request to include as a new program the Howard County Watershed Stewards Academy (HoCoWSA) into the County's FY 2018 operating budget.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,

Alice Haupt
4240 Hermitage Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

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Sayers, Margery

From: Akbar Masood <akbarmasooddds@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 9:01 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: HowardCounty Watershed Stewards Academy

Dear Howard County Council,

I am writing to support the HoCoWSA. They have been very helpful in the past to help me.

I purchased a house in Columbia with a wooded back yard and close the the Middle Patuxant River. There is a drainage issue with the back yard and I didn't know how to correct it.

I am not sure how the plot elevation was ever OK'd by the county. It seems the developer just mis graded the yard so there are ravines created by the flow of the water. I had contact the county but they referred me to the Watershed Stewart Academy.

They academy helped me to design a system to channel the water properly so it flows into the river.

I am a dentist, not a environmental specialist. Their expertise was helpful in my backyard design.

I would like you to support the Watershed Academy in the future to help others.

Best,

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Akbar Masood, DDS

Fellow, Academy of General Dentistry

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I have personally presented to nine classes at Cradlerock Elementary in Columbia about the watershed and stormwater issues. Elementary school students are very interested in these issues and are very influential in encouraging their families to follow best practices. In addition, my WSA team, with the assistance of fifth grade Bridges students at Cradlerock, will be stenciling storm drains at their school next month. We are also encouraging Columbia Association to install pet waste stations at Hopewell Park in Columbia. After surveying that park, we found pet waste near the tot lot, in the park area, and close to the stream which borders the eastern boundary of the park.

Again, I urge you to support the University of Maryland Extension's request to include as a **new** program the Howard County Watershed Stewards Academy (HoCoWSA) into the County's FY 2018 operating budget.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Price

9254 Pigeonwing Place

Columbia, MD 21045

Sayers, Margery

From: Ginny Siemer <vcsiemer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 1:16 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Terry R. Matthews
Subject: Howard County Watershed Stewards Academy

To the Honorable Howard County Council,

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I work for Maryland Rural Water Association as a source water protection specialist. I applied for entrance to the HoCoWSA because I saw the benefits of partnerships between businesses, nonprofits and residents. As a resident of western Howard County, I know that the education and assistance that HoCoWSA provides benefits *all* county residents. We all have a part in ensuring we have clean, safe water.

Again, I urge you to support the University of Maryland Extension's request to include as a new program the Howard County Watershed Stewards Academy (HoCoWSA) into the County's FY 2018 operating budget.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,

Virginia Siemer
Maryland Rural Water Association
Source Water Protection Specialist
Howard County Watersheds Academy Class 2016-2017

Sayers, Margery

From: Scott Blackman <sblackman@jhmi.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 7:11 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Sarah Blackman
Subject: Howard County Library testimony

Dear Council members,

I sincerely apologize for being unable to stay late to testify last night at the budget meeting. After 2 hours of HoCo Education testimony, my 13 year old daughter and I had to leave. We were both looking forward to testifying in person for the first time, but it simply got too late on a school night.

We and the rest of our family live at 9437 Dunloggin Rd. 21042, and all of us including Sarah have used the fabulous library and its network of libraries since before she was in school. The library serves a critical piece in the mission of educating both adults and children in Howard County. Not only does it provide fantastic physical and electronic resources, and (most importantly) personnel to assist, but it also provides safe meeting spaces for school and community activities. Sarah would like to testify about her experiences at the HoCo public library. This is what she typed:

Dear Howard County Council members,

I love the library. I've always had an interest in books, and when I was only six, I insisted on getting a library card. In fifth grade, I participated in Battle of the Books. It was an amazing experience that brought me even closer to reading. Because of that experience, I now enjoy reading books in school for projects. Another program I enjoy is the summer reading program. Each year, whenever the librarians come to speak to my class about it, it's the highlight of my day and I am introduced to new and exciting books. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Sarah Blackman

and Scott Blackman

Sayers, Margery

From: Ralph Ballman <ralballman@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 10:27 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: African Art Museum
Subject: Budget Testimony from webpage

Dear Members of the Howard County Council:

I would, respectfully, like to encourage the members of the Howard County Council to support the County Executive's request, in the FY 2018 Operational Budget, for \$12,000.00 to be appropriated to the African Art Museum of Maryland, as provided under Arts and Tourism on Pages 230 and 231. For thirty-six (36) years, the African Art Museum of Maryland has been dedicated to collecting, displaying and preserving for the public the art of Africa. During those years, it has sought to encourage a broader understanding and appreciation of the art and culture of Africa. It has done this in many ways, one of which is its African Experience Tours, which are given both on site and off site to school, governmental, institutional and various other groups from within Howard County and Maryland and from out of state.

It has always been the desire of the founder, Mrs. Doris Ligon, that the museum would continue on in perpetuity as an important and unique institution of art and education in Howard County and Maryland. As treasurer and a member of the board of trustees, I believe the County's continued support is one of the best ways to ensure that the African Art Museum of Maryland will continue to serve the public of Howard County and Maryland, for many years to come.

Sincerely,
Ralph Ballman
9927 Rose Trail
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042
(410) 480-2801

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Howard County Council on this issue.

I urge you to support the University of Maryland Extension's request to include the **Howard County Watershed Stewards Academy** (HoCoWSA) in the County's FY 2018 operating budget. HoCoWSA provides valuable services to the Howard County community. The academy trains and educates local citizens in relevant stormwater and watershed issues. After being trained, these Master Watershed Stewards, upon request, assess neighborhoods and residential sites for stormwater management problems and potential solutions, while also guiding their neighbors and other citizens as they seek to initiate residential-scale best management practices that will reduce the volume of pollution that comes from these sites as stormwater runoff.

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I graduated in 2016 from the Watershed Stewards Academy. I have become known on my street as someone who can help find solutions for stormwater runoff problems, and who is knowledgeable about appropriate programs that offer help with designing a variety of best management practices including installing rain barrels, conservation landscapes, and rain gardens.

People want to protect their own property from erosion and pollution and this program gives them nearby boots on the ground to support them in this effort. Please help us help the county and ourselves by supporting the University of Maryland Extension's request to include as a new program the Howard County Watershed Stewards Academy (HoCoWSA) into the County's FY 2018 operating budget.

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sheila Robinson



Testimony to Howard County Counsel May 2, 2017
By: Ann Heavner
Executive Director, Rebuilding Together Howard County

On behalf of the board of directors, advisory board, low income homeowner clients and thousand volunteers of Rebuilding Together Howard County, I am testifying in support of the county executives' inclusion of a \$50,000 Community Service Partnership grant for Rebuilding Together.

Organization's History:

Rebuilding Together Howard County is celebrating it's 25th year of providing low income homeowners with free house repairs. Since the organization's inception in 1992, the local affiliate is part of a nationwide movement to help those with low income, the elderly, disabled individuals, and veterans who were in need of free home repairs. During the last 25 years, the organization has repaired over 900 homes of low income homeowners with approximately 1,000 volunteers each year. Our repairs allow senior to age in place.

Mission and Goals:

Rebuilding Together Howard County's mission statement is, "Together we transform the lives of low-income homeowners by improving the safety and health of their homes and to revitalize communities." Bottom line, our goal is to provide a home that is warm, safe, and dry to low income homeowners who cannot afford to pay for needed home repairs.

Organizational Strengths:

Rebuilding Together is growing. In 2017 we successfully transitioned from a one day a year operation to a year round operation. In addition, we increased staff by hiring a project manager and an office manager. As Executive Director, my position was a part-time position and I now work full time. In addition to staff positions, we have a stellar Advisory Board consisting of Presidents and CEO's of large regional construction companies. To augment that talent, we have a 16 member working board of directors which meets monthly. The final important point to make regarding our organizational strength is our volunteers. We have an army of volunteers. This past Saturday, April 29th, that army repaired 25 houses and 2 non-profit facilities. New roofs, windows, bathrooms, plumbing, and other repairs were installed free of charge to low income homeowners. The average income of the families we help is \$30,000 a year.

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New in 2017/2018

Rebuilding Together is moving forward to implement two new initiatives.

First, we will begin a Safe and Healthy Housing Program. We will evaluate and quantify for each house we repair 25 different characteristics to include the roof, hot water heater, grab bars, smoke alarms, etc... The plan is to evaluate the home before and after repairs are made in order to track the impact of the repairs provided with the goal being the house will transition to a safe and healthy house.

Second, we are implementing a Community Revitalization Program. Instead of just repairing homes randomly through-out the county, we will focus on specific communities in need of revitalization. Towards that end, we are currently providing repairs to Ellicott City Flood victims.

In closing, Rebuilding Together Howard County will greatly appreciate the help and financial support provided by this Community Service Partnership Grant.

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Request Prepared By

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Howard County Tourism Council

8267 Main Street

Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

Howard County Tourism Council

FY2018 Funding Request



May 2, 2017

Honorable Council Members
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

Dear Honorable Council Members,

The Howard County Tourism Council's team of destination marketing professionals and Board of Directors made up of tourism and hospitality industry leaders thank you for your support of our mission to enhance the tourism industry in Howard County.

The Howard County Tourism Council respectfully requests that \$1,057,080.00 be included in your proposed FY2018 budget for the Howard County Tourism Council.

The amount of \$1,057,080 is based on the County forecasted transient room tax and the amount to be distributed to Howard County Tourism Council according to state legislation (see Title 20. Taxes, Charges and Fees. Section 20.400).

In making this request on behalf of the 10,000+ employees working in Howard County's hotels, shops, restaurants, farms, museums, attractions, the arts, and parks we recognize how fortunate we are to live and work in a County with leaders who understand how a continued investment in tourism is part of the economic solution. We recently completed a strategic plan that focuses the organization's resources on measurable efforts that increase spending and attendance at Howard County tourism attractions. This plan will guide our efforts to most effectively market and sell Howard County as a fantastic place to visit, live and run a tourism business.

The tourism, travel and hospitality industry all across Maryland continues to be a bright spot in the economy. In Howard County, the effects of unseasonably wet weather in Spring (2016) and multiple disasters have had an impact on the tourism sector. Now more than ever the many small businesses in our community and the people they employ benefit from our marketing and sales efforts. Those efforts continue to grow in effectiveness as we aggressively pursue our group sales efforts and continue to transition almost completely to digital advertising.

During the first half of FY2017 our organization focused on promoting a series of actionable travel activities including Restaurant Weeks, agricultural tourism opportunities like farm-to-table, our growing population of breweries, and a campaign encouraging holiday travelers to use Howard County as their base when they're visiting Washington D.C. and Baltimore.

On July 31, the flash flood ravaged Old Ellicott City, including our offices and Welcome Center. We activated a plan to prepare for marketing the retailers and restaurants when the timing was appropriate. The hard work of the local business owners, the support of the County Council, the efforts in the Executive's office and Howard County Government, Howard County Economic Development Authority and Howard County Tourism have helped to put Old Ellicott City on the track towards complete restoration.



We quickly built EllicottCityHolidays.com as a landing page for the marketing that included information on the open businesses and on the upcoming events. Our campaign for Old Ellicott City targeted residents in Howard County, in the surrounding regions of Baltimore and Washington D.C. and to major leisure travel feeder markets in nearby states. The campaign, combined with the excitement for the return of a beloved area, directly attracted tens of thousands of web sessions and contributed in a large way to the busy weekends at the newly reopened shops and restaurants of Old Ellicott City.

Thanks to these initiatives and many others that were made possible through funding received under your leadership at Howard County Government we continue to generate regional and national publicity, including nearly fifty media placements so far in FY2017. Many of the stories featured the newly reopened Old Ellicott City as we dedicated resources to spreading the news, but we also had success in attracting travel writers who in turn labeled destinations within Howard County as some of the best in the nation on MSN.com, Brit+Co, RedBookMag.com and Cosmopolitan.com.

Our measurables are showing progress in marketing the community as a destination for spending customers. According to the latest statistics from the State of Maryland, Howard County Tourism's marketing and sales efforts to date for FY2017 equate to an economic impact of \$24,184,595.00. Website traffic is up 169.24% with the increase coming from our trackable marketing campaigns. And due to our sales efforts, new conferences and events like the Teen Masters Bowling Tournament, the National Prevention Science Coalition and PPES Educational Consultants are committing to hold their events in Howard County.

Tax revenue generated from hotel stays have continued to grow since a stable investment in tourism promotion was legislated in 2012. Increases over the past few years include 4.2% in 2014, 8% and 6.1% through FY2016. Since 2012 nearly \$23.5 million in tax revenue has been collected and invested not only in boosting the tourism economy, but also in the Economic Development Authority and the County's other general fund programs.

As our organization looks forward to FY2018, Howard County residents, local businesses and visitors alike will see benefits from significant initiatives intended to promote and enhance the attractions in Howard County. We thank you for your support and look forward to working with you in the future.

Respectfully,

Anthony Cordo, Executive Director
Howard County Tourism Council

Enclosures:

- FY2018 Budget Request
- About the Howard County Tourism Council
- Summary of Successes FY2016-17

FY2018 Budget Request

Our organization recently completed a three-year strategic plan that emphasizes measurable returns on investment. With funding support for our programs, we will measure growth in visitation, and improve the quality of life for residents by supporting the tourism business community, an industry worth hundreds of millions of dollars to Howard County.

With \$1,057,080.00 in funding we will focus on the following in FY2018:

Group visitors (sales)

- Work with partners in Howard County Recreation and Parks, hotels and other meeting venues to retain existing sports tournaments, conferences and meetings that provide economic benefit to the community.
- Aggressively sell the venues and amenities in Howard County to meeting planners that host events (weddings, meetings, etc.) that will fit into existing vacancies at hotels, meeting venues and sports complexes.
- Market and sell Howard County as an excellent destination for weddings and family reunions.

Leisure travelers (marketing)

- **More targeted, niche marketing focusing on ROI**
 - Focus on marketing niche opportunities for visiting Howard County like the breweries and distilleries and agritourism.
 - Complete shift to digital marketing.
 - Video marketing.
 - Social media and storytelling through quality content.
- **Old Ellicott City's return**, continuing to promote the new experience that's developing as the community, shops and restaurants rebuild.
- **Columbia's 50th**, and the Merriweather Post Pavilion birthday, focusing on the June and July birthday celebrations.
- **Events and destinations that make Howard County unique**, including our festivals at the Fairgrounds and the events and attractions in communities like Elkridge, Maple Lawn, Savage and Western Howard County.

Resident awareness

- Raise pride in Howard County and make residents ambassadors for their own communities.
- Work with relevant organizations to promote Columbia as the number one best place to live in America.

Media

- Pitch positive stories about Howard County to writers and other media.
- Gain more positive exposure for Howard County's tourism industry.

Tourism cultivation

- Support and represent hundreds of local hospitality businesses through advocacy and marketing initiatives.
- Provide educational opportunities in various relevant topics.
- Work with the Howard County Chamber of Commerce, the Howard County Economic Development Authority, the Maryland Hotel and Lodging Association, the Maryland Restaurant Association, the Maryland Tourism Coalition and the Maryland Retail Association to advocate on the state level for Howard County hospitality business needs.
- Work with various local organizations to support a more vibrant community.
- Provide sponsorships to eligible events and attractions to help cultivate new reasons to visit Howard County.

Howard County Welcome Center and other Visitor Services

- Beginning the new research and design phase for an eventual renovation of the Howard County Welcome Center to better reflect the county's attractions, culture and events.
- Continue to operate the Howard County Welcome Center during posted hours.
- In cooperation with the Ellicott City Partnership and the Howard County Government, use the Howard County Welcome Center as a base of operations for promoting the resurgence of Old Ellicott City through promotions and events like the annual tree-lighting.
- Research (and contingent on outcome, deploy) methods of providing visitor services like mobile welcome centers or information kiosks in key locations.

About the Howard County Tourism Council

The Howard County Tourism Council is a not-for-profit 501(c)(6) that in addition to membership dues, retail sales and guided tours is funded largely by allocations from the Howard County Government and the Maryland Department of Commerce marketing grant.

The Howard County Tourism Council is the official Destination Marketing Organization for Howard County, as per the Howard County Government and the Maryland Office of Tourism Development. The objectives of the Organization are:

- To Promote travel to, and tourism within, Howard County Maryland.
- To support the preservation and restoration of historical buildings and landmarks, festivals, museums, parks, leisure pursuits, tourists, and cultural, recreational and other activities in Howard County, Maryland.
- To foster and promote common business interests in tourism in Howard County, Maryland, as well as to support and assist in the improvement of business conditions in Howard County, Maryland, as they relate to the tourism trade.
- To compile tourism, travel and leisure pursuit data and statistics which can be utilized by political jurisdictions, governmental agencies, educational institutions, private business affected by the tourism trade, and the general public, in assessing the economic and social impact of tourism in Howard County, Maryland.

Summary of Successes FY2016-17

These successes and others are due in large part to the support from the Executive branch of the Howard County Government, the quality attractions, dining lodging professionals in Howard County and the hard work of the Howard County Tourism team.

New Website - Deployed a new site that better reflects Howard County. The new site, including the custom content features like the Howard County blog and landing page focusing on niche opportunities, has seen an increase in visitor sessions of 169.24% YTD.

Official Howard County Visitor and Resident Guide - Distributed 100% of our guides, many to potential visitors, to promote the County as a destination.

Maryland Tourism Coalition Awards - We were recognized in front of our peers for superlative work, receiving awards for Best Digital Marketing Campaign for our HoCoMon campaign and best Medium Sized Product for the Harvest Howard County magazine produced in partnership with EDA.

Ellicott City Holidays - In partnership with the Ellicott City Partnership we produced EllicottCityHolidays.com, along with a campaign to back the site. Tens of thousands of visitors used the site and many visited the newly-reopened businesses of Old Ellicott City as a result of the campaign.

HoCo Holidays Stay and Play Campaign - Launched an aggressive campaign targeting potential visitors in the feeder markets identified by the Maryland State Tourism. The campaign promotes Howard County as the most convenient, best option to stay while visiting the nearby large cities for the holidays.

Restaurant Weeks - Continued success with the restaurant weeks campaign during winter and summer led to sales at restaurants during the slowest times.

Thirty-fifth Anniversary Celebration - Celebrated the organization's thirty-fifth anniversary of promoting and selling Howard County at Historic Savage Mill with nearly two-hundred industry partners.

Streamlined Staffing - Redeployed existing staff, hired three professionals and streamlined the Welcome Center staffing while decreasing overall administrative budget.

Media Stories - Pitched stories to media, including the reopening of Old Ellicott City, and accrued more than 50 stories written about Howard County shops, restaurants, attractions and hotels in media as high-profile as the Washington Post, Brit+Co, RedbookMag.com and Cosmopolitan.com. Attended the Mid Atlantic Tourism Public Relations Alliance Annual Conference to promote Howard County and connect with travel writers.

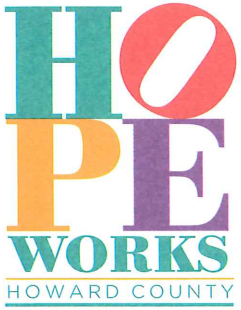
Welcome Center - Hosted events and welcomed 35,000 visitors from countries across the world. The Welcome Center continues to be an excellent point of contact for upselling visitors on spending more time and money in Howard County.

Sales - Worked with Howard County hotels to increase their selling power. Attended National Association of Sports Commissions Symposium, American Society of Association Executives Springtime Tradeshow, and other relevant tradeshows to connect with meeting planners and sports planners and begin creating relationships and bring their events to Howard County. Successes include booking events for the Teen Masters Bowling Tournament, the National Prevention Science Coalition (Penn State University Program) and PPES Educational Consultants.

Tourist Area and Corridor Signage - Worked with Maryland State Highways on the initial process of deploying new highway wayfinding signage around Howard County. Pitched fifty-nine destinations to be signed, on track to get more than half of that past the stringent admission requirements.

Product Development - Worked with many organizations and businesses to cultivate new or improved events and attractions in Howard County. Events and attractions impacted include Crossland Festival, Hops and Harvest, Ellicott City Main Street Music Festival at Merriweather, National High School Lacrosse Showcase, ManneqART, Movie Nights, Concerts at the Historical Society, Howard County Arts Council, Blossoms of Hope, and the Ellicott City Partnership.

Advocacy - Attended Maryland Tourism Day and brought a Howard County delegation of tourism professionals to meet with Howard County's state elected officials, attended the Restaurant Association of Maryland Taste of Maryland which provided tourism industry professionals in Howard County with the opportunity to meet with legislators on the state level.



Public Hearing – Operating Budget FY 18
Testimony from HopeWorks of Howard County

May 2, 2017

Dear County Council Members,

As you know HopeWorks of Howard County is our county's primary human service organization tasked with addressing sexual and intimate partner violence in our community. We work to make Howard County residents safer through our customized and comprehensive client services as well as our public education, wellness programming and prevention work. We have been providing services for those affected by intimate partner violence since 1978 and sexual violence since 2010. Last year we served more than 3,200 people in our county who requested our direct services and we reached an additional 3,000+ through our community engagement programs.

We are very proud of our accomplishments in this past year. During FY17 we have:

- Increased the number of therapeutic groups we offer;
- Served as one of two pilot sites for the County's new rapid rehousing program;
- Hired an Anti- trafficking Coordinator to improve our response to those who have been victims of human trafficking;
- Hosted our third Getting Ahead anti-poverty/self-sufficiency group; and
- Moved into the new Nonprofit Center.

I am also proud to say that we have been successful in leveraging the support of the County to improve the financial stability of this organization. In FY15, CSP funds made up 42% of HopeWorks' budget. This year it makes up only 36% of our budget and we expect that it will be an even smaller portion of our budget for FY18. But despite the fact that we are working hard to reduce our agency's dependence on County funds, we could not have accomplished these things without the partnership and the financial support of the County. Continued funding through CSP is critical to maintaining our core services.

We deeply appreciate the Council's past recognition of the value that HopeWorks brings to our community and we ask that you reaffirm this by supporting the proposed budget for the Department of Community Resources and Services' Community Services Partnership grants program. We ask that you approve the CSP budget that funds HopeWorks and thank you so much for considering this request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Pollitt Hill".

Jennifer Pollitt Hill, MSW
Executive Director

TESTIMONY FOR COUNTY COUNCIL
FY 2018 PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
MAY 2, 2017

PRESENTED BY – BITA DAYHOFF
PRESIDENT
COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL OF HOWARD COUNTY, INC.

Good evening. My name is Bita Dayhoff, President of the Community Action of Howard County, the County's designated anti-poverty agency. CAC's mission is to diminish poverty, enable self-sufficiency and advocate for low income families.

I thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of County Executive Kittleman's FY 2018 operating budget.

This evening, I'd like to spend the couple of minutes that I have to thank you for your incredible support and leadership. For having your finger on the pulse of the needs of the Howard County families who work so hard and yet struggle to make ends meet.

Thank you. To each of you. I look across the dais and I can easily recite dozens of ways you have so painstakingly assured that our community stands tall as it relates to taking care of our most vulnerable citizens.

Thank you for the many ways you have supported our efforts to end hunger in Howard County and for taking a stance by helping purchase a permanent home for the Howard County Food Bank. Last year, we supported more than 27,000 people at the Food Bank. At our new space on Gerwig Lane, we are now providing a one stop shop opportunity whereby applicants can receive not only food assistance but file for energy, housing and Head Start.

Additionally, we are now open Wednesday evening until 8 pm and Saturdays until noon – giving working families an opportunity to shop after work hours.

I am also happy to report that we have signed a system wide MOU with the HCPSS which makes setting up pantries at the schools much easier. We now have pantries at the Bryant Woods and Longfellow Elementary school. Additionally, the new space also allows us to have enough food inventory to support having a monthly pop up pantry at Phelps Luck Elementary School.

Thank you for the ways you have supported affordable housing as well as programs that allow us to help families prevent eviction and homelessness.

Thank you for assuring that there are funds in the budget to help families keep their electricity on and have heat and air conditioning in their homes.

Thank you for supporting the Head Start program and assuring that 322 children receive full-day full-year high quality early childhood education and that their parents are supported through a 2 Generational approach that creates pathways to education and employment thus mitigating against multigenerational poverty.

Every day, we see families who are on the verge of losing their home, who have gone without food, who's electricity has been turned off or is about to be turned off. And every day, we are able to help them because of your support.

In the Fall of 2016, the United Way issued a Study of Financial Hardship called ALICE which stands for Asset Limited, Income

Constrained, Employed. Alice is the face of a person we all know, someone who is working hard every day, but simply doesn't make enough to make ends meet.

How many of us know individuals who get paid less than \$20 per hour? In reality, more than half of jobs in Maryland pay \$10 to \$15 per hour. Yet the average survival budget for a family of four in Howard County is about \$76,000. That translates to an hourly wage of \$36.

You need to make \$36 per hour, but you are making \$15 per hour. That's a pretty wide gap to fill. That's where the struggle comes in.

In Howard County, 22% of our residents face hardship as they try to meet the most basic necessities of daily life – like food, housing, energy, and early childhood education.

The challenges faced by this segment of our population are widespread and has significant impact on their families and the society as a whole. Its not just about them, its about the entire community.

In our role in educating the community about poverty and its widespread implications, we certainly rely on you as our leaders to help

set a public policy agenda that highly support public assistance programming that combat the struggles faced by ALICE families.

Without public assistance, these households would face even greater hardship and would fall deep into poverty.

Without a doubt, and time after time, you have each so vigorously demonstrated your support and commitment to helping strengthen human services programs in Howard County.

On behalf of our board and so many families who benefit from the services you enable us to provide. Thank you so much.

My name is Cathy Rice. I live at 4209 Pulitzer Circle, Ellicott City, 20142. I am a retired Professional Civil Engineer and volunteer Watershed Steward for Howard County. I am here to request funding for the Watershed Stewards Academy.

As a homeowner, the Watershed Stewards Academy was the only place I was able to learn the environmentally appropriate solutions that were practical and reasonable for me to implement on my property. Before that, I had a gully of eroding dirt sliding along the fence in my backyard and down into the stream.

The value of the WSA became most obvious to me when I considered it from the standpoint of my experience with storm water management at the State Highway Administration. I had a lead role in restructuring at SHA for the very purpose of meeting water quality goals. At one point, a friend called me to explain why SHA was looking at her neighborhood stream for a construction project?! That was when I knew that state and county agencies were going to need more connections to citizens than ever before. Water does not follow property or organizational boundaries! And, one size doesn't fit all!

The WSA model is the ideal way to partner with homeowners. The academy trains volunteers who will then go back and work in their neighborhood. As a student, I was introduced to every part of Howard County government that is involved in water quality. There are many opportunities to educate homeowners about what they can do to work together with the county. The Academy then trained us in techniques to work with property owners, assess properties and develop appropriate recommendations. The training ended with a capstone project where we applied what we learned.

My property is now set up to demonstrate 5 types of water management practices for homeowners. I can also demonstrate the direct connection from my lawn, through the county storm drain system and into the stream. I have reached a quarter of the homeowners in the watershed; who are now aware that we are collectively responsible for our water runoff into the stream. Six of them partnered with Howard County Recreation and Parks to improve the stream buffer on their properties. A few friends participated in the county CleanScapes program; one of which was used as a demonstration project to advertise the county program. Last week, a neighbor and I co-hosted a Stream-Friendly Lawn and Garden Open House and Conservation Project where we educated 40 adults and 20 young people and installed 15 species of native plants, shrubs and trees along a residential drainage ditch near the stream.

The Academy now has a core group of stewards who have made a difference; we support each other, we are mentoring new students and we are continuing to plant the seeds of education and action throughout the county. This network of volunteers has the potential to increase the efficiency of Howard County water quality programs. Please sustain the Watershed Stewards Academy by including funding in the county operating budget.

Funding is needed to meet the budget KPI listed on page 43 of the budget proposal to "increase awareness and participation of county residents to implement stormwater management."

Cathy Rice
5/2/2017



Good evening! Thank you for your time this evening. My name is Lori Lilly and I live at 10520 Old Frederick Rd, Woodstock. All of my past testimonies to the Council and Executive have been as an individual citizen. Today I am very pleased to testify as Executive Director of a new non-profit organization called Howard EcoWorks. The mission of HEW is to develop a workforce to undertake environmental improvement projects for a healthier county. HEW intends to provide a long-term local home for our flagship, the READY program, beginning July 1. In addition, we are also building workforce development programming at the Howard County Department of Corrections. We are thankful for the partnership that we have shared with Howard County over the years and are looking forward to growing our relationship in the future. I would like to share with you a few of our accomplishments from the past year.

In the 2016/2017 fiscal year, we hired 24 young adults for the summer READY program. We also employed 1 crew year round. Despite a decrease in funding last year, the crews were able to accomplish a significant amount of work. While gaining job skills, crews were able to construct projects that treated 2.8 acres of drainage in the County and which the County is accounting for under the MS4 permit. We contributed more than 500 hours to the Department of Recreation and Parks to manage forest conservation easement properties and more than 500 hours to the Department of Public Works to manage County stream restoration projects. We developed and implemented a debris management program for the Ellicott City stream channels in response to the 2011 flood and routinely conducted maintenance in 2015. We believe, as does the Dept of Public Works and Office of Emergency Management, that the July 2016 flood would have been worse if not for our regular maintenance efforts. We were able to respond after the 2016 flood, with a contribution of 730 hours to remove more than 31,000 lbs of bulk trash and debris between Rt 29 and Old Columbia Pike. The Crew Members that participated in that work wore a badge of pride to be one of the first on the ground in the clean-up effort. I've shared two pictures of our work with you in my testimony 1) one is of us hauling a huge trellis out of the stream that was in front of the Ellicott Mills culvert – this would've taken the County or property owner a crane to get out of the stream and 2) a picture of our crew after a long, hot day's work hauling stuff out of the stream in waders and helmets to get the best lemonade in the world from the neighborhood kids.

At the Howard County Dept of Corrections, we have been successfully managing a native plant nursery on-site for the past 1 ½ years. The plants we grow are used in our restoration work and help us to decrease the costs of our projects. We engage in-mates two times per week during the growing season and they assist with seeding, plant propagation and overall nursery maintenance. This past spring, we brought sustainable gardening education curriculum indoors of the prison and successfully graduated 9 in-mates from our Landscapes for Life class – a picture of the class is in your testimony. It is our hope that the certificates the in-mates received will help them with employment prospects in the landscape field, a multi-million dollar industry, upon their release. We hope to continue this low cost and high return investment for job skills development and reduced recidivism in the next fiscal year.

We are very excited to have moved into the Nonprofit Center this spring. Prior to the move, we operated out of various churches, our homes, coffee shops and even Wegmans. Being at the Nonprofit Center has already increased our efficiency and effectiveness significantly as well as allowed us more collaboration opportunities with other Howard County non-profits. We are grateful to the County for supporting the Nonprofit Center



and the Housing Commission and Association for Community Services for leading the efforts on the establishment of such a wonderful community resource.

This budget proposes another decrease in our funding for the next fiscal year. This is disappointing because we are becoming increasingly successful, demonstrating a high return on investment and are being asked for more and more direct service to the County on a regular basis, service we are happy and willing to provide. The rate of budget reduction at 50k/yr is not equitable with our ability to find and secure alternative sources of funding, esp. at this critical time when we are looking for long term sustainability. We are working on diversifying our funding through fee for service, grant and foundation sources of income, but it takes time to build up these other income streams. With the majority of our employees being Howard County residents, we hope that you will see that an investment in us, is an investment back into the local economy. We respectfully request that the Council work with the County Executive to stabilize our funding in the next and future budget cycles.

We are looking forward to another exciting and successful year of innovative programming that can only be found in Howard County and are counting on your support to help us achieve multiple objectives of job skills development, career-readiness, environmental restoration and community engagement. Thank you!



READY crew conducting post flood clean-up in Ellicott City.



Landscapes for Life graduates with certificates at Howard County Department of Corrections.

Mary Lasky
President, Board of Directors
Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center
6700 Freetown Road
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County Council Budget Hearing – May 2, 2017

Good evening. My name is Mary Lasky, and I am proud to serve as President of the Board of Directors of Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center.

I am here tonight to ask you to fully fund Grassroots FY18 budget request of \$1.7 million, which includes a 13% increase in funding over last year to reflect changing circumstances at Howard County's 24-hour crisis intervention center and shelter for the homeless.

As explained by Executive Director Ayesha Holmes, Grassroots is serving more families than in the past, we are responsible for the time-consuming single point of entry interviews, and we will soon expand services via the new Leola Dorsey Community Resource Center where the chronically homeless may take their first step to a more stable lifestyle. Our budget request, therefore, includes new funding for an additional cook and crisis counselor, as well as facilities management money for our share of the Dorsey Center.

Grassroots has a relatively small operating budget which includes a high fundraising contribution of half a million dollars this year. In other words, we are asking county government for \$1.7 million, and we will raise \$500,000 in private philanthropy – from generous residents and businesses in our community.

By the way, this private philanthropy includes donations from Howard County school children who participate in Change Matters, the student-driven community service and philanthropy initiative that will generate \$60,000 in nickels, dimes, quarters and dollar bills. **We are proud of Grassroots' role in not only raising money but in raising the next generation of philanthropists.**

These are difficult times for some of our neighbors. Grassroots was created to help those in crisis in our community. Over the years, it has become the provider of an increasing array of services the county wants provided for its vulnerable citizens. **This is possible only with the ongoing support of county government. I respectfully request that Grassroots FY18 budget be fully funded. Thank you.**

Testimony to the Howard County Council -May 2, 2017

Given by: Ayesha B. Holmes, Executive Director of Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center

Good evening to the Howard County Council. It is my honor to be here tonight representing Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center. In my four months as Executive Director, I have been amazed at the work that Grassroots does with the most vulnerable individuals in our community. Tonight, I'm here to ask for continued funding and support for the full budget request submitted by my predecessor Andrea Ingram on behalf of Grassroots. Grassroots has three important functions in the Howard County community.

First: The Crisis Services, including Crisis Hotline, Suicide Prevention Hotline, Single Point of Access for Housing Assessments and Mobile Crisis Services

Second: The 51 Bed Shelter, located at the Grassroots, Andrea Ingram Building, in Columbia

Third: Outreach and Community Engagement, soon to be located at the Leola Dorsey Community Resource Center in ElkrIDGE

Each of these components of the organization work together to ensure there is a 24/7 safety net for the residents of Howard County. We are always open and always ready to help.

This year our budget reflects an increase in need throughout the community.

The face of Homelessness is not what I expected. I expected to meet many individuals, some with behavioral health needs and some who had hit a speed-bump on the road of life. What has surprised me in my tenure, is the number of intact families with children that suddenly find themselves to be homeless and in need of immediate assistance. Sometimes when that assistance isn't available readily, the individuals end up staying with us in our Emergency Overnight Space and Lobby until something affordable becomes available. During their time with us, we provide case management through our crisis services, which is time intensive; this is one of the reasons we are asking for another Crisis Counselor. Crisis counselors serve more than 3,000 individuals a year for various needs.

Year to date, we have served over 225 individuals in our emergency overnight space. This increase is one of the reasons we are also requesting extra assistance in the kitchen.

Finally, with the opening of the Leola Dorsey Community Resource Center, Grassroots will need an intake staff member to meet and assess guests who come to the center.

On behalf of the residents and staff of Grassroots, I ask that you consider our full request for funding and our role as a safe 24/7 space for the most vulnerable among us.

Thank you for your time and commitment to Howard County.



May 2, 2017

Jonathan Weinstein, Chair
Howard County Council
George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Good evening Chairman Weinstein, Vice Chairman Ball, and County Councilmembers:

My name is Richard Cole Jr and I am the Director of Emergency Services and Community Relations at Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services, Inc. (LARS). Each year, LARS assists upwards of 1,800 homeless and low-income individuals and families experiencing a crisis by providing both emergency and long-term services designed to promote self-sufficiency. LARS provides support services to residents of the Greater Laurel area, including residents in North Laurel. Our services include a food pantry, funds to prevent evictions, assistance with first month's rent and security deposits, permanent supportive housing, case management and resource referrals, and holiday and back to school programs. Homelessness does not consider jurisdictional boundaries, and although our office is physically located in Prince George's County, our proximity results in requests for service from a number of individuals and families that reside in Howard County.

We want to thank the Howard County Council and Executive for designating \$15,000 in Community Service Partnership (CSP) Program funding to our organization in Fiscal Year 2017. LARS is very appreciative that the proposed Fiscal Year 2018 County Operating Budget again includes \$15,000 in CSP funding for LARS, which will allow us to continue to provide emergency financial assistance to low-income and homeless residents of Howard County. We appreciate the opportunity to communicate with the County Council about the operating budget and the need to maintain adequate funding for the programs that serve those most in need in Laurel.

From 2014 to 2016, LARS disbursed \$46,250 in Howard County CSP funds to 324 Howard County households. During this time, LARS assisted 31 households with securing permanent housing, avoiding an eviction, and maintaining or restoring power to their homes. 293 households were provided food assistance to combat food insecurity, and 507 households received referrals to community support services.

We appreciate Howard County Executive Kittleman's support for the Fiscal Year 2018 funding level of \$15,000, and we respectfully request that the County Council continue to support LARS at this level as we serve the county's most vulnerable citizens during this time of budget cuts and economic instability. We look forward to continued partnerships with Howard County organizations and government to bring help and to bring hope to the people we serve.

Sincerely,

Richard Cole Jr LARS Director of Emergency Services and Community Relations rcole@laureladvocacy.org

HOWARD COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL
Testimony submitted to Howard County Council
Regarding FY2018 Proposed Budget
May 2, 2017

Good evening Chairman Weinstein and members of the County Council. I am Coleen West, Executive Director of the Howard County Arts Council located at 8510 High Ridge Road. On behalf of the Arts Council, I want to thank you for your past support. We appreciate all that you do on behalf of the arts and the citizens of Howard County.

The Arts Council was established in 1981 to fulfill the provisions of County Code # 12.804a. This year we are celebrating - 36 years of fostering the arts and serving the community. I am here tonight to ask you to support County Executive Allan Kittleman's proposed budget of \$832,000 – a 4% increase over last year's arts appropriation.

Seventy percent of the proposed funding will be used to support grant programs that provide operating and project support to county arts organizations, K-12 schools through Parent Teacher Associations, and Baltimore City arts and cultural organizations. These grants support 50-60 organizations that provide a broad range of arts and arts education programs for both children and adults. Attendance at arts events funded through these grant programs was 340,000 and volunteers for local arts groups receiving grants donated 91,840 hours – a value of \$2.1 million – clear indicators that the arts are important to the citizens of Howard County.¹

In addition to the intrinsic value of the arts; a strong arts sector improves our quality of life and is an economic asset that stimulates business activity, attracts tourism revenue, and retains a high quality work force. The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that the arts and culture sector made up 4.2 percent, or \$729.6 billion, of the nation's GDP —a larger share of the economy than construction and utilities. In addition, arts and culture generates 4.8 million jobs and U.S. exports of arts goods (e.g., movies, paintings, jewelry) resulted in a \$26.2 billion arts trade surplus.²

Local companies face a global marketplace where value is increasingly determined by technology, knowledge and ideas. A study published by the Conference Board (serving the Fortune 1000 U.S. companies), found 97% of employers say creativity and innovation skills are important in U.S. workplaces, while 85% of these employers say they can't find the creative, innovative applicants they seek.³

In an economy that is driven by creativity and innovation, we will need to attract the creative class – artists, entrepreneurs, and innovators. In order to attract - and retain them - we will not only need strong public education, safety and transportation systems, but we will have to have state-of-the-art entertainment, arts, and recreational amenities and unique live-work options that appeal to their active, 24-7 lifestyle

Howard County has positioned itself well to meet these expectations. We have a vision for a vibrant arts, retail and entertainment district in Downtown Columbia, ownership of Merriweather Post Pavilion has been turned over to the Downtown Arts and Culture Commission, the iconic Chrysalis amphitheatre opened with great fanfare just a few weeks ago, and Ellicott City was recently named one of the "Top 20 Leading Creative Class Cities" by Richard Florida.⁴ In addition, we have a growing state-of-the-art community college, the arts curriculum in our public schools continues to be one of the strongest in the nation, we have excellent recreational facilities and libraries, and we are home to 792 arts-related businesses that employ 2693 people in the County.⁵ The arts sector accounts for 3.9% of the total businesses in the County, 1.6% of the people they employ, and is made up of major tourist attractions, for-profit media and design businesses, and a vibrant network of non-profit arts groups.

Howard County is a special place that has developed a strong community for the arts.

To illustrate this point, a 2015 study by Webb Management Services⁶ found:

- Howard County has the second highest number of individual artists and creative industries per capita out of the seven Baltimore-Washington area counties.

- Howard County residents spend more per capita on arts and entertainment out of the seven metro counties.
- And, Howard County has the second highest level of arts participation per capita out of the seven metro counties.

The arts (both for- and non-profit) are an important part of the County's small business sector; the heart of the arts community are non-profit groups such as the Columbia Festival of the Arts, HoCoPoLitSo, Candlelight Concerts and others. These non-profits provide opportunities for engagement and participation, they incubate artistic ideas and enterprises, and they create distinctive experiences that attract tourists, businesses and residents alike.

It takes a special ecosystem to maintain a vibrant arts community on a local level – you need the talent and dedication of practicing artists, strong arts organizations, innovative businesses, enthusiastic audiences, financial support and arts-friendly policies from government, and contributions from businesses and individuals. In addition, you need affordable space to incubate, create, and produce the arts and you need appropriate space to present the work and engage the public.

The non-profits work year round to make the arts available to people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. They do an incredible amount of work with very little resources. Even in good times, their budgets are extremely fragile. County funding provides them with a reliable source of unrestricted support that they use to underwrite their core activities and to leverage private dollars.

County investment in the arts serves the public interest by broadening public access to the arts and by fostering diverse forms of expression. The non-profit arts groups, in turn, give back to our community by enhancing our quality of life, attracting businesses and jobs, and generating revenue for the County. In FY15, not only did Howard County grantees provide us with exceptional programming, they used these funds to leverage

\$5 million in revenues – 50% from earned income and admissions, 25% Howard County, 9% individuals, 5% State and Federal, 4% corporations, 4% foundations, 3 % from the Columbia Association– and 177 FTE jobs.⁷

Statewide, there are 13,704 arts-related businesses that generate 47,852 jobs⁸, including 299 non-profit arts groups that generate 14,564 FTE jobs. The non-profit sector alone has a total annual impact of \$1.1 billion.⁹

The arts add tourism dollars to the local economy as well. Locally, 20-30% of our non-profit arts audiences are made up of people who reside outside of Howard County,¹⁰ these visitors come to our County and spend money at local restaurants and businesses. The Maryland State Department of Business and Economic Development reports that every \$1 of operating generates an additional \$3.94 in spending on goods and services.¹¹ Using this formula, the non-profit arts groups in Howard County, generated an extra \$19.7 million in secondary spending to our local economy in FY15 for a total economic impact of \$24.7 million (this does not include revenue from for-profit venues such as Merriweather Post Pavilion, Toby's Dinner Theatre, movie theaters, or design, marketing and printing companies, or others that do not receive direct funding from the Arts Council).

Seventy percent of the proposed county funding will go to support 4 grant programs that provide operating and project grants to 50-60 organizations and schools.

- 1) The Community Arts Development (CAD) program provides operating and project grants to local arts organizations as well as non-arts groups interested in presenting arts programs. In FY16, the Arts Council awarded \$330,267 (CAD: \$309,372, JRT: \$20,895,) to 19 Howard County organizations through this grant.
- 2) The Baltimore City Arts and Culture (BCAC) program awards grants to city organizations that have regional significance and provide considerable services

to Howard County residents. In FY16, we awarded \$156,212 to 10 city organizations.

- 3) The Outreach Howard program awards grants to City grantees to produce projects IN Howard County. In FY16, \$44,000 was awarded to 7 organizations.
- 4) The Artist-in-Education (AiE) program, a partnership with the County PTAs, provides grants to place visiting artists in school classrooms to enhance student experiences and skills and meet local and state goals for arts education. In FY16, we awarded \$36,000 to 23 schools.

The CAD, BCAC, and AiE programs must be matched at least 1-to-1 by the grant recipient. The goals of the grant programs are:

- To foster excellence, diversity and vitality in arts offerings for Howard County residents.
- To broaden opportunities for Howard County audiences, artists, and arts organizations.
- To increase the availability of arts activities in Howard County. And,
- To increase awareness of arts.

All grantees are required to submit final reports, which the Arts Council uses to evaluate grant programs, to track attendance and budget figures, and to hold grantees accountable to their request. These FY15 reports show that community interest and support, in terms of participation, is very strong – 340,000 attended arts events sponsored, in part, through County funds and 91,840 volunteer hours were donated. We also provided opportunities for 6,100 artists through these grant programs.

In addition to the grants program, the proposed budget provides funds to support the Arts Council's other principle program, the 27,000 square foot multi-purpose Howard County Center for the Arts in Ellicott City. At the Center, we sponsor year-round classes, art exhibits in our galleries, and performances in the community black box

theatre. We also provide low cost studios for 14 visual artists, office space for 3 resident arts groups, and meeting space for 8 volunteer run groups that participate in our Arts Advancement Program. In FY15, 35,950 people visited the Center and we provided opportunities for 4,101 artists and 3,656 students to showcase their work. Whether they take a class, view an exhibit, drop in a studio, or enjoy a performance in the black box theatre, the Center provides rewarding experiences in the arts for people of all ages and from all walks of life.

Funds we receive from the County also support county-wide initiatives, such as, our on-line arts calendar, ARTsites, a partnership with 12 sites throughout the County to place sculptures for one year, as well as free community-based arts activities for underserved audiences, such as our Head StART in ART program.

Head StART in ART is a model artist-in-residence program for preschoolers from low-income families that has been recognized by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Maryland State Arts Council as an exemplary early childhood arts program. This program introduces 100-120 children to practicing artists and provides them with experiences and training in the arts that would otherwise not take place. Each residency is designed to provide age-appropriate activities that complement Head Start's curriculum and reinforce core life and learning skills that are needed for future success. This program is free to participants. It received the John W. Holland Service Award from the Community Action Council in 2011. Cuts to the Arts Council budget would cause us to reduce or eliminate free public programs such as this and limit free public access to the arts.

Cuts would also adversely affect the groups that receive County funding through the Arts Council's grant programs. Local treasures, such as the Columbia Orchestra, the Columbia Festival of the Arts, and HoCoPoLitSo rely on these grants to meet their day-to-day operational needs. Unrestricted funds for general operations are rare, the Arts Council is one of the only sources of such support. As mentioned earlier, the operations of the non-profit arts groups, both large and small, are extremely fragile – any cuts to

the arts budget will have a negative impact on our local arts groups, our community, and the people we serve.

In addition to their economic impact, the arts impact our daily lives in other tangible ways. Numerous independent studies from the academic, arts, business, law enforcement, medical and technology fields confirm that the arts are an effective means to address a wide variety of issues and challenges in our community such as:

1) Workforce Development

Early encouragement and training in the arts help students develop core life and social skills that lead to future success, both academically and in the work place. To quote educator, Paul Lehman, "A lot of what is taught in schools suggests that there are correct and incorrect answers – as evidenced by the use of multiple choice and true/false questions. In the real world, questions are not posed that way." He goes on to say that the academic, business, and public sectors say today's graduates are not prepared to keep our workforce competitive in the new global economy. This is supported by the Conference Board study cited earlier. In order to be competitive and address real-life circumstances, employers need people who can do more than check off an answer from a prepared list of options or people who have only been taught what is tested - they need people who are able to make independent, complex judgments and decisions. The arts, by their very nature, teach people to seek multiple interpretations and solutions, weigh options and think critically. They also teach us how to be more tolerant and open.

In order to attract and maintain a creative workforce, greater emphasis on the arts education and practice is needed in our schools and communities.

2) Education

The contributions the arts make to academic success are well documented, I will take this opportunity to cite two important studies. First, a report from the College Board Profile of SAT and Achievement Test Takers, which has been

tracking tests for decades, shows that students who studied the arts or music for four or more years, on average, score 100 points better on their SAT scores than students with just one-half year of arts or music.¹² Second, is a study from UCLA that followed a sample of 25,000 American high school students over a ten-year period. The results of this study show that students who studied the arts had higher grades, scored better on standardized tests, had lower dropout rates, and were more active in community affairs than other students. In addition, it found that students from disadvantaged families who studied the arts improved their overall school performance more rapidly than other students.¹³

While studying the arts, students hone their perceptual, analytic and interpretive skills while developing creative thinking, communications and problem-solving abilities – providing them with the critical skills needed to succeed in school and in life.

The arts also provide a common ground for understanding. They facilitate intercultural understanding and provide a common lexicon for building relationships in an increasingly diverse and global society. With the growing number of non-English speaking students enrolling in our public schools, it is important to maintain a strong arts curriculum, one that is integrated with other subjects, in order to connect with non-English speakers and bridge the cultural gap.

3) Community Health and Wellness

The arts have a positive impact on community health and wellness. Nearly one-half of the nation's healthcare institutions provide arts programming for patients, families, and staff; 78 percent deliver these programs because of their healing benefits to patients—shorter hospital stays, better pain management, and less medication.¹⁴ Physicians and therapists use visual art, music, dance, and drama to treat patients with a variety of therapeutic needs. Here, the arts are used to strengthen speech patterns, self-image, and socialization skills; they help

patients overcome or reduce physical dysfunction; and music therapy, in particular, has been very successful in treating seniors with Alzheimer's Disease. Military service members and Veterans rank art therapies in the top 4 (out of 40) interventions and treatments.¹⁵ The arts not only help patients cope with loss, isolation, depression, and the effects of mental and physical illnesses, but help families cope as well.

The arts provide a means for seniors to remain active and productive in the community as participants, volunteers and audience members. Controlled research by the Center on Aging found that older Americans involved in the arts demonstrated better health, fewer doctor visits, and less medication usage – saving money and improving the quality of life of seniors.¹⁶

As Howard County's special needs and senior populations grow, more programs, such as the Arts Council's Fabulous Fifty+ Players musical theatre program for older adults and the No Boundaries musical theatre program for people with developmental disabilities, will be needed to meet their needs.

4) Youth At Risk

The arts help at-risk youth. Numerous studies have found that arts education programs can help reduce dropout rates - increasing the retention and engagement rates of students and raising educational attainment levels. Participation in arts programs decreases young people's involvement in delinquent behavior, increases academic outcomes for disadvantaged children, and improves students' attitudes about themselves and their future. Studies by the U.S. Department of Justice demonstrate increased pro-social behavior among adjudicated youth involved with arts programs.¹⁷ Similarly, an evaluation of Core Arts examined the effect of arts programs on adjudicated youth in Mississippi and found that participants in this program made notable improvement in cooperation, self-control, academic performance, interpersonal skills, attitude, and incidence of disruptive or risky behavior.¹⁸

As the number of youth-related incidents continues to rise, Howard County may want to explore options to use the arts as a preventative measure or as an alternative teaching method for troubled youth or those suffering from mental health issues.

While many of us value the intrinsic impact of the arts on our lives - as an advocate for the arts, the Arts Council knows it is important to show how the arts impact the wider community. As County leaders look for ways to improve our economy and maintain our quality of life, the arts can be – and should be - part of the solution for economic development, for community revitalization, for academic success, for life-long learning, for community health and wellness, and for our own personal growth.

In closing, the arts entertain, engage, and enlighten us in many different ways and on many different levels. They are a good investment with many great returns.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak with you this evening.

¹ Source: Howard County Arts Council Attendance Report for FY15 Grantees, 2015.

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⁵ *Creative Industries: Business & Employment in the Arts*, Americans for the Arts and Dun & Bradstreet, 2015.

⁶ *Needs Assessment For Arts Facilities*, Howard County, MD, Webb Management Services, 2015, pg 20.

⁷ Source: Howard County Arts Council Revenue Sources for FY15 Grantees, 2015.

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¹⁶ Source: Americans For the Arts, www.artsusa.org.

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**Importance of Howard County Arts Council's
"Re-Create Ellicott City Artist Relief Fund"**

Robin Holliday

I am honored to speak to you tonight on behalf of the Howard County Arts Council and tell you about the impact of their "Re-Create Ellicott City Artist Relief Fund". My name is Robin Holliday and I am the Owner/Curator of HorseSpirit Arts Gallery located on Main Street in Historic Ellicott City - where I represent myself and 47 other local Artists.

The night of the flood, 30 July 2016, I was in my art gallery trying to fight the flood waters by holding the door. The things I saw outside as I was holding that door, still keep me up at night. Flood water reached 12 to 15 feet at the bottom of Main Street and much of our town was destroyed. Two people died in the flood – which is beyond heartbreaking.

Three of the five Art Galleries destroyed on Main Street decided to permanently close their art business. This is a significant blow to Ellicott City's arts community.

I lost the first floor of my Gallery, resulting in \$82K of losses, \$55K of which was art. Based on my contract with the Artists I represented, I was responsible for covering their art losses in case of flood. I had purchased flood insurance; however, the Insurance company continues to deny payment for any of the art loss. I tell you this because my husband and I were looking at a staggering, unexpected debt. We began pursuing a small business loan as soon as possible to pay the Gallery's Artists. During this timeframe, Coleen West (Howard County Arts Council Executive Director) contacted me about the Relief Fund she was creating to help Ellicott City Artists recover from the flood & move forward. This brought me to tears.

Thirty of the Artist in my Gallery applied for the grant and Howard County Arts awarded them a total of \$27K. I am beyond grateful. And the Artists are also grateful – as it has allowed my Gallery to recover more quickly and continue to represent them. They are an incredibly

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talented group of Artists who give back to our community through their art. My Gallery reopened October 28, 2106 – just 3 months after the flood.

I would like to thank the Howard County Arts Council for creating, writing grants and securing money from the County and State for this relief fund. And to the individual fund donors, I thank you with all my heart. I cannot adequately express how much the Relief Funds have helped our Ellicott City art community, the local artists that I represent, as well as me personally. I am exceedingly grateful and humbled by your compassion, generosity, and belief in the importance of art in our community.

In closing, I would like to say that being able to reopen my gallery in Historic Ellicott City has incredible meaning to me. I saw the destruction first-hand, and now I am seeing Main Street coming back to life again. To me, the Arts provide hope, freedom of expression and new life in our community. I don't know the words to use to tell you how much I appreciate what Howard County Arts has done for us. I want you to know that your actions mattered a great deal. Thank you beyond words...because you have provided me and many local Artists in Ellicott City the hope and the opportunity to continue to create our art.

Thank you. Robin Holliday

Lisa Schuster, 7067 Melting Shadows Lane, Columbia, MD 21045
Testimony in Support of the Howard County Arts Council Proposed Budget
Before the Howard County Council
May 2, 2017

My name is Lisa Schuster; I am here as a representative of the Cradlerock Elementary School PTA where I serve as Treasurer. I am testifying in support of the Howard County Arts Council Proposed Budget, specifically the Artist-in-Education Grant program. I have 3 children at Cradlerock– grades fourth, first, and kindergarten as well as a niece in second grade there. Cradlerock Elementary is a Title 1 school with enrollment of nearly 500 students – of which over half qualify for free or reduced lunch.

I could go on and on speaking on how impactful arts programming is and that it is part of what makes Howard County Schools some of the top in the nation. But – I want to focus on how being a grant recipient has impacted our school and how our program would not have been possible without it. This year we received a grant through Artists-in-Education that funded nearly all the cost having a performing artist come to our school and for a program on Biodiversity. This program served as a continuation of current learning objectives. The students learned about the changing environment here in Maryland and across the world and how our actions have impacted the changes. The performer put on a wonderfully engaging and entertaining assembly filled with songs my children still sing.

We would have not had this opportunity if not for the grant. Our PTA works with a limited budget and even smaller volunteer pool. The majority of the money we bring in goes right back into that event, like our school play and community nights – leaving us little to fund cultural arts programming. As stretched thin as our budget is – our volunteers are stretched much thinner. We have four board members and about ten active PTA volunteers - who work to organize all our activities, programming, teacher and student support, and fundraising. This income from the grant would have been nearly impossible to generate through other fundraising sources as they all require many hours of volunteer work. Having grant opportunities available is the difference between our students having access to supplementary arts programming and not.

Continued funding of these grants means continued support of our students so that they benefit from these great programs and enrichment opportunities. I hope my children and their classmates can continue to enjoy the benefits from arts programming at our school. Thank you for allowing me to speak and I hope we have your support for the budget so can continue to offer cultural arts and other programming.

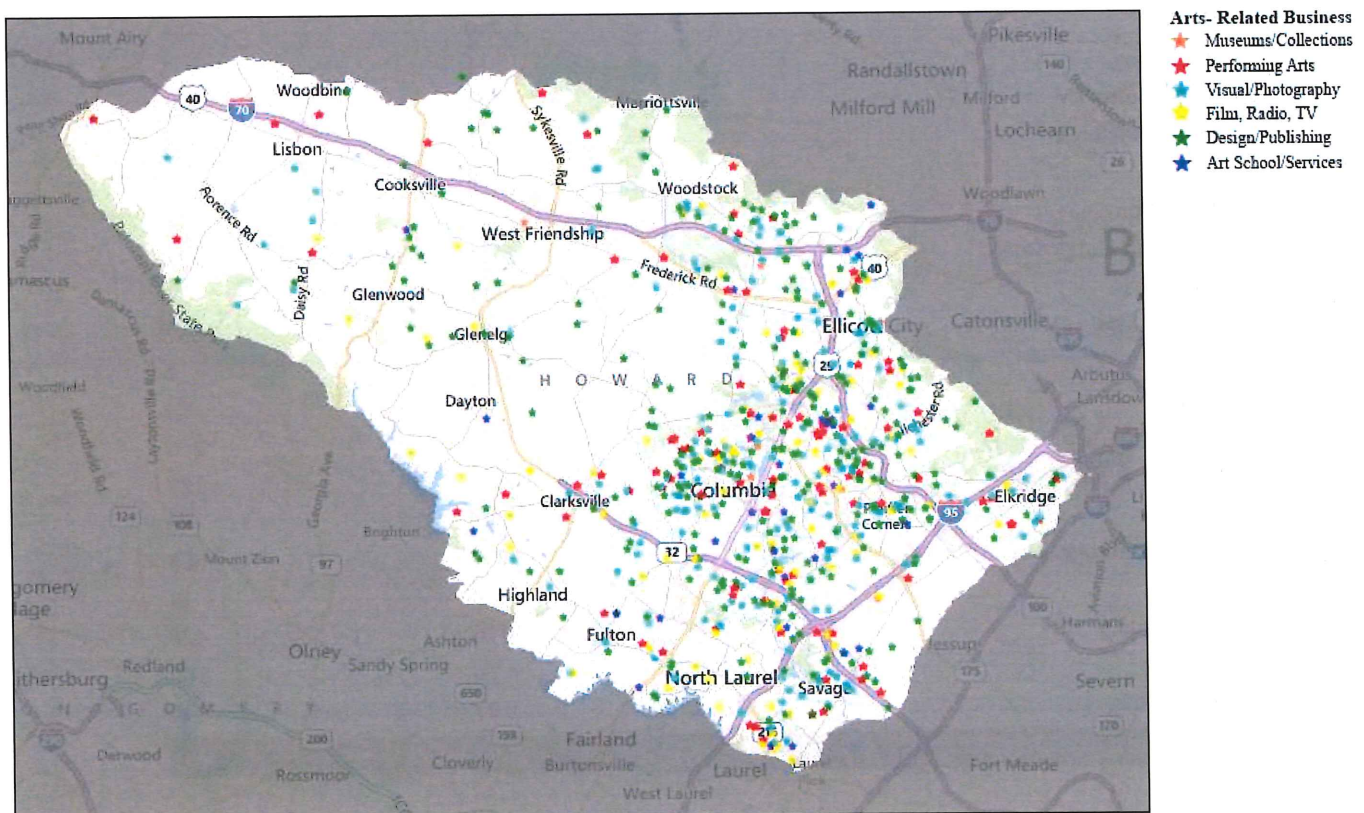
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Good evening. My name is Katherine Keefe and I'm the Executive Director for the Columbia Orchestra. I am here tonight to testify on behalf of the Howard County Arts Council. The Columbia Orchestra is a proud recipient of the Arts Council's Community Arts Development grant and Jim Rouse Theatre Subsidy. These grants account for 18% of the orchestra's annual operating budget. The Columbia Orchestra is a community orchestra with 85-100 volunteer members led by our nationally-recognized Music Director Jason Love. Thanks to the support of the Arts Council, the Orchestra is able to offer over 11,000 Howard County residents access to affordable, high-quality artistic and educational programs each year. The Arts Council's Jim Rouse Theatre Subsidy makes it possible for the Orchestra to perform a 5 concert subscription series and two popular Young People's Concerts at the Jim Rouse Theatre. The Arts Council not only provides the financial support necessary to perform in this venue, but also advocates on our behalf through its role on the JRT Governance Committee. The Jim Rouse Theatre, which seats 740 people, is the only performance space in Howard County that is large enough to hold the entire Orchestra and our growing audience. Since 2014, the Orchestra's subscription base has nearly tripled and concerts frequently sell out in advance. To meet audience demand, the Orchestra will expand its programming next year to include repeat matinees and an additional family concert. The Orchestra is proud to be part of Howard County's growing, vibrant artistic community. The Columbia Orchestra is also a resident organization of the Arts Council's home, the Howard County Center for the Arts. As a small nonprofit with only 4 part-time staff members, we benefit tremendously from affordable rent, shared administrative resources, and access to the knowledgeable Arts Council staff. As we enter our 40th season next year, we recognize the impact the Arts Council has had on our success. On behalf of the members, staff, and Board of Directors of the Columbia Orchestra, we thank the County Council for your past support of the Howard County Arts Council and ask for your continued support.

The Creative Industries in Howard County, MD

This *Creative Industries: Business & Employment in the Arts* report provides a research-based approach to understanding the scope and economic importance of the arts in **Howard County, MD**. The creative industries are composed of arts businesses that range from nonprofit museums, symphonies, and theaters to for-profit film, architecture, and design companies. Arts businesses and the creative people they employ stimulate innovation, strengthen America's competitiveness in the global marketplace, and play an important role in building and sustaining economic vibrancy.

792 Arts-Related Businesses Employ 2,693 People



Howard County, MD is home to 792 arts-related businesses that employ 2,693 people. The creative industries account for 3.9 percent of the total number of businesses located in Howard County, MD and 1.6 percent of the people they employ. The map above plots the creative industries, with each star representing a unique arts business establishment.

Nationally, 702,771 businesses are involved in the creation or distribution of the arts, and they employ 2.9 million people. This represents 3.9 percent of all U.S. businesses and 1.9 percent of all U.S. employees—demonstrating statistically that the arts are a formidable business presence and broadly distributed across our communities. The source for these data is Dun & Bradstreet, the most comprehensive and trusted source for business information in the United States. These data are current as of January 2015.

**The Creative Industries Represent
3.9 Percent of All Businesses and 1.6 Percent of All Employees in
Howard County, MD
(Data current as of January 2015)**

CATEGORY	BUSINESSES	EMPLOYEES
Arts Schools and Services	41	142
Arts Councils	3	13
Arts Schools and Instruction	38	129
Design and Publishing	299	1,017
Advertising	35	321
Architecture	53	254
Design	210	435
Publishing	1	7
Film, Radio and TV	104	361
Motion Pictures	91	338
Radio	8	5
Television	5	18
Museums and Collections	11	31
Museums	11	31
Performing Arts	110	557
Dance	1	1
Music	40	94
Performers (nec)	45	256
Services & Facilities	23	123
Theater	1	83
Visual Arts/Photography	227	585
Crafts	8	13
Photography	176	426
Services	16	100
Visual Arts	27	46
GRAND TOTAL	792	2,693

Research Notes:

- These Creative Industries data are based solely on active U.S. businesses that are registered with Dun & Bradstreet. Because not all businesses register, our analyses indicate an under-representation of arts businesses (particularly those that are nonprofit arts organizations and individual artists). The data in this report, therefore, should be considered conservative.
- To define the Creative Industries, Americans for the Arts selected 644 8-digit Standard Industrial Classification codes that represent for-profit and nonprofit arts-centric businesses (out of more than 18,500 codes representing all industries).
- Reports for all 435 U.S. Congressional Districts, the 50 states and the District of Columbia, the 7,500 state legislative districts, and all 3,143 U.S. counties—as well as a full suite of user tools and a comprehensive list of the industries included in this analysis—are available for download at www.AmericansForTheArts.org/CreativeIndustries.

Howard County Non-Profit Arts Organizations Economic Impact FY15



185,000 people attended
arts events, classes and
performances



20-30%
tourists



91,840 volunteer hours
value \$2.1 million



\$4.8 million
in revenues



177 FTE jobs



19 million in audience
spending

Sayers, Margery

From: Tina Bennett <tinabennettwork@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 11:36 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Public input on the proposed budget

Greetings.

If it is timely, I would like to express strong support for expenditure on bus stop improvement.

I live near bus stops on Guilford Road and pass some on Broken Land Parkway. I see folks standing on grass or trying to keep feet dry by standing on a cement square (about 1 yard x 1 yard) if one is available. There is no shelter for many stops. At one on Guilford, folks will often sit on a pad-mount transformer because there is no other place to sit. There are no trash cans, so you can guess what is discarded on the ground. People look (and are) miserable at these stops, and such conditions do not encourage them to ride the buses.

Howard County must meet basic needs (including safety) of riders to support bus ridership and support these people, many of whom might not be able to afford their own cars

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Tina Bennett and family



Uniting East and West
with a Bus, Bike, And
Pedestrian Bridge

www.bridgecolumbia.org
bridgecolumbia@gmail.com

April 13, 2017

Dear Howard County Council Member,

Friends of Bridge Columbia wholeheartedly supports the inclusion of funding for upgrades to the Route 29 pedestrian bridge (Budget Item B3863 FY2013 Downtown Columbia-Oakland Mills Connection Improvements).

We appreciate the creativity of the county employees and contractors in generating the geodesic tube with spiral design and encourage you to support this project with the funding required to make it happen. As the only pedestrian connection between east and west Columbia, the bridge is an essential link between many major destinations for walkers and bicyclists. As development in Columbia continues, this link will become even more important to help reduce parking and traffic issues in downtown Columbia and support and strengthen the village centers of Oakland Mills and Long Reach.

We applaud the colorful and iconic design, which would be very attractive both from the bridge itself and from the highway below. Its openness will make the bridge more comfortable for the people using it and its uniqueness will provide a signature structure for Columbia. Added to all the improvements to the path that have been made, the bridge and its approaches from both sides are much more appealing, increasing the sense of safety and comfort. We are very encouraged to see these positive changes.

We are also pleased that the Office of Transportation is exploring a transitway concept in the Transit Development Plan. In this plan, Bridge Columbia would be the linchpin of an east-west public transit corridor (transitway) that would connect Howard County Hospital in the west to Gateway Center in the east. The transitway would use a combination of roads and existing transit rights-of-way to create what would essentially be a bus rapid transit system through the heart of Columbia. We believe that, with the iconic design planned for the current pedestrian element of the bridge, a corresponding transit element would be forward-thinking, sustainable, affordable and fulfill the promise of Bridge Columbia.

Sincerely,

Fred Gottemoeller
On Behalf of Friends of Bridge Columbia

Sayers, Margery

From: Jervis Dorton <jervisdorton@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 8:56 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Capital Budget

Dear County Council Members

As an Oakland Mills resident I urge you to approve B3863 Bridge Columbia, E1036 and E1043 School Renovations and T7106 Stevens Forest Road Improvements that are included in the County Executive's Budget. Our Village is 48 years old and these projects are necessary to improve our schools, safety on our roads and prospects for the future of our Village Center.

Sincerely

Jervis Dorton
5963 Gales Lane
Columbia 21045

Sayers, Margery

From: DAVID LAST_NAME <bhfoston@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 8:02 AM
To: Terrasa, Jen
Cc: CouncilMail; Delerme, Raul; Byrd, John
Subject: N3940 - North Laurel Swimming Pool - Capital Budget Update

Hi Jen,

Sorry, I missed the Budget hearing. My husband was critically ill and still is. He needs a heart transplant like yesterday.

Why not allocate the entire amount for the swimming pool asap, get the job done and reimburse the money in the future budget? This project is one of the loooongest project. Other projects were proposed, completed, used, and renovated.

Each year this project is detained, the cost is going up in construction - labor and material. Eventually the money would never meet the cost of the project.

Some of us may not live to see the fruition of the swimming pool.

Please reconsider this project and give it priority.

Thanks,

Bibi H. Perrotte-Foston

Concerned Citizen

On April 5, 2017 at 5:55 PM Howard County Council District 3
<jterrasa@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Budget Update

Jen Terrasa, Councilwoman

District 3— April 2017



Greetings,

The County Executive has now presented his FY18 Proposed Capital Budget to the County Council, and we will be holding a public hearing on Thursday, April 6, 7:00 pm in the Banneker Room at the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City 21043. Residents wishing to testify at this hearing, can sign up on line by clicking [here](#), or may sign up in person on the night of the hearing beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you have written testimony, please consider sending us a written copy of your testimony to jterrasa@howardcountymd.gov. Please note that you may testify on all departments except Board of Education, Howard Community College, and Libraries. The hearing on those will take place on Monday, April 24 at 7pm in the Banneker Room.

For more information about the budget process please see the [Council's Budget page](#). The schedule of Council's Budget Hearings and Work Sessions are available on the County Council's [calendar page](#) beginning in April and running through the end of May.

For your convenience, I have included a little more information about some of the projects that are either in District 3 or I thought might be of particular interest to District 3 residents, and have highlighted them below. To see the entire Capital Budget as proposed to the County Council, click [here](#).

Highlighted Capital Projects for D3

B3863-FY2013 Bridge Columbia - Downtown Columbia-Oakland Mills Connection Improvements

A project to provide a feasibility study, design and construction of enhancements to existing and potential future connections over US29. The FY18 Proposed Budget includes the addition of \$500,000 for this project.

C0285 FY2002 US1 Corridor Revitalization

A project to plan, design and implement a series of streetscape, pedestrian, bicycle, transportation and public green space improvements on public property in the US1 Corridor. Unfortunately, I hoped to see more than the \$500,000 that was presented to the Planning Board when the County Executive sent his proposed FY18 budget to the Council, the dollar amount was reduced to \$400,000. I am disappointed that \$5 million has been removed over the previous 2 years.

C0319 FY2010 Tax Increment Financing Projects

TIF Bonds of up to \$90 million will be sold to enable construction of a public parking garage and other public improvements in the Crescent Special Tax Districts. Currently there is \$120,000,000 in prior appropriation. Nothing is being proposed for FY18, however \$40,000,000 is programed to be added in FY19.

C0332 FY2014 Bus Stop Improvements

A project to implement a series of systemic improvements to Howard Transit bus stops. These improvements may include the installation of bus shelters, concrete pads, bus stop signs, connecting sidewalks, curb cuts (consistent with ADA requirements), crosswalks, route map holders and other improvements. The Office of Transportation, in conjunction with the Department of Planning and Zoning, will determine the location and extent of these improvements. The proposed FY18 Budget adds \$120,000 to the \$690,000 which was already in the project.

C0344 FY2016 Southeast Infrastructure Improvements

A project to plan, design and construct a series of infrastructure improvements targeted within the southeast area of the Route 1 corridor. When this project was created in FY16, the original amount presented to the Planning Board was for \$1.35 Million. It subsequently was reduced to \$150,000 when the County Executive sent it to the Council on April 1st. No additional funds were submitted in FY17. Proposed for the FY18 budget includes \$500,000 for this project.

D1140 FY2005 Pine Tree/Glen Court Storm Drain System

A project for the design and construction of a storm drain system along Pine Tree Road, Glen Court, and Guilford Road. No funding is included in FY18.

D1150-FY2005 High Ridge Drainage

A project to design and construct storm drain improvements in the High Ridge area including, but not limited to: Old Scaggsville Road, Naylor Avenue, Hughes Avenue, Robinson Boulevard, Gross Avenue, Bryant Avenue, Grant Avenue, and Lyon Avenue. No funding is included in FY18.

D1155 FY2006 Lincoln Drive at Cedar Villa Park Drainage

There is an inadequate drainage system to carry the runoff from the park side of the road to the outfall side of Lincoln Drive. Additional drainage facilities are needed along Cedar Avenue, Georgia Avenue and Wye Avenue. No additional money is being added in FY18 for this project, however this project was scheduled to get started on March 6, 2017 with a prior appropriation of \$1,635,000.

H2014 FY2013 Road Resurfacing Program

A project to provide resurfacing to various County roads. The proposed FY18 Budget includes \$4,500,000 for this project.

J4181 FY2003 Guilford Rd (US1 To Dorsey Run Rd)

This project is to study, design, and reconstruct Guilford Road to three lanes from US1 to Old Dorsey Run Road; a distance of 5,800 LF. No additional funding is being added to the prior appropriation of \$1,875,000.

J4202 FY2004 Stephens Road Improvements

A project for the design and reconstruction of Stephens Road from Whiskey Bottom Road to Gorman Road. No additional funds are being added this year; according to the Administration there are sufficient funds in the prior appropriation of \$9,160,000 to complete the project. However, the completion date in the project has been pushed back a year.

J4214 FY2007 Guilford At Vollmerhausen Improvements

A project to design and construct improvements to the intersection of Guilford Road at Vollmerhausen Road and along Guilford Road to the west towards Carroll Heights Ave. The proposed FY18 Budget includes \$125,000 for this project.

J4222 FY2008 Snowden River Parkway Widening Brokenland To Oakland Mills

A project to design and construct a widening of Snowden River Parkway (intermediate arterial) by adding a third lane and sidewalks from Broken Land Parkway to Oakland Mills Road. No additional funds were added and this is being pushed back a year. However, last year it was anticipated that \$9,300,000 would be included in FY18, but is now being shown as a possibility for FY19.

J4248 FY2017 Savage Area Complete Streets

The project includes complete street improvements in Savage, Maryland to enhance multimodal travel for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit, and automobiles. This project (along with Savage Sewer realignment below), is getting under way in the coming months. While the Planning Board budget had \$2,300,000 in it, no money is proposed in the FY18 proposed budget.

S6290 FY2014 Savage Area Sewer Study And Realignment

A project for the study and realignment of 3,500 linear feet of sewer in the area of Baltimore Street and Washington Street, west of William Street in Savage, Maryland. (See above)

K5040 FY2005 Guilford Rd Pedestrian/Bike Improve

A project for the design and construction of sidewalk on one or both sides of Guilford Road between Oakland Mills Road and US1. No additional funds are being added in FY18; this project is being pushed back a year.

K5061 FY2007 Pedestrian Plan Projects

A project for the ongoing evaluation, design and construction of pedestrian improvements listed in the Howard County Pedestrian Master Plan. As presented to the Planning Board, \$1,500,000 was included for this project. However, the proposed FY18 budget only includes \$250,000.

K5063 FY2017 North Laurel Road Sidewalk

A project for the design and construction of a sidewalk along the southwest side of North Laurel Road from Linville Ave to US1. The FY18 Budget includes \$75,000 for this project.

K5064 FY2017 Mission Road Sidewalk

A project to install sidewalk along parts of Mission Road. The FY18 Budget includes \$75,000 for this project.

K5066 FY2014 Bicycle Plan Projects

A project for the implementation of the comprehensive Howard County Bicycle Master Plan. The FY18 budget includes \$731,000 for this project.

N3102 FY2000 Blandair Regional Park

A project to master plan, design, and construct a 298-acre regional park, and restore the 19th century Blandair Mansion and out buildings located off MD175 in Columbia. The proposed FY18 budget adds \$1,713,000 to the project.

N3940 FY2000 North Laurel Park (Swimming Pool)

A project to design and construct a swimming pool at North Laurel Park. \$500,000 being proposed for FY18 Budget to address additional design for the swimming pool.

N3973 FY2014 East Columbia Library Athletic Field And Site Improvements

A project to upgrade the athletic fields at East Columbia Library, located off of Cradlerock in Columbia. The FY18 Budget includes \$200,000 for this project.

T7107-FY2014 Downtown Columbia Patuxent Branch Trail Extension

A project connecting Downtown Columbia at Lake Kittamaqundi and extending to the existing Patuxent Branch Trail. This project would provide a car-free connection from Downtown Columbia to Savage; including the existing portion of the trail, and will connect to the planned east-west Hospital to Blandair Park multi-use pathway. No additional funds were added for FY18, however there are \$60,000 left in prior appropriation.

Please do not hesitate to let me or my staff know if we can be of any assistance on providing more information about the budget, or on any other matter or concern you may have.

All the best,

Jen

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Sayers, Margery

From: Cathy Spain <cathyspain@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 09, 2017 11:17 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Cgthomas65@verizon.net; William.R.McCormack@verizon.net
Subject: Proposed Capital Budget Items Benefiting Oakland Mills

Dear Councilmembers:

I am writing ask for your support for the following capital budget items that will support the ongoing efforts to revitalize and redevelop the Village of Oakland Mills. These investments will not solve the problems we have in Oakland Mills but they represent incremental changes we need to attract more investment from the private sector and signal to prospective residents that Oakland Mills is a highly desirable community.

I am particularly interested in the pedestrian/bicycle crossing over Route 29 in Oakland Mills. I believe the geodesic spiral is a good short-term solution. Traffic on the pathway is noticeably improved. I have recently seen young mothers with strollers, coffee cups and Whole Foods bags walking in Oakland Mills. Downtown is now seen as a destination via the pathway and bridge. I continue to support a transit crossing to the new Downtown through Oakland Mills. To that end, I support the work that is underway to study a transitway and find financial support for the project.

Thank you in advance for your approval of these items.

N3102 FY2000 Blandair Regional Park

B3863 Bridge Columbia

E1036 Oakland Mills Middle School Renovation

E1043 FY19 Talbott Springs Elementary School Renovation

T7106 Stevens Forest Road and Farewell Road/Night Street Hill Intersection or Corridor Safety Improvement Program

Sincerely,
Cathy Spain
6167 Camelback Lane
Columbia, MD 21045

cathyspain@verizon.net

Sayers, Margery

From: Jim Alvey <jimalv21045@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 08, 2017 12:48 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Issues of importance

Hi Howard County Council Members,

First, thank you each for working hard and working together to maintain and improve our great county. I truly appreciate it.

I am asking for your support on the following issues of importance to me. Please let me know if I can count on your support.

Thank you,

Jim Alvey
5489 Bright Hawk Ct
Columbia, MD 21045
410-964-3534

N3102 FY2000 Blandair Regional Park

\$700,000 in GO Bonds was added for FY18 for construction fees for Phase III. Construction is expected to start this Fall with funding of \$1.7 million for the completion of a "Playground for All," a universally designed playground for children of all abilities, space for games, a restroom and pavilion at Blandair Park.

B3863 Bridge Columbia

\$500,000 was put into the capital budget to support the renovation of the bridge in FY18. Project is slated for completion early in spring 2018. Transitway study was previously funded as part of the Transit Development Plan.

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\$3 Million was put in for FY 19

E1043 FY19 Talbott Springs Elementary School Renovation

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Sayers, Margery

From: Margaret Mauro <mmauro44@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2017 3:38 PM
To: CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Capital Budget

I am requesting that you support the following items of Howard County's Capital Budget.

E1043 FY19 Talbott Springs Elementary School Renovation
\$3 Million was put in for FY19

T7106 Stevens Forest Road and Farewell Road/Night Street Hill
Intersection or Corridor Safety Improvement Program

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B3863 Bridge Columbia

N3102 FY2000 [Blandair Regional Park](#)

Thank you,
Margaret Mauro
5451 Thunder Hill Road
Columbia, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: sandra braxton-riley <saunie50@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2017 2:38 PM
To: CouncilMail; Sandy Cederbaum; Pruim, Kimberly
Subject: Thunder Hill Road, South

Dear Sirs,

Thunder Hill Road South has been discussed by OM Board members and residents several times. It continues to be one of the most widely use roads. THR has pot holes cracks and is just main unsightly.

We have requested three medians with vegetation, bike lanes, and parking lanes in front of two or three additional home on the east and west side of the street near route 175. The has also been a request for a cross walk near the bus stop at Oakland Mills Road.

The THR North entrance is even more attractive than THR South which leads to our village and it should be inviting not unsightly.

Waiting for action,

Sandra Braxton-Riley
5579 Thunder Hill Road
443-756-7605

Sayers, Margery

From: DIANA Mosley <dwmonbrr@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2017 2:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: budget 2017

Dear County Council,

Please support the budget items listed below.

NC102FY2000 Blandair Regional Park

B3863 Bridge Columbia

Thank-you,

Diana Mosley

Oakland Mills resident

Sayers, Margery

From: Bohac <rbbohac@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2017 12:22 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: capital budget

I urge the members of the council to support the capital budget items included by Mr. Kittleman for the improvement of Oakland Mills Village. As one of the older villages, Oakland Mills faced many challenges, and these projects, which include school improvements, Blandair Park construction, and road safety additions, will help OM remain a vibrant neighborhood. Thank you for your consideration.

Beth Bohac
9451 Brett Lane
410-730-0136

Sayers, Margery

From: Torey Bixler <tbixler88@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2017 11:31 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support For Capital Budget Items in Oakland Mills Area

To Whom It May Concern:

I live on Pamplona Road in Oakland Mills and would like to voice my support for the following capital budget projects:

N3102 FY2000 Blandair Regional Park

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Thank you,

Torey Bixler

Sayers, Margery

From: Joan Aron <joanaron@ymail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2017 11:16 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: support for Oakland Mills projects in capital budget

To: Howard County Council
From: Joan L. Aron, 5457 Marsh Hawk Way, Columbia, MD 21045
Date: April 7, 2017

Please support the Oakland Mills capital budget items that County Executive Kittleman included in his budget. These projects will help to improve schools, road safety, and recreation in the Oakland Mills Village Center area.

N3102 FY 2000 Blandair Regional Park

B3863 Bridge Columbia

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E1043 FY19 Talbott Springs Elementary School Renovation

T7106 Stevens Forest Road and Farewell Road / Night Street Hill Intersection or Corridor Safety Improvement Program

Thank you.



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April 6, 2017

TO: Members of the Howard County Council

FROM: Oakland Mills Board of Directors

SUBJECT: FY18 Capital Budget Testimony

We would like to thank the County Executive for including funding for Bridge Columbia, Route 29 Pedestrian Bridge, Blandair Park, and streetscape and community renewal projects, including the construction of a mini-roundabout at a dangerous intersection in Oakland Mills. We respectfully request the County Council to approve funding for all of these important projects.

Route 29 Pedestrian Bridge

The #1 action item of our Village Center Community Plan is to advocate for implementation of Bridge Columbia in order to optimize our position as a Gateway to Downtown Columbia. The Geodesic Tube design was the unanimous choice of our Village Board because it dramatically signals our proximity to downtown. While serving our residents, it is guaranteed to attract cyclists and walkers from the entire county and become an iconic bridge in every sense of the word.

Completion of the bridge redesign is the last remaining element to fulfill the CEPPA 12 compliance agreement that comprises an upgraded Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway stretching from Howard County Hospital to Blandair Park, uniting East and West Columbia. In August 2015, a \$500,000 fund was set aside for the bridge portion. Together with the current budget item, these funds will enable completion of the project by spring 2018, in time for the 50th anniversary of Oakland Mills.

Planning Funds for a Public Transit Corridor, utilizing Bridge Columbia, from Howard County General Hospital to Gateway

A public transportation corridor is essential to the commercial and residential growth of Columbia's downtown and the future expansion of the Columbia Gateway Business Park.

Creating a multi-modal crossing over Route 29 as part of this transportation corridor is key to providing an efficient and attractive link from downtown to Gateway.

We envision Bridge Columbia as a vital part of a 21st Century transit system that connects Howard County General Hospital, Howard Community College, Columbia's Downtown, Oakland Mills, Blandair Park, Long Reach, and Gateway. We request that the Council support this initiative with funding for design and planning of this important multi-modal transit way.

Roadway Safety – Final Design and Construction Funds for a Roundabout at the Intersection of Stevens Forest and Farewell Roads

The Village Board supports the concept for a mini-roundabout with chokers at the intersection of Stevens Forest and Farewell Roads. Stevens Forest is a major collector road and the roundabout is one of the two options that were presented as safety and roadway calming. Four traffic accidents have occurred at the intersection since the beginning of 2017 and 13 accidents in 2016. The roundabout, once constructed, will keep the traffic flowing at a steady pace while allowing drivers to turn safely in both directions on this much traveled roadway. We would like to thank Councilman Ball and his staff for working with the community on this project and Howard County Traffic Engineers for working with us and developing design options.

Emerald Ash Tree Removal and Replacement Program

We support funding of the Emerald Ash Borer program which will address the removal and replacement of infected trees and inoculation of high value trees. We emphasize the important component of the program which is timely tree replacement so that Howard County's streets and roadways will remain tree lined.

Renovation of Talbott Springs Elementary School and Oakland Mills Middle School

We were extremely pleased that the HCPSS Board of Education's approved FY2018 Operating and Capital Budget and FY2019-2023 Capital Improvement plan include funding for the renovation of Talbott Springs Elementary School and Oakland Mills Middle School. We support funding in the County's FY18 Capital Budget for both projects. Complete renovation of Talbott Springs Elementary and Oakland Mills Middle is much needed and long overdue. Each facility faces a number of programmatic, systematic, and physical upgrades. It is imperative that the renovation plans address the current capacity and the anticipated student and teacher population. The entire interior and exterior infrastructure, including all common areas, must be designed to meet current and future needs.

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Thank you for your consideration. Oakland Mills looks forward to our continued partnership as we work to revitalize our community and continue to improve our County.



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Emergency Dial 911

TO: Ms Jen Terasa

FROM: Mickey Day *Mickey*

DATE: March 5, 2017

SUBJECT: Alpine Software

Ms Terasa,

I have included with this mailing a document concerning the recommendation that the Alpine Records Management System replace the current DFRS system. This new innovative system will bring many new features and allow for seamless communication between all the various databases that are required. It will replace our current aging LOSAP management program and will simplify the means as to which the data is gathered. This will lessen the opportunity for mistakes and result in consistent data across the department.

As you can see, the six Volunteer Chiefs agree as to the importance of this project. We hope it can be included in the upcoming budget. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any of the Volunteer Chiefs. As always, we thank you for the continued support of our operations.

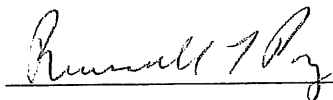
cc; John Butler, Fire Chief

The Volunteer Fire Chiefs of the six volunteer fire departments in Howard County, are united in support of a replacement of the Department of Fire and Rescues database management system. While, the current RMS and LOSAP system have served us well for many years, they currently fall short of the needs of our members today. As you are aware, technology continually evolves bringing new capabilities to the marketplace. Howard County has been a leader in keeping with these new innovations. It is time now to replace our aging software and bring us up to speed with our regional departments.

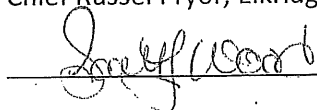
Approximately two years ago, some of us visited with folks from Harford County Fire and Rescue to take a look at a product they had been using for a couple of years. Harford County has both paid employees and volunteers. Their needs are comparable to ours and we were quite impressed by the functionality of the product they were using. We have looked at several other programs, but believe the RED NMX program Harford is using is the best fit for us. While all aspects of the records management system are important, this program has a good approach for dealing with the requirements of the LOSAP system and seamlessly integrates it into other record management areas. Capturing this information via Kiosh located in the fire stations and mobile capabilities further enhance the effectiveness of the product.

We therefore strongly encourage you to support funding for the RED MNX program and associated hardware in the upcoming budget. Our LOSAP system is antiquated and needs updated now. Tracking of personnel records and training records has also been a challenge. We feel this program will greatly improve the total management of all records and bring them into one central location. This will benefit all members of Fire and Rescue and bring many new capabilities to us.

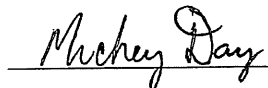
Thank you for your time and support of our mission to our members and the citizens and visitors of Howard County.




Chief Russel Pryor, Elkridge Vol Fire Dept



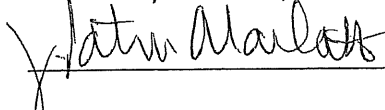
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Good Evening County Executive Kittleman,

I am Dorothy Plantz and I reside in Columbia, Maryland.

Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to present The Arc of Howard County's funding priorities for Fiscal Year 2018.

I am resubmitting this written testimony that we forwarded on December 2, 2016. Please include it as part of the record for the March 8, 2017 budget hearing.

First, I would like to thank you for your continued and unwavering support of The Arc of Howard County.

We greatly appreciate the funds we receive through the Community Service Partnership Grants program, administered by the Department of Community Resources and Services. These funds are critical for our organization as they support the following services provided by The Arc of Howard County:

- **Respite Care:** This program provides quality temporary care for children and adults at our Respite Care home located in Columbia. These services are provided on a daily, weekly, and weekend basis.
- **Residential Maintenance:** A support service that provides routine maintenance and/or renovation for the 50 Howard County homes that serve as residences for people supported by The Arc. We also annually choose maintenance projects that will make these homes more accessible and energy efficient.
- **Students to Employment Program (STEP):** A partnership between grant lead Humanim, The Arc, Athlelas Institute, Abilities Network, the Division of Rehabilitation Services, and the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS). This program provides coordination and support services to

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place students with disabilities who are leaving the school system and going into job opportunities. This program funds supports for students who are not initially eligible for state-funded services. This three-year program reduces the risk that these young adults will “fall through the cracks” until eligibility for employment supports is secured.

Another funding priority for The Arc is that of transportation, which remains a critical issue for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Most of the individuals that we support depend on some form of transportation assistance to get to work, get into the community and to their day program. County government funding is currently provided to help certain non-profit organizations transport individuals with disabilities. We thank you for your continued support of the funding and request that it remain in the budget for FY 2018.

Last, but certainly not least, we thank you and your administration for your staunch support and partnership with HCPSS and The Arc for Project SEARCH here in Howard County. Project SEARCH is a national, replicable model for non-diploma bound high school students. Twelve students in their last year of school take part in an internship program based in a host business in the community, facilitating the teaching and learning process as well as the acquisition of employability and marketable work skills. Now in its third year, Project SEARCH provides a critical foundation for transitioning youth whose goal is to achieve employment first. We want to thank you that Howard County government continues to be the host business for school year 2016-2017.

We look forward to a continued and productive working relationship with you and members of your administration and thank you for the financial and programmatic support that County government continues to provide.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Plantz, President
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Good Evening County Executive Kittleman,

I am Dorothy Plantz and I reside in Columbia, Maryland.

Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to present The Arc of Howard County's funding priorities for Fiscal Year 2018.

First, I would like to thank you for your continued and unwavering support of The Arc of Howard County.

We greatly appreciate the funds we receive through the Community Service Partnership Grants program, administered by the Department of Community Resources and Services. These funds are critical for our organization as they support the following services provided by The Arc of Howard County:

- **Respite Care:** This program provides quality temporary care for children and adults at our Respite Care home located in Columbia. These services are provided on a daily, weekly, and weekend basis.
- **Residential Maintenance:** A support service that provides routine maintenance and/or renovation for the 50 Howard County homes that serve as residences for people supported by The Arc. We also annually choose maintenance projects that will make these homes more accessible and energy efficient.
- **Students to Employment Program (STEP):** A partnership between grant lead Humanim, The Arc, Athlelas Institute, Abilities Network, the Division of Rehabilitation Services, and the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS). This program provides coordination and support services to place students with disabilities who are leaving the school system and going into job opportunities. This program funds supports for students who are not initially eligible for state-funded services. This three-year program reduces

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Budget Testimony
for the March 8
Budget Testimony.*



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the risk that these young adults will “fall through the cracks” until eligibility for employment supports is secured.

Another funding priority for The Arc is that of transportation, which remains a critical issue for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Most of the individuals that we support depend on some form of transportation assistance to get to work, get into the community and to their day program. County government funding is currently provided to help certain non-profit organizations transport individuals with disabilities. We thank you for your continued support of the funding and request that it remain in the budget for FY 2018.

Last, but certainly not least, we thank you and your administration for your staunch support and partnership with HCPSS and The Arc for Project SEARCH here in Howard County. Project SEARCH is a national, replicable model for non-diploma bound high school students. Twelve students in their last year of school take part in an internship program based in a host business in the community, facilitating the teaching and learning process as well as the acquisition of employability and marketable work skills. Now in its third year, Project SEARCH provides a critical foundation for transitioning youth whose goal is to achieve employment first. We want to thank you that Howard County government continues to be the host business for school year 2016-2017.

We look forward to a continued and productive working relationship with you and members of your administration and thank you for the financial and programmatic support that County government continues to provide.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Plantz, President
Board of Directors
Arc of Howard County

Cindy Parr
Executive Director
Arc of Howard County

Blandair Park Estimated Project Phasing Timeline**March 29, 2017**

Phase 1A (Started Construction Nov. 16, 2010, Grand Opening March 17, 2012)

- Entrance Road from Oakland Mills Road
- Three Artificial Turf Multi-Purpose Fields with lights bleachers & press-boxes
- Parking
- Playground
- Walkways

Phase 1B (Started Construction Fall 2012, Construction completed - Summer 2013)

- Comfort Station with Storage Rooms
- Pavilion
- Landscaping
- Started Design of Phase 2 (design completed – Fall 2013)

Phase 2 (Started construction late Spring 2015, estimated completion – late summer of 2017)

- Two Artificial Turf Baseball Fields with lights
- Five Tennis Courts
- Parking
- Playground
- Pavilion
- Comfort Stations with Storage Rooms
- Pathways
- Start Design of Phase 3 - Fall 2013 (estimated design completion – Spring 2016)

Phase J (South) (Started construction late Spring 2015, estimated completion - late summer 2017)

- Realignment of Oakland Mills Road
- Access and Egress Ramps to Route 175

Phase 3 (Estimated start of construction Fall 2017. Estimated construction completion, Spring 2019)

- Maintenance Building with Offices, Storage, and Fenced Yard
- Parking Lot
- Play for all Playground
- Backyard Games (Horseshoes, Bocce Ball, Croquet)
- Comfort Station with Storage Rooms
- Pavilion/Shade Structure
- Pathways & Bridges
- Dog Park (Dog Park will not be constructed until the bridge across RT 175 is constructed and Oakland Mills Road no longer goes through Phase 3.

Phase J (North) (Please confirm project dates with DPW)

- Ingress and Egress Ramps to Route 175
- Bridge over Route 175

Phase 4 (Estimated start of design Summer 2018 construction – Estimated Start of construction Spring 2020)

- Entrance Roadway
- Festival Lawn
- Parking
- Playground
- Pavilion
- Comfort Station with Storage Rooms
- Pathways
- Children's Garden

Note: Phase 4 construction cannot start until the bridge over RT 175 connecting to the northern side of Blandair Park is completed.

Phase 5 (Estimated start of design Spring 2021. Estimated start of construction Fall 2022)

- Interpretive Nature Center with Restrooms
- Environmental Education Area/Building
- Nature Trails and Pathways

Phase 6 (Estimated start of design Fall 2023. Estimated start of construction Spring 2025)

- Multipurpose Building/Indoor Sports Complex
- Skate Park
- Basketball Courts
- Parking

Phase 7 (Estimated start of design Fall 2024. Estimated start of construction Spring 2026)

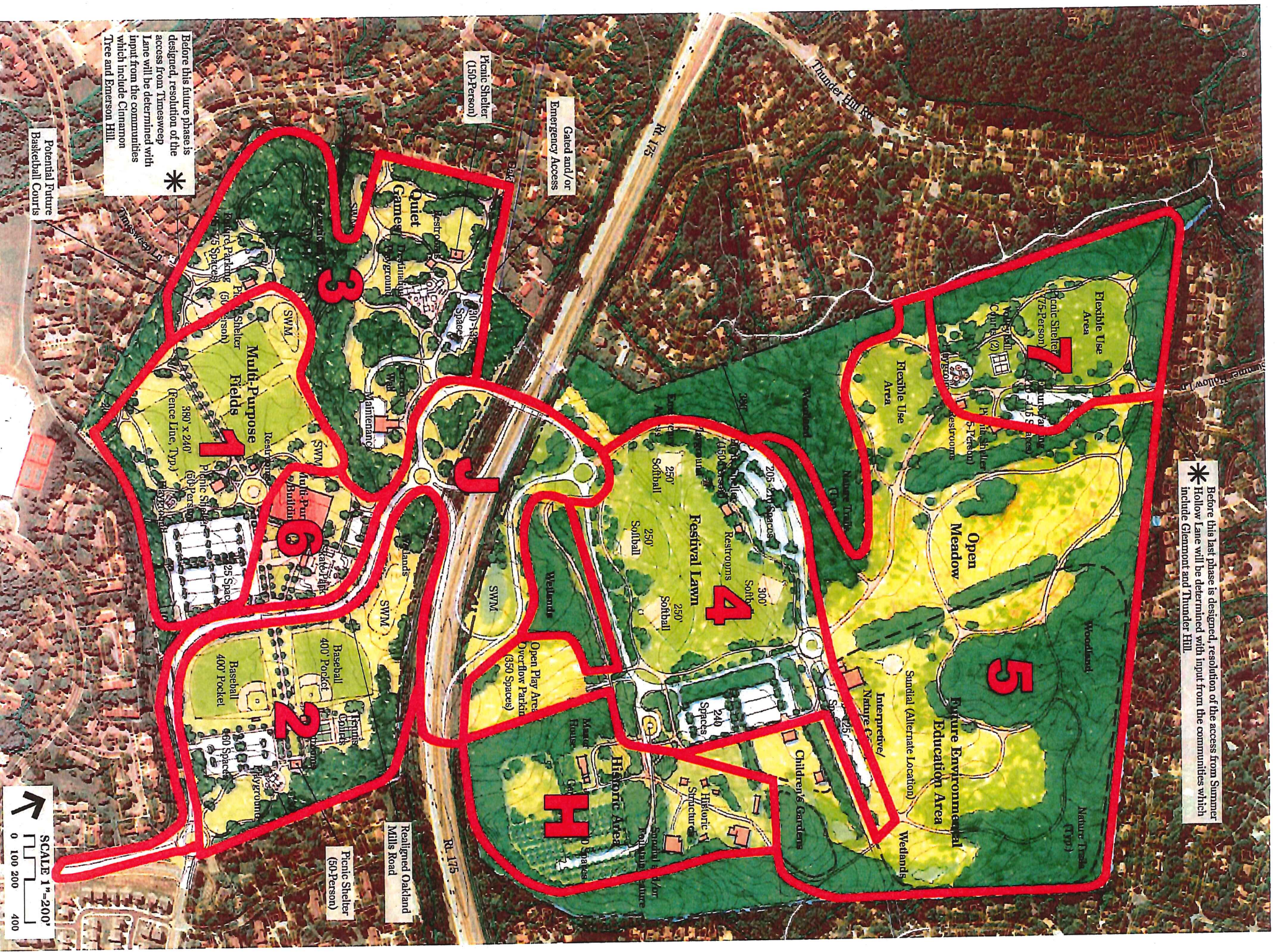
- Entrance Road, Parking
- Playground
- Pavilion
- Comfort Station with Storage Rooms
- Court Games – Volleyball
- Pathways

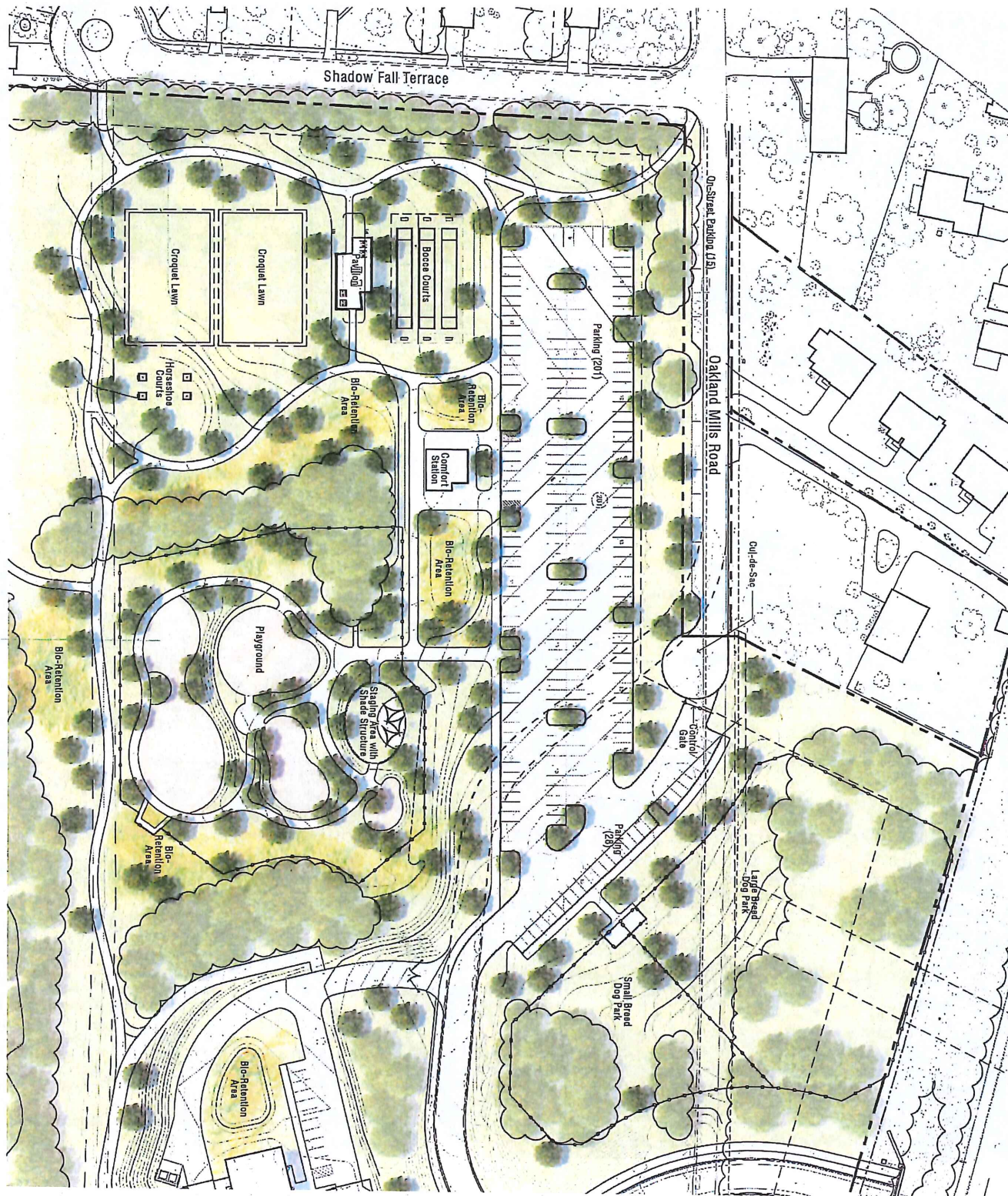
Phase H – Mansion Restoration (ongoing)

Note: This timeline is dependent on the annual capital budget allocation and are subject to change.

✱ Before this last phase is designed, resolution of the access from Summer Hollow Lane will be determined with input from the communities which include Glenmont and Thunder Hill.

✱ Before this future phase is designed, resolution of the access from Timesweep Lane will be determined with input from the communities which include Cinnamon Tree and Emerson Hill.





Troy Park Estimated Project Phasing Timeline (N3957)

April 12, 2017

Phase 1 (Started Construction June 2013, construction completed – Summer 2014)

- Entrance Road and Mass Grading
- First two Multi-Purpose Fields along Route 100
- Parking
- Playground
- Started Design of Phase 2 (design completion – Fall 2015)

Phase 2 (Started construction August 2016, est. completion – Early Fall 2017)

- One Multi-Purpose Field
- Parking
- Pavilions
- Comfort Stations (Restrooms And Storage Buildings)
- Start Design of Phase 2A (est. design completion Summer 2017)

Phase 2A (Est. start of construction - Spring 2019)

- One Multi-Purpose Stadium Field
- Start Design of Phase 3 (est. design completion Phase 3, - Fall 2019)

Phase 3 (Est. construction start date - Spring 2021)

Maintenance Facility

- Maintenance Access Road
- Trails

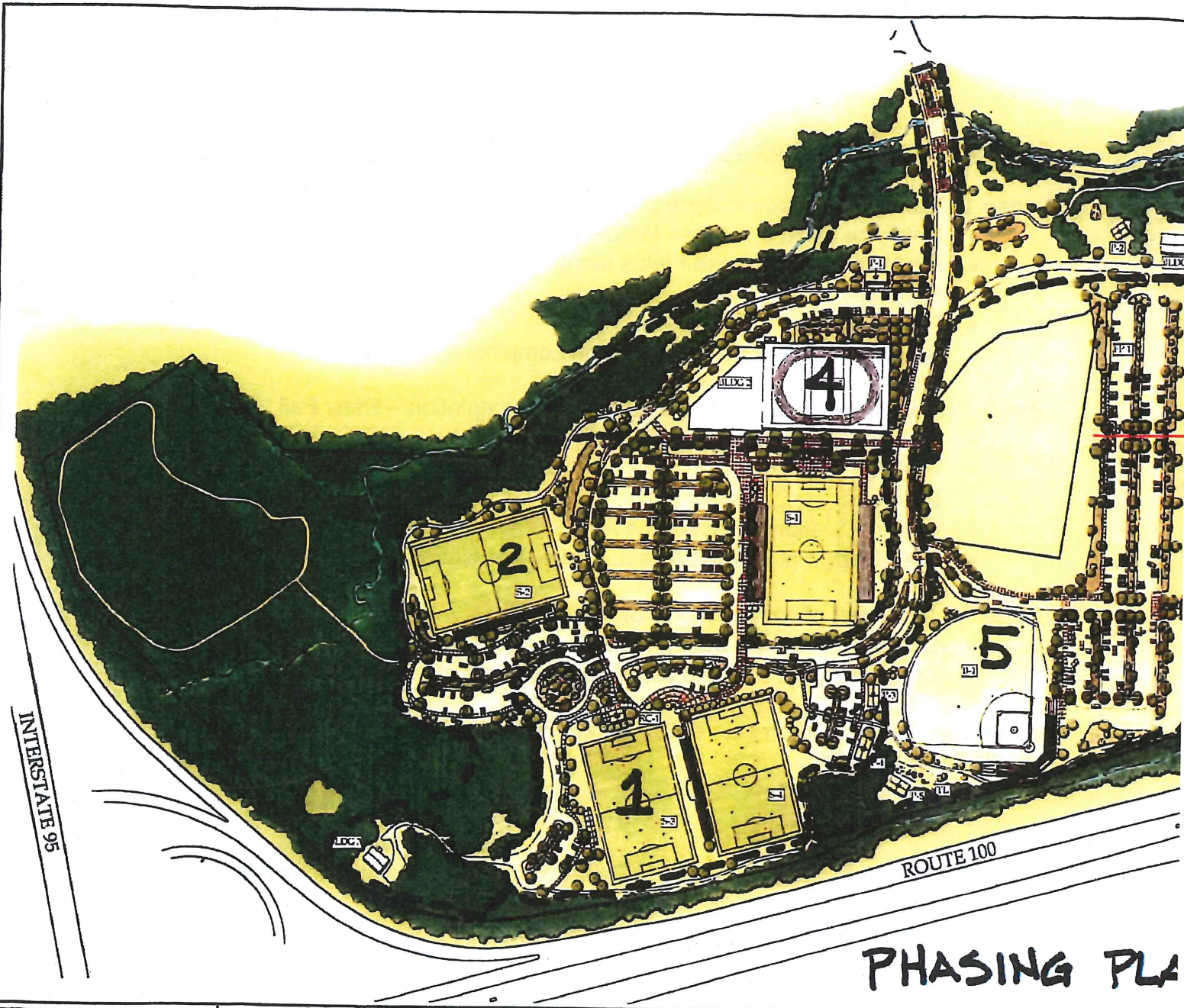
Phase 4 (Est. start Design - Fall 2025) Construction funding is not shown in 10-year plan)

- Community Center and Indoor Track
- Parking
- Trails

Phase 5 (Future Design and Construction) Design and construction funding is not shown in 10-year plan.)

- Three Synthetic Turf Baseball Fields.
- Parking
- Playground
- Trails
- Comfort Station (Restroom And Storage Building)

Mansion Restoration (Ongoing)



PHASING PLAN



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SITE RESOURCES
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TROY PARK AT ELKRIDGE MASTER PLAN - OPTION 2B

ACQUISITIONS IN PROCESS

PROPERTY OWNER	ACREAGE	ZONING/TIER	PROGRAM	ALPP PER ACRE	TOTAL I
Pickett/Frey	109.07	RC/IV	ALPP Purchased	\$31,214.40	\$3,404,61
Sachs	20.56	RC/IV	ALPP Purchased	\$26,094.00	\$536,51
Ziegler, PAR D (Teige)	61.50	RC/IV	ALPP Purchased	\$31,780.00	\$1,955,21
Ziegler, PAR E	50.09	RC/IV	ALPP Purchased	\$26,020.00	\$1,303,41
					\$7,191

ACQUISITIONS SETTLED

PROPERTY OWNER	ACREAGE	ZONING/TIER	PROGRAM	ALPP PER ACRE	TOTAL I
Cattail Meadows, LLC	166.82	RC/III	ALPP Purchased	\$39,468.00	\$6,584,11
Iglehart/Dunn	29.62	RC/IV	ALPP Purchased	\$26,921.00	\$797,41
AFS Farm, LLC	58.70	RC/IV	ALPP Purchased	\$28,560.00	\$1,676,51
Carroll	52.95	RC/III	ALPP Purchased	\$30,966.00	\$1,639,71
Berman	50.12	RC & R-ED/IV & I	ALPP Purchased	\$24,148.80	\$1,210,41
Our Forsythe, LLC	29.38	RC/IV	ALPP Purchased	\$21,625.60	\$635,41
Sharp	57.26	RC/III	ALPP Purchased	\$28,890.00	\$1,654,01
Pue	81.40	RR/III	ALPP Purchased	\$24,216.00	\$1,971,21
Pfefferkorn, Louis	54.40	RC/IV	ALPP Purchased	\$26,429.60	\$1,437,81
Taro	95.00	RC/IV	ALPP Purchased	\$29,044.00	\$2,759,21
Pfefferkorn, Jim	49.00	RC/III	ALPP Purchased	\$30,077.00	\$1,469,11
Pfefferkorn, LLC	78.10	RC/IV	ALPP Purchased	\$31,156.80	\$2,433,41
Cissel	50.10	RC/III	ALPP Purchased	\$26,676.20	\$1,337,01
Barrow Family LLC	70.66	RC/IV	MALPF Purchased	\$29,310.00	\$2,070,91
					\$27,611

TOTAL OF IN PROCESS AND SETTLED (excludes MALPF acquisition)

TOTAL APPROPRIATED FUNDING (This includes \$5,406,832 of previously appropriated unspent funding)

46% of total appropriated has already been committed to 13 ALPP properties that have settled

Additional 13% of total appropriated will be committed if 4 in pipeline continue through to settlement

SCORED, UNCOMMITTED – COULD APPLY, DEVELOP OR DO NOTHING

PROPERTY OWNER	ACREAGE	ZONING/TIER	PROGRAM	ALPP PER ACRE	TOTAL P
Boarman (Fulton)	49.00	RR/III	ALPP Purchased	\$15,600.00	\$764,40
Brickell	25.00	RR/III	ALPP Purchased	\$13,847.20	\$346,18
Brown	24.00	RR/III	ALPP Purchased	\$10,215.00	\$245,16
Carroll, I	20.00	RC/IV	ALPP Purchased	\$19,062.00	\$381,24
Clements	57.00	RC/IV	ALPP Purchased	\$29,370.00	\$1,674,09
Cumberland	23.00	RC/III	ALPP Purchased	\$24,472.00	\$562,85
Dickey	140.78	RC/IV	ALPP Purchased	\$33,823.00	\$4,761,63
Harrison	68.00	RC/IV	ALPP Purchased	\$30,394.40	\$2,054,66
Longwood	99.00	RC/IV	ALPP Purchased	\$26,980.00	\$2,671,02
Sewell	52.00	RC/IV	ALPP Purchased	\$23,974.40	\$1,246,66
Sowell	24.00	RC/IV	ALPP Purchased	\$19,720.00	\$473,28
Swann	39.40	RR/III	ALPP Purchased	\$18,979.20	\$747,78
Von Berg	60.80	RC/IV	ALPP Purchased	\$20,521.60	\$1,247,72
					\$17,11

IF ALL OF THE PROPERTIES ON THIS PAGE WERE TO APPLY AND PROCEED TO SETTLEMENT, WE WOULD STILL BE \$5.42 MILLION BELOW THE APPROPRIATED AMOUNT.



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FY 2018 Capital Budget Hearing

Item: Bicycle Plan Project Funding

The Horizon Foundation has joined 1,000 people and 17 other groups representing business, environmental, health and transportation interests to advocate for the Bikeway as the first step in implementing the Bicycle Master Plan, passed unanimously by the County Council last year.

The Bikeway, which includes 10 percent of projects in the Bicycle Master Plan, would make routes accessible to more than half of the county's residents, connecting them to schools, workplaces and other destinations. The Bikeway would make it significantly easier for residents to take a bicycle to everyday locations, and would encourage more physical activity guidelines.

Building the Bikeway for three years, based on a community survey and a focus group. Yet despite the broad support, the FY 2018 capital budget in the work. The Bike Master Plan is a rate we will not be able to

We understand that budgets are also a reflection of the work. In Salisbury, Howard County, projects in the city of Montgomery County's county executive more than \$20 million for bike routes. Howard County mind.

We are here representing the voices of those who believe that the county can do more to promote bicycling and reap the economic, environmental and health benefits, including: American Heart Association Mid-Atlantic Affiliate, Ascent Bicycle Studio, Bicycling Advocates of Howard County, Columbia Association, Earth Forum of Howard County, GreenStone Ventures, Howard County Chamber of Commerce, Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board, Howard County General Hospital, Howard County Group of the Maryland Sierra Club, Howard Hughes Corporation, Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition, Howard County Public Transportation Board, Princeton Sports, Race Pace Bicycles, The Cycle Mill and Transition Howard County.

We ask you to continue to be supportive of cycling by passing a complete streets policy and design manual this summer, and to support increased funding that will make the Bikeway a reality.

Written testimony from Alan Davis, Princeton Sports

My name is Alan Davis,

2507 Sophia Chase Drive

Marriottsville Md.

I am the President of Princeton Sports on Little Patuxent Parkway. I have been a Columbia resident, homeowner and business owner for over 35 years.

I am here as the owner of a small business that has been in Howard County since 1981

I hope that after this many years, you are familiar with our store and what we sell and do. What you probably don't know is that we currently have over 35 employees and have employed generations through the years.

Bicycling is a large part of our business. My grandparents started selling and renting bicycles in Park Circle in 1936.

We sell all kinds of bicycles -- from balance bikes for little kids just starting to learn, to comfort bikes, to hybrids.

From entry level bikes, to the top of the line performance bikes for both mountain and road, we sell and service them all.

We promote family cycling and most of all, we promote health and fun.

We are deeply involved in Howard County. I am a founding member of the Howard County Police Foundation as well as The Bicycle Advocates of Howard County.

I have served on over a dozen non-profits throughout the years.

As a local business, we are involved in our community. We repair and rehab bikes for the Police to give away. We regularly provide SAG support for bicycling events such as the Columbia Triathlon, Irongirl and the Columbia Bike a bout.

We partner with many schools and community groups to promote bicycle safety and maintenance.

We lead regular Sunday rides that attract, on average, up to 150 riders, many of whom are novices. These rides years ago were on Tuesday nights but we had to change to Sunday mornings because of the aggressive driving in the county

Our business has grown over the past several years as more and more people have discovered the joys of bicycling and generally being active.

We have customers of all ages and physical abilities - from grandchildren to grandparents.

I am here today to comment on the Executives budget and ask that you reconsider the amount for new bike lanes and paths

Our customers tell us that they want better and safer ways to get around by bike for themselves and for their families -- better bike lanes, better trails, and better roads.

It isn't safe to ride on a lot of the roads. There isn't enough room for cyclist and cars. Our customers and friends are scared, they want to ride and want safer friendlier places to ride.

Columbia can do this, we can do this, and there is a plan in place.

They will ride and walk more if we have better on- and off-road facilities, bicycle parking places, and more safety conscious motorists.

I urge you as a resident, a bicycle rider and a small business owner, please shift additional capital funds in the FY 2018 budget to line item K5606 and have the vision to support even greater funding levels in future years to Build the Bikeway in Howard County.

Testimony to the County Council Regarding the Bikeway
Angela G. Long, MS, MPH, Bicycling Advocates of Howard County

Good evening County Council Chairperson Weinstein, Vice Chairperson Ball, and County Council Members Fox, Sigaty and Terrasa—

My name is Angela Long. I am a resident of West Friendship, a public health professional, an avid cyclist, and the vice president of Bicycling Advocates of Howard County or BAHC, which I am representing tonight. Would the Bicycling Advocates in the room please stand?

BAHC advocates with and on behalf of the thousands of people in the county who bicycle on a regular basis, and the tens of thousands who have a bike in the basement or garage and wish they could bike more. I am here tonight to speak against the County Executive's proposed capital budget, to which he allocated only \$600,000 in bicycle projects. We are disappointed that there isn't a stronger commitment to funding the Bikeway, which is a strategic first step of implementing the Bicycle Master Plan that you approved a year ago. The Bikeway would have been a 50-mile network of connected routes spanning Ellicott City to Laurel, and Clarksville to Elkridge. With \$600,000 I doubt we could get from the George Howard Building to downtown Ellicott City!

BAHC decided to advocate for the Bikeway with the Horizon Foundation because we think it's smart and it achieves our mission to promote bicycling as part of a healthy, environmentally sound way to achieve a sustainable future for Howard County and for Maryland. Through this journey, we've seen remarkable enthusiasm from county residents.

- Over 1000 people wrote letters and 18 organizations support the Bikeway, asking for a \$3M per year investment for three years
- Hundreds of people placed calls to the County Executive, and
- Nearly 100 people attended budget hearings

We have copies of these letters for you, divided by district, so you can see the enthusiasm from your constituents.

But, because of the proposed budget, Howard County residents are losing out.

- We lose out on transportation alternatives, which lead to fewer cars on the roads
- We lose easy and safe routes to places we need to go like schools, work, businesses, parks, and commuting hubs
- We lose the opportunity for improved health through increased activity and cleaner air, and
- We lose out on having a sustainable future for our county

I travel to Madison, Wisconsin for business and when I'm there I can commute everywhere by bicycle. I feel safe and respected on protected bicycle lanes and paths. It's safer for cars, too. Madison became a platinum bicycle city because they had city leadership that pushed for it. I know we're not Madison, and that we've got to facilitate bicycling in a Howard County way. But let's have that vision! Let's have that leadership!

BAHC urges you to shift additional capital funds in the FY 2018 budget to line item K5606 and have the vision to support even greater funding levels in future years. ***Let's Build the Bikeway in Howard County!*** Thank you.

Bikeway Support Summary for Jon Weinstein, District 1

18 Organizations Supporting the Bikeway:

- Bicycling Advocates of Howard County
- Columbia Association
- Howard County Chamber of Commerce
- Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board
- Howard County General Hospital
- Howard Hughes Corporation
- Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition
- Howard County Public Transportation Board
- GreenStone Ventures
- American Heart Association Mid-Atlantic Affiliate
- Princeton Sports
- Race Pace Bicycles
- The Cycle Mill
- Earth Forum of Howard County
- Transition Howard County
- Howard County Group of the Maryland Sierra Club
- Ascent Bicycle Studio

Howard County resident support:

- **1000+ people have submitted letters of support, including 227 from District 1.** People signed support of this statement: "By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a transportation network that makes life better by helping people bike or walk where they want to go."
- More than 50 supporters attended the second county budget hearing, and
- We believe approximately 300 people have called the County Executive's office to voice their support.

The notes from your constituents are attached. Here is the text from a few, on why they want the Bikeway:

I work at HCC and I attempt to ride to work for health, environmental, and the fact that we have nightmarish parking issues on campus. However, getting from my house to HCC, I take my life in my hands because of no shoulders, distracted drivers, and dangerous road conditions. **We want to be the healthiest, best place to live? Let's put our money where our PR is....** -Maura Dunnigan, 4808 Woodshire Garth, Ellicott City

Three reasons:

I am an avid cyclist and will make great use of the bikeway system

I am a health enthusiast and would use the system to stay in shape

I am a company owner and I can use the bikeway system to attract better employees

-Gregory Klassen, 6494 Park Forest Circle, ElkrIDGE

Having moved to Ellicott City from the Boston area, the thing that I miss the most is being able to walk/bike to stores, libraries, and restaurants. This is something that makes good communities livable and sustainable. From an environment and health perspective, it would be great for families to be able to bike and/or walk safely. For example, I live approximately a mile from Kiwanis Wallas park where my boys have baseball activities several times a week during the summer. It's an ideal distance for walking, yet there is no sidewalk or bike lane on Rt. 144 so it's not safe or convenient for our family to walk or bike there.

-Jennifer Grams, 3050 Terra Maria Way, Ellicott City

Letters in support of the Bikeway

From District 1

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I support any initiative that helps people bike or walk where they want to go.

Greg

4726 Gawain Place
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want to improve the environmental, health, safety and economic vitality of the people in our county.

Barbara Watson

10314 Cromwell Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: It's so important to our community to support healthy activities like cycling. Many people are discouraged by the traffic and safety concerns of cycling on a busy road. This plan for a Bikeway looks like a real positive improvement! Please give it your full support!

John Metz

10248 Bristol Channel
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am a cyclist and would like Bikeway because it would allow me and other cyclists improved, safer bike routes. More people would bike (get exercise, greener transportation, it's fun!!) if there were safer routes.

Mary Berlage

4066 Fragile Sail Way
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because bike transportation is an important means for myself & my husband to safely commute to and from work and errands. The proper infrastructure would enable us to do this regularly.

Elizabeth Schultz
3784 College Ave
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I think that this is a wonderful way to connect the county. To be able to bike versus driving will be excellent.

Aneka Bledsoe
6191 Montgomery Road
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Bikes are an important form of transportation

Jonathan Schultz
3784 College Ave
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Being able to get around Howard County without using an automobile is a worthy option.

John Burke
7917 Nottingham Way
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I enjoy biking and would love to do it safely.

Chirag Chaudhari
5201 Harvey Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Cycling infrastructure promotes health and benefits the economy. People want to work and live in a place that offers plentiful opportunities for recreation and multiple options for transportation.

Chris Nystrom
5423 Josie Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Bike commuting is something I see myself doing throughout my work & personal life and reasonable safety accommodation along any route is a bar for access. Wide buffers represent the minimum bar for experienced cyclists. But more innovative separations from traffic are needed to draw less-experienced/less-confident cyclists in to a healthier life-style and enhance our community.

James Klender
3725 Macalpine Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Making HC more bikable is a great step for commuters and residents. It will help reduce our dependence on cars and encourage a healthier community.

Sasha Nader
4017 Willow Bend
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want to bike in Howard County, but roads are very dangerous for bicyclists. If a bikeway were built, I would use it! A bikeway would give Howard County residents a healthy, green alternative to car travel.

Greta Swanson
4277 Red Bandana Way
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

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Why I care: I work at HCC and I attempt to ride to work for health, environmental, and the pack that we have nightmarish parking issues on campus. However, getting from my house to HCC, I take my life in my hands because of no shoulders, distracted drivers, and dangerous road conditions. We want to be the healthiest, best place to live? Let's put our money where our PR is....

Maura Dunnigan
4808 Woodshire Garth
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I dream of biking to work, to shopping, to friends houses and to all the beautiful Howard County Parks. But I am fearful of accidents with cars on the road. This bikeway will make it safer for all of us to get out an exercise more and enjoy our beautiful county. When driving in cars we miss all the details and beauty that surrounds us. I can't think of a better way to enjoy Howard County. Please fund this initiative! Thank you!

Kathy Craven
6486 Park Forest Circle
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: This proposal will allow for safer bike riding on our roadways and make riding more accessible to all

Janet Drnach
5217 Bordeaux Cove
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I would like to ride my bike around more often ... there is a lot of traffic in Ho Co especially in and around Ellicott City and Columbia. It doesn't always feel safe to ride.

David Mahaffey
5297 Talbots Landing
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I enjoy biking, believe in the health benefits but I hesitate at times due to not feeling very safe on the roadway.

Rich West
5601 Columbia Road, Apt 102
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'd really like to bike to work more often but the roads are dangerous on the way. A good network of bike paths has been shown to improve the local economy and support housing values. It would give my daughter more opportunities for exercise. Couldn't we put some bike paths along power line right-of-ways?

Jay Gordon
4918 Worthington Way
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: biking makes my life better

Chris Ford
6926 Montgomery Road
elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: The trail will provide a safe off road route for cyclists to get from point A to point B. It will provide a safe hAven for children learning to cycle and will instill in them a love for the bicycle which will stay with them throughout their adult life.

Robert Bernstein
8493 Timberland Circle
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am an avid cyclist and ride the roads of HOCO all the time. Safety needs to be improved on our roads. More importantly as a cardiologist I talk about exercise with my patients every day. We need to do everything possible to make it easier/safer for our citizens to exercise. Otherwise the obesity/Diabetes epidemics will continue to explode.

Michael E. Silverman, MD
10301 Princeton Circle
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want a safer way to bike around. Our children can't bike far in Ellicott City with such narrow shoulders.

Patricia Soffen
5310 Honey Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Healthy and safe exercise will promote a higher quality of life

Brian Wallace
3831 Parrot Drive
Ellicott, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am a HC resident and often bike around the county. We need more safe places to ride to encourage fitness, recreation, and alternate commuting modalities!

Stephen Lesche
3614 Chatham Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: There is no safe bicycle route out of Crestwood as Ilchester Lane has no dedicated bike lanes and barely any shoulder

Greg Schuckman
5140 Crestwood Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I care about this project because my favorite childhood activity was riding my bike around a nearby lake. I want my kids to hAve the same opportunity!

Debbie Millburn
5268 Talbots Landing
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Tired of having to slow down for bicyclists and could cause an accident

Bernadette Olean
5128 Crestwood Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because it will keep Howard county relevant as a leading community nationwide

Sarah Morad
5159 Britten Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: This is a necessary public safety effort that will at the same time improve quality of life and promote a healthy lifestyle in our community.

Art Morad
5159 Britten Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Betsy Francis
4952 Ellis Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: More ways for safer biking is always a plus!

Charles Jenkins
4961 Bonnie Branch Road
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Christine Reier
6127 Lori Lane
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I commute to work and ride the roads with my kids.

Craig Snyder
3792 Plum Spring Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: So grandchildren hAve a place to ride their bikes

Corinne
6127 Lori Lane
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want to be able to ride my bike - to the store or to work - without sacrificing my safety on roads with cars and narrow or no shoulders.

Carol Curley
4660 Huntley Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: It promotes health and safety, plus lessens traffic and vehicle pollution.

Jenny Harris
9173 Windflower Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Commute to work, health & recreation, rides with kids

Matt Kuhn
8460 Spring Showers Way
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safety & Environment

David P. Foley
3417 Tyler Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I would like to see more adults and children hAve the ability to cycle safely

Bob Parisi
3754 Chateau Ridge Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I believe that a major hurdle to increasing bicycle use/commuting is the availability of safe pathways connecting prime areas to where the people live. The Bikeway will make major inroads to providing this link to residents of Howard County. Additionally, it begins to provide a solution to the ever increasing traffic problems throughout the county if it can be made accessible, safe and attractive to the residents.

Matthew Rankin
10271 Globe Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want county resident to bicycle more

Mitchell Krasnopoler
3833 Dahlgren Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: healthy & Safe exersize

Brian Wallace
3831 Parrot Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I support projects that will make Howard County more bike-friendly.

Andrea Friend
10270 Globe Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: our family rides for health and transportation weekly

Kathy Segal
8580 Trail View Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want a safe, healthy, environmentally friendly way to move throughout my community. I love to bike and wish I didn't hAve to drive so far to find safe places to ride with my friends and family.

Kerry Lenny
4547 Kingscup Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am an avid cyclist and would love to safely bike in my area to shop and run errands.

Teresa A. Margerum
6425 Woodburn Ave
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because I commute to work by bike and because I want to encourage biking safely.

Anne Reis
10233 Little Brick House Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Myself and my children love to bike and we would love a safe place in hoco to bike long distances.

Henry S.
Daniel John Drive
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I grew up in Howard County, and used my bicycle to get around a lot as a kid, especially after school. I would hAve done so more if the bike paths and sidewalks connected better and more safely between villages, and I believe that access is worth building.

David Wagner
4285 Bright Bay Way
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I bike as much as I can to reduce emissions and the health benefit is 10 fold. - the main roads are no place for bikes, I've come close to being hit on numerice occasions. Bike trails would alleviate this problem.

Jeffrey Barclay
4315 Doncaster Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I hAve 5 kids and would love them to be able to bike or walk to and from school or friend's homes as they get older. We live off of Century in Ellicott City. Although we hAve a lovely park for the kids to explore, it is unsafe for them to cross Old Annapolis to visit with their many friends who live in the Font Hill Neighborhood. I would love to see many more miles of bike paths and side walks so that kids can safely get around and so that people are overall less reliant on cars. Even adding crosswalks and stop signs on some key spots would help encourage people to walk or bike more. It would slow traffic down on roads such as Old Annapolis as well which could help make everyone safer.

Sarah Baumert
9848 Middle Meadow Road
Ellicott City, MD 20142

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: So that my family and I can bike safely and be more active.

Emily Markus
4228 Scarlet Sage Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I hAve been a cyclist in Howard County for 20 years and know the risks involved in commuting in this area. It would be great for the residents of Howard County to hAve a safe cycling option in their county.

Michael Popp
6036 Toomey Lane
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because I am a runner and cyclist. The Bikeway would be a vital part of my training!

Karen Cherry
5009 Orchard Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'm a cyclist and hAve had a few close calls with cars on the road. The bikeway would allow me to feel safer trAveling on my bike, and would allow me to use my bike instead of my car for everyday errands around town. It's important that we promote safe, environmentally friendly methods o transportation like biking or walking!

Sarah Evans
8486 Frederick Road
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I cycle on these roads and don't want to be hit by cars. It's so dangerous right now that many people hAve stopped cycling for fear of this.

Wendy Rumrill
404 Forest Lane
Catonsville, MD 21228

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because I hAve known people who hAve gotten hit by cars. The car drivers not care. I train for tri's and my daughters do as well.

Denise
4612 Tall Maple Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking off street is good for younger kids

Nick Nichols
3613 Rusty Rim Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want my kids to be safe, I want people to hAve the ability to sAvely bike to work

Rachel Green Collins
3506 Lower Mill
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: The health, social and environmental advantages of biking hardly need to be enumerated in 2016. Howard County already has a magnificent and extensive network of bike paths in Columbia, but we need to move forward in the rest of the county. Safe, well-designed bike routes are the future. HoCo needs to get with the program.

Thomas C. Moser
9802 Northbrook Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking is a free and easy way of transportation. And riding is fun!

Brad DeBoy
6399 Lawyers Hill Road
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I would like to safely ride my bike throughout Howard County. Columbia has connected bike paths, but my area, Ellicott City, and surrounding areas do not connect to it. We have many narrow roads near us, and it is therefore unsafe for us to ride on the roads.

Adrienne Goldstein
9820 Middle Meadow Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Dan Finkelstein
8521 Trail View Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Having a bikeway is not only better for the environment, but is safer for our children and promotes a healthy lifestyle.

Stephen Vilnit
5559 April Journey
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: improving safety for cyclists

Debbier Lieberman
3859 Parrot Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am a cyclist and would love to hAve more safe bikeways in the County.

Kristine Mazerski
3925 Hunter Road
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safer streets for commuting to work & errands by bike, safer space for drivers to be more aware of cyclists

Betsy Blom
6025 Rock Glen Drive
Eldridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Bikeway could help all the bikers have their own road to ride safely

3201 Wheaton Way, Apt J
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Promote health and reduce pollution

Hui Men
3926 Saint John's Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking is a great healthy activating for all to enjoy - single, couple or family!

Diane Brown
4820 Dorsey Hall Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I ride my bike to and from work, it is dangerous at some places, I also ride for pleasure.

Theo Reis
10233 Little Brickhouse Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: It is a great way to get exercise and reduce car traffic

Theo Reis
10233 Little Brick house Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Less cars, more exercise, the national obesity epidemic, fresh air, environmentally sound

Sherry Bosley
4020 Macalpine Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: What a great way to keep families safe while bonding in a healthy way. Great for our environment, too!

Rick Wilson
9870 Century Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Would love to get the kids out more, but paths and parks are limited and busy now

Malik Khan
5141 Britten Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because I love to ride my bike but some of the roads are way to dangerous as I am 65. It would be good exercise for me and others who ride bikes for exercise and fun. Want it to be safe. Also good for kids of all ages.

Karen Joyce
7898 James Ave
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: To give bikers more safe options to trAvel in Howard County on their bikes

Karen Potter
4504 Chews Terrace
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Fitness, environment, community

Kristine Chamberlin-Lon
2909 Rosemar Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I need safe routes to ride my bike. It's getting more dangerous to ride on the road in Howard County.

Jeanine Murphy-Morris
4329 Doncaster Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: The roads hAve little to no shoulders and I hAve had numerous near misses with cars in the 20 years I hAve been living in Ellicott City.

Patricia Soffen
5310 Honey Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want to be able to bike to more places. Biking is good exercise and eliminates carbon pollution.

Barbara Scissors
4273 Hermitage Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Facilitate physical activities for all citizens of HoCo, especially seniors and school kids. Make safer bikeway and walking paths. Reduce the number of cars on the road and reduce CO2 pollution. Enhance personal life and environmental conditions for HoCo citizens, and make the county more attractive for people to move here and stay here.

Joseph L. Puchol-Salva
4150 Lotus Circle
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Three reasons:

I am an avid cyclist and will make great use of the bikeway system

I am a health enthusiast and would use the system to stay in shape

I am a company owner and I can use the bikeway system to attract better employees

Gregory Klassen
6494 Park Forest Circle
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want to keep bikers safe

Ashli Greenwald
5209 Harvey Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am a cyclist who would love to commute by bicycle and safely use my bike as transportation for other purposes as well.

Tracy Lynge
4036 Arjay Circle
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Sara Smith
5154 Good Memory Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: As an avid bicyclist and resident of Howard County, I am concerned every time I ride my bike on the roads in HoCo. I hAve been in several near accidents due to drivers not keeping their distance, not paying attention, and not seeing me. I ride my bike around the BWI loop which is a distance to trAvel. Also, the BWI paths hAve much more volume because people don't feel safe on the roadside. The high volume has generated many accidents.

I would appreciate riding my bike in a safe area. Also, bike paths encourage healthy lifestyles and add great value to the community.

Jill Wadsworth
8317 Governors Run
Ellicott City, MD 20143

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: This will help with transportation issues across the county.

Rev. Dr. Matthew Poole
8445 High Ridge Road
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I've been working through the Bicycling Advocates of Howard County for the past 9 years with the goal of making Howard County safer and more accessible for bicycles. Now that the County hAve an approved Bicycle Master Plan and are completing a Complete Streets Policy it is time to start implementing the plan. We need to thoughtful selection and funding of elements of bicycle infrastructure that will provide the best return in making our County a truly bicycle friendly community.

BAHC has been working with the Horizon Foundation for the past year to identify how to make the possible use of Bicycle Master Plan funding to create a viable 'bikeway'/bicycle routes that would span the County east to west and north to south. The Bikeway is an essential and cost effective way to start development of a bicycle network that can help achieve the objectives of the BAHC - and HC bicycling community:

Near-Term Objective: To improve the visibility and safety of the bicycling community in Howard County.

Mid-Term Objective: To foster and support bicycle commuting as an alternative to automobiles within Howard County for both work and school transportation.

Far-Term Objective: To promote a vision of bicycling as part of an energy efficient transportation system to help achieve a sustainable future for Howard County and the region.

Jack Guarneri
10224 Little Brick House Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'm a licensed cycling instructor and avid cyclist. I think the future of Howard County will continue to transform into a more human-centric environment where natural spaces and healthy lifestyles will become more prevalent.

Kevin Blaney
7076 Ducketts Lane
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Health and wellness are more important than ever; with obesity rates on the rise. This is a great way to a better lifestyle!

Courtney Skinner
3020 Grotto Walk
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Having moved to Ellicott City from the Boston area, the thing that I miss the most is being able to walk/bike to stores, libraries, and restaurants. This is something that makes good communities livable and sustainable. From an environment and health perspective, it would be great for families to be able to bike and/or walk safely. For example, I live approximately a mile from Kiwanis Wallas park where my boys hAve baseball activities several times a week during the summer. It's an ideal distance for walking, yet there is no sidewalk or bike lane on Rt. 144 so it's not safe or convenient for our family to walk or bike there.

Jennifer Grams
3050 Terra Maria Way
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'm a passionate, lifelong cyclist and feel that connecting more of our path systems in Howard County will help make transportation by bicycle safer for a greater number of cyclists. However, part of this initiative should include additional bike lockers throughout the county (libraries, schools, fitness centers, pools, office complexes, etc) to provide a secure place for cyclists bikes. These lockers could be coin operated and the money could be used to first return the investment on the lockers themselves, then the funds could be used to help offset the cost of preventive maintenance on the pathway systems. Many children don't ride bikes to school, as an example, because their bikes get vandalized or stolen even when locked to the current bike racks. So if a bikeway were to be built, please consider these things as part of the planning process.

Glenn Humphrey
6314 Loring Drive
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Riding bikes is a fun and healthy activity but riding on Howard County's winding roads with narrow shoulders is very dangerous especially because drivers are often distracted with their cell phones. Adding bike lanes will make citizens safer and make HC a more attractive place to live which improves property values.

Scott Gras
3050 Terra Maria Way
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'd like a safe way to exercise

Terri Savage
3011 Grotto Walk
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Need safe neighborhoods

Jeyanthi Manuvel
10198 Globe Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: More fitness. Better quality of life. Less injuries on open roads too.

Edwin Bodensiek
3047 Terra Maria Way
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: To increase safety for the many bikers that use roads with no shoulder like rt. 144 and Folly Quarter.

Josh
3181 Saint Charles Place
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: As an avid cyclist, it would be a great way to commute to work and cut down on our carbon footprint and create a safer way to trAvel by bicycle.

Paul Wetzstein
8486 Frederick Road
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I would love to be able to bike safely in HoCo ... narrow shoulders and a lack of adequate dedicated bike lanes make it nearly impossible.

Hallie Brokowsky
4812 Portsmouth Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I love biking and I love not being squashed by cars!

Peter Hall
10217 New Forest Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am a recreational rider who would like to use my bike more for routine errands. For recreation I choose routes that are rural and safe, I sometimes even drive my bike to a start point. In order to get to businesses around the county, however, I must use busy roads that are not always bike friendly. The Bikeway is a safer way to get across the county that will allow me to use my bike more as a regular means of transportation.

Gregg Schauerman
10009 Carrigan Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Jim Seewagen
9925 Whitworth Way
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking is healthy on so many levels, but unsafe for those who live outside of Columbia. Commuting by bike to anywhere south of Columbia is very hazardous because of the lack of bike lanes. Please support this project which will enrich our community and build a more complex transportation tapestry.

Dan Helfrich
4420 Manor Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: If you build SAFE bikeways, people will use them! Many more people will actually start commuting to work if they had safe bikeways. New businesses often get created to serve the needs of bikers using new bike paths. It's healthier to bike, it becomes a lifestyle, and it reduces fossil fuel use which reduces air pollution which causes asthma and other serious illnesses. And we need to transition away from fossil fuels to reduce global warming, which I see as THE most serious problem facing the world. Plus, I just enjoy biking, but only on bike paths separated from road traffic.

Cheryl Arney
4361 Wild Filly Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: We are trying to stay healthy as we age and biking is great exercise. We would like to bike more places however it doesn't feel safe biking on roads near cars. The Bikeway would be such a welcome addition to Howard County. It could even cut down on traffic as more people would bike or walk on it. Please invest in building this excellent transportation option!

Sdyney Wallace
3831 Parrot Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am avid cyclist and would want saafe pathways to trAvel in and around EC and Columbia.

Marcus Marcinelli
4537 Chews Vineyard Road
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Daniel Proulx
5138 Good Memory Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: We need to build the infrastructures to encourage people to get out and exercise! What better way to exercise than to be able to bike to visit friends!

Sabrina Fu
9817 Madelaine Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I ride my bike to get places

Jonthan Schultz
3784 College Ave
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because I believe it is better for Howard county to hAve another form of transportation for its residents! I commute to work by bicycle and I bicycle for pleasure and I want everyone who bikes in HC to be safe and hAve access to pathways.

Anne Reis
10233 Little Brick House Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I bike to my work most of the year

Theo Reis
10233 Little Brick House Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I ride regularly along many of the roads west of Ellicott City. The road surfaces at the outer edges of many of the roads ranges from a nice surface with plenty of space for cars to pass, to rough and broken surfaces that force riders out into the traffic lane, to absolutely no safe bike lane at all.

In some places, road repairs are so rough and unfinished that riding on them becomes hazardous.

And, often the terrain either falls off steeply or is bounded by a guard rail, either of which pose real hazards to riders who are forced off of the pAved surface.

I would be more than happy to show someone from the county exactly what I'm describing.

Dave Prestel
10160 Tanfield Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I live in Howard County and I love to ride my bike. I always feel safer on paths than on roads. I enjoy the shade and cooler paths in the summer and the protection from the wind in the winter. Columbia paths are awesome but it would be better if the connections made trAvel across the county easier. Currently it is difficult to connect the paths together and usually requires a map and hoping the streets I will use are bicycle friendly.

Bonnie Kuhar
4616 Poplar Creek Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: It's great exercise and bonding for the whole family

Paul Rempert
10350 Globe Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I ride to work everyday in the summer. Some parts of my route are dangerous and must be addressed. I also love to ride with my family but they cannot and will not ride on the dangerous roads of Howard County. Also I ride many miles on the weekends and hAve to fight angry drivers that are not willing to take a few seconds to be polite to riders.

Christopher Ennis
10365 Breconshire Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Luis Maestre
3218 Normandy Wood Drive, Apt A
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safety mostly. But this would also take riders off roads which marginally causes some congestion

Randy Respess
10229 Bristol Channel
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Im cyclist

Nicole Kelley
406 Oak Forest Ave
Catonsville, MD 21228

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safety, accessibility, commuting, fitness, fun, exploration

Matt Kuhn
8460 Spring Showers Way
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: For safety - riding in county roads is dangerous as drivers hAve little to no regard to sharing the road

Giovanni Insignares
3804 Plum Spring Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am a 40 year Howard county resident. I hAve enjoyed the growth in the county over those years. But it's come at a price for those of us who enjoyed the rural, low traffic roads of yesteryear where we could ride our bikes along the farms. Please make Howard County a model for bike riding. Just like it is amodel for the country in so many other ways!

Joseph Zapata
9989 Timberknoll Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: We live in a county that strives to promote sustainability on so many levels, the bikeway is another effort in that vain. With all the growth happening in town center, it makes sense to invest in a strategy that will lower congestion on the roads and improve quality of life.

Robin McClave
5650 Vantage Point Road
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: We talk about the great recreational opportunities in Howard Co and making the county less car dependent. We can add to both by building a connected Bikeway so Howard County can enhance its great reputation again.

David Lyon
4032 Huckleberry Row
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking is good for mental health, good for physical health, helps cut down on burning fossil fuel (gasoline) thereby mitigating global warming, and makes a community look more vibrant to see people riding around on their bicycles. It also makes the roads less congested. Making a community bike-friendly will encourage MORE people to ride their bikes, and that cuts down on obesity and the health problems that accompany it. I also think bike paths are scenic, and they attract tourism. And at such little cost -- what a bargain!!! So many pluses to establishing a safe, off-road bike route system.

Cheryl Arney
4361 Wild Filly Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Bike transportation is environmentally friendly, healthy, and fun. Howard County needs more dedicated, safe, integrated places to ride.

John Yelnosky
3109 Josephine Walk
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: As a 10 year Columbia resident, my family would enjoy the bike way!

April Arnold
6928 Knighthood Lane
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I believe that this is one way to enable people to be less fossil fuel dependent. If one can safely bike around the county on designated lanes/paths, cars become more optional. Previously, I road my bike more often, but I am becoming more hesitant due to the recent injuries and fatalities sustained by fellow bikers on county roads. With increased congestion on the roads, I am becoming more fearful for my well-being. I would appreciate riding my bike over use of the car on safe bikeways. Thank you for considering this plan.

Linda Olson
8513 Ellicott View Road
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: This is important for environmental and personal health.

Dorothy Rockstroh
3817 Paul Mill Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I DO NOT SUPPORT issuing bonds that everyone pays to build a bikeway that provides no benefits to so many parts of the county. I live in Elkridge. This bikeway does absolutely nothing to help people bike or walk anywhere in Elkridge. This project should be put on hold until it is more for more parts of the county. There is more to Howard County than Columbia.

Drew Roth
6117 Lawyers Hill Road
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I bike ride and drive in the county and the Bikeways will improve both mode.

Carl Wright
4926 Ilchester Point Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I bike commute and ride regularly on the roads with my kids.

Craig Snyder
3792 Plum Spring Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: As our county grows in population and density, bikes are an increasingly important, valuable, and versatile option to improve our transportation efficiency, at minimal infrastructure cost. All the other benefits of cycling (increased community engagement, improved population health, decreased road maintenance costs, it's FUN to ride a bike, etc.) are all "icing on the cake". With commensurate funding/support, the Howard County Bikeway can be the backbone of a robust, non-motorized transportation network to supplement roads, highways, and other auto-focused infrastructure.

Paul Hess
10251 Globe Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I ride my bike regularly in Howard County and strongly support the Bikeway. Biking is a great way to reduce traffic, reduce vehicle emissions, exercise and stay healthy. Please support the Bikeway and fully fund this important project!!

Mary Berlage
4066 Fragile Sail Way
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I ride the local county roads for recreation and I commute to work on occasion in Columbia. There are multi-use paths in Columbia but very few dedicated options in the rest of the county and that needs to change. I do not feel it's safe having my family members riding bikes along most county roads.

Carl Wright
4926 Ilchester Point Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I would really like to bike to work in Columbia (I live in Elkridge.)

Michelle K.
6199 Lawyers Hill Road
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Please help build a safe bikeway for transportation.

Henry R. Shoemaker
7104 Daniel John Drive
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want a safer, healthier travel option in the county for me and my family.

Christian Sachek
5420 Wecker Way
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am a bike rider who would value usable bike routes.

Susan Kupper
9117 Frederick Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am 65. As I age, I want keep myself limber, explore new areas of Howard County, and save on automobile expenses. Bicycling is my ticket to this future. The Bike Howard master plan makes it possible by anticipating an integrated network for bicycle and pedestrian travel. Now we need to fund it. \$3 million for 3 years to support the Bikeway is a sound investment.

Sandy Ellis
5157 Columbia Road
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I commute 15 miles to work three times a week between Oakland Mills and Ellicott City. The Bikeway will assist in running errands along the way and attending meetings through the county.

Teresa Sanders
2510 Kensington Gardens, #307
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Dorothy L. Rockstroh
3817 Paul Mill Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because I want to ride around Columbia and not hAve to trAvel other areas.

Richard Scissors
4273 Hermitage Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I ride bikes and often concerned about safety. I would love to be able to access more places in Howard County by bike.

Jim Seewegen
9925 Whitworth Way
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am an enthusiastic biker

Marvin Onyemaechi
6504 Elderberry Court
Eklridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: For the environment

Gavin Kemp
10094 Cavillon Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking is green, healthy, and an excellent transit option.

Supritha B
3230 West Springs Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I bike, walk, run, and bike to school.

Linsay Horen
8898 Papillon Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I believe that exercise is very important, so more biking!

Stevie Sedlacko
9114 Northfield Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because I love this county and the people in it. We need the bikeway! I also want the bikeway for family.

Delaney Zinsmeister
7109 Layton Court
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because right now it is not safe to walk or bike in too many places (too narrow)

Ayinde Stewart
3062 Katherine Place
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: increases healthy behavior, lowers obesity, increases connection to community

Jenna Bacca
10462 Gucon Way
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I love to ride my bike

Cami Schwartz
3702 Meadow Vale Road
Ellicott City, MD 24102

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Buffy Schwartz
3702 Meadow Vale Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Grace Kubofeik
4801 Carman Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because we need to catch up with the rest of the developed world. Existing walk and bike infrastructures are not sufficient. Look at Copenhagen.

Claire Noll
5859 Rowanberry Drive
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

John Ingalls
4920-2 Dorsey Hall Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because its impossible to commute across Howard County right now.

Diane White
4920-2 Dorsey Hall Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'm out on roads running and biking.

Joe Horvath
3542 Split Rail Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'm an avid cyclist and it's good for my health and not using my car to get around Howard County. It could also result in less pollution due to less vehicle use.

David Baquell
8318 Chestnut Farm Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I support the bikeway and healthy lifestyles for HOCO residents. Safe and easy access is a priority for bikers.

Nick Duffy
6182 Fairbourn Court
Hanover, MD 21076

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I would love to be able to hAve the option to ride my bike to work.

Marissa Wilson
6025 Bauman Drive
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I would love to be able to bike to the places I need to go.

Sarah Samadans
3453 Harrington Drive,
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: We are very excided to join the FVN on the new trails. Our family loves to ride bikes.

Karina Aquiahuatt
3147 W Springs Drive, Apt A
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

John Strycuk
169 Frederick Road
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: We need safe bike routes in the county

Michele Beaulier
7929 Nottingham Way
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: It is important to provide safe, inexpensive physical activity opportunities in the community where we live.

Jeffrey Cilmour
8039 High Castle Road
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Makes sense - good health - good for environment

Andrea Flowers
6308 Collett Court
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking and walking makes all of us healthier, costing society less medical care costs and better quality of life. Also, less pollution!!!

Kristen Ennis
10365 Breconshire Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: You know why

Cheryl Ennis
10365 Breconshire Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I hAve friends who bike and they need safe places to ride.

Eric Wohnsign
5229 Kerger Road
Ellicott City, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I like to bide and walk

John Heinz
3901 Chatham Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want my dad to be safe when he bikes to work

Katie Heinz
3901 Chatham Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want my husband to be safe when he bikes to work

Mark Ordowski
4617 Huntley Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Good for the environment

Joe Zarzuela
4505 Rebecca Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Important to be active, healthy, and outside. People in their 20s want to spend their time like this and we need places to do this.

Luis A Flores
10133 Glasshouse Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Good for health and environment

Francisco Reye
10217 Glory Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Love exercise and all should be safe while doing it.

Kimberly Davis
6000 Rock Glen Drive
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Better safer HOCO

Mike Joyce
3605 Horned Owl Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Henry Weissenberger
10089 Colonial Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I bike a lot.

Melanie Bulavinetz
Glory Days Grill, 10035 Baltimore National Pike
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: we walk and bike as much as we can

Meredith Tsen
3740 Chateau Ridge Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: would like to have better access between AA and HOCO

Jerry Vea
10217 Berkshire Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'm a regular bicyclist in Howard County and use the paths and trails for pleasure rides and travel to work. Improved transportation networks (the bikeway) would help me greatly.

Christa Peters-Lidard
9891 Carrigan Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: keep bikers safe

Barry Bensen
10325 Kingsbridge Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: safe riding!

Tobias Morris
3211 Sonia Trail
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: we need to support alternative ways to commute that don't harm the environment!

Micheael Clark
10078 Cabachon Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Wayne Shepherd
8115-A Yellow Pine Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

San Tran
6320 Bayberry Court #902
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: A Bikeway is much safer way for cyclists to get around without pedestrian interference. Commuting by bike is safer and better for the environment.

Nick Kunndat
5140 Ilchester Woods Way
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Lisa Kundrat
5140 Ilchester Woods Way
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: fitness, safety and shopping

Rebecca Martin
4922 Ilchester Point Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want to be able to bike safely around more of HoCo

Zane Wyatt
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Ellen Driscoll
3614 Old Manse Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because traffic in Columbia continues to get worse and people need a safe alternative way to get around and because bikes make sense, always .

Emerson
Wecker Way
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Roads crowded and not safe in Howard Cty

Mary Watson
11436 Butterfruit Way
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Lois Clark
9000 Fathers Legacy #310
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: safe bike paths benefit cyclists and motorists.

Mike Clark
9000 Fathers Legacy #310
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: If I could bike to work everyday I would do it! 40 miles a day of biking would be ideal Route 1 is too dangerous.

Weilu Zhang
3702 Jacks Way
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Move access to safe on road and off street paths allow more people to a safe, healthy mode of transport.

Rossen Pettit
8828 Vals Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am a caring person

Susan Treusdell
10106 LaBelle Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Karen Besson
ECP PO Box 92
Ellicott City, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: bike safety

Joan Clinch
9017 Fathers Legacy
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am a senior who enjoys bicycle riding -would welcome any improvements.

Andrew Foehrkob
10301 Wilde Lake Terrace
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Promotes healthier lifestyles!

Kimberly Davis
6000 Rock Glen Drive
Elkridge, MD 21025

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I need biking opportunities in a safe environment with fewer cars.

Marla McIntosh
4225 Blue Barrow Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Wathe Kestner
4229 Blue Barrow Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am 68 years old and biking is one of my primary forms of exercise. Staying healthy, and reducing health care costs. In the last 40 years I hAve ridden some 20,000 miles on Howard County roads and those roads now seem less and less safe.

Robert Kestner
4229 Blue Barrow Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: better for environment and health

Virginia Leslie
4229 Blue Barrow Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: People need safe exercise areas. Impacts health, reduces auto toxins.

Dr. Austair C.D. Leslie
4221 Blue Barrow Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: make is better for students and families

Ranne Leslie
4221 Blue Barrow Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Increased traffic congestion has increased the danger to bicyclist riding legally on the roads. Visits to other more bicycle friendly communities hAve convinced me that e can and should do more for bicycling here.

Diana Ulman
4240 Blue Barrow Ridge
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: It's good for health and safety for others. Also provides transportation.

Kevin R. McIntosh
4225 Blue Barrow Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: To promote healthy lifestyles

Parul Patel
4244 Scarlet Sage Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Cycling is an essential part of both a transportation and health plan. Segregated bicycle infrstruction is a necessary part of that !

Jean Fregeau
4220 Eagles Wing Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'm a regular bicyclist in Howard County and use the paths and trails for pleasure rides and travel to work. I'm provided transportation networks (the Bikeways) would help me greatly.

David Hobby
4213 Purple Twilight Way
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Promote a healthy life with societal benefits of lower health costs, increased productivity, increased value of Howard County amenities. Reduced environmental claims; reduced fossil fuel use. Reduced need to build and maintain new roadways and transportation systems. For safety - reduces injuries and deaths from biking accidents.

John Fisher
3825 Spring Meadow Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Not only is man-made climate change the greatest threat that currently facing humanity, but reducing the number of cars on the road is the only successful way to reduce traffic. Building roads doesn't work!

Bruch Rothschild
4522 Mustering Drum
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Our roads have too many barriers for safe biking.

Robert Martin
3447 Plum Tree Drive, Apt D
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: To enhance the health of county residents to exercise more & enjoy the outdoors!

Olivia Joseph
10323 Cromwell Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I love Columbia and it's bike paths. The kids and I always use them.

Anil Dsouza
4602 Somerset Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because we all need a safe place to drive, ridge, and walk.

Janet Bowen
4732 Rams Horn Row
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking is Life!

Pam Spring
4683 Hallowed Stream
Ellicott City, MD 21040

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because the return on municipal bikeway investment is multiple return higher than othe investments.

Rita Sherman
8646 Bali Road
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: We love to bike and would like to have a separate bike way. Thank you.

Robert Birch
3120 Argent Path
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because biking is a healthy way for adults and kids to be active.

Susana Montoya
4850-10 Dorsey Hall Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Bikeway Support Summary for Calvin Ball, District 2

18 Organizations Supporting the Bikeway:

- Bicycling Advocates of Howard County
- The Horizon Foundation
- Columbia Association
- Howard County Chamber of Commerce
- Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board
- Howard County General Hospital
- Howard Hughes Corporation
- Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition
- Howard County Public Transportation Board
- GreenStone Ventures
- American Heart Association Mid-Atlantic Affiliate
- Princeton Sports
- Race Pace Bicycles
- The Cycle Mill
- Earth Forum of Howard County
- Transition Howard County
- Howard County Group of the Maryland Sierra Club
- Ascent Bicycle Studio

Howard County resident support:

- **1000+ people have submitted letters of support, including 166 from District 2.** People signed support of this statement: "By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a transportation network that makes life better by helping people bike or walk where they want to go."
- More than 50 supporters attended the second county budget hearing, and
- We believe approximately 300 people have called the County Executive's office to voice their support.

The notes from your constituents are attached. Here is the text from a few, on why they want the Bikeway:

I would love to be able to walk or bike to grocery stores, and to instill this culture in my children. **This would be such a fantastic addition to our neighborhood.** Thank you so much for considering it. -Azadeh Farzin, 8210 Ekjo Drive, Ellicott City

I want safer off road bicycling options over pathways that **tie together communities all across Howard County, not just CA.** -David H. Terry, 7308 Summer Cypress, ElkrIDGE

I have enjoyed the benefits of bicycling for the past eight years and would ride to work if there were a safer route. I am almost 65 and will continue riding for the health and social aspects for as long as I can. **I am also glad to pay a share of my county taxes to support this initiative** that provides many benefits to residents of all ages and bicycling abilities. -Phil Lord, 5850 Bellanca Drive, ElkrIDGE

Howard County has beautiful bikepaths, and many roads with decent shoulders, but **it lacks a coordinated system of trails and lanes that would allow bicyclists to commute easily** to some of the obvious destinations (e.g. the Savage MARC station, the Broken Land Park & Ride). A coordinated system can make everything much better for bicyclists! -Daniel Kirk-Davidoff, 9501 Good Lion Road, Columbia

Letters in support of the Bikeway

From District 2

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I love to bike and anything we can do to provide alternative transportation options is worth doing.

Rick Constant
5630 Oakland Mills Road
Columbia, Maryland 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Transportation to work

Joe Johnson
6187 Karas Walk
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: As a cyclist myself, I want to be able to ride farther and safer within the county and keep as many cars as possible off the roads by providing alternatives to driving

Peter Pavlov
8981 Blue Pool
Columbia, Maryland 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I like to ride my bike as much as possible. I do however try to avoid busy roads like 175 etc. My goal is to ride my bike anywhere that I can instead of taking the car. I'm 73 years old and this is a critical part of my healthy aging plan. The new bike paths would allow me to go further distances without circling back and would provide as much more varied route than I now have. It also means I would use my car less to go places. I think the value of the proposed Bikeway transportation network is very important to an active aging population. For those of us that don't need more friends/social activities etc., needs are not met at the Senior Centers and the bike paths provide a terrific outdoor activity that we can enjoy with our friends. Please vote YES for this bond funding.

Thank you.

Yvonne Howard
9370 Mellenbrook Road
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I regularly use my bicycle to travel around Howard County.

Cash Costello
9536 Long Look Ln
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I fully support the bikeway as it will provide a healthier lifestyle for all cyclists and may cut down on some traffic in the area for those who choose to ride instead of drive. Healthier living all the way around.

Doreen Hicks
7116 Ducketts Lane #204
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because a community built for bikes provides more choices and better health

Ian Kennedy
6174 Clearsmoke Court
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I care because I love to ride my bike

Bryan Ringgold
6339 Gray Sea Way
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am a resident of the eastern side of the county where traffic congestion is making it increasingly harder to ride a bicycle safely. We need a safe path across and through Columbia.

Michael McKenn
7644 Oldfield Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Bike safety and accessibility

Andra DiStefano
7701 Sandstone Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I just moved to the area from out of state. I love the fact that I can bike to work. More bikeways would make it possible for others too!

Scott Mason
8228 Elko Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: A community is healthier when more people are out and about ... and not in their cars so much.

Jessie Newburn
5425 Wolf River Lane
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I would love to be able to walk or bike to grocery stores, and to instill this culture in my children. This would be such a fantastic addition to our neighborhood. Thank you so much for considering

Azadeh Farzin
8210 Elko Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Howard County needs a bike transportation to continue to be one of the best places to live in the country.

Timothy F. McCormack
7806 Old Litchfield Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: A bicycle trail that serves a purpose. Too many folks text and drive and the pathways do not offer a direct route to shopping, etc.

Tom Donnelly
5145 Morningside Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I would love to be able to use my bike to get to various destinations in Howard County. I recently trAvelled to The Netherlands and most roads hAve designated lanes or separate paths for bicyclists and pedestrians. It allows "slower traffic" to trAvel safely, and it can help improve our sedentary life styles into more active and healthy behaviors. I hope you give this a serious consideration!

Marianne Otto-Smith
8269 Elko Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Jo Sunhwan
7819 Old Litchfield Lane
Ellicott City, MD 221043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because biking is an awesome alternative to driving, but we need to hAve more safe, easy to use routes.

Catherine Fields
6158 Shining Rock
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: This initiative will pay back huge dividends by enabling and encouraging bicycles as an alternative means of transportation throughout the county. People will be healthier, the air will be cleaner, cars will be more easily left in the garage. And Howard County will be recognized as being on the forefront of the national movement towards bike-friendly city planning.

Hugh Thompson
8709 Sicklebar Way
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I ride my bike and hAve lived in HoCo for 25+ years

Ellen Frishberg
8605 Littlefield Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: So I can park my car

Willie
6405 Four Foot Trail
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Seems like the Bikeway will be a great way to encourage folks who are not comfortable riding on roads to ride their bikes for many regular activities/errands, like church or grocery shopping or visiting friends. In my opinion it seems like a clear a win for everyone: fewer cyclists on the road makes drivers happier, fewer drivers on the roads (because they're cycling) makes drivers happier, and, of course, biking makes healthier people, which typically means happier people (some outdoors + fresh air also contributes to the happiness, of course! :)). Worth mentioning that cycling can be a great way for individuals to sAve money (perhaps not evening owning a car!).

Aaron Fields
6158 Shining Rock
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I bike to work sometimes. Even though I very carefully follow traffic laws the roads are still quite treacherous for a biker. Better bike paths mean a safer better commute for myself.

Emily TRUE
9417 Wandering Way
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am a bike commuter along with at least 10 people in my building that all ride over 8 miles to work. The existing pathways are incredible. Just imagine what Howard County would become with new funding!

Zachery Whittington
5861 Donovan Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'm an avid biker and I think it would be a welcome addition to our community. It would also give commuters the option to bike vs. drive.

Anne Cavanaugh
7724 Patuxent Oak Court
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I care because cycling is part of my life and health. It opens up the world and can allow for a new experience every time you ride. Additionally, it's good for the environment. The Bikeway would provide a safer choice for novices and encourage more people to ride, it may also help educate the motored public that lack the patience to share the road and give 3' clear.

Doug Satteson
8965 Blue Pool
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Bicycling is good - supports fitness and reduces carbon footprint

Troy Bundy
Executive Park Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I bike to work as often as possible and would love it to be even better and safer for everyone involved

Justin Raabe
6888 Tasker Falls
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Gregg Jensen
6050 Camelback Lane
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because cycling is healthy for the cyclist and the planet.

Carl Schneider
4952 Brampton Parkway
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'm an avid recreational bicycle rider, and I typically drive to Anne Arundel County to ride on the B&A trail or the BWI loop trail. I would much rather leAve my car in the garage and ride my bike in Howard County. The Columbia pathways are not suitable for a ride of 15 to 30 miles that I like to take.

Patrick Piet
6178 Campfire Court
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I enthusiastically support this plan! I have been an avid cyclist for many years and grow more concerned every year as the volume of traffic on our roads continues to increase. These types of paths will serve many useful purposes, such as allowing bicycle commuting which will reduce vehicle traffic and the accompanying emission of green house gases. In addition they will allow greater opportunity for recreational riding. I can attest that I hAve had difficulty getting family and friends interested in cycling because of their concern over safety. Having a safe hAven for riding will help promote healthier lifestyles.

Steve Buswell
5845 Bellanca Drive
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I care because bike safety is extremely important for everyone. Many bikers do not feel safe using the roadways due to the negative experiences they hAve with aggressive drivers, including fatal accidents. Having a bike transportation network that provides a safe alternative to the busy roadways will help connect people to various locations without the need to bike where the probability of being in an accident with a vehicle.

Cary Jacobson
8518 Wood Staff Way
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want safer off road bicycling options over pathways that tie together communities all across Howard County, not just CA.

David H. Terry
7308 Summer Cypress
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safe bike route

Brittany Lee
7155 Beverly Drive
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Lena Kennedy
6174 Clearsmoke Court
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Community, health, exercise, environment

Susan Arnett
5400 Montgomery Road
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking is a great alternative to getting around. Since I moved here in 2004 I always wondered why the bike paths hAve not been more extensive to make it easier to get from village to village. Instead I hAve risked my life amongst crazy drivers using the roadways with very little to no shoulder room. Additionally, more and more inviduals (children and adults) are biking in lieu of driving a car and Howard County should make that more accessible. I don't want my daughters life, nor mine at risk and we shouldn't hAve to sacrifice a healthy lifestyle.

Christine Alfano
5364 Racegate Run
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Healthy lifestyle is important. Cleaner air with less cars. My husband and I both ride our bikes year round and truly value the bikeways already in place

Birgitta Tambeaux
5619 Rockbridge Court
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want a more bike-able Howard County so I don't always hAve to drive. I want to be environmentally conscious, healthy, and safe while biking! It' can only help property values as well!

Tracy Stansbury
4612 E Leisure Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'm an avid cyclist and proponent of commuting safely by bicycle, this is only possible if more bikeways are identified and improved.

Lou Fenichel
6434 Sewells Orchard Drive
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Physical activity and green transportation

Jessica Westendorf
8504 Wild Wing Way
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: As a biker and someone concerned with personal fitness, I feel as though this would be a worthwhile endeavor and allow the people of Howard County to trAvel within the county on bicycles. This could also alleviate a small fraction of the traffic issue in the county and allow for us to be a more green county.

John Skrynecki
7939 Brightwind Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: It's healthy and great exercise. We also hAve way too much traffic is our area and bike trail would cut down on this.

Wendy Heger
7416 Rigby Place
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am a former, avid runner and cyclist whose wife worried I might be hit by a vehicle due to the virtually no existent safe places to run or ride. I am at an age now where health issues prohibit my 50-mile weekly runs and 70-mile bike rides. They are no longer on my agenda for good health.

David H. Barrett
8491 Grove Angle Road
Ellicott City, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Walkways are wonderful for everyone of all ages. Helps the older ones of us to go anywhere we want. Please consider more benches for the elderly as well as benches throughout Columbia so that the elderly can walk and rest when needed. We don't want to be confined to our homes or hAve limited walking.

Beverly A. Roberts
5404 Thunder Hill Road
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safe roads/paths for Cycling will encourage residents to include bikes in all aspects of their lives.

Dean Clark
8301 Whitebark Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I care because I bike. I commute to work and ride for pleasure and while my work commute can be done mostly off road pleasure riding is another story. Roads are scary and I chose carefully when I ride. It would be nice to hAve more structured bikeways available. I would also be more apt to use my bike when going out to shop or run errands if there were more available choices of how to get to the places I need to frequent.

Daniel Edwards
8605 Davis Road
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Bob Sullivan
6160 Montgomery Road
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Commuting and recreation, less pollution and congestion, healthier Howard

Harry Rowell
5956 Avalon Drive
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking is a great way to spend time with family, get exercise, commute, reduce car usage, etc. If we were more connected with safe routes, it benefits everyone. We should be doing every thing we can to reduce vehicle use.

Lena Kennedy
6174 Clearsmoke Court
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I hAve enjoyed the benefits of bicycling for the past eight years and would ride to work if there were a safer route. I am almost 65 and will continue riding for the health and social aspects for as long as I can. I am also glad to pay a share of my county taxes to support this initiative that provides many benefits to residents of all ages and bicycling abilities.

Phil Lord
5850 Bellanca Drive
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I ride my bike with my family and I'd like it to be improved.

Paige Sullivan
6160 Montgomery Road
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am an avid biker in the community and support this development

Cara Martin
5431 High Tor Hill
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Riding on the road is dangerous and drivers can be aggressively hostile to riders

Matthew Martin
5431 High Tor Hill
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Lynne Kelly
8962 Footed Ridge
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Bob Jackson
6205 Farstar Place
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am a regular biker in howard county and believe that biking should be supported & encouraged by the hc govt

Dana Sohr
7156 Winter Rose Path
columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I ride for both exercise and local errands. And would do it more if the path system were more complete.

Alan Coltri
5223 Patriot Lane
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: More healthy, safer, better for environment. Makes it more appealing to renters and buyers.

Ken Crandell
9111 Brunners Run Court
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: My son is autistic and doesn't drive. It is vitally important for there to be alternative forms of transportation for him to be successful. He currently works at Wegman's and there aren't even sidewalks for him and folks who work in the Dobbin Road vicinity. It is very dangerous. It is disturbing for a county with so many resources to not provide such basic necessities for people who live and work in HoCo.

Bruce Savadkin
6437 Spicewind Court
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am a strong advocate for dedicated and protected bicycle lanes on roads and streets. As a regular bicyclist, I refuse to ride on roads and streets that do not offer such protection for bicyclists. Given the dearth of such protections, I predominantly ride on rail trails and off-street paths which severely limits my utilization of my bike for everyday tasks like shopping and commuting to work. In my opinion, those bicyclists who ride on unprotected roads and streets are placing their life at risk given the lack of observance of the traffic rules by drivers interacting with bicyclists and the increasing prevalence of pickup trucks with outside rear view mirrors that protrude upwards of 18 - 20 inches from the cab of the truck. I strongly endorse any efforts to accelerate the creation of the Bikeway.

David Sanders
5964 Avealon Drive
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I bike in Howard County

Erin Kahn
7701 Heatherside Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Bikes are better for the everyone's environment and the cyclists health and well being.

Carl Schneider
4952 Brampton Parkway
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking is great for everyone. But we need safe routes and paths for cycling. The current road conditions are not safe for most commuting.

Ronald Cronenwett
6364 Red Haven Road
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am a cyclist and would like safer ways to get around Howard County on my bike. I would like my daughter to be safe when she is on her bike.

Mary Kmiecinski
6256 Deep River Canyon
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I need a safer place to ride my bicycle and don't want to drive in my car to other counties that hAve safe bike routes.

James St. Marie
7123 Deep Falls Way
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: For health reasons I use my bike as much as possible. There is at present the need for a path from my home in Snowden Overlook to the Town center

Myer Berman
8833 Shining Oceans Way
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want to be able to access all the amenities that Columbia and HoCo hAve to offer without adding to climate change, which does exist. Moreover, since heart disease and diabetes run in my family, I want to be able to maintain a healthy lifestyle and ensure others are also able to do so. The Bikeway would allow me to bike to the MARC station, grocery stores, libraries, etc. Plus, it eases congestion on what are already crowded roads, which also helps the County in terms of minimizing the need for road maintenance. The Bikeway helps everyone physically, mentally, and emotionally.

Lisa Vojta
6321 Soft Thunder Trail
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: My family and I enjoy riding on Columbia's current bike trails, and with the expanded pathways we could enjoy more of Howard County. I think it is important for my children (8 and 10) to know that you can get around to places on a bike. This goes a long way towards fostering the idea of a more healthy lifestyle.

John Z. Howes
6323 Gray Sea Way
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: My family are avid cyclist and many in my neighborhood. You may notice my address is in Montgomery County but most of my biking is done in Howard County.

Mike Cavey
4628 Brightwood Road
Olney, MD 20832

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am a nurse who promotes healthy lifestyle choices. I bike to work, and I encourage others to ride more/walk more. It's important to hAve the accessibility to walk/bike to the shops, to work, or for the fun of it.

Pamela Fox
8582 Black Star Circle
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I bike Howard County for fun and exercise and would like safe areas to get around free from cars.

Damon Gunther
6375 Saddle Drive
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because I want to reduce motor vehicle use and I want to make conditions safer for bicycling

Kevin Wilson
5533 Coltsfoot Court
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Eric Goldberg
9050 Red Branch Road
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Good health, good community, good way to make biking to work or for fun more accessible to more people.

Gretchen Conley
P O Box 6235
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: One of the many reasons I love living in Howard County is the accessibility to stores and major roads mixed in with easy access to nature. I love the current bike baths and use them regularly. I would like to see more connected paths and greater non-motor vehicle accessibly to all of Howard county.

Erin Kahn
7701 Heatherside Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: It's a very good low impact exercise to keep Howard County citizens healthy.

Tim Fleming
4566 Rolling Meadows
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I love trail riding without the hassles of dealing with cars because there's no dedicated bike lanes. I will travel miles to go biking in other counties and states. It would be nice to be able to do a 20 or 30 mile rife and not have to load up the bike in my car and travel.

Clarence Patterson
8450 Greystone Lane
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: The Bikeway will promote healthy lifestyles and be good for the environment.

Sadj Bartolo
9570 Long Look Lane
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: environment, safety, fitness, fun

Tim Arnold
9544 Long Look Lane
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I care because I live in Howard County and would like to be able to use different modes of transportation to get around to our recreational facilities and to run errands. My bicycle is a great alternative mode of transportation unless the roads are unsafe, which is currently the situation in Howard County, specifically around Snowden River Pkwy, 175, Broken Land Pkwy areas.

Mary Kmiecinski
6256 Deep River Canyon
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I have three young boys and I want them to be able to bike safely anywhere they want to go.

Amy R Brooks
6217 Light Point Place
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Our family moved to Columbia in the Spring of 2009. We specifically chose Columbia (the neighborhood of Stevens Forest) because of the bike/walking paths. In the past 8 years that we have lived here, we have enjoyed countless bike rides. Currently, I am training for a road race and have used the paths for my running routes; they allow me to stay off of main roads while still enjoying the paved paths for running. I have the ability to run all three lakes.

Valerie Barr
9579 Landbreeze Row
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'm a resident who cares about health and safe recreation!

R Ganel
5630 Oakland Mills Road
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Country resident

Derek Smothers
5909 Meadow Rose
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want to decrease the burden on the environment and infrastructure by riding my bike more

Manuel Magsaysay
8181 Robinson Jefferson Dr Apt 104
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Howard County has beautiful bikepaths, and many roads with decent shoulders, but it lacks a coordinated system of trails and lanes that would allow bicyclists to commute easily to some of the obvious destinations (e.g. the Savage MARC station, the Broken Land Park & Ride). A coordinated system can make everything much better for bicyclists!

Daniel Kirk-Davidoff
9501 Good Lion Road
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Transportation to work

Marc Tolson
9496 Kilimanjaro Road
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: A vibrant outdoor friendly atmosphere benefits the whole county. Would like to plan bike paths that are separate from roads to maximize safety. I would like bike trails.

John Robb
5907 Tamar Drive
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Wendy Whitcamb
5222 Racoon Court
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: want to use my car less

Alisha Bailey
Wintercorn Lane
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Bikes need to be able to ride safely

Evelyn M. Mogren
5601 Thunderhill Road
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Strong evidence that bike ways significantly increases physical activity. We need clear bike lanes to promote safety.

Deborah and Tim Lattimer
8452 Each Leaf Court
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I think the bikeway is not only good for health and wellness of both young and old, it is also going to produce less driving and its good for the environment.

Bob Marietta
5511 Sleeping Dog Lane
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: This a great way to promote a healthy community and improve local traffic.

Mary Ann Barry
5464 Wild Lilac
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: We need to ensure the safety of hikers on the road.

Betty Jackson
6205 Farstar Place
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Limit short drives when we can bike.

Sophia Quirk
8554 Black Star Circle
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Health

Joseph A. Quirk
8554 Black Star Circle
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want to bike in a safe and enjoyable environment

Varinder Kumar
7820 Paxagon Circle #215
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I love biking!

Thomas Kight
8640 Open Meadow Way
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want to be able to easily explore Howard county with my family by bike

Fran Horan
5314 Debbie Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want to ride safely to savage Marc train

Gary Fuselier
4503 Haywagon Way
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: outdoors is best and bikes rock.

Ron Whitehead
4502 Rolling Meadows
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because I care about health, the environment and efficient means of transportation for all county residents.

Mike O'Rourke
8997 Queen Maria Court
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Would like to get places without riding major roads

Joel Dupree
4516 Cornflower Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Believe bike transportation would help alleviate auto gridlock, and provide a safer way for cyclists to pursue their interests

Julia Neph
5280 Rising Sun Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Arthur Baker
5280 Rising Sun Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am a cyclist myself. Also, it helps people who walk. It is extremely good for the health.

Sandy Boyd
5107 Golden Leaf Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Sarah Whitfeld
5427 White Mane
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Maya Dawit
8596 Dark Hawk Circle
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: We hAve a family of five and we all like to ride our bikes. I feel having a bikeway would be so much safer and we would ride more places instead of driving in a car. And that would help with traffic.

Brian McNeeley
11355 Little Patuxent Parkway, Apt 617
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Creates a safe space for bikers to get around.

Allan Conover
9635-A-3 Whiteacre Road
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: easy and safe access to places in Howard County

Norman Tideswell
6005 Majors Lane, Apt 7
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safe place for bikers and walkers

Michael Cardwell
8562 Harvest View Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Timothy F. McCormack
7806 Old Litchfield Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Chris Margeson
6760 Alexander Bell Drive
Columbia, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Stacie Hunter
6237 Hidden Clearing
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Needed for accessibility

Brad Howell
6226 Ironwood Way
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Love for the residence to hAve this option and may hAve less cars on the road.

Christine Lothen-kline,
6137 Gate Sill
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: This will help to keep bikers safe. Great family activity.

Roberto Halpen
6151 Encounter Row
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Michael Tambeaux
9485 Good Lion Road
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Healthy way for transportation and exercise opportunity for families

Andrew Wande
8614 Secret Waves Way
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want t to commute safely, for my health and the environment.

Carrie Caputo
5708 Thunder Hill Road
Columbia, MD 21024

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I commute and would like to be able to bike to mass transit in lieu of driving.

Caitlyn Calabrese
Hidden Clearing
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I care because I enjoy an active lifestyle and would like to trAvel in more green ways

Kristine Kirk
5435 New Grange Garth
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: improvement

Erica Pfeiler
4927 Avila Ave
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Love to bike

Joseph Hohn
9009 Billow Row
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: so kids can bike to work

Eric McCarthy
5761 Twelve Month Court
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Moca McCarty
8985 Blue Pool
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: So riders are safe. Only bikes on the roadway.

Rick Lepski
5832 Blue Sky
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Zach Casper
7707 Spreading Oak Lane
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Bryon Baldwin
8121 Sea Water Path
Columbia, MD 21048

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I love running and though this is a bikeway I think its more accessible Howard County for walker, runners and bikers is great.

Pamela West
9180 Emersons Reach
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: We like biking! It would be great to hAve more access.

Heidi
6784 Athol Ave
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I work in the county! I like biking.

David Jordan
6272 Deer Season Run
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Do the right thing!

Bob Marietta
5511 Sleeping Dog Lane
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Ben Mognen
5601 Thunder Hill Road
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: because I work in Howard County

Gus Richard
7800 Limestone Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Sean Brennan
6357 Saddle Drive
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: because I ride a lot

Gwen Musk
9517 Caboose Court
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Charlotte Lough
8401 Grove Angle Road
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: HC is cycle unfriendly. As I near retirement. I want an alternative to my car.

Philip Musk
9517 Caboose Court
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Id love to be able to get around without a car

Lisa Vosta
6321 Soft Thunder Trail
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: we hAve retired in place in Howard Co partly because of the pathways in the area. This bikeway would be great for community!

Zachery DeLang
8455 Kings Meade Way
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Sylwia DeLang
8455 Kings Meade Way
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safe commute to the Dorsey Marc Station promotes healthy lifestyles and lower CO2 emissions (& pollution)!

Michael Tracton
6662 Mohawk Court
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Herman DeLang
8455 Kings Meade Way
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: bike commuting is awesome

Beth Hufnagel
6223 Sutton Court
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because it's fun and you can exercise and it sAves energy

Sarah Simon
6089 Major's Lane
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Phillip Riggins
10901 Little Patuxent Parkway
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: This should reduce the cost of working

G. Easton Stearns
9222 Feathered Head
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: safe exercise for health, make HoCo more liveable, produce less CO2, use my taxes for more better bike paths

David Jordan
6272 Deer Season Run
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Opportunity to safely exercise outdoors

Mike Westundarf
9534 Pampona Road
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I grew up in Highland and riding a bike was hazardous due to the narrow roads.

Bob Marietta
5511 Sleeping Dog Lane
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: reduced traffic, reduced pollution,increased health, promote local shopping

Mary lou Shippe
8573 Long Look Lane
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I care because I believe it is good in so many ways for the residents of Howard County. The key to encouragng biking is safety. Many more people would bike if paths were insulated from roads, either by designating separate bike paths or by separation by barriers. Personally I would like to see road shoulders widened on roads, outside the city to give riders some space, many roads here hAve little to no shoulders forcing cyclists and motorists together--not good!

Jeannette Simmons
8799 Endless Ocean Way
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: health and community value

Michael Hassett
8799 Endless Ocean Way
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because myself as well as others who ride on the streets around here would feel more comfortable with some type of bike lanes. To many close encounters with cars has me feeling uncomfortable!
Thank you.

Michael York
6040 Stevens Forest Road
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want the ability to commute easier

Timothy F. Amann
9457 Pursuit Court
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Healthy Living

Richard Baker
5980 Gales Lane
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I would like to be able to bike from my house without having to bike on the road itself.

M. Waukee
8811 Tidesebb Court
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

De De Heinlein
7826 Old Farm Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Kristopher Maralino
8459 Oakton Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Jared Lewis
8337 Court Ave
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: My family loves the pathway and uses it regularly! Please support this iniative!

Theresa Cooper
5440 New Grange Garth
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Bikeway Support Summary for Jen Terrasa, District 3

18 Organizations Supporting the Bikeway:

- Bicycling Advocates of Howard County
- The Horizon Foundation
- Columbia Association
- Howard County Chamber of Commerce
- Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board
- Howard County General Hospital
- Howard Hughes Corporation
- Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition
- Howard County Public Transportation Board
- GreenStone Ventures
- American Heart Association Mid-Atlantic Affiliate
- Princeton Sports
- Race Pace Bicycles
- The Cycle Mill
- Earth Forum of Howard County
- Transition Howard County
- Howard County Group of the Maryland Sierra Club
- Ascent Bicycle Studio

Howard County resident support:

- **1000+ people have submitted letters of support, including 100 from District 3.** People signed support of this statement: "By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a transportation network that makes life better by helping people bike or walk where they want to go."
- More than 50 supporters attended the second county budget hearing, and
- We believe approximately 300 people have called the County Executive's office to voice their support.

The notes from your constituents are attached. Here is the text from a few, on why they want the Bikeway:

I would like a **safer commute to the Marc.**

-Brady Decker, 9466 Hundred Drums Row, Columbia, MD 21046

The roads near my house are very narrow, hilly and include many twists and turns, decreasing the line of sight on the best of days. Add to this the fact that there are no shoulders on the roads, and **you have an extremely hazardous situation for motorists and bicyclists and impossible for pedestrians.** I want the bikeway!

- Patricia Bramson, 8784 Boulder Ridge Road, Laurel, MD 20723

The Bikeway is a wonderful idea and plan. I have bicycled Howard County's roads for over 35 years and in that time I've seen the number of cyclists increase substantially and increased acceptance of cyclists by motorists. But, those 35 years have also seen an increase in population in Howard County and an increase in the number of cars on our roads. The Bikeway will make it easier for County residents to reach a variety of locations safely by bike. For those of us accustomed to riding on the road in traffic, the Bikeway will offer a nice alternative for those times when we don't feel like dealing with cars. For others who are afraid to venture onto roads by bike, it will open up opportunities for clean, healthy transportation by bike as well as recreational opportunities. It's an idea whose time has come. **I applaud our County's leaders for the efforts they've taken to improve the ability to travel by bike in Howard County and urge them to keep moving forward.**

-Michael Ratcliffe, 9534 Kings Grant Rd, North Laurel, MD 20723

Letters in support of the Bikeway

From District 3

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I have been commuting to work via bicycle for 3 years now and I actively try to encourage others to join me. One of the biggest deterrence I hear is that they do not feel safe on major connecting roads like Oakland mills/Mcgaw, dobbin. In my opinion, anything that can be done to encourage more people to pursuit alternative modes of transportation should be pursued.

Dan Bryan
10610 Gorman Rd
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: The bike paths are one of the greatest assets of HoCo and Columbia!

Evan Gramens
7324 Better Hours Ct
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: To promote a healthier and safer environment for everyone and encourage our youth to get active!

Krissan Higgins
6311 Leafy Screen
Columbia, Maryland 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: The Bikeway is a wonderful idea and plan. I hAve bicycled Howard County's roads for over 35 years and in that time I've seen the number of cyclists increase substantially and increased acceptance of cyclists by motorists. But, those 35 years hAve also seen an increase in population in Howard County and an increase in the

number of cars on our roads. The Bikeway will make it easier for County residents to reach a variety of locations safely by bike. For those of us accustomed to riding on the road in traffic, the Bikeway will offer a nice alternative for those times when we don't feel like dealing with cars. For others who are afraid to venture onto roads by bike, it will open up opportunities for clean, healthy transportation by bike as well as recreational opportunities. It's an idea whose time has come. I applaud our County's leaders for the efforts they've taken to improve the ability to travel by bike in Howard County and urge them to keep moving forward.

Michael Ratcliffe
9534 Kings Grant Road
North Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am a huge cyclist and work at Race Pace Bicycles. I think it would be a great idea!

Shaun Roberts
7043 Deepage Drive
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I and my family will use it for transportation and recreation. This will help contribute to a safe, effective bicycle transportation system in our county. I also believe it will make our county more attractive to future residents and investors.

James Harris
6918 Garland Lane
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I live and work in Howard County, and I am a bike commuter. I'd like to use my bike to meet even more of my local transportation needs.

Brian Wolven
9497 Clocktower Lane
Columbia, MD 21046-1847

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: For my family. We bike to school, the library, work, the grocery, the post office, ballet class, the pool. It gets us outside, it helps us see things we'd otherwise miss, it keeps us healthy. It sAves us money (no gas to buy), and it slows the pace a bit.

For my community. We rarely connect with our neighbors while ensconced in a car. But when we bike, we can easily stop and chat.

For traffic. Bikes don't need stop lights or four lanes to ride with / around each other. By providing a way for folks to get around without cars, we improve traffic flow for everyone.

For the planet. Biking is a pretty low emissions, low extraction, form of transportation. No gas to buy, no exhaust going out.

Kevin Cropper
6433 Allview Drive
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Bikeableness is critically important for "goodness" in a place to live, improving life on a daily basis. In my experience, the more bikeable places tend to hAve happier residents.

Ramy Sadek
8444 Upper Sky Way
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safe cycling will encourage more to cycle instead of drive. This would be good for reducing traffic and promoting healthier life styles.

Angie Milano
9823 Solar Course
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I like the ability to ride to places where I do business, shop or eat. Interconnectivity is important to me. I'm actually looking for more opportunities to leave my car at home and take the bike instead, turning a necessary trip into an opportunity to exercise at the same time. I live in Savage. Building this network would increase the amount of time I spend on a bike and reduce the amount of time I spend researching how to get somewhere using the disconnected pathways that exist now. As a journalist who works from home, I'd love to be able to ride my bike to some of the meetings and events I cover.

George Berkheimer
9343 Steeple Court
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Howard County leads by setting the example of being a great place to live. What better way than to show we care for the environment and our county's citizens than by providing an alternative means of transportation? There are lots of bikes in the county!!

Catherine Prah
8315 Mary Lee Lane
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want safer riding for bikers and safer spaces for pedestrians and drivers also.

Cathy Landfried
7119 Fountain Rock Way
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking is a healthy, economical way to get around town or to commute to work. Being able to run errands or commute to work while getting exercise contributes to a non-polluting and healthy lifestyle. Lower carbon emissions, lower gas costs, lower medical costs, and on and on.

Chloe Pickens
7528 Midas Touch
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I like to bike to work, but none of the existing trails go to APL. I would be nice if there was improved trail coverage, especially since APL is a huge employer and we hAve a large group of people who would bike more often if it was safer to do so.

Debra Buczkowski
7151 Peace Chimes Court
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: It would be great to hAve a designated path for riders so we don't hAve to endanger walkers or runners on the existing paths.

Amy Whitney
10782 West Crestview Lane
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am an avid cyclist and want to encourage others to get out and ride for health and for the greater good of the community, but I want it available in a safe environment and this Pathway is THE answer.

Bryan McMillan
8621 Sassafras Court
Columbia, MD 21046-1095

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because I love not having to drive everywhere and I would love the opportunities to run on new paths.

Lauren Foley
8802 Oak Trail
Jessup, MD 20794

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: We are a county that has been recognized by it's excellent school and library system, health initiatives, livable communities. A bike way is the icing on the cake and would benefit me (as a cyclist) and encourage others to get out and move!

Katy Huggins
10616 Persimmon Court
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am an active biker using the trails in our County

Duane StClair
9347 Gentle Way
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'm concerned about climate change and reducing automobile usage is a good step and can only be accomplished by having a large bike transportation network.

Liz Feighner
10306 Champions Way
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Good for physical health and the environment.

Patricia Dugan
10267 Wayover Way
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Bike riding is a lifelong sport all residents of Columbia could benefit from.

Laura Filipowich
9510 Sweet Grass Ridge
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking is an environmentally friendly, healthier, and more cost-effective way for many people to get around our community.

Roberto Martin
6834 Carlinda Ave
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I hAve a young adult with a disability who doesn't drive and needs better access to get around. There are no sidewalks on either Dobbin road or Snowden River Parkway and no crosswalks on Snowden. That makes that part of Columbia and those businesses inaccessible for people who want to bike or walk safely.

Diane Savadkin
6437 Spicewind Court
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Besides being fun, more biking means fewer cars on the road, which means fewer headaches for people who must drive, less pollution, and happier constituents. It's a Win, Win, Win!

Susan Branting
9734 Summer Park Court
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: We need to make safe bicycling a legitimate form of transportation and exercise throughout the county.

Guy Moody
9506 Red Apple Lane
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I would like to be able to buy my groceries and visit friends by bike. It is currently not safe for me to get to all parts of the county by bike. Using the car is an unhealthy, high carbon footprint.

Ann Coren
6449 Browsing Deer
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Being able to bike around the county safely is a great investment in our infrastructure which will benefit commuting for many and the health of all users

Richard A. Freas
9465 Glen Ridge Drive
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: The roads near my house are very narrow, hilly and include many twists and turns, decreasing the line of sight on the best of days. Add to this the fact that there are no shoulders on the roads, and you hAve an extremely hazardous situation for motorists and bicyclists and impossible for pedestrians. I want the bikeway!

Patricia Bramson
8784 Boulder Ridge Road
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking enhances the livability of our Howard County Community. It also opens up new opportunity for business near or on the bikeway

Tom Blum
11100 Johns Hopkins Road
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Exercise keeps me healthy, inspired, and motivated. I find that my work throughput increases and my day to day livelihood also increased. This area is so gorgeous, just getting out and riding on the already existing paths is amazing. Expanding upon them will only help.

Zachary Hill
9410 Chessie Lane
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I hAve never been comfortable riding on the roads with cars. A bikeway not only gives me a safer place to ride but also promotes awareness so that drivers are better able to coexist with bikers. I would also like to advocate for the connection between Mission Rd and the Columbia Gateway area, for those of us in near Mission Rd we are within 2 miles of the Snowden Square Shopping Center and all that it has to offer. It takes 10-15 minutes of driving to get there which diminishes the advantages of using a car in the first place. The only established routes can be heavy traffic areas making them unsafe for bikers. A dedicated bikeway connecting the two areas would truly be amazing!

Kelly O'Neil
8402 Oak Meade Way
Jessup, MD 20794

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking is great exercise and sAves on gasoline.

Roger Chang
10086 Fair Beauty
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I currently ride most afternoons/early evenings (even in the winter; weather permitting). There are quite a few roads that hAve no shoulder and cars very rarely pass and leAve 3 feet in between their car and me on my bike. It can be fairly dangerous. Having a bikeway would provide more safety and probably increase the number of people who might cycle.

Steve Fuchs
9170 Vollmerhausen Road
Jessup, MD 20794

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Bicycling has a number of things to recommend it as a funding priority. It provides a pollution free source of transportation particularly when bicyclists of all skill levels feel safe. It is a a wonderful source of aerobic exercise which promotes good health; another community benefit worthy of funding. Finally, Columbia continues to a wonderful place to live whose quality of life will be enhanced by the full construction of the bikeway.

Stuart Roth
7261 Dockside Lane
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Aside from recreational benefits, this system can provide safe bike routes to work at more companies. I wish I could bike to my work but unless I live in Columbia it's dangerous.

Andrew D. Melito
6582 Sweet Fern
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Most of Columbia's roads do not hAve bike lanes or even shoulders wide enough to provide for safe cycling. Having a dedicated path would not only alleviate this but also reaffirm Howard County and Columbia as a great place to live if you value an active lifestyle.

David Kennedy
7317 Eden Brook Drive, #501
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking is fun

Daniel Wedeking
8017 Jenmar Road
Jessup, MD 20794

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I care for many reasons; I don't want to hear of a cyclist being hit by a car, cycling improves lives both mentallly and physically, and I like bikes.

Chuck McGeiver
9402 Granite Hill
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I like to walk or ride my bike whenever possible. I sometimes bike to work from Laurel to Hyattsville. I like using the bicycle trails in the county for exercise. I believe it is important to encourage bicycling to use less gas, cut down on pollution, and get more exercise built into our days.

Diane Buckley-Maidt
9655 Horsham Drive
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Exercising is crucial to our development and health and the bikeway will provide an outlet for my daughter to learn more about nature and the outdoors

Syed Shirazie
9645 Hammonds Overlook Court
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Hey guys, I've been living in Columbia for 28 years and do a lot of shopping on my bike from my home. Columbia, of course has a bike path system so I can avoid traffic 90% of the time, feel like I just took a mini vacation too. I feel good after a ride. An extensive bike system in Howard County? Wonderful. HoCo has always been a center for those kind of people, triathlons, volleyball tournaments, tennis, golf and you can certainly see a lot of cyclists casual and otherwise on the roads here, a bike path system is a perfect fit. Sometimes you say something is a win-win situation, this is a win-win-win-win-win situation, healthier people, cleaner air, less aggravated people from driving cars, less space taken up (by cars) and you even make the car drivers happier by taking a few more off the road, so that roads are a little less congested, did I mention less waste in gas and car wear and tear? And I'm a conservative saying all this. Thanks to my dad for teaching me to ride one when I was a kid, everyone should do that.

James Turnage
7006 Eden Brook Drive
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I would love to cycle around the county more--and use my car less--but I do not trust drivers to be fully aware on the road. I've seen one too many gruesome accidents on Guilford Rd to ever consider cycling where there are no shoulders.

Deb Dulin
7043 Copperwood Way
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: The Columbia path system is impressive, but remains unfinished. We must do more to fully integrate the different components, making the whole safer, more accessible, and allowing a true alternative for local, individual transportation and recreation.

Steven Bradtke
10088 Cape Ann Drive
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I would like to be able to run my errands, including grocery shopping by bike and thereby reduce my carbon footprint and exercise more.

Ann Coren
6449 Browsing Deer
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I would like a safer commute to the Marc.

Brady Decker
9466 Hundred Drums Row
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I would like to reduce my carbon footprint by doing more of my errands by bike. I live in Owen Brown and do my grocery shopping at MOM's. I currently cannot bike to MOM's. Doing my errands by bike will also have health benefits.

Ann Coren
6449 Browsing Deer
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: As a 71 year old, I bike whenever I can and love the Columbia bikeways!

Eva Collins
7173 Winter Rose Path
Columbia, md 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want the bikeway to benefit my kids, not just my grandkids.

Kevin Cropper
6433 Allview
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Howard County has great bike trails and we need more

Dan Wedeking
8017 Jenmar Road
Jessup, MD 20794

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: It would be great to have a place to ride when trails are to wet that isn't on the busy roads.

Marissa Murdock
7521 Murray Hill Road
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because cycling is fun and healthy, when you have safe spaces to enjoy it. Because bikes don't pollute or contribute to traffic when there are dedicated pathways.

Tanya Carlson
9369 Spring Water Path
Jessup, MD 20794

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I like to ride my bike as much as possible. I do however try to avoid busy roads like 175 etc. My goal is to ride my bike anywhere that I can instead of taking the car. I'm 73 years old and this is a critical part of my healthy aging plan. The new bike paths would allow me to go further distances without circling back and would provide as much more varied route than I now have. It also means I would use my car less to go places. I think the value of the proposed Bikeway transportation network is very important to an active aging population. For those of us that don't need more friends/social activities etc., needs are not met at the Senior Centers and the bike paths provide a terrific outdoor activity that we can enjoy with our friends. Please vote YES for this bond funding.

Thank you.

Alex Howe
9219 Gross Ave
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: More exercise, less fumes. Can it be brought from Howard County to Carroll County as well?

Roberto Martin
6834 Carlina Ave
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Less pollution, more Exercise, more livability in our community!

Yvette Oquendo
7442 Weather Worn Way
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Edwin Berruz
7442 Weather Worn Way
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Carlos Tolentino
8811 Willowwood Way
Jessup, MD 20794

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: would like safer bike routes

Haavard Boehmer
10017 Herding Row
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I love to bike

Jennifer Brasser
6728 Quiet Hours
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: So people can be safe riding a bike.

Larry Carson
7168 Winter Rose Path
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: its important to encourage healthy lifestyles in our community. We should make things more accessible for people without cars.

Duane St Clair
9347 Gentle Way
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Traffic can be eased, especially with all the growth causing congestion. Encourage people to live healthy.

Sam Sandler
6587 Maraigal Terrace
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: why not

Marcia Cohen
8866 Blue Sea Drive
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'm a cyclist and wish better access to county areas. I'm for mass transit and alternate transportation and less cars

Blair Davis
Downdale Place
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I care because I think the bike way would really benefit the public, not only by giving the option of using a bike but giving people motivation to live a healthy lifestyle.

Jon Judge
5401 Columbia Road
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Bikes are a great way to move people while protecting the environment and relieving traffic.

David Herbig
7152 Bright Soul
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: physical activity leads to better health and lover health care expenses.

Stephen Faster
9017 Moving Water Lane
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: more extensive bikeways would not only aid in the safety of bikers and pedestrians, but would promote the modes of transportation that may help our environment.

Robin Bunch
7051 Gentle Shade Road
Columbia, MD

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safe place for bikers and walkers

Sue Ashman
10313 Preakness Place
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Bri Ashman
10313 Preakness Place
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am all about a active lifestyle and getting more people biking. Also, getting people active on a daily basis by commuting is great!

Rhona Limcangco
10073 Windstream Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Karen MacFarland
9487 Hickory Limb
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Phil Bonne
9487 Hickory Limb
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Cheryl Jordon
9346 Breamore Court
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: being able to commute by bike through HC would be amazing.

Charles Higgins
6311 Leafy Screen
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: bikes are the part of the future of transportation.

Deborah Heck
10622 Gorman Road
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Mary Ellen McLaughlin
9718 Deep Smoke
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: the environment

Steve McLaughlin
9718 Deep Smoke
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because traffic is a real problem in Columbia. People could bike to places instead of driving and less cars will be on the road.

Rebecca Norton
6557 Quiet Hours #201
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: safer to be on bikeway then crowded roads

Gerard Hogan
8853 Stonebrook Lane
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: more biking = healthier people and less traffic

Elaine Newhall
7504 Broadcloth Way
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Mary Chiv
7974 Savage Guilford Road
Jessup, MD 20794

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: too many cars

Susan White
8853 Stonebrook Lane
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I bike regularly in Columbia, since 1973. Would like to see better connections.

Keter Patel
9752 Evening Bird Lane
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Patrick Hogan
8853 Stonebrook Lane
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: As a frequent cyclist, this pathway would make it much easier to get around Columbia and Howard county, itself already a pedestrian friendly community.

Larry Carson
7168 Winter Rose Path
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: having a safe bikeway that citizens can use throughout the county will be beneficial for health and the environment.

Jean Parr
6510 Allview Drive
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safety, fuel savings, fun

Ian Moody
9506 Red Apple Way
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: reduce pollution, safety, cut back n traffic congestion

Susan K. Moody
9506 Red Apple Way
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: It would help traffic keep kids out of the street and keeps them safe.

Andrea Barnes
6682 Possum Court
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: it would get bikes off motor roadways. Safty for riders. Transportation.

Phil Barnes
6682 Possum Court
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Charles Dyer
9895 Palace Hall Drive
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Barbara Mosier
9035 Jefferson Street
Jessup, MD 20794

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Great for recreation, health & safety. Saves energy!

Terry Trupin
9918 Evergreen Ave
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Denise W. Jenkins
7501 Red Cravat Court
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Need more bikeable areas

Susan D. Warren
9826 Softwater Way
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: County leadership needs to invest in the Bikeway. We need this to support why HoCo is in the top ten for raising families. We need to be "Well into the Future."

Michelle Valentine
9426 Chessie Lane
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Rae Ann Wuestman
7245 Swan Point Way
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I don't want to hurt anyone by accident.

Brandon M. Lee
6606 Carlinda Ave
Columbia, MD 21046

Bikeway Support Summary for Mary Kay Sigaty, District 4

18 Organizations Supporting the Bikeway:

- Bicycling Advocates of Howard County
- The Horizon Foundation
- Columbia Association
- Howard County Chamber of Commerce
- Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board
- Howard County General Hospital
- Howard Hughes Corporation
- Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition
- Howard County Public Transportation Board
- GreenStone Ventures
- American Heart Association Mid-Atlantic Affiliate
- Princeton Sports
- Race Pace Bicycles
- The Cycle Mill
- Earth Forum of Howard County
- Transition Howard County
- Howard County Group of the Maryland Sierra Club
- Ascent Bicycle Studio

Howard County resident support:

- **1000+ people have submitted letters of support, including 269 from District 4.** People signed support of this statement: "By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a transportation network that makes life better by helping people bike or walk where they want to go."
- More than 50 supporters attended the second county budget hearing, and
- We believe approximately 300 people have called the County Executive's office to voice their support.

The notes from your constituents are attached. Here is the text from a few, on why they want the Bikeway:

"I commute by bicycle and can attest to the high value of safe and well-networked bikeways. I try to take my bike instead of my car whenever possible, and the proposed bikeways would open up those options greatly - especially as my young children are starting to come along. I chose to live in Howard county because of the great quality of life that I found here, and **the importance of investment in programs that improve and enhance that quality, such as this proposed bikeway, cannot be underestimated.**"

-Daniel Kelly, 6683 Hawkeye Run, Columbia

"I need to run and walk for my mental and physical health as a veteran. The more paths and trails accessible to me the better."

-CM Coleman, 5824 White Pebble Path, Clarksville, MD

"I bike to work regularly and have been happy to see the steps taken to improve the bicycling experience in HoCo. **Please continue to fund bike programs. If you build it, they will come.**"

-Sunki Choe, 5242 Eliots Oak Rd, Columbia

Letters in support of the Bikeway

From District 4

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Need ways to connect various parts of the county by bike

Jeffrey A Friedhoffer
10042 The Mending Wall
Columbia, MD 21044-1711

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am a bike rider who would value usable bike routes.

John Worley
6041 Watch Chain Way
Columbia, Maryland 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking is an environmentally friendly mode of transportation as well as good exercise. Howard County needs to have easy access for biking around the county.

Carla Tevelow
10205 Wincopin Circle
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am 65. As I age, I want keep myself limber, explore new areas of Howard County, and save on automobile expenses. Bicycling is my ticket to this future. The Bike Howard master plan makes it possible by anticipating an integrated network for bicycle and pedestrian travel. Now we need to fund it. \$3 million for 3 years to support the Bikeway is a sound investment.

Harry Schwarz
11668 Dark Fire Way
Columbia, Maryland 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: We need to invest to make bicycling a safe and viable alternative to cars for transportation.

Raymond McDowell
7233 Meadow Wood Way
Clarksville, Maryland 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'd like to be able to bike around the area more safely.

Holly
10244 Hickory ridge road
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I bike several times a week, but I do not feel safe on roads without bike lanes

Mark Perry
6413 Distant Melody Pl
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking needs to be a legitimate transportation option. They need to get to work centers and transportation hubs. People need the freedom to choose when to drive and when to ride.

Jeff Chamblee
10141 Hyla Brook Road
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want safe active transportation routes accessible to as many people as possible.

Lisa Schlossnagle
11344 Liberty Street
Fulton, MD 20759

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I love to bike and want interconnecting paths that are safe and accessible.

Rebecca Bowman
6262 Branch Beech
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safer bike riding in Howard County

Gregory Tokarsky
11115 Ivy Bush Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I think it is health promoting

Jeanine Daniello
5018 West Running Brook Road
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: For a safety and accessibility for cyclists and pedestrians

Marty Cowan
7709 Elmwood Road
Fulton, MD 20759

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: If Howard County continues to grow, traffic congestion will get worse. Getting this in early can help reduce this problem.

Julian Paul
6420 Brass Knob
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'm a recreational cyclist and bike commuter.

Bruce Cohen
12233 Summer Sky Path
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I live and work in Howard County; specifically in the Town Center village of Columbia, Maryland. I was attracted to Town Center because of the opportunity to walk to the mall, restaurants, grocery store, and other nearby locations. I've always desired to live in a community where I could walk and bike instead of driving. Now the option to bike, via the Bikeway, makes biking a safe option to me. I could not be happier about the Bikeway.

Tracy Miller
10838 Symphony Way
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safe biking routes are necessary for our community. Biking is cleaner for the environment, better for our health, and fun. HoCo has quite the cycling population and having safe routes to travel will increase cyclist happiness, reduce cyclist accidents, reduce emissions, and much more.

Amanda Olson
10884 Harmel Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'm a frequent rider living in Riverside Estates. We have no safe bicycle access to any County roads or pathways. My preferred place to ride is on 99 from Ellicott City to 97.

Richard C. Goldman
10775 Judy Lane
Columbia, MD 21044 - 4211

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Howard County is in great need for a focused bikeway. I like to ride for pleasure

And find it hard to find safe places to ride. A bikeway will help alleviate this problem.

Ron Mayer
10753 McGregor Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Great to be able to ride up to 50 miles on bike paths

Jeffrey A. Friedhoffer
10042 The Mending Wall
Columbia, MD 21044-1711

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Bicycling brings me joy and keeps me healthy. I enjoy biking to work (address below) and I cross the County when I ride to Baltimore. I want to ride safely so I need good cycling routes.

Jonathan Solomon
12101 Route 108
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I bike and I care about the safety of all cyclists.

Darin Amthor
7808 Tuckahoe Court
Fulton, MD 20759

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I would love to see safe connections to the current trail system making it accessible and easy to use for all ages, fitness levels, and abilities.

Erin Taylor
11222 Peartree Way
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Maria Miller
11212 Silver Tree Place
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway --a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I would like alternatives to my car, and safe and effcent bike routes will offer me that as an option, and the benefits to the environment are something we need to invest in.

Bonnie Cornell
6309 Morning Time Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Frequent bike commuter from Hospital to Fort Meade

Brian McSweeney
6250 Cricket Pass
Columbia, mD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Want a safe way to ride my bike and combine my rides with errands.

Sandor Mester
7416 Cherry Tree Drive
Clarksville, md 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I used to bike to work before I retired and now I bike every week for recreation. The network of bike paths is one of the reasons I moved to Columbia 20 years ago and, as I age and as traffic increases, I am becoming more cautious about biking on roads

Bob Schurter
Suffield Court
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I cycle to work, to run errands, and just for fun. Having a real, designated bikeway will make my rides safer and more efficient. It'll also help me keep a car off the road and lower my carbon footprint.

Howard Feldmesser
5129 Darting Bird Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I bike regularly in the county for recreation and exercise.

James Moore
11533 Manorstone Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: For health reasons I'd love to be able to bike to work safely. Right now I'd hAve to go down Brokenland which is not safe

Leslie Wolff
11006 Bushwood Way
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I commute by bicycle

Dave Ferraro
16 River Road
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking is a healthy and environmentally sound way to commute and get around. Because of heavy traffic, biking on roads in the county is dangerous. Even great bike path systems like the ones in Columbia are inadequate to support widespread bicycle commuting for work and shopping. \$3 million over 3 years is a bargain for such an infrastructure enhancement!

Rebecca Reese
7159 Pindell School Road
Fulton, MD 20759

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: improve the quality & safety of clean & healthy cycling

Mike Stone
10730 Little Patuxent Parkway
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Bicycling is a great way to improve the environment and residents' health, two important goals to Howard County residents. The Bikeway is a an important milestone towards supporting those goals, as well as making cycling safer for everyone.

Ronald E. Alper
6503 Barley Corn Row
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Jeff Taylor
11222 Peartree Way
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking is a healthy non- poluting means of trAvel. Our affluent county should support positive efforts to increase bike usage.

Ron Mayer
10753 McGregor Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I hAve ridden bicycles in Howard County for more than 40 years, and hope to do so for decades to come. But there is now vastly more traffic than in years past, and drivers seem both more impatient and more distracted. A collision between a 20 lb. bicycle and a 2,000 pound car has a predictable outcome, and the increasing number of fatal collisions is a concern for all County/Maryland residents.

Communities with good bicycle access hAve fewer cars on the roads, fewer accidents, and healthier citizens.

Bob Coburn
11429 High Hay Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I current hAve to trAverse 10 different roads to create a safe bike commute route between Clarksville and BWI. The bike paths simply do not connect. I would love a simpler, safer and faster route

T. Crooks
12109 Sunlit Water Way
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Bicycling is a great low impact exercise for those of us over 50. HoCo would be a leading example of a bike friendly infrastructure in the state and surrounding areas.

Frank Smith
11312 Castlewood Court
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I need my bike for exercise and this would help me lead a more healthy life.

Gordon Ellis
7411 Pindell School Road
Fulton, MD 20759

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am a father of two young boys and want to share my passion and love of cycling with them in a safe and enjoyable way.

Adam Miceli
7519 Morris Street
Fulton, MD 20759

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: As a long-time Howard County resident and a frequent cyclist, we need safe trails, like the bikeway, for those of us who bike regularly and for the many who would cycle if there was a safe bikeway available.

Fred Berko
6304 Bright Plume
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: We need safe, environmentally friendly ways to get around the area. My family and I love biking - it's great exercise and a good way to de-stress - but it is dangerous on our roads. We need greater connectivity and longer trails without traffic!

Amy Goodwin
8206 Dragonfly Court
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Cycling is great exercise and a way to enjoy where live.

David Forester
11023 Thistle Brook Court
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want to help the planet and get more exercise

Frank Lombardi
11726 Lightfall Court
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I road 6,000 miles last year, to include solo unsupported across America. There are many real and perceived dangers to cyclists and the motorists they share the road with. Well-designed bike paths improve access to destinations and related safety. Today many of the well-used access or pleasure riding routes are very dangerous. Route 108 and all access roads to rail-stations are but two examples. The bikeway will sAve lives and be an excellent marketing tool for getting people on wheels!

Kent Menser
5113 Harpers Farm Road
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Jean Friedberg
6449 Snuffbox Terrace
Columbia, MD 21044-4024

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: bicycling is good exercise and better for the environment, more people would do it if there were safer bikeways

Monica Courtney
5028 Jericho Road
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: More people on bikes, safely riding instead of driving makes for a healthier Howard County!

Nancy Briguglio
5214 Harper's Farm Road
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I spend a lot of time riding my bike and would like safe routes to get around the county

Jeffrey A. Friedhoffer
10042 The Mending Wall
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I enjoy riding my bike all around Howard County and I'm concerned about safety.

Lisa Fichman
10205 Brighton Ridge Way
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: My husband works in Howard County and would love to bike to work, but doesn't see a safe way to currently do so.

Lynn Lascola
6143 Llanfair Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Cycling is a healthy activity and a bikeway promotes safety.

Hazel Glasper
11508 Jamestown Court
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I need a safer way to get to work on my bike.

Kevin Martin Lascola
6143 Llanfair Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want a safe place for my biking family and friends.

Lisa Shaw
10833 Bird Song Pass
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Every place I go that has a bike culture - Philly, DC, Portland, Greenville SC... - seems to get it! Downtowns are humming with activity. Businesses and restaurants are kicking butt. People are awesome, friendly, engaging. There are no strangers on bikes. Bikes seem to bring everything and everyone together for the collective good. To me, that is Columbia and Howard County to a T. It's already there. All we need is some additional infrastructure to support the culture that I think already exists. It just needs a little nudge to really explode!!

Matt D'Amico
10468 Sternwheel Place
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'm a cyclist. The roads in HoCo are too busy, especially for inexperienced or young riders. I live 3 miles from work, but the traffic is too crazy for me to safely bike to work daily.

Amanda Galante
Slippery Rock Way
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I bike all over Columbia and would like more trail access

Edward Zupnik
11426 High Hay Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: biking is better for everyone - less traffic, less pollution, good exercise, happiness

Ryan Gardner
10338 Sixpence Circle
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking is important and beneficial for our community. In addition to being an important component of addressing pollution and climate change, it helps with traffic and with health. I want my children to be able to bike safely. I want to be able to minimize car use without worrying about dangerous biking conditions on the roads. I also think having a bike-able community is something that is going to become increasingly desirable and I want our community to be on the cutting edge of walkable, bike-able, livable space.

Kristine Amari
10338 Sixpence Circle
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because my children and I could more easily commute to work or school on our bikes.

Cynthia Alden
12215 Green Shoot Court
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'm a practical cyclist in a house full of practical cyclists. By that I mean that we aren't elitist 100 + mile a day riders in spandex, we're riders who use our bikes for commuting, trips to the store, visits to friends, and regular exercise. Maryland has good (not yet great) bicycle safety laws, and HoCo is a generally bike - friendly community, but almost every ride involves negotiating a few dangerous intersections, narrow bridges, and spots where the shoulder suddenly disappears for no reason. The Bikeway will be an important start toward building bike-friendly infrastructure in HoCo and across the state.

Michael Wagner
5426 Hesperus Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Would love to hAve more bikes and less cars, for our health

Christine Crowe
10430 Fair Oaks
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Promotes health, safer, fun activities accessible to kids, cleaner for environment for commuters. Can ride local rather than driving to b&a or Arlington trails.

Keno
Pindell Woods Drive
Fulton, MD 20759

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: My family are avid bikers and Howard county is always I need of new bike paths

Michelle Sapp
11838 Winterlong Way
Columbia, Md 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want safe ways to get around by bike. The built environment can either encourage active transportation or it can impede it. If we do the former, we will hAve a healthier, more vital population and make Howard County and the region even greater! Friends of mine hAve gotten seriously injured and killed on the roads - we need safer, better marked, protected bike ways - the more the better.

Lawrence Schoen
10478 Waterfowl Terrace
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: To convince more people that biking is a practical mode of transportation, two things are required:

The bike lanes must connect points of interest, and not just go through "pretty parts of nature".

They must be separated from vehicular traffic in a physical convincing way. Painted stripes on the road are not convincing.

Paul Jensen
11216 Avalanche Way, Unit A
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Please make the bikeway a reality! It is long overdue in Howard County.

Gregg Schwind
6123 Drivey Leaf Path
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: If you want to attract young people and Tech businesses to Howard County this is important.

Monte Schwarzwaldner
5063 Blacksmith Drive
columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I commute by bicycle and can attest to the high value of safe and well-networked bikeways. I try to take my bike instead of my car whenever possible, and the proposed bikeways would open up those options greatly - especially as my young children are starting to come along. I chose to live in Howard county because of the great quality of life that I found here, and the importance of investment in programs that improve and enhance that quality, such as this proposed bikeway, can not be underestimated.

Daniel Kelly
6683 Hawkeye Run
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking is good for everyone: less traffic, less polution, health, happiness... Great cities will all hAve great support for biking

Ryan Gardner
10338 Sixpence Circle
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Jean Friedberg
6449 Snuffbox Terrace
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Our family tries to use our cars as little as possible, and we are so excited by the prospect of the Bikeway! We would definitely use it frequently, as would our kids as they get older and more able to bike distances. I really believe this would be hugely beneficial for our county and community: helping sustain the environment, reducing traffic, drawing people who like the idea of living in a place where biking is a real and safe option for commuting, and enhancing the biking experience for the many enthusiasts (and future enthusiasts) in our area!

Kristine Amari
10338 Sixpence Circle
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking is good for all humans along with just plain exercise.

Evan Schneider
12106 Blue Flag Way
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: HAVe a safe, fast alternative to driving to work

James Huselton
10344 College Square
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: With a forecasted growth of more than 30,000 people in Howard County in 15 years (2010-2025), according to information on the Howard County Economic Development Authority, we will need every available transportation alternative to maintain the superior quality of life we enjoy. Automobile traffic will only become much worse. Please support a healthy alternative to getting people where they want to work, live, play and meet.

Mary Klett
6135 Llanfair Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Would like to be able to ride more safely from my house.

Les Gesell
5615 Suffield Court
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: There should be more safe bike paths so people can ride to and from shopping, work, etc.

Judy McDermott
6307 Golden Hook
Columbia, Md 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because I like to ride my bike instead of using my car. More fun, more exercise, and I'm relieving traffic, hAve no exhaust fumes, use no gas. It's extremely scary and dangerous to ride on busy roads with traffic.

Robin Hessey
10768 McGregor Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I would like to commute by bike

Michael Walsh
6842 Caravan Court
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Pedestrian / bike paths make HoCo more livable, promote health of the citizens, reduces the bursting of CO2 (greenhouse gas) into the environment.

Ben Silverstein
7418 Oakcrest Lane
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safe bike routes lead to safer and healthier citizens! As a parent of two teenage daughters - I would much prefer they hAve dedicated bike routes to get around and take advantage of all the local businesses, as opposed to driving = more gas, more environmental pollution, and economic spending in other areas.

Karen Isailovic
5649 Vantage Point Road
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: It is getting riskier to ride the streets!

Peggy Hoffman
11804 Bare Sky Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: This initiative can tame our traffic glut. I used to feel safe on our roadways long ago, but we need protection now.

Steve Creasy
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Cycling is great for the health of Howard County citizens, Howard County environmental health, and improving traffic in the region.

Ronald E. Alper
6503 Barley Corn Row
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Every vehicle on the road deserves to be used safely. Unfortunately, drivers in our county don't recognize the rights or cyclists as fellow commuters so we need a special lane to protect our citizens who use bicycles as transportation or means to stay fit.

Nievelsi Yockkim
7873 Tuckahoe Court
Fulton, MD 20759

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: To enable safe bicycle commuting in Howard County

Scott Walton
6416 Autumn Sky Way
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Too many cyclist are killed each year...I think last year it was over 700 people nationwide. The proximity of cars and bikers on most streets is too close, even though we pretend it isn't! This is a public safety issue.

Suzanne S. Waller
5410 Smooth Meadow Way
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safety - it's more and more dangerous to ride the roads

Bob Coburn
11429 High Hay Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I ride my bicycle to work and roads are dangerous with sleepy and careless drivers in the mornings. I use trails when possible but there are missing sections where I need to ride streets. It will help to enhance desireability of community with low ongoing maintenance costs.

Gary Trotter
6130 Trotter Ridge Court
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Cycling is good for the environment, good for public health, and good for building a sense of community. To encourage cycling, we need to hAve sufficient safe, convenient, and useful places to do it. The bikeway would be an enormous step forward.

Jim Mahoney
5076 Jericho Road
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I've lived and worked in Howard County for over thirty years and would love to bike SAFELY here. I often drive to the rail trail in Baltimore County or the BWI loop in Anne Arundel to ride safe miles.

Wendy Holbrook
5941 Cedar Fern Court
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I enjoy riding the Bikeway myself and with my two kids. Particularly with the kids, I look forward to routes that cross Howard County with less "interaction" with car traffic.

Joe Bruce
6329 Daring Prince Way
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I hAve been a long time cyclist in Howard County and hAve found the roads to be much more dangerous to ride on.

Ron Tash
10374 College Square
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I live in Howard County and have kids that enjoy riding. I'm nervous of cars not looking out for them. The bikeway gives safe access to a variety of places we can all go.

Lynda Duffy
12020 Floating Clouds Path
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking is good for health, commerce, and the environment, but only when it is safe.

Joanne Heckman
11174 Wood Elves Way
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I love biking around Howard County. Any steps toward driving less would strengthen our community as we can engage more with our surroundings and others while biking or walking. I'd love it if we can improve our carbon footprint, and improve the Bay at the same time.

Anna Farb
6259 Audubon Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: More ways to bike around more safely & promote a healthy lifestyle in a fun way

Meg Goldberg
6460 Sundown Trail
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I use my bike to commute whenever possible and want more HC citizens to enjoy the health and environmental benefits of biking to where they want to go!

Kenneth Kirby
5253 Open Window
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: We need safe places to ride in Howard county

Nancy Kusmaul
Fable Row
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: This will promote health and protect our environment.

Pat McLaine
5328 Eliots Oak Road
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Important for the County specialy for young people to travel to and from where they have to go

Virgilio Blanco
6420 Chell Road
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am an avid cyclist and I want a safe and scenic bike path.

Lisa Fichman
10205 Brighton Ridge Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I live, work, and bike here and dont want to be killed

David Phillips
10299 Wilde Lake Terrace
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking is better for the health of people and for the environment and with safer paths/routes more people would be more likely to bike.

Bethany
12106 Gold Ribbon Way
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safe transportation and ecological.

S. Creasy
10520 East Wind Way
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: This is about the future. Baltimore and DC are growing and we need to protect and develop the type of community we want. Investing in the bikeway now will help make Columbia a more vibrant and livable community for years to come.

Lochlann Boyle
10652 Glass Tumbler Path
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: As a citizen of Columbia I believe a good network of connected trails improves the quality of life throughout Columbia. Trails are an excellent way to motivate residence to get outside and simply move be it walking, jogging or cycling. As ac cyclist I appreciate the safe and fun opportunities they offer to me and my family. They provide a place free of the risk from motor vehicle collisions that appeal to those with children and those uncomfortable being near vehicles.

Randy Jewell
10806 Symphony Way
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking is better for everyone!

Elizabeth Moses
5145 Durham Rd West
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because cyclists are dying on our roads.

Sam Williams
9352 Ourtime Lane
Columbia, MD 21045

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because I love to ride in Howard County!

Steve Cover
12581 Garry Glenn Drive
Bristow, VA 20136

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because HoCo is getting more crowded and bike routes/facilities will help alleviate congestion.

Julian Paul
6420 Brass Knob
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I commute to work - HCGH pediatric emergency department - by bike.

Eric Crawford
6109 Rippling Water Walk
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: First thoughts - safety and commerce. To further, environment and fitness. We live in an active County that can only get better by providing safe alternatives for commuters and the health conscious alike. Bikeway options will provide for that and more. I've seen an increase in trail use in the Columbia area as they've been improved. I can only see even better things coming from providing safer and further reaching alternatives.

Charlie Turner
5101 Durham Road West
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Need ways to connect various parts of the county by bike

Lloyd Linstrom
5021 Cloudburst Hill
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Cycling as transportation & recreation is increasing dramatically. Many roads are too dangerous to use (especially Columbia).

Crystal Howard
10598 Jason Court
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Susan Fulton
5005 Durnam Road East
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Alan Burrows
5005 Durnam Road East
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: As a cyclist myself, I want to be able to ride farther and safer within the county and keep as many cars as possible off the roads by providing alternatives to driving

Karen Pell
6424 Hickory Overlook
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safer, more enjoyable biking options

Oliver Henderson
11304 Toaks Way
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: We need more space for safe exercise and family time

Norman Edwards
10590 Jason Court
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'm a walker and I love the health initiative in HoCo.

Paul Dane
7730 Water Street
Fulton, MD 20759

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Need more bikeways

Diane Huey
5429 Fallriver Row Court
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Paul Hunter
7021 River Oak Court
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safety for cyclists

Bob Jackson
Columbia, MD

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Recreation! Bike Riding away from traffic

Grace M Vega
8706 Peachtree Lane
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Angel Vega
8707 Peachtree Lane
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: It just makes sense

Kwong C Whang
8404 Early Bird Way
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: so my younger siblings can bike to school

Dong O. Whans
8404 Early Bird Way
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want a safe way to transportation that supports the environment and decreases pollution.

Peter Whang
8404 Early Bird Way
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want to be able to bike to more places and I want me and my sons to be safe while biking.

Faith M. Whang
8404 Early Bird Way
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Having safer biking routes will allow people to ride their bikes more instead of taking cars. It will increase recreational opportunities to make the county a more desirable place to live.

Michael Breault
P.O. Box 6338
Columbia, MD 21041

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Family Recreation - we need more of it.

Deborah Chamblee
10141 Hyla Brook Road
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Promote healthy lifestyle.

Maria Halaguena
11870 New Country Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Health and safety and environment. We need bike paths.

Larry Surowitz
11367 Skilift Court, #A
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Health and Community

Glenn Schneider
12106 Blue Flag Way
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: safer bike ride

Caitlin Roscoe
5665 Harpers Farm Road
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Julie Barnes
Little Patuxent Parkway
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking is good for our health and the environment.

Maribel Miranda
11250 Snowflake Court
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Promotes healthy living. Good mean of exercise and reduces pollution.

Nathaniel Survez
11250 Snowflake Court, Unit A
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because this will provide great routes of transportation for people that trAvel to work on bike, it will help Columbia residents be in better shape too, it will make Columbia

Roberto Meaes
11939 Gold Needle Way
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: My family and I enjoy biking and this would help connect us to friends.

Mursal
Peartree Way
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: We need to invest in ways that reduce barriers to people use their cars less.

Mashal Nuwabi
Peartree Way
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: We want safe places to walk, bike and jog.

Lauren Rivarde
Little Patuxent Parkway
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: builds community

Sandra Curran
6175 Llanfair Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Bikeway improves the quality of life in the community. Bikeways create recreational opportunities and improve health in the

Petra Brandt
11784 Lone Tree Court
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Healthy commuting and fewer cars on the road.

Aaron Portz
5117 Northern Fences Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: More Biking

Elizabeth Heppie
12006 White Cord Way
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because I live here and for kids it is important to get more space and sidewalks more safe to walk to school or exercise safely.

Pontus C. Brandt
11784 Lone Tree Court
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: family safe biking

Felix Rodriguez
5910 Iron Frame Way
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Cherry Pontz
507 Northern Fences Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: safety for my kids

Louisa Cardona
5652 Vantage Point Road
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: This is critically important and about time! Health, efficiency, plan help and fun. What is not to like.

Jeff Chamblee
10141 Hyla Brook Road
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: the addition of bike paths would allow for the less use of fuel in cars for transportation

Arthur Currah
6175 Llanfair Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Chris Roscoe
5665 Harper's Farm Road, Unit D
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want more area for alternative transportation in my town. I love bikes.

Nadine Olaniran
7209 Preservation Court
Fulton, MD 20759

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together..

Why I care: It is easier to get to work if you are close by and a good form of exercise.

Jeff Friedhoffer
10042 The Mending Wall
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: We should enjoy being outside more. Good for everyone and environment.

John Brewer
11106 Cricket Hollow Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: To improve health and safety of transportation.

Miariko Sheffrin
8750 Doves Fly Way
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Give people option of biking instead of needing to drive everywhere.

Jack Sheffrin
8750 Doves Fly Way
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: walking and riding needs to be part of all lifestyles.

Ed Wood
10905 Swansfield Road
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Health and safety .

Dee Sullivan
10905 Swansfield Road
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I would like to safely ride my bike to the mall. I hAve seen people biking across the bridge on broken land (over 29) and it is very dangerous.

William Dunn
6482 South Wind Circle
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I ride my bike many places in the county and it would be great to connect the various routes. Also it would help people to commute to work.

Vern Arner
5144 Endymion Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

James Lubitz
10978 Millbank Row
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: This would be great for everyone and would encourage more people to saddle up

Manuela De Carvaltto
P.O. Box 1481
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safety

Debbie Turner
6144 Endymion Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Avid cyclist (retired) and belong to BBC, C2H Ateazw Group. Always try to leAve the car at home, free up the streets.

Judy Lang
6994 Westcott Place
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want cyclists to be safe

Ray Fauntlery
5717 Whistling Winds Walk
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Columbia needs free recreation

Richard Fauntlery
5717 Whistling Winds Walk
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Bikeways add value to the community, quality of life.

Alanna Fauntlery
5717 Whistling Winds Walk
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: It is unsafe at the moment to bike on some roads. It is important that we are able to bike safely in Howard County.

Dameian Woods
10730 Green Mountain Circle
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: it keeps people safe

Virginia Merson
10571 Scaggsville Road
Laurel, MD 20723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I support biking and healthy lifestyle for Howard County.

Joy Boler
5697 Harpers Farm Road
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'm an avid exerciser.

Jeff Vorce
6689 Buttonhole Court
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: My dad is an avid biker, I would feel far more comfortable knowing he was safer.

Charles Satriano
12290 Greenmeadow Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: As an avid cyclist, I am in favor of additional safe routes of passage through the county.

Dominique Allen
10280 Daystar Court
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Everyone should be able to safely get around without using the roads where there is danger from motor vehicles.

Arthur Paarmann
10280 Daystar Court
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safety is very important to all and should be a priority. We all can share the road together.

Maddy Conrad
11131 Slalom Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safer for bikes and pedestrians in Howard County

Martha Perog
11131 Slalom Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Good health

Alice Cheung
6792 Pyramid Way
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: safe place to walk and jog

Karen Bryant
7143 Wimmer Lane
Sykesville, MD 21784

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: It's a safe place to walk.

Kelli Shimabukuro
11938 New Country Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: better transportation

DAve Kelley
7249 Preservation Court
Fulton, MD 20759

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I would like it to be safer place to get to and from with ease.

Paulette Carter
7249 Preservation Court
Fulton, MD 20759

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: safe place to walk

Kunle Olaniron
7209 Preservation Court
Fulton, MD 20759

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I care because it makes life a lot easier to get to and from with alternate transportation.

Chris Carter
7245 Preservation Court
Fulton, MD 20759

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: more walkways

Christine Kelley
7249 Preservation Court
Fulton, MD 20759

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: A strong bike pathway system has so many benefits for a community Health, transportation, safety.

Tracey Novak
5755 Cedar Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: help connect our community in new ways, encourage people to get out and exercise easily.

Chris Ma
5234 Eliots Oak Road
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Great Exercise

Chris Bien
5022 Cloudburst Hill
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Jim Robers
6332 Frostwork Row
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: As a health educator, mom, and Columbia resident, I know the benefits of providing infrastructure to promote physical activity in our children and community.

Kim Miller
5535 Suffield Court
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Gary Mechtel
5927 Indian Summer Drive
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I grew up in Howard County and would love to see some more bike trails around for me to come back and ride on.

Derick Happerson
Highland, MD

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Connecting disparate bike paths should increase biking fitness and community.

Susan Tucker
5022 Cloudburst Hill
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: to connect our community, and promote health activity.

Chris Burton
6370 Summer Sunrise Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I would probably use this if it was built.

Cybil Lyons
7805 Browns Bridge Road
Highland, MD 20777

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I bike to work

Mac Rivkin
5400 Vantage Point Road
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Howard County Resident

Meaghan Campbell
21405 New Country Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Tiffany Wang
6127 Syracuse Court
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Judy Wang
6127 Syracuse Court
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Road bike favorable

Pam Franks
6055 Wild Ginger Court
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Jeff Kulek
6540 Autumn Wind Circle
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I work in Howard County and support greater accessibility

Judy Rivkin
5400 Vantage Point Road 1209
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I need to run and walk for my mental and physical health as a veteran The more paths and trails accessible to me the better.

C M Coleman
5824 White Pebble Path
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I don't live here but come here and would like to see bikeways safe.

Phillip Riggins
Columbia, MD 21172

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: safety and fun!

David Freesland
5433 Endicott Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Two of the planned lines go directly to two of the places I regularly commute.

Jim Martin
5913 Iron Frame Way
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I work in Howard County and ride my bike to work very often.

Troy Bradley
11310 Buckleberry Path
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I don't own a car - only two bikes.

Ryan Ekenede
Columbia, MD

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

James Spicer
5926 Iron Frame Way
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: reduce pollution

Graham Spicer
5926 Iron Frame Way
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: avid cyclist - concerned citizen

Howard Ories
11239 Crystal Run, Unit B
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Hugh Meyers
Columbia, MD

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Alan Rabinstein
10613 August Light Court
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I like to leAve my car at home and commute to work on bike.

Mike Stone
10730 Little Patuxent Parkway
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I live and ride in Howard County. I often commute to and from work via bike. It would be amazing to have dedicated bike lanes.

Terrence Bridges
10997 Bushwood Way
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: The expenditure of a car should not be a prerequisite to the use of public road infrastructure. A bike and bike infrastructure is a low cost alternative to car trAvel that most can afford

Athur Khan
5958 Turnabout Lane, Apt #2
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because cycling is crucial to the efficient infrastructure of a developing "modern" city!

Betsy Gralar
10943 Swansfield Road
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: So there are safer routes for everyone to ride

Ben Silverstein
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: With bikers in the family, I see first hand the dangerous sections of Howard county roads and I worry everyday for the safety of my loved ones on bikes in Howard county.

Diane Roca
5121 Watchwood Path
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Society, fitness, quality of life

Frances Lorenzi
11429 High Hay Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: 1. Biking is a great activity for kids and family. 2. I like my city/neighborhood be bike friendly. 3. Protec our environment.

Robert Coburn
11429 High Hay Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I ride

Cindy Benedek
12294 Wake Forest
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safe, secure, dedicated paths across eastern Howard County to downtown Columbia. BUILD MORE PLEASE! Makes the County great!

Edward Zupunik
11426 High Hay Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Give people safe bike-riding options away from car traffic.

Janet Ecker
11434 High Hay Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Bikes reduce pollution, bikes improve health, bikes create create commuters - its good for small business. Did I mention its good for you?

CM Coleman
5824 White Pebble Path
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I work in Howard County.

Phillip Riggins
Columbia, MD 21172

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I bike to work rgularly and hAve been happy to see the steps taken to improve the bicycling experince in HoCo. Please continue to fund bike programs. If you build it, they will come.

Sunki Choe
5242 Eliots Oak Road
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Bill Nickels
11217 Terrace Lane
Fulton, MD 20759

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Getting people out of cars is better for them and the environment.

Deborah Smith
10810 Hill Top Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Help the environment

George Murphy
10741 Evening Wind Street
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I use it.

Devon Price
River Row
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: The traffic has gone beserk!

Chetram B. Nanan
10610 Hickory Point Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want to have the option to ride throughout the ocounty with my kids.

Andrew Stettner
11340 Duke Street
Fulton, MD 20759

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: We need more places - SAFE PLACES - to walk, run & bike. We love to be outside and healthy.

Jill Allbritton
7814 Blue Ribbon Street
Fulton, MD 20759

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Connect existing bijke paths for safer rides and avoiding traffic

Sharon Cody
10466 Faulkner Ridge Circle
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Joe Diemer
10819 Warfield Place
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I RIDE

Arianna Sunbear
10528 Faulkner Ridge Circle
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Robert Carbo
6213 Ashton Park Court
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Avid cyclist & bicycle commuter

Les Gesell
5615 Suffield Court
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I love to ride and would like to see more ssafe trails in our area that connects the other counties.

Langston W. Willis
10530 Cross Fox Lane, Apt A2
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I love riding and need more trails to explore

Cindy Albright
10363 Windstream Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: We need alternatives to driving around here

Steven Lewis
11010 Wineglass Court
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Davis L. Statton, Jr.
10575 Twin Rivers Road
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Seth Behzadi
5388 Smooth Meadow Way, H12
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Need to preserve nature for people and animals and all life - good helath = abundance

Nat Frazier
10101 Governor Warfield Pkwy
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Donald Disney
10205 Wincopin Circle
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Best way to exercise, lower BP, lower cholesterol, Need to promote wellness.

Mark Southerland
6135 Llanfair Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Healthy people are happy people

Jill Lewin
6609 Swing Court
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Stephen Greif
11385 Heathertoe Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Makes the community more accessible

Cathy Sonnenschein
7534 Hearthside Way
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I care because we need alternate methods of transportation. I hope to see this happen soon and extend to other counties.

Dennis Cherot
6128 Llanfair Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I enjoy riding my bike around the county

Roger S Lewin
6609 Swing Court
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Elizabeth Harris
5805 Old Sea Place
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Marguerite Madden
11524 Crows Nest Road
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: The more bikeways the better

Bonnie Pace
6501 Cashel Court
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I believe in life! I don't want people getting hurt.

Russell Sleeper
6109 Thompson Drive
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: To keep people healthy

Ciana Novelo
6500 Kells Court
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I like to ride my bike to go places. I want my kids to be able to be safe. We have a lot of people who bike western HoCo roads. It would be great to make it safer. I don't want to hit anyone by accident!

Sandy Hanson
6369 Morning Time Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Travis Watson
9807 Davidge Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Kim Zanski
6296 Goldern Hook
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Sam Bhar
6025 Ascending Moon Path
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

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Why I care:

Sheda Reddy
7021 Garden Walk
Columbia, MD 21044

I want the Bikeway

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Why I care:

Walter Belleza
12315 Carol Drive
Fulton, MD 20759

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safety

Erica Hernick
6151 Daylong Lane
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: We need more options for commuting around Columbia!

Damon Finfano-Strode
5711 Cedar Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

Bikeway Support Summary for Greg Fox, District 5

18 Organizations Supporting the Bikeway:

- Bicycling Advocates of Howard County
- The Horizon Foundation
- Columbia Association
- Howard County Chamber of Commerce
- Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board
- Howard County General Hospital
- Howard Hughes Corporation
- Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition
- Howard County Public Transportation Board
- GreenStone Ventures
- American Heart Association Mid-Atlantic Affiliate
- Princeton Sports
- Race Pace Bicycles
- The Cycle Mill
- Earth Forum of Howard County
- Transition Howard County
- Howard County Group of the Maryland Sierra Club
- Ascent Bicycle Studio

Howard County resident support:

- **1000+ people have submitted letters of support, including 159 from District 5.** People signed support of this statement: "By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a transportation network that makes life better by helping people bike or walk where they want to go."
- More than 50 supporters attended the second county budget hearing, and
- We believe approximately 300 people have called the County Executive's office to voice their support.

The notes from your constituents are attached. Here is the text from a few, on why they want the Bikeway:

"I ride/run on the roads of Howard County every week and they are not safe. Having on road bike lanes and off street pathways would encourage more people to get out and use these paths. Many people will not ride on the roads or allow their children to do so."

-Anne Johnson, 15125 Players Way, Glenwood

"I used to work in Howard County and all I ever wanted to do was be able to safely ride to work. I now work in DC, IF I had been able to ride the trails it would have been a huge incentive to me to stay and work in HC."

-Mary Ann Kinsella-Meier, 13416 Allnutt Lane, Highland

"I love to ride, but I live in Ellicott City where there are no bike paths. We need a unified system to ride throughout the county."

-Stephen Draminski, 9829 Michael's Way, Ellicott City

"I feed my family by working in the bike business."

-Carmen Ferris, 2909 Pinewick Rd, Ellicott City

Letters in support of the Bikeway

From District 5

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I like to bicycle and this is good for our community. It will be well utilized.

Paul Bade
3717 Park Overlook Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Ken Miller
2511 great Alexander st
marriottsville, md 21104

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am a cyclist concerned about rider safety

Richard Fitzgerald
6591 Castlebay Ct.
Highland, MD 20777

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Matthew Dickey
13336 Hunt Ridge
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: My family and I live and bicycle in Howard County and I teach the Bicycling Merit Badge to Boy Scouts in Howard County. We need a safe, connected Bikeway that allows cyclists of all ages and skill levels to move about the county to work, play, shop, attend schools and events, etc. Downtown events (Merriweather, etc.) don't need more car-commuters, they need more people coming in by bicycle. Traffic benefits, the environment benefits, congestion gets reduced, and the footprint currently needed for parking cars is reduced.

John Brandt
12575 Indian Hill Drive
Sykesville, MD 21784

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Cycling offers low cost commuting and a healthy lifestyle.

Randall Nixon
2800 Nixons Farm Lane
West Friendship, MD 21794

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Using a bicycle for transportation would be much healthier for myself and my family; I travel by bike everywhere when I work in places like Seattle or Portland

Patrick von Schlag
6609 Blackwatch Lane
Highland, Md 20777

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I would like a safer commute to work and safer recreational routes around the county.

Mark D. Switlick
10663 Breezewood Drive
Woodstock, MD 21163

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I hAve been a biker and hiker all my life

Rita Hamlet
1669 Henryton Road
Marriottsville, MD 21104

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Traffic, environment and health are all positively impacted for minimal cost up front and far cheaper maintenance than surface streets in the long run. This coupled with high-density affordable housing development around existing transit options will facilitate the growth of the county, which is inevitable, in a smart way to best use the existing infrastructure. Creating alternative transit solutions which includes expanding WMATA and MTA expansion into Howard County and facilitating local commuting without vehicles are all a necessity as road infrastructure can only be expanded so much. This will also prevent further development in the western portion of the county which needs to retain its rural character.

Shaun Lehmann
13761 Frederick Road
West Friendship, MD 21794

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Promoting Healthy Habits

Michael Fagan
11351 Barley Field Way
Marriottsville, MD 21104

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Great idea! Excellent way to get more exercise, use our cars less in addition to the added benefits of meeting our neighbors in the county are all important reasons to invest in this project. Best of luck!!

Gina Barr
2309 Old Maple Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I bike as much as I can and would like to see lots more people riding.

Kate Farber
13495 Triadelphia Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Cycling is a great way to commute and exercise. Howard County needs bikeways to encourage more people to use their bicycles.

Michael R. Ware
2321 Old Maple Court
Columbia, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safer access connecting Ellicott City to Columbia.

Veronica DeSimone
2502 McKenzie Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I care because I love biking and would do much more of it if I didn't hAve to face heavy traffic. Plus, this will make the area even more appealing to all people, drawing in smart, savvy, environmentally interested people.

Victoria Downing
8504 Edenton Road
Fulton, MD 20759

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safe & Protected Cycling inHoCo

Bill Kelly
10027 Fox Den Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am an avid cyclist in Howard County and the roads hAve gotten increasing unsafe for cyclists. I am a member of Howard County Cyclists.

Angela Lomg
14041 Tall Ships Drive
West Friendship, MD 21794

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because I ride, and I vote.

Randall Nixon
2800 Nixon's Farm Lane
West Friendship, MD 21794

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Long time resident who enjoys cycling in western howard county

Robert McCormick
12225 Fawnhaven Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: It will allow a safe path for biking and promote a healthier lifestyle. It will also allow for people to trAvel without using cars and therefore put less congestion and traffic on our roadways.

Dan Song
12497 W Nuggett Court
Highland, MD 20777

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I would really like to see this connected network of bike paths that will permit use of bicycles for safe transportation across most of the county. Although I currently live in the far western end of the county, I may soon move back to the eastern end and would definitely love to use this Bikeway.

William Beck
17719 Foxmoor Drive
Woodbine, MD 21797

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I grew up riding my bike as a way to get to where I was going in Harford County, and would like that to continue for me and my children in Howard County. We already ride to their school friends homes, however some areas are pinched and narrow (Henryton Road hill and the Route 99 just East of Marriottsville Road) which makes it tough to encourage others to ride. A Bikeway increases safer biking options, supports an active lifestyle and much, much more. Thank you for considering our family's request.

Stephanie Lazarus
1361 Henryton Road
Marriottsville, MD 21104

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: traffic here is too dangerous to bicycle without dedicated bike lanes.

Bill Macheel
3129 Geenway Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Bike pathways will help connect EC community with Downtown Columbia

Kristin Johnson
3037 Hickorymede Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Our roads are too crowded with vehicles. Local cyclist, Wiley Campbell, just this week was the latest fatality. This is not a Parks And Recreations Project, this is a Public Safety Issue that needs to be approved to sAve lives.

Charles Zielinski
12077 Windsor Moss
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: If we want Howard County to stay among the best places to live and work in America we need to be a bike-able and walk-able community. Thanks!

Mary Schiller
4113 Flintlock Court
Glenelg, MD 21737

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

John Sargeant
1939 Old Annapolis Road
Woodbine, Md 21797

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I believe safe bike routes increase the health and vitality of a community.

Jennifer Ockerman
6845 Santa Maria Ave
Highland, MD 20777

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safe, easily accessible bike trails will provide a large percentage of Howard County citizens an opportunity to exercise (bike or foot) on a regular basis. Exercise is very important for maintaining a healthy weight and preventing a variety of chronic diseases.

Barbara Wasserman
13200 Triadelphia Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Riding is awesome. A great form of exercise and transportation

Allan Davis
2507 Sophia Chase Drive
Marriottsville, Md 21104

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I ride/run on the roads of Howard County every week and they are not safe. Having on road bike lanes and off street pathways would encourage more people to get out and use these paths. Many people will not ride on the roads or allow their children to do so.

Anne Johnson
15125 Players Way
Glenwood, MD 21738

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I would like to bike to work, but don't feel I hAve a safe route to be able to take currently. More exercise, less pollution, less traffic congestion if I could....but I can't currently.

Lesley Flaim
4212 Buckskin Lake Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Frequently ride on roads in HOCO and am constantly dodging vehicles that are trying to come as close as possible to me without knocking me off my bike

Chuck Johnson
15125 Players Way.
Glenwood, MD 21738

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Transportation options are so limited in Howard County and roads are already so congested. I'd like to see bike lanes and paths added as a safe and viable alternative to cars. It also promotes health and fitness and by providing access to parks encourages additional recreational options.

Sue Emerson
12791 Buttercup Court
West Friendship, MD 21794

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'm a triathlete and need a safe place to ride

Mark Oakes
6561 Prestwick Drive
Highland, MD 20777

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because Bikeways are important for safety of cyclist and other users as people in cars don't want us on the road anyway plus it will pAve the way for bikeways in other areas as well for safer cyclist.

Frederick Gomeringer, Jr.
31 Longeron Drive
Middle River, MD 21220

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: health, safety, fun

Ginny Olsen
11617 Quarterfield Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: It is another way to promote a healthy life style, and be good to the environment to not be so dependent on automobiles

Linda Donatich
9215 Marydell Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I hAve been waiting 20 years to see a Bikeway here in Columbia. I appreciate the Leadership of Allan Kittleman and the Horizon Foundation to bring this dream a reality!

Brenda von Rautenkranz
13425 Forsythe Road
Sykesville, MD 21784

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I used to work in Howard County and all I ever wanted to do was be able to safely ride to work. I now work in DC, IF I had been able to ride the trails it would hAve been a huge incentive to me to stay and work in HC.

Mary Ann Kinsella-Meier
13416 Allnutt Lane
Highland, MD 20777

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Healthy way to get around

Beth Falcao
13807 Russell Zepp Drive
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: This County is exceptional because of the quality of life it affords its residents. The Bikeway is a great example of the County's concern about enhancing this quality of life while enhancing the health and well being of the residents.

Gelnn Falcao
13807 Russel Zepp Drive
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Scott Rosenthal
4113 Flintlock Court
Glenelg, MD 21737

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I care because cycling and walking are physically and spiritually healthy methods of transportation that need to be developed for safe use. Just because most of us hAve cars doesn't mean that we should hAve to rely on them for trAveling everywhere. If we can take some cars out of the main thoroughfare, we can reduce traffic congestion and wasted time.

Providing citizens with safer alternatives to driving cars everywhere will increase the health and vitality of the community.

Diane Aguilera
9317 Millbrook Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I bike a lot in western Howard County and sometimes I don't feel safe. Drivers don't heed the 3 foot space their supposed to give or don't move over even when the opposite lane is empty. Having designated places to bike would be a wonderful! I would also like a big campaign to tell drivers that they hAve to give bikers the 3 feet! It's a law that I don't think many know or care to follow.

Michele Zuniga
845 Iron Rail Court
Woodbine, MD 21797

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I love to bike and run and try to do it often near my home in Howard County. Depending on the time of day and day of the week, I often chose another activity as I do not feel safe with the limited space provided on the roads near my house. I would also like to bike to friends' homes and stores instead of driving, but I see this as a risky activity. Additionally, I love biking with my middle school aged children on vacations and visiting family in other areas with extensive trails, but do not venture out of our neighborhood as I would like if better trails existed near-by. I believe a linked trail system, taking advantage of bike paths in road-ways would trigger a flurry of increased bike activity by avid and casual bikers.

Laurie Orbitz
2876 Evergreen Way
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I've been a Howard County cyclist for over 30 years and I would like safer places to ride.

Mary Lynn Hansen
1600 Woodstock Road
Woodstock, MD 21163

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: What better way to make a good community great by creating a bikeway throughout Columbia. This would hAve a positive effect on traffic, parking, and continuing efforts to revitalize the downtown area!

Brian Jennison
13150 Holly Loch Lane
Highland, MD 20777

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Bicycling is a healthy activity that needs safe streets and passageways to get from one side of town to the other

Ken Lohr
9778 Michaels Way
Ellicott City, Md 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Bikeways promote a healthy lifestyle, and it can offer a lower cost transportation option to driving an automobile.

Will McKinzie
8126 Brookwood Farm Road
Fulton, MD 20759

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I see an increasing number of bikes on our roads every year. While we do hAve a lot of pathways, there are many areas throughout our county with unclear bike routes and questionable safety. Additionally, there is very clear evidence that more available connectivity to bike and walking paths and bike lanes, translates to more of us walking and biking. This is a very important component to improving public health across all age groups, economic levels and geography and something that almost anyone can enjoy as part of their overall fitness.

Brian Jolles
10408 Hardwood Court
Woodstock, MD 21163

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: The bikeway will be good for our health and good for our environment

Janet Currie
3111 Stiles Way
West Friendship, MD 21794

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: It's important to hAve options for getting around the county, other than by car.

Michael Haley
6221 Stratford Court
Elkridge, MD 21075

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I believe that bike friendly communities are healthy communities. I also would really like to use my bike for more daily transportation instead of just recreation.

Jennifer Ockerman
6845 Santa Maria Ave
Highland, MD 20777

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want the bike path in Howard county. We need to keep bikers safe and encourage activities to improve health and fitness. Bike lanes support and encourage biking is a means of transportation which improves people health through physical activity and helps decrease pollution and use of gas. Each bike on the road means one less car.

Bike lanes provide define road space for bikes and cars which provide a added safety to the biker. Bike lanes are a visual reminder to drivers. The bike lanes remove slower vehicles from traffic.

Please add bike lanes in Howard county.

Thank you,

Rhonda Marcoux
718 Chessie Crossing Way
Woodbine, MD 21797

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Health and Wellness is vitally important and the bike path will be a great benefit with generational positive effects

Linda Donatich
9215 Marydell Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: It is so dangerous how many bikers are on narrow roads like Homewood Road

Stephanie Discepolo
13512 Mitchells Way
West Friendship, MD 21794

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: We all need to do what we can to reduce our carbon footprint.

Tom Friedemann
3201 Safari Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Strong believer that "if you build it, they will come" when it comes to bike infrastructure.

Christopher Painter
5436 Harris Farm Lane
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: As a tax paying citizen of Howard County, I believe it's really important to hAve the option of biking or walking safely instead of driving a car. This option is important for the benefit of my own health, and to cut down on carbon emissions in our county.

Steve Johnson
3037 Hickorymede Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Traffic is so heavy in Howard County. Dedicated recreational paths would be so much safer for many of us bicyclers. Especially those who like to ride with their children.

Leah Rymut
2120 Ganton Green, Apt. 304
Woodstock, MD 21163

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Our family rides all over howard county. When we ride with our children, safe bike paths are what we use. We'd enjoy the ability to navigate Columbia by bike during the Spring Summer and Fall

Andrew Smith
10612 Hillingdon Road
Woodstock, MD 21163

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: We are in need of safe roads that bicyclists and cars can share. Howard county is one of the most active counties in the state and the nation. Having bike friendly roads would only add to this great wonderful reputation.

Kathy Jantac
10433 Popkins Court
Woodstock, MD 21163

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Cyclists are willing to share the road. Please help make it safe for them.

Bob Rizzi
2603 Rockhampton Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I love to ride, but I live in Ellicott City where there are no bike paths. We need a unified system to ride throughout the county

Stephen Draminski
9829 Michael's Way
Ellicott City, Md 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am 51 years old and riding has improved my health and life a great deal. I would like a safe place to ride. My son has taken up bicycling this year and needs safe routes.

Brian Mitchell
9550 Michaels Way
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: As one of the best counties in the USA we should hAve better bike routes to ride for work, exercise or pleasure. There are to many roads with no shoulders that make getting from point A to B a big challenge.

Richard Genovese
7861 Jones Road
Jessup, MD 20794

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Will sAve lives and reduce car traffic

Stephen Kaye
4277 Buckskin Wood Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I love biking but am afraid of getting hit by cars as traffic has increased in this area since we bought our home. Cycling is a great form of exercise. I've tried running but hAve had foot issues. Plus biking can also replace other transportation options that hAve a much higher carbon footprint. We just need more safe routes especially for those of us over 50 who want to stay fit and healthy and want to stop global warming! Even though Trump doesn't get it. The rest of us do!

Paula B.
Fawnhaven Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking reduces air pollution

Erika Kristo
13837 Russell zepp Drive
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Not everyone can afford a car. Our community should be accessible to everyone.

Heidi Pringle
3237 Ramblewood Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: As a long time resident of Balto County, I was a regular user of the rail trail from Cockeysville North. I don't feel safe riding my bike on streets and as a result have not been able to avail myself of safe, convenient trails for seniors.

Paul Beares
13738 Barberry Way
Sykesville, MD 21784

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Need safer pathway

Fonda
Woodstock
Woodstock, MD 21163

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I ride 1500 to 2000 miles per season so the safer the better.

Joe Holthaus
10283 Raleigh Tavern Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Mary Klyap
10228 Wetherburn Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Mary Klyap
10228 Wetherburn Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Mary Klyap
10228 Wetherburn Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: The bikeway will help to relieve traffic congestion. It will also give the commuter an option to get moving and improve their mental and physical health.

Will McKinzie
8126 Brookwood Farm Road
Fulton, MD 20759

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'm an advocate for cleaner air, less traffic and for safe bicycling and the Bikeway will help with all three of those objectives

Richard Woods
3032 Harbin Field
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Cycling is healthy

Randal Nixon
2800 Nixon's Farm Lane
West Friendship, MD 22794

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'm afraid to bike on the road because motorists are generally not used to bikes. But I'd love to be able to ride regularly.

Sara Via
4811 Manor Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I and my family are bikers. One gets to see and appreciate beautiful places and nature more clearly when biking or walking. Exercise and being in relaxing places is good for ones health and so good for the country's budget

Mary Davia
1515A Marriottsville Road
Marriottsville, MD 21104

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Im a cyclist that would rather ride my bike than drive my car

Nick Griesser
14831 Sapling Way
Glenelg, MD 21737

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Providing extensive bike routes allows citizens to reduce congestion on the roadways and reduce carbon emissions. At the same time promoting safe cycling routes will help people to get exercise and improve health, reducing medical cost for themselves and the healthcare system. Promoting cycling helps people to get to better get to know and appreciate their beautiful county.

Ricardo Gonzalez
14023 Castlebar Drive
Glenwood, MD 21738

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safe bicycling routes are needed for the benefit of lower traffic congestion and a healthier populace

Ken Lohr
9778 Michaels Way
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I ride bike

Meir Pluznik
3025 Fawnwood Drive
Ellicott city, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I ride bike

Meir Pluznik
3025 Fawnwood Drive
Ellicott city, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I am an avid cyclist who rides about 1800 miles per year on Howard County roads, mostly for fitness and fun. It is getting more difficult to safely navigate Howard County roadways with increasing automobile traffic. I welcome the bikeway as safe(r) place for cars and bikes to co-exist!

Paul Gleichauf
3017 Misty Wood Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'm an avid rider and would certainly utilize the bikeway. I'm sure it would also help promote the sport/recreation to other people

Alain Simard
3125 Elmmede Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I love to bike and anything we can do to provide alternative transportation options is worth doing.

Ruy Garcia-Zamor
12960 Linden Church Road
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safer commuting!

Julie Laux
10412 Spring Twig Court
Woodstock, MD 21163

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I support any initiative that helps people bike or walk where they want to go.

Patricia Umoren
9105 Lucys Overlook Way
Columbia, MD 21046

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking is an environmentally friendly mode of transportation as well as good exercise. Howard County needs to have easy access for biking around the county.

Ginger Webb
Woodstock, MD

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Because having a dog means I need places to get out his energy

Lisa Jolles
10409 Hardwood Court
Woodstock, MD 21164

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Exercise, alternative to crowded parking

Pamela Graham
P.O. Box 392
Sykesville, MD 21784

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Joe Dellinger
10421 Hardwood Court
Woodstock, MD 21163

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Emma Warman
3015 Pebble Beach Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: A safe bike path is critical to the health and well being of our community.

Georgia Eacker
Folly Quarter Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I live in Columbia and daily enjoy the pathways that improve and maintain my health and contribute to clean air and conservation of resources. Extending this to the county makes good sense.

Mary Schiller
4113 Flintlock Court
Glenelg, MD 21737

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I bike and I want to reduce carbon emissions from autos.

Sun Lee
3307 Strabane Drive
Glenelg, MD 21737

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I believe this will greatly enhance our reputation and make us attractive to millennials.

Steve Ko
3307 Strabar Drive
Glenelg, MD 21737

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Eric Cox
13458 Charolais Court
Highland, MD 20777

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: As a person who drives in roads popular cyclists, I see and know the dangers of sharing the road. It will reduce traffic and ensure the safety of the people and drivers.

Nikki Vernick
3052 Seneca Chief Trail
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: We need to make biking a safer way of transportation.

Ellie
Seneca Chief Trail
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking is a great exercise and what our family loves to do.

Michael Barry
2309 Old Maple Court
Ellicott City, MD 0

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: to be more safe when I walk or ride my bike

Gina Barry
2309 Old Maple Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: physical and mental health improved by exercise.

Zach Vernick
Seneca Chief Trail
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: would like to use my car less for errands and would like my children to be more mobile!

Audrey Lin
4019 Candle Light Drive
Dayton, MD 21036

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I can do errands by bike with my kids safely

Bruce Fulton
15174 Bushy Park Road
Woodbine, MD 21797

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

David Nitkin
9195 Furrow Ave
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: For the safety of my family and myself while riding in Howard County.

Auison Park
Krista Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Marlene West
11170 Chambers Court
Woodstock, MD 21163

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: my husband still rides

Dale Cordisco
3465 Jennings Chapel Road
Woodbine, MD 21797

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I feed my family by working in the bike business.

Caren Ferris
2909 Pinewick Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Health and enjoy our county's beauty.

Lauren Long
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: As a biker I want more options than riding the roads. Economic benefit to county.

Ted Meyerson
13412 Green Hill Court
Highland, MD 20777

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I dedicated bikeway can provide a means for safe recreation and commutes within the county.

Phyllis Meyerson
13412 Green Hill Court
Highland, MD 20777

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I bike and I see too many dangerous situations with bikes on roads w/o bikeways.

Annie Sevrin
12801 Folly Quarter Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Dedicated biker

Phoebe Sevrin
12801 Folly Quarter Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Howard Co and Columbia would profit with more bike ability

Larry Sevrin
12801 Folly Quarter Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking would improve health

Connie Sanfillippo
3218 Ramblewood Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: to help bring community together

Meg Ignacio
1746 Oakdale Drive
Cooksville, MD 21723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I really like to walk on a daily basis. Having a safe and stable place to walk or bike would give me a chance to continue my activity safely.

Sue Emerson
12791 Buttercup Court
West Friendship, MD 21794

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: give a safe place to walk

Diane Mikulis
12681 Folly Quarter Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: because biking is the most environmentally friendly mode of alternative transportation.

Barbra Wasserman
13200 Triadelphia Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Safe cycling routes for commutes

Kim Clawson
13420 Triadelphia Mill Road
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: interested in connecting Howard county to commute about on bicycle! PLEASE

Maria Matos
10217 Cabery Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want my husband to be safe.

Donna Shroff
5019 Morning Star Drive
Dayton, MD 21036

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: This promotes a healthy lifestyle

Deborah Mechtel
5827 Indian Summer Drive
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Sabrina Stricker
12857 Folly Quarter Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: As a senior I do not hAve the freedom to hAve a designated facilities for us to bike to enjoy cycling

Melanie Bulavinetz
10312 Congressional Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Kaitlin Bulavinetz
10312 Congressional Court
Ellicott City, MD 20910

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want the roads to be safer for both bikes and drivers

Richard Bulavinetz
10312 Congressional Court
Ellicott City, MD 20910

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: because I bike

Anita Logan
3222 Rosemary Lane
W. Friendship, MD 21794

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Robert Weickgenannt
2625 Thompson Drive
Marriottsville, MD 21104

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: want safe places to bike

Claudra and Randall Groh
9733 Starling Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: reduce pollution, safety, cut back n traffic congestion

Donald Vanostrand
13371 Pipes Lane
Sykesville, MD 21784

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: The Roads are to crowded with inconsiderate and careless drivers to ride safely in HOCO. Id ride more if we had pathways

Allen Hayes
709 Weller Drive
Mt. Airy, MD 21771

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Make cycling safer and more accessible

Daraius Iram
2625 Turf Valley
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

David Powell Jr
14314 Roxbury Meadow Drive
Glenwood, MD 21738

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I love bikes, but regardless of the laws in places many drivers don't respect bicycle rights. I bike s30 miles from Severna park o work in EC - my commute would be safer!

Danita Kinnisan
3205 Brighton Court
Woodbine, MD 21797

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

James Kinnison
3205 Brishton Court
Woodbine, MD 21797

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Road riding in not something I'm interested in. Also, having a mode of transportation that decreases greenhouse gas emissions and provides affordable means for those in lower income brackets is very helpful.

Steven Stover
2642 Wynfield Road
West Friendship, MD 21794

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Connie Palmieri
13870 Kennedy Drive
Glenelg, MD 21737

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Need bike lanes at Homewood to Triadelphia and points west.

Jacqueline Engles
760 Hoods Mill Road
Cooksville, MD 21723

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: You should care because it will increase property values because it will improve metrics for a green and sustainable city, i.e., green infrastructure

Adrian Pratt
2314 Mount Hebron Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21062

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Promotes exercise and health of commun ity and also fosters safety of biers and pedestrians

Christine Ranson
9614 Sparrow Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Increase safer and alternative mobility to driving for Howard County residents; provides variety of paths for existing and new bicyclists; healthy lifestyles is promoted!

Travis Phillippi
79710 Browns Bridge Road
Highland, MD 20777

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

William Zimmerlee
2611 Glencoe Circle
Woodstock, MD 21163

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Any time we can more conveniently get from here to there without using a car is good for the environment and people's health.

Saad Raouf
751 Middle Trail Court
Mt. Airy, MD 21771

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Paula Foster
14793 Carriage Mill Drive
Woodbine, MD 21797

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Environment

Mitch Trellis
10336 Wetherburn Road
Woodstock, MD 21163

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I love to bike and would definitely use this as I think would many others!

Gary Smith
11821 Chapel Woods Court
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Connectivity is critical to sustainability

Marlene West
1170 Chamber Court #17
Woodstock, MD 21163

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care:

Mimie Helm
12064 Open Run Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I want to feel safe while cycling in Howard County.

Sarah Floyd
13274 Styer Court
Highland, MD 20777

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: Biking is dangerous now. Please help our Bikers!

Kelly McWhorter
13590 Brighton Dam Road
Clarksville, MD 21029

I want the Bikeway

By spending \$3 million for 3 consecutive years in bond funding, we can build the new Bikeway - a bike transportation network that brings Howard Countians together.

Why I care: I'm a biker! I want safe roads!!

Diane Uhl
13575 Broccolino Way
Clarksville, MD 21029

Copies of written testimony submitted in support of the Bikeway



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December 14, 2016

The Honorable Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Re: Capital & Operating Budgets 2018

Dear County Executive Kittleman:

Last year at this time Bicycling Advocates of Howard County (BAHC) urged you to include funding to support and promote active transportation in your 2017 capital and operating budgets. You responded not only with funding but also with a far reaching policy initiative: Complete Streets. We return this year to urge you to begin implementing the Bicycle Master Plan by funding The Bikeway.

Howard County has the opportunity to put your consistent support for active transportation into action on the ground. As a candidate you said, "We must take action to encourage pedestrian and bicycle transportation." As County Executive you oversaw the adoption of the Bicycle Master Plan and, more important, you directed Howard County to adopt and implement a complete streets policy. That policy will have a long term positive impact on how we in Howard County experience and use our transportation networks.

The Horizon Foundation did more than embrace the complete streets vision. It undertook the work necessary to develop The Bikeway, a well-conceived and detailed plan to take those first steps toward make active transportation in Howard County a reality. We must all thank the Horizon Foundation for taking that initiative and absorbing the costs, especially at a time when the County faced the enormous challenge of a flooded Ellicott City. The Bikeway is an opportunity, a gift, that Howard County must itself now embrace and implement.

The benefits of building The Bikeway are numerous but we will address only three:

- Economic Development -- People take advantage of opportunities to walk and bike to entertainment, shopping, and other businesses, but The Bikeway goes beyond that. The Bikeway is a way that we can begin to connect transit hubs and make it easier for people to get to work in Howard County. The Bikeway is a way that we can help promote lower development costs by affording LEED qualification points.
- Public Safety -- A common refrain is "I would bike (or walk) more if it were safer (or easier)." The Bikeway puts a safe, easy to use network within a mile of more than half of Howard Countians. Let us make it safer and easier for people to get out and about. More eyes means better safety for all.

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- Community Building -- Bicyclists, runners, and walkers not only see more, they *observe* more and they interact more with their fellows, their surroundings, and their communities than people hiding behind a windshield. BAHC hopes that we in Howard County see the incalculable value of a society where get out to see each other, where we get out to speak with each other, and where we do not hide in isolated political and social silos.

The Bikeway knits many pieces of the Bicycle Master Plan into a coherent active network that will reach more than half of the County's residents, schools, and parks. The Bikeway BAHC asks you to go beyond planning to real nitty-gritty engineering and building. BAHC asks you to fully fund The Bikeway.

Very truly yours,

Jack Guarneri, President



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**Testimony in Support of Funding for the Bikeway
Presented by Nikki Highsmith Vernick, President and CEO of the
Horizon Foundation**

Imagine a Howard County where kids could safely and easily ride their bikes with their friends to school. Where families could hop on bikes to go to the park instead of driving down the street. Where morning commuters could bike to the closest MARC station and avoid sitting in rush hour traffic.

This is the vision of a more bikeable, healthy and vibrant Howard County.

As you know, the Horizon Foundation is dedicated to improving the health and wellness of people in Howard County.

We are proud to partner with the county on efforts to promote biking and walking, and we are excited by the progress achieved this year with a new Bicycle Master Plan, complete streets policy development and the coming bikeshare launch.

We are here today with the support of many partners to urge County Executive Kittleman to continue to build upon this progress by making a strategic and significant first investment to accelerate implementation of the Bike Master Plan. This network of routes from the plan will make it safer and easier for people in the county to travel by bike. We are calling this the Bikeway.

Only half of U.S. adults meet recommended guidelines for physical activity. But research shows that people who live near paths and trails are 50 percent more likely to meet those guidelines.

With better routes and connections, the Bikeway will allow more people in the county to bike just as easily as they can drive a car to everyday locations including schools, parks and workplaces.

The Bikeway is made up of 50 miles—including 19 miles of existing routes—connecting Clarksville to Elkridge and Laurel to Ellicott City.

This Bikeway includes 10 percent of the routes in the Bicycle Master Plan and reaches more than half of county residences, schools and parks within 1 mile.

Building the Bikeway accelerates our progress and is financially feasible. With \$3 million in bond funding for the next 3 years, the county can make the Bikeway a reality and enhance the quality of life in the county for years to come.

We are proud to be joined by a diverse array of partners—major county institutions—that are collectively backing this request including: the Columbia Association, Howard Hughes Corporation, Howard County General Hospital, Howard County Chamber of Commerce, Local Health Improvement Coalition, Public Transportation Board, Environmental Sustainability Board, Transition Howard County, Race Pace Bicycles and the Earth Forum of Howard County.

We have also heard from nearly 600 residents who want the Bikeway and who want to be able to bike just as easily as they can drive a car. We present these voices of support today.

These voices include Kristine Amari from Columbia, who wrote: "Biking is important and beneficial for our community. In addition to being an important component of addressing pollution and climate change, it helps with traffic and with health. I want my children to be able to bike safely. I want to be able to minimize car use without worrying about dangerous biking conditions on the roads. I also think having a bike-able community is something that is going to become increasingly desirable and I want our community to be on the cutting edge of walkable, bike-able, livable space."

Dr. Azadeh Farzin, a pediatrician from Ellicott City, wrote: "I would love to be able to walk or bike to grocery stores, and to instill this culture in my children. This would be such a fantastic addition to our neighborhood."

The Horizon Foundation and our partners strongly believe that the Bikeway is good for health, good for the environment and good for the economy. We urge you to include the funding necessary to build the Bikeway in the budget for the next three years.

Thank you for your consideration.



Leonarda McClarty
President/CEO, Howard County Chamber

December 12, 2016

Mr. Allan Kittleman
Howard County Executive
George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear County Executive Kittleman:

As the pre-eminent voice for businesses in Howard County, the Chamber of Commerce strongly supports policies and measures that promote economic growth and development. In keeping with these goals and provided funding is available, we urge the county to support the Bikeway – a 50-mile network of bike routes that is good for the community and good for business.

Greater investment in the county's bicycling infrastructure should enhance the quality of life and competitiveness of our community in the region for residents and employers. We appreciate your leadership and support in introducing the county's first Bicycle Master Plan and launching a pilot bike share program. We are eager to see the Bicycle Master Plan's implementation and believe the Bikeway presents a strategic first step.

The Bikeway adds tremendous value by promoting greater foot and bicycle traffic from across the county into our increasingly dense and dynamic Downtown Columbia area. From observing other communities, bike facilities contribute to a vibrant street scape and can increase retail sales. We thereby eagerly await the results of future development that might occur because of the Bikeway.

We also see the Bikeway as a conduit to employee attraction and retention. A 2014 national poll by the American Planning Association reported more than 43 percent of millennials, now the largest generation, said that having alternatives to vehicle transit is very or extremely important. Additionally, the poll found that a majority of millennials and baby boomers alike believe there are not enough transportation alternatives where they live. Part of Downtown Columbia's future is predicated on having an active millennial base.

The bike share program should also increase the visibility of biking as part of Howard County life, and we believe the 50 miles of the Bikeway also will signal to residents that the county offers the quality of life they seek. With this step, Howard County would join a growing vanguard of suburban communities developing extensive, dynamic bike systems and enjoying their benefits.

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We appreciate your ongoing work to promote bike-friendliness in Howard County and very much hope you will fund the Bikeway if priorities allow.

Thank you for your consideration,



Leonardo McClarty
President and CEO
Howard County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Howard County Chamber Board of Directors
Howard County Chamber Legislative Affairs Committee

December 9, 2016

County Executive Allan Kittleman
George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear County Executive Kittleman:

As one of the nation's most well-known planned communities, Columbia has proudly earned a reputation for being a great place to live, work, and play. This was affirmed when Money Magazine in September named Columbia the *No. 1 Small City to Live In*.

At the core of Columbia's success is the forward-thinking investment in enhancing the community's quality of life. One example is that for almost 50 years, Columbia Association (CA) has invested in an extensive pathway system. Recently, we began work with Howard County to link CA's pathway system to new community pathways built by others, as well as to on-street county bicycle facilities with the goal of creating a modern and robust bicycle network to serve our community's needs in the 21st Century.

I am writing to you on behalf of CA to ask for your support of The Bikeway and the request for construction funding in your proposed capital budget, starting with Fiscal Year 2018. As an avid supporter of BikeHoward, the county-wide bicycle master plan approved earlier this year, CA believes that construction of The Bikeway is an important next step to ensure that residents have better, accessible and safer biking routes, which will strengthen our sense of community and promote health.

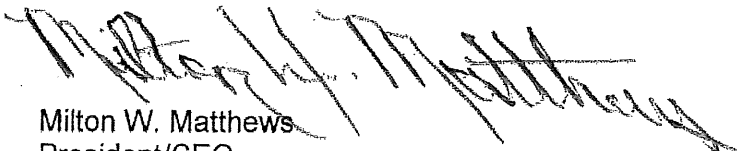
We believe The Bikeway benefits the Columbia community in two important ways:

- **More Connected and Healthy:** Many people today want to walk and bike as options for doing their daily business and are asking for safer and more direct routes. Increasingly, people want more than recreational trails through the woods. They desire direct routes to everyday destinations, including events and attractions throughout the community. The Bikeway offers this, and serves as a smart investment to jump-start the implementation of the county-wide bicycle master plan. The Bikeway will make Columbia more connected and healthier, and these benefits will be enjoyed sooner versus a more piece-meal approach spread-out over decades.
- **Enhanced Economic Competitiveness:** Building additional facilities and a connected network for those who bicycle and want to bicycle safely will increase the attractiveness, appeal and economic competitiveness of Columbia. This is good for the county's tax base and for local businesses and services providers, including Columbia Association.

We urge you to budget the \$9 million over the county's next three fiscal years to fully fund The Bikeway. We strongly believe The Bikeway will benefit Columbia residents, businesses and other community stakeholders, and beyond Columbia, all of Howard County for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Milton W. Matthews
President/CEO

c: Columbia Association Board of Directors

December 14, 2016

County Executive Allan Kittleman
George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear County Executive Kittleman:

The Howard Hughes Corporation writes to express its support for County funding of the Bikeway with \$3 million in capital funds for each of the next three fiscal years.

The Bikeway aligns with Howard County's vision for the development of Downtown Columbia as a thriving urban district. This past Spring we joined with the County along with the Columbia Association, Howard Community College, The Mall in Columbia, Horizon Foundation, and Howard County General Hospital to develop an innovative pilot bikeshare program through a public-private partnership. We eagerly look forward to its launch in spring of 2017. The Bikeway will build on this and will help attract residents and businesses looking for a walkable and bikeable city center. Columbia has a well-deserved reputation as a community that embodies the highest quality of life for its residents, and the Bikeway will further support this.

We believe in and are committed to promoting transportation choices for people in and around downtown. We find steadily increasing interest from residents, tenants and the Downtown Columbia workforce in alternative transportation options, including bicycling. We are actively designing to accommodate this, including the multi-use pathways (both those required by the Downtown Columbia Plan and additional ones we are building as amenities including the one throughout the Merriweather District), and facilities within our residential and commercial buildings such as bike storage and shower facilities for employees who choose to ride their bikes to work.

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We appreciate all you have done to promote biking in Downtown Columbia, including supporting the Bike Master Plan and establishing the Bikeshare program. We urge you to fund the Bikeway. This is a logical and important next step that merits public support, continuing to make Howard County a more bike-friendly place to live, work, and play.

Sincerely,



Greg Fitchitt

cc: Howard County Council

GreenStone Ventures II, LLC

March 7, 2017

County Executive Allan Kittleman
George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear County Executive Kittleman;

I am writing on behalf of my wife, Holly, and myself to express our support of the Clarksville Pike Streetscape plan and Howard County Bikeway and to call on you to fund it with \$3M this year. We support these initiatives because they benefit our community, our business, and the environment.

Holly and I have been residents and business owners residing in Clarksville for now in excess of 26 years. Approximately 9 years ago, we submitted a proposal as part of an RFP initiated by Howard County for the redevelopment of the old Gateway School site on Route 108 in Clarksville. Having been selected from among 9 offerers we have since been working to realize a vision we have to make the site a sustainable mixed-use commercial center, with not only emphasis on sustainability, but importantly, with a commitment to making what we are calling Clarksville Commons a community gathering place.

The design and operation of the center will include active ongoing year-round indoor and outdoor programs. Given the fact that the Commons is located directly across Rt. 108 from the Village of River Hill, and within less than a mile of 3 schools, we have been actively involved in encouraging the County to improve pedestrian and bicycle access to our community-oriented center. Throughout our development process we have worked closely with the Route 108 Corridor Working Group around design of the streetscape improvements between Guilford and Trotter Roads. In addition, over time we have also been in communication and made recommendations in support of the Howard County Bicycle Master Plan (BikeHoward).

Wonderfully, the final design specifications put forward by the Corridor Working Group and BikeHoward are very consistent with our site layout and streetscape design. One part of this is what must clearly be the grandest sidewalk in all of Clarksville. The 20 foot wide sidewalk, the first of its kind, serves both pedestrians as well as serving as the extension of the bikeway that runs up Great Star Dr. to the intersection with Rt. 108 at the southern corner of our property. It provides both a safe place for pedestrians, and most importantly for bicyclists like myself who would only risk their lives to ride on Rt. 108, it is the beginning of what is designated in the Howard County Master Bicycle Plan as the shared use path that will connect the bicycle network from Great Star Dr. north to Trotter Rd.

We also emphatically support the Streetscape Plan and Bikeway for their environmental benefits. As I mentioned, we are making every effort to make Clarksville Commons as

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sustainable as possible. We have invested in renewable power, storm water recycling, and other measures to reduce runoff. The Bikeway, like our walking and biking path, will help people choose biking over driving, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions and creating a more sustainable future.

While our efforts represent a good beginning, until the County is able to support the streetscape and shared sidewalk/bikeway improvements beyond our property lines, the benefits to Clarksville and River Hill and the surrounding community will not be realized. Once the streetscape vision becomes a reality it will guarantee greater safety and access to pedestrians and especially to bicyclists. And on an even larger scale, especially for those using bike transportation, it will connect this section of the bikeway to the rest of the county, thereby enabling many thousands more people to consider biking to Clarksville... and Clarksville Commons.

We are eager not only for the vitality and energy walking and biking adds to gathering places like Clarksville Commons. Research and experience from other communities suggest investment in these improvements provide transportation cost savings and increased property values, while contributing to the success of local businesses.

By providing \$3 million in bond funding for three consecutive years, the county will demonstrate its own commitment to the community-oriented, business-friendly and environmentally sound future of our community.

We appreciate your ongoing work to promote pedestrian and bike-friendliness in this community and very much hope you will consider the funding of the Streetscape and Bikeway among your highest priorities for the next three years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

George Stone
Principal
GreenStone Ventures II, LLC

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December 5, 2016

County Executive Allan Kittleman
George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

Dear County Executive Kittleman:

Howard County General Hospital is committed to providing high-quality comprehensive health care and promoting health in the community. Research shows that the availability of bicycling and walking facilities significantly increases the level of physical activity among residents. We are proud to join efforts with the administration to encourage bicycling and active transportation. Earlier this year, we testified in support of the bicycle master plan and became a partner in the county's bikeshare program.

Now, we ask the county to support and fund The Bikeway. This network of bike routes builds on existing efforts and includes 10 percent of projects in the bike master plan. These 50 miles of bike routes would benefit more than half of county residents who live within one mile of the network. With The Bikeway, residents will be able to bike more easily to schools, parks, work and the hospital.

Additionally, The Bikeway would increase the impact of our joint investments in the bikeshare program by allowing riders to travel further, and more safely, through the county.

The Bikeway would also provide patients and families without access to cars another viable option for getting to the hospital and other important destinations.

Howard County has a strong reputation for promoting a healthy, high quality of life. Increasingly, communities around the country are investing in bike facilities. Building The Bikeway will present the public with visible, connected routes, and help Howard County reinforce its reputation as a county with many healthy amenities.

We ask you to fund The Bikeway with \$3 million for the next three years. This project promises to instill a legacy of health with far-reaching benefits for all county residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steve", written in dark ink.

Steven C. Snelgrove
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Howard County Executive Allan H. Kittleman
Howard County Budget Office
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

December 14, 2016

Dear Executive Kittleman and Members of Finance Committee,

Howard County's Local Health Improvement Coalition (HCLHIC) works to achieve health equity in Howard County and to identify and reduce health disparities. Enabling people of all ages to achieve and maintain a healthy weight through healthy eating and physical activity is one of the Coalition's four main priorities. The Horizon Foundation, an active member of the HCLHIC, has been an integral partner in supporting this priority since the Coalition's inception in 2012. We value our relationship and see the Horizon Foundation's Bikeway Proposal as a key step in ensuring that Howard County is a walkable and bikeable community.

The Bikeway will provide a core network of bicycle and pedestrian routes that will help people in Howard County more easily and safely access schools and businesses by walking or biking and will promote increased physical activity among residents. According to the 2016 Howard County Health Assessment Survey, 20% of residents reported no physical activity for exercise during the week prior to the survey. Additionally, based on survey questions about residents' height and weight, 38% of the Howard County population is overweight, and 22% is obese.

More than half of county residences, schools and parks are located within 1 mile of the Bikeway. Only half of U.S. adults meet the recommended guideline for physical activity per week, but research shows that people who live near trails are 50 percent more likely to meet those guidelines and 73 to 80 percent more likely to bicycle. For children, one mile of walking meets two-thirds of the recommended physical activity a day. The Howard County's Local Health Improvement Coalition supports the Bikeway proposal as a measure to make walking and biking more readily accessible to residents of Howard County.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input and participate in this process.
Respectfully,

Maura J. Rossman, M.D., LHIC Co-Chair
Health Officer
Howard County Health Department

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven C. Snelgrove". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steven" and last name "Snelgrove" clearly distinguishable.

Steven C. Snelgrove, LHIC Co-Chair
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County Executive Allan Kittleman
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Re: FY 2018 Budget - Citizens' Budget Hearing

Dear Executive Kittleman,

In our role as advisors to the County Administration on transportation matters, the Public Transportation Board expresses enthusiastic endorsement of the Bikeway, a smart and strategic first step toward fulfilling the vision set in the Bicycle Master Plan "to be a bicycle-friendly County where residents and visitors, school children and seniors, men and women feel comfortable and safe bicycling on our roads and trails as a means of daily transportation and healthy recreation."

The proposed Bikeway includes 10 percent of the routes in the Master Plan, to be funded over three years. This timeframe jumpstarts implementation with a thoughtful approach that will benefit over half of county households located within one mile of the network. It is also strategically designed: it would connect 18.9 miles of bike facilities with 31.6 miles of new routes and form a north/south and east/west axis that will form the core of a more connected countywide bike system.

As you know, the Public Transportation Board considers public transportation options to include motorized public transit, pedestrians and bicycle facilities. As county demographics, driving habits and expectations change among younger and older residents alike, we believe that improving biking opportunities will help ensure Howard County continues to be one of the best places to live. Investing in the Bikeway will greatly enhance the quality of life of county residents and increase the appeal of the community while also increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of biking as a viable transportation option.

Research suggests that building the Bikeway will help more residents who want to bike and walk to do so. According to the UC San Diego Active Living Research center, people who live near trails are 50 percent more likely to meet recommended physical activity levels and 73 to 80 percent more likely to bicycle. We are excited that Bikeway routes would be within one mile of 56 percent of county residents, as well as more than half of the county's parks and schools, and within 2.5 miles of all four MARC stations in the county. This means the Bikeway has great potential to increase the biking and walking of tens of thousands of people. Lastly, while the Bikeway is focused on making it easy, safe and appealing for more county residents to bike, the plan includes a nearly 10-mile off-road, shared-use path that would also benefit pedestrians.

We are proud to have leaders who understand the benefits of improving public transportation and biking, and we applaud the county's adoption of the Bicycle Master Plan. We urge you to fund the Bikeway as estimated by Toole Design Group under contract to The Horizon Foundation: \$3 million per year for FY 2017, 2018 and 2019.

This will continue the progress and ensure that residents can experience tangible, useful improvements now, and not have to wait for the distant future.

Respectfully,



Public Transportation Board

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December 13, 2016

Dear County Executive Allan Kittleman,

The Environmental Sustainability Board supports the full funding and early implementation of the Bikeway.

We think the Bikeway and the Complete Streets program will prove to be important steps in supporting a growing population, denser development, and a thriving business community. The connections to transit hubs and businesses provided by the programs will help mitigate some environmental, transit and health impacts of the greater density that will result from current plans.

The county has recently taken steps to support significant growth throughout our communities. We now need to ensure that we use the tools we have in hand such as the Green Infrastructure Network, the highest LEED standards available, Complete Streets Designs, and the development of a range of transportation options to ensure that we create sustainable communities that can support this growth.

This will best be done by setting high standards and creating a vision of a sustainable future to inspire all citizens to help us move in this direction.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Environmental Sustainability Board of Howard County



March 8, 2017

Dear County Executive Allan Kittleman,

I write to express the support of the Howard County Group of the Sierra Club for the full \$3 million funding of the Bikeway this year. The Sierra Club supports educational programs, conservation efforts, environmental candidates and legislation, and outings. The Howard County Group has over 1000 members.

We support the Bikeway for a variety of reasons. Encouraging biking provides personal health benefits from the exercise, improves air quality by reducing car emissions, and helps combat global warming by reducing fossil fuel use. It also reduces congestion on our roads, and thereby reduces pressure for adding capacity to our roads.

As someone who often commutes to work by bicycle, I know from personal experience how important it is to provide a safe and enjoyable alternative, if we want to get people out of their cars and onto their bikes. I have also travelled in the Netherlands, where I have witnessed how commuting by bicycle is extremely popular, due to various bike-friendly accommodations.

The proposal for the Bikeway presents a prime opportunity to bring Howard County closer to a future with cleaner energy. We urge you to budget three million dollars for three years to see this project to completion. The county has made significant strides in promoting biking, and this network of bike routes will help ensure that people can effectively bike as a useful means of transportation.

The Bikeway is strategically designed to facilitate biking as a viable way to get around the community. It will add over 30 miles of bike routes which connect with routes the county has already constructed for a total of 50 continuous miles. Since the Bikeway is within one mile of 56% of county residents and more than 50% of county schools and parks, as well as 2.5 miles from the county's four MARC stations, the Bikeway will enable more people to commute to work, visit parks and bike to schools.

We strongly recommend the county implement the Bikeway and construct new pathways in the most environmentally sound manner, using permeable asphalt and other runoff mitigation techniques, minimizing tree removal, and, to the extent possible, avoiding habitat segmentation.

We are enthusiastic about the Bikeway for its environmental benefits—and for its contributions to our quality of life. As people who appreciate nature and local amenities that enable us to be outside, we are excited about this project's enhancement of Howard County as truly the best place to live.

Sincerely,

Ken Clark
Chair, Sierra Club Howard County Group



December 14, 2016

County Executive Allan Kittleman
George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear County Executive Kittleman:

Transition Howard County is an all-volunteer organization that is focused on creating sustainable and thriving communities in Howard County. Our mission is to raise awareness, advocate, and implement practical solutions that create and strengthen sustainable communities.

Transition Howard County supports measures that help people live sustainably and protect the environment. As such, we are proud to endorse the Bikeway—a project that will help reduce fossil fuel use and provide an accessible transportation option to more county residents.

The Bikeway is a smart investment because it will be well within reach of over half of the homes in the county and connect residents to key locations including MARC stations, parks and schools. Beyond increasing recreational biking opportunities, the Bikeway presents a safer and more useful way for people to travel around the county by bike. As more people choose biking over driving a car, we can make a significant impact on reducing greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change.

Transition Howard County urges the county to fund the Bikeway with \$3 million for the next three years. This will make a tangible positive difference and strengthen Howard County's appeal as a great place to live, work and play.

Sincerely,

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Margo Duesterhaus, Steering Committee Lead for Transition Howard County



**Earth Forum
of Howard County**

December 14, 2016

County Executive Allan Kittleman
George Howard Building
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Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear County Executive Kittleman:

The Earth Forum of Howard County brings together local citizens, environmental groups, faith communities, and government agencies to promote sustainable living and encourage steps that ensure equitable use of natural resources. We are writing to express our support for the Bikeway.

The Bikeway has the potential to make a great impact on alleviating environmental harm caused by cars and greenhouse gas emissions. If more people chose biking over driving, we would have a more sustainable future. A Rails to Trails Conservancy analysis found that increasing the share of all trips in the U.S. made by biking and walking by just 3 percent would yield fuel savings of 3.8 billion gallons a year and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 33 million tons per year.

We believe that in Howard County, we can do our part to promote biking as a healthy and environmentally-friendly form of transportation. Creating a connected system that is accessible, safe and convenient will allow us to use our bikes more often and reduce our dependence on automobiles.

This is why the Earth Forum supports the Bikeway, and we ask the county to fund \$3 million for the next three years to make it possible. This will greatly improve our ability to protect our environment for future generations.

Sincerely,

Nancy Fayer, Coordinator,
Earth Forum of Howard County



December 14, 2016

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March 7, 2017

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Dear County Executive Kittleman,

As investors and co-founders of Ascent Bicycle Studio in Ellicott City, we believe passionately in the benefits of bicycling and strive to share that passion through free community workshops on bicycle maintenance, athlete performance tips, race nutrition, triathlon tips and bicycle safety and skills clinics from local professionals. We are writing to urge you to support the Bikeway and fully fund it with \$3 million this year and the following two years.

Supporting the Bikeway is good for health, good for the environment and good for the economy. While cycling continues to become increasingly popular, we recognize that many area residents still do not have safe and convenient access to bicycle routes. Investing in the Bikeway will give county residents more places to bicycle safely and lead to increased levels of cycling, improved health and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

The Bikeway would also benefit our business and the local economy more generally. Howard County has a thriving local cycling scene. Additionally, Patapsco State Park, neighboring trailways, and scenic roads make it an appealing cycling destination. Local and visiting riders support numerous cycling related businesses but also local restaurants, coffee shops and other retail establishments. As a local bike shop owners we are seeing a steadily growing number of new cyclists in the area and overwhelmingly their number one priority is bike safety and access to safe places to ride, including bikeways and bike lanes.

Bicycling has been an integral part of the history of Howard County for over 50 years. We appreciate your ongoing work to promote biking in this community and hope that you will you make a decision to fund the Bikeway for the next three years. We believe the investment will not only benefit our customers but also greatly benefit community members for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kris Mac
Matthew Cooper
Robert Birch

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Co-Founders, Ascent Bicycle Studio

April Wainwright

From: Alan Davis <adavis@princetonports.com>
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 11:02 AM
To: akittleman@howardcountymd.gov
Cc: hsun@howardcountymd.gov; Katherine DiSalvo-Thronson
Subject: Please support the Bikeway

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March 23, 2017
County Executive Allan Kittleman
George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear County Executive Kittleman,

As you know, I am the President of Princeton Sports on Little Patuxent Parkway. I have been a Howard County resident, homeowner and small business owner for over 35 years. I am writing to you to ask you to fund the Bikeway with \$3M this year and the following two years, because it is beneficial to local businesses and to the local community.

Bicyclists in Howard County support our business and several others. Our business contributes local economic vitality and gives back. Princeton Sports currently has about 30 employees, and has employed hundreds of people over the years. We recently assessed our economic impact on Howard County and discovered it was over \$100M.

We are dedicated to contributing to our community. We repair and rehab bicycles for the police to donate. We regularly provide support for bicycling events such as the Columbia Triathlon, Iron Girl and the Columbia BikeAbout. We also partner with several schools to promote bicycle safety and maintenance, and lead regular Sunday rides that attract on average, up to 150 riders, many of whom are novices.

The Bikeway will provide riders with dedicated, safe spaces to bike, will increase the number of cyclists in the county. Research shows that people who live near trails are 73 to 80 percent more likely to bicycle. This increase in cyclists will support and strengthen our business and many others. The routes will improve quality of life in the area by enabling more people to engage in a great and easy athletic activity. Lastly, the Bikeway would also increase cyclists' safety. We've seen too many riders suffer due to accidents. Increased safety would be a huge benefit of the Bikeway for the community and a worthy cause for public funds.

Thank you for your continued work to promote cycling in this community, and for all you do as our county's leader. I very much hope you decided to fund the Bikeway for the next three years.

Thank you for your consideration,

Alan Davis
President

December 14, 2016

Dear Howard County Leaders,

Please consider this letter of support for The Bikeway component of the Howard County Bicycle Master Plan. My name is Jon Posner and I have worked for Race Pace Bicycles since 1996. I currently manage the Ellicott City location, and prior to that I spent several years as manager of the Columbia location.

Race Pace Bicycles was started in 1978, and in 1985 we opened our first Howard County location in the Normandy Shopping Center. A second location was added in Howard County in 2005 on Snowden River Parkway.

In August 2014 we moved our original Ellicott City store to a building which we own at Route 40 and Bethany Lane. We invested 2 1/4 million dollars in establishing that location.

There are five stores in our operation, and Race Pace Bicycles is recognized in our industry as one of the top bicycle retailers in the country, and we are one of largest independently operated bicycle businesses.

In a busy month, our Howard County locations payroll exceeds \$100,000.

We always have and continue to support many different community initiatives in the county, and we take pride in our level of commitment to a diverse range of these events and programs. We consider ourselves an integral part of the Howard County community and have been for over 30 years.

The ability to exercise, commute and include the bicycle as part of everyday life is recognized as a key element of decision making when choosing a new place to live. Our owner, Alex, has ridden his bicycle all over the world, from the length of Patagonia in Chile and Argentina through many of the great cities of Europe and across the United States- it is his observation that communities that have chosen to embrace cycling are vibrant and exciting. These communities are so often much more attractive and economically advanced than their neighbors that have yet to recognize cycling as a important part of community life.

The bicycle has been an integral part of the history of Howard County since James Rouse choose to connect the communities in Columbia with cycling/walking paths almost 50 years ago. The implementation of the Bicycle Master Plan will significantly positively affect the health and vibrancy of Howard County, and focusing on the strategic implementation of The Bikeway is a great path to get us there.

Please feel free to contact Alex or me with questions regarding any aspect of our involvement in Bicycling in Howard County.

Thank you!

Jonathan Posner
Race Pace Bicycles - Ellicott City store manager

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2/27/2017

To: Mary Kay Sigaty, County Council District 4
George Howard Building
3430 Courthouse Drive
Pike
Ellicott City, MD 21043
410-313-2001

Dear Mrs. Mary kay Sigaty,

Hello my name is Ms. Sabrina Yousuf and I attend River Hill High School. I live in District 4 of Howard County, where you are the County Council Member. I am writing to urge you to vote no for budgets cuts in the Howard County Public School Systems.

At River Hill high school we enjoy the school supplies, the teachers, and the extracurricular activities. If you agree to cut the budget, then we will lose some of these things. Supplies are important to us because not every child can afford to buy their own. If the school system supplies it, then every child will have the advantage as the next. The teachers are also important to us. We have some of the best teachers who teach every subject that we have. We also have a special education teacher for the children that are less fortunate than most. It is nice to have one teacher ratio to about 15-20 students. If you cut the budget then I am confident that we will have fewer teachers. Furthermore, If we have fewer teachers than there will be more students per classroom to one teacher. We will end up having fewer faculty members to help educate the next generation. Lastly, extracurricular activities are nice to have as well. Extracurricular activities are always the first to get erased when there are budget cuts. I like soccer and volleyball. I like that there is an option for us to have sports. Having education all day would be tiresome. Sometimes, sports and group events help us students make friends and have a social life within school. This is important as well because it helps us open up and talk to each other. If there are budget cuts then the extra activities will be cut and then the students will not have a group gathering experience to look forward too. Lastly, the extracurricular activities also help us find out what we are good in. Besides education, some students have a talent in sports and high school will expose that talent.

Mrs. Sigaty, these are some reasons why I feel you should not vote for budget cuts within the Howard county public school system. Budget cuts will only hurt the students' success rates and eliminate some of the important things we have.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this topic.

Sincerely,



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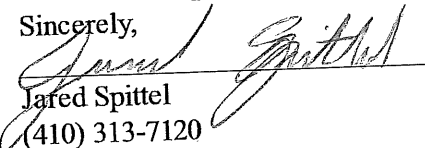
Dear Councilwoman Mary Kay Sigaty

Hello, my name is Jared Spittel, and I am student attending River Hill High School. I am writing to you to first address my appreciation, and discuss a important highly issue. I want to thank you for your push for keeping district 4 clean and healthy. Also, I greatly appreciate your support in the change of ownership of Merriweather Post Pavilion.

I am writing to urge you to increase awareness and possibly funding for Chesapeake Bay restoration and cleanup. The quality of the Chesapeake Bay has been getting worse throughout the years due to pollution from factories, fertilizer runoff from farms, and many other sources. I understand that the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement was arranged in 2014 and was designed to complete what I am asking of you, however, little efforts have been made. The efforts to clean up the bay have not been very effective or of large enough scale. The pollution in the bay was divided into percentages by the hardworking people of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. They concluded that 38% of the bay's pollution comes from agriculture and 21% comes from air pollution. From these results one can observe that there are ineffective regulations of factory's contribution to air pollution and that many agricultural workers are using too many harmful chemicals in excess. Seventeen million people depend on the bay for food, work, and recreation, and soon they will not be able to if changes are not made. Many people who fish and people who crab in the bay are losing their ability to provide for their families due to the pollution. These people have lived in the bay and made a living from it throughout their lives. According to cbf.org, "Chesapeake Bay watermen supply as much as a third of the nation's blue crabs each year. And the average commercial harvest in Maryland and Virginia between 2000 and 2009 was more than 55 million pounds each year!" These workers provide a massive percentage of blue crabs for food for the population and are substantially boosting the Maryland economy. If efforts are not made blue crab population would decrease to a level of near extinction within the bay, and would corrupt the economy by taking away the jobs of many. In an article by cbf.org the writer stated, "Mercury is a highly toxic chemical, especially to the developing nervous system, and can cause IQ deficits in children. For this reason, fetuses, infants, children, and women of childbearing age are at greatest risk." Recreation within the bay has become a health hazard. It is extremely unfortunate that the high levels of mercury within the bay could have such terrible effects on people, these effects prohibit people from enjoying the joys of the bay.

Please consider making efforts to persuade officials around you to make a change to the cleanup of the bay. Increasing funding and providing harsher restrictions on pollution from agricultural workplaces and factories may be the saving grace our beloved bay needs to bounce back into a healthy state. Thank you for listen to my thoughts and I hope you will help make a change in the health of our beloved Chesapeake Bay.

Sincerely,


Jared Spittel

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