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From: Betsy Singer <betsysingermarcus@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 1:22 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Fund the East Columbia 50+ Center

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The Jewish Community Relations Council of Howard County supports the building of a dramatically expanded East Columbia 50+ Center. Forty percent of Howard's total older adult population resides in East Columbia. A majority of the population is non-white. And it is the only one without an adequate senior center. All residents of Howard County, no matter their race or socioeconomic status, deserve to have a safe, spacious facility for their community to use. Many faith communities in Howard County that are members of PATH (People Acting Together for Howard) have joined together to advocate for this project and we are pleased to join their efforts.

JCRC is a committee of the Jewish Federation of Howard County.

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Sayers, Margery

From: Athena Dalrymple <athena.dalrymple@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 11:40 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please vote for funding the new East Columbia 50+ Center Renovation

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Dear Council,

As a member of the Bain 50+ Council and Howard County resident who is in her 50's, I *really* hope you *fully* fund the renovation of our sister center - the East Columbia 50+ Center. The two centers are both in the same umbrella and yet it somehow seems like East Columbia is getting left in the rain while the powers that be had Bain covered. The Bain 50+ Center is looking brand spanking new while East Columbia has just been getting spanked, and through no fault of their own that I can tell. I care about the welfare of my little sister and would like to see her supported in growing up to be as big and beautiful as Bain.

In 2020, there was \$17,793 in funding for each student in the K-12 age range while only \$14,762 was actually spent on their education (and Howard County is usually higher in total revenue per pupil than most other MD counties, so I suspect their funding was higher than the average). Howard County in 2020 spent 64% of the total County General Fund on education, by which I believe they mean public schools for those K-12 and not seniors (please correct me if I am reading the below data incorrectly).

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/County-Administration/Budget/School-HCPSS-Budget#>

Children 5-18 make up about **18%** of the HC population (2019 stat) according to <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/howardcountymaryland/PST045219> and yet they are getting **64%** of the budget. And this while seniors make up 1/3 of the Howard County population. People chant that Black Lives Matter, and they do, but so do senior lives.

It is my view that seniors deserve a bigger piece of the pie than they are currently getting. A larger and better senior center in East Columbia would help there. And it seems there is more funding for public school education than is being used, so there is a pot to draw from toward this cause. From the census info, there are approximately 63,500 children who are public school aged in Howard County and there is a surplus of over \$3,031 per child toward their education, so that comes to \$192,468,500 total that could be directed elsewhere, which is way more than the center's renovation would take (if it isn't, someone needs to shop contractors better).

I know it was yesterday that was National Super Hero Day, but don't let that deter you from being a super hero for seniors on the day of the vote for this renovation. We voters will be paying attention to which cape you pull out of your closet that day. Try not to be Dr. Doom.

If the decision this year is to yet again not approve the renovations, I would appreciate knowing the thinking behind that choice.

Respectfully,

Athena Dalrymple

50+ Center Supporter

Sayers, Margery

From: Gick, Ginnie
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 9:51 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Support Howard EcoWorks D1164

From: Mark Southerland <mark.t.southerland@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 9:49 AM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Support Howard EcoWorks D1164

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Deb,

I hope you are well and enjoying the spring that has sprung.

Lori Lilly let me know that Howard EcoWorks funding is included in project D1164 of the Capital Budget. I fully support funding this work, as I have helped EcoWorks in the past and admire their work, especially with the detention center. I hope you can vote to keep them fully funded.

Thanks,

Mark

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From: Bryan Booth <bryan.a.booth.phd@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 9:24 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support of Howard EcoWorks

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Dear Howard County Council Members,

I am writing this letter of support for project D1164 in the Howard County Executive's capital budget for Howard EcoWorks' workforce development and environmental programming.

I became aware of and worked with Howard EcoWorks when I was on the Ellicott City Partnership board. Over the years I have seen the impact they make on the community through the administration of green jobs programming, support services for the County's Safe and Sound Plan, maintenance of public infrastructure, leadership for achieving environmental sustainability, and rehabilitation programming at the Corrections Department.

I have two personal examples that highlight Howard EcoWorks impact on me and our community. My son Alex worked in the *Ready* Program in the Summer of 2019 and it was one of best run and most effective programs for both personal growth and green job development.

The second example is when I had Howard EcoWorks--using their *Ready* staff--install a very large and extensive *BayScape* to manage the large flow of runoff from my property to my neighbors and to our HOA's storm water pond.

Their *BayScape* was so well designed and constructed that it qualified for [Howard County's CleanScape program](#) and allowed me to install a much larger and much more effective cleanscape to manage and filter my runoff.

Howard EcoWorks collaboration with the County's CleanScape program is a perfect example of how important Howard EcoWorks has been and how important it can be in the future. **Please support funding for Howard EcoWorks.**

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Bryan A. Booth, Ph.D.

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From: Melissa Schropp <melissaschropp@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 9:22 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Howard EcoWorks Funding

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Dear Howard County Council Members,

As a member of the Howard EcoWorks Executive Board of Directors, I am writing this letter of support for project D1164 in the Howard County Executive's capital budget for Howard EcoWorks' workforce development and environmental programming. Howard EcoWorks has a high impact in our community through the administration of green jobs programming, support services for the County's Safe and Sound Plan, maintenance of public infrastructure, leadership for achieving environmental sustainability, and rehabilitation programming at the Corrections Dept. These efforts have direct benefits to our community as a whole and represent a *cost-effective investment* in our local natural resources, public safety, career-readiness for young adults and disadvantaged populations, and overall economic development.

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1. **Green jobs.** With funding from Howard County and administration through Howard EcoWorks, we are a leader for our region with our green jobs programming. Between the READY program providing summer employment to young adults and the 9-month UpLift program creating an employment pipeline for disadvantaged populations to permanent employment, we are demonstrating a unique way that we can achieve both environmental and workforce development objectives.
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Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Melissa Schropp

Sayers, Margery

From: Zacharia Fisch <ozfisch@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 8:56 AM
To: Jung, Deb
Cc: CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Yungmann, David; Ball, Calvin
Subject: Fwd: North Columbia Fire Station F5976 at Cedar Lane Park East

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Councilwoman Jung and all council members.

I urge you to read the information presented in this email.

In my professional opinion, the Department of Public Works, and the Administration, by not finding a replacement location for the Banneker Fire Station in downtown Columbia, are blatantly violating, and ignoring section 125.0.9.g.(6) of the zoning regulations, as quoted below. This is in addition to ignoring and violating other related subdivision and land development regulations, and zoning regulations and Plan Howard 2030 policies, that I quoted in my 4/19/2021 email to executive Ball with copies to you and all other council members.

The existing Banneker Fire Station is situated on Open Space lot 12 as depicted on the Final Development Plan (FDP) titled, "Columbia Town Center Section 1 Phase A 5".

Lot 12 is defined on page 3 of the FDP under section 125C-3-d. B as follows "Lot 12 shall be used for all open space uses including but not limited to use as a public service building and a community fire station".

Section 125.0.9.g.(6) of the zoning regulation states, "land designated as open space on a final development plan recorded prior to April 6,2010 on which a public facility such as library or fire station has been constructed, may be designated as downtown mixed use on an amended Final Development Plan, but may only be redeveloped after a replacement public facility is operating at an alternative location within downtown Columbia."

Since open space 12 is designated as open space land on an FDP that was recorded on 2/11/2002 as plats 15235-15240, the criteria under section 125.0.9.g.(6) are applicable to it. Redeveloping the Banneker fire station will require that the county finds an alternative site within downtown Columbia. Cedar Lane Park East is not part of downtown Columbia, it is zoned R-20 and not New Town (NT), and therefore cannot be legally used as a replacement site for the Banneker Fire Station.

I viewed the work session on 4/21/2021, and was encouraged by your, as well as other council members, line of questions to Mark Stromdahl and Fire Chief William Anuszewski.

Being a professional Engineer in the field of Civil Engineering and providing land development engineering services in Howard County for 35 years, it became evident to me very quickly, that the county did not do their due diligence when selecting Cedar Lane Park East as a site for the fire station.

First, it is evident that no one at public works or the administration is attempting to pay any attention to the regulations that everyone else must adhere to.

Second, due process as it relates to proper public notice and public involvement in the process was completely ignored by both, the Department of public works and recreation and parks.

Third, no attempt by the Department of Public Works to find alternative sites that will not have irreparable deleterious impact on the quality of life and property values of the neighboring properties. In fact, there seems to be arrogant zero care about the negative impact to the neighbors.

Fourth, no preliminary investigation regarding traffic, access, stormwater, and noise.

I urge the Howard County Council to not approve any FT 22 capital or operating funds as they relate to the fire station and park "improvements" for Cedar Lane Park East (F5976 and N3108).

I will be honored to further discuss this email and my previous email with you and any council member that is willing and interested to listen.

Respectfully,
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From: **Zacharia Fisch** <ozfisch@gmail.com>
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Subject: North Columbia Fire Station F5976 at Cedar Lane Park East
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Cc: <councilmail@howardcountymd.gov>, <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>, <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>, <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>, <djung@howardcountymd.gov>, <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>

Dr. Calvin Ball, county Executive,
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Dear Executive Ball,

- 1) My name is Zacharia Y. Fisch. I am a resident of Columbia for 35 years, and for the last 26 years my family and I live at 10863 Beech Creek Drive Columbia MD 21044. In addition, I am a professional licensed Civil Engineer based in Howard county; for the past 35 years I have been designing land development projects in Howard County and the surrounding counties.
- 2) In early March 2021 I received a notice in the mail, from Howard County, informing of a community outreach meeting scheduled for March 25, 2021 at 7pm, regarding the

North Columbia Fire Station F5976. I attended the meeting, in which I heard for the first time, that a fire station is proposed to be built at the Cedar Lane Park East on the front multipurpose field. I also learned about the planned intensification of use of the park with the addition of exercise equipment, Pickleball fields, artificial turf field, and lights that will be operating until 10:00 or 10:30 at night. In this outreach meeting, I also learned that the original proposed location for the fire station was in the village of Harpers Choice, near Harpers Choice Middle School.

3) In a letter that you sent to Chairman Jung on June 10, 2020 you wrote, and I Quote: " Contrary to characterizations by some, the North Columbia Fire Station project has been supported by a robust and extensive public outreach process. County representatives have publicly presented on this project on at least three occasions (February 12, 2019, October 30, 2019, and March 3, 2020), and different options for locating the Fire Station were discussed with you and your staff on four (4) separate occasions in 2019. Consideration of feedback from the public and your office led to the proposed location of the Fire Station being adjusted early this year. The new proposed location was presented to the Harpers Choice Community Association on March 3rd and received favorable feedback from board members."

4) The fact of the matter is that the Beech Creek community that consists of approximately 145 households, the Cedar Manor community that consists of 19 households as well as individual properties adjacent to the park on the east and along the north side of RT 108 are not represented by the Harpers Choice Community Association / village board. Therefore, any discussions and any agreements that were reached between the Harpers Choice Community Association and Howard county representatives are not representing or reflecting the voices or opinions of many households, that neither were invited to the meetings nor had a say in the reached solutions.

- 5) Since the meeting on March 25, 2021, I met residents who live in the Elliot's Oak neighborhood, some of which are backing the park, who were not aware of the proposed plan. In total, I estimate that there will be over 200 plus households that will be directly impacted by this proposal.
- 6) In my research of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board meetings minutes and agenda, I saw several references to the proposed fire station location:
- a) On January 15, 2020 minutes under the Old Business category, "Department of Public works is inquiring about building a fire station on existing field space at Cedar Lane Park".
 - b) On July 15, 2020
 - c) On February 17, 2021 where under the Old Business category it says "met with Administration and Bureau of facilities regarding North Columbia Fire Station project....."
- 7) It is disturbing to see that for a whole year the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board as well as the Department of Public Works and the Administration knew of the intended project, yet there is no public outreach to Howard County residents, who live next door to the park.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS:

16.101.(a) legislative intent

- I. Assigning orderly, efficient, and integrated development of land
- II. providing the most beneficial relationship between the uses of land and buildings and the circulation of traffic throughout the county.
- III. Using the land and buildings in ways which avoid traffic congestion, and which provides for pedestrian movement.

16.119.14.b.(4) Combine Driveways.

Traffic movements in and out of commercial and industrial areas shall not interfere with external traffic nor shall the movement create hazards to adjacent residential areas.

16.119.(f). (3) Access Restrictions

For subdivisions and Site development plans with no other means of access except from a restricted access road, the Department of Planning and Zoning may approve a single use in common driveway that meets the minimum sight distance requirements of the Design Manual or the State Highway Administration access requirements.

16.120.(a). (2) Lot Layout. Lot access from Arterial Highways or Major Collectors

Nonresidential lots shall not derive direct access from Arterial Highways. Where nonresidential lots front on such roadway, access to the lots shall be in accordance with 16.119 of this title.

ZONING REGULATIONS:

100.0.A Legislative intent:

- I. To provide adequate light, air, and privacy. To secure safety from fire and other danger and to prevent overcrowding of the land and undue congestion of population.
- II. To protect the character, the social and economic stability of all parts of the county. To guide the orderly growth and development of the county and to protect and conserve the value of land and structures, appropriate to the various land use classes established by the general plan for Howard County and by the comprehensive zoning regulations.
- III. To provide the most beneficial relationship between the uses of land and structures and road system, which serves these uses. Having particular regard for the potential amount and intensity of such land and structure uses in relationship to the traffic capacity of the road system, so as to avoid congestion in the street and roadways,

and to promote the safe and convenient vehicular and pedestrian traffic movements appropriate to various uses of land and structures throughout the county.

IV. To provide a guide for public action in the orderly and efficient provision of public facilities and services.

PLAN HOWARD 2030:

Policy 8.12, page 179.

“Expand the county park system and recreational facilities.”

8) In my opinion, the county is falling short to meet its own subdivision and land development regulations, the Zoning Regulations and Plan Howard 2030 policies as outlined above. I believe that Howard County should be subject to all rules and regulations as everyone else who is engaged in developing land.

9) MD RT 108 is classified on the Howard county transportation map as a minor arterial road, and indeed it is a busy road. Over the past 26 years that I am living in the Beech Creek community, I can see the constant increase in traffic. During sports season, the traffic is congested, and it is backed up starting at Centennial Lane and continues to RT 108 west reaches next to Beech Creek drive and sometime further on. Every Friday and during holidays, the Howard county police has to direct traffic on RT 108 to enable ingress and egress traffic to the Dar Al-Taqwa Mosque. The Mosque is located across the street from the park. Adding more uses and facilities to the park and adding more traffic from the fire station will make things worse.

10) Being in the land development engineering business, I have not yet heard of a single case where adding a fire station near an established residential neighborhood enhances quality of life or property values. Per the Zoning regulations it is the county's

duty to protect the residents' quality of life and property values. By placing the station where proposed, the county will be abdicating their responsibility.

11) I truly believe that there are better, more appropriate alternative locations that will closer meet the legislative intent of the regulations for the proposed fire station. I reviewed options within about 1.5 miles radius from Cedar Lane Park East for the potential of placing a fire station. Both alternatives are zoned R-20 same as Cedar Lane Park and both are owned by Howard County:

a. The Board of Education owns 28.67 acres at 10910 RT 108. The site is 0.4 miles west of Cedar Lane Park East. I carefully examined the existing site development plan, and forest conservation plat that are on record, and I conclude that there is enough space to accommodate the proposed fire station on the property.

The advantages of utilizing the Board of Education property are primarily based in the fact that the infrastructure is in place, the character of the site is non-residential, and that there will be minimization of adverse impact to residential properties and there will be no loss of Park land.

b. A 7.05-acre property owned by Howard county department of Recreation and Parks located at 9944 Rt 108. This property is located approximately 1.5 miles east of Cedar Lane Park East. This is an undeveloped parcel with an existing single home on it. In my opinion, there is plenty of space to install the station and derive access through Centennial Park or directly onto RT 108.

There is 1 residential private property to the west of this parcel and to the east there are parcels of land that have structures on them, and they are all owned by Howard county.

12) To conclude, in my professional opinion, the proposal to install a fire station on the multipurpose field and intensifying the use of Cedar Lane Park East by adding facilities and lights that will intensify the use and increase the hours of operations into the night violates the regulatory intent of the subdivision and zoning regulations. An

alternative site that will be in full compliance with the regulations stated in this letter should be sought out.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to reach out to me.

Respectfully,

Zacharia Y. Fisch PE.

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Sayers, Margery

From: Keith Ohlinger <kohlinger05@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 9:01 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please support Howard EcoWorks.

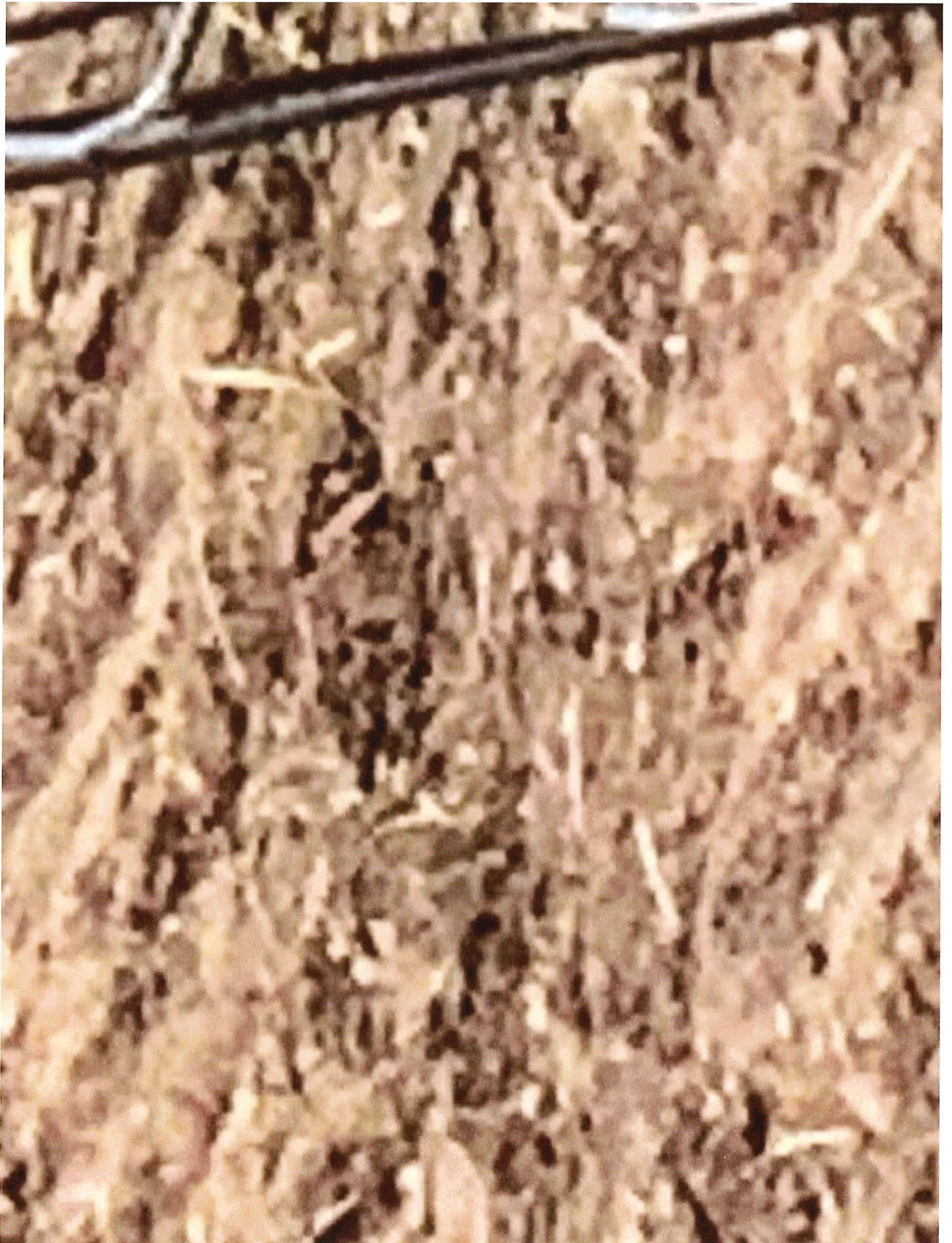
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Dear County Council:

I hope this email finds you all healthy and safe. I ask you to please support project D1164 in the Howard County Executive's capital budget for Howard EcoWorks' environmental programming and workforce development.

I had the pleasure of working with their crew this past year on a tree planting project on our farm and we later held a webinar about the project. I have attended many programs they have provided over the years and have always gotten something useful from the presentations.

Please stay safe out there so we can have you all out to the farm for a visit again soon!



"We miss you!"

Keith Ohlinger
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Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Melissa Metz <melissametz725@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 8:31 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Capital Budget - Howard EcoWorks

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

I am writing this letter of support for project D1164 in the Howard County Executive's capital budget for Howard EcoWorks' workforce development and environmental programming. Howard EcoWorks has a high impact in our community through the administration of green jobs programming, support services for the County's Safe and Sound Plan, maintenance of public infrastructure, leadership for achieving environmental sustainability, rehabilitation programming at the Corrections Dept., and others. I also note that Howard EcoWorks was the only non-Howard County Government participant in one of the internship initiatives coordinated by the Howard County Office of Workforce Development. These efforts have direct benefits to our community as a whole and represent a cost-effective investment in our local natural resources, public safety, career-readiness for young adults and disadvantaged populations, and overall economic development.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Melissa Metz
District 5
Woodstock, MD
and Member of the Mid-Maryland Workforce Development Board

Sayers, Margery

From: Kris L. Althouse <KAlthouse@HMSIA.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 4:54 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Walsh, Elizabeth; Jung, Deb; Rigby, Christiana; Yungmann, David; Jones, Opel
Subject: D1164 - HOWARD ECOWORKS

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Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Kris Althouse, CIC, ARM

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Service and responsiveness to our HMS customers is always the top priority and the COVID-19 pandemic has only reinforced that priority. HMS will provide regular Coronavirus/Covid-19 updates on our HMS website. Please click on the link on the top banner of our homepage at www.hmsia.com. Please leave any feedback [here](#) relative to our goal to exceed your expectations



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Sayers, Margery

From: toppend@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Deborah Toppenberg-Pejcic
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Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 4:03 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Preserve \$5.37 Million in County Funds for Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects in FY 2022 Proposed Budget

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Dear Howard County Council,

I am writing to urge you to protect the \$5.375 million in funding for bike and pedestrian infrastructure projects in the proposed FY 2022 capital budget.

I know the county is facing tough budget decisions this year due to the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic, but the importance of investing in our public health has never been clearer. We must continue to make progress in our biking and walking infrastructure to build and improve sidewalks, bike lanes, paths, crosswalks and more so everyone in our community has opportunities to bike, walk and access important services.

Without full funding of these important projects that will provide tangible benefits to residents' lives, such as K5035 in Elkridge and K5066 along Oakland Mills Road, Howard County will ultimately fall short of its complete streets vision. Howard County must fulfill its promise to create safer and accessible opportunities for biking and walking and position our community for a multi-modal future. Now is the time to invest in projects that will improve our public health, as well as safety and accessibility.

The proposed funding will make walking and biking in Howard County better, easier and safer, as well as make our community more age-friendly. I urge you to protect this funding in the final budget to improve our bike and pedestrian infrastructure for everyone in Howard County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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Sayers, Margery

From: Thoko Obisanya <t.obisanya59@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 11:17 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support Full Funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center

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To Members of the County Council:

Make Today's Dream Tomorrow's

Today



Tomorrow



Fully Fund

The New East Columbia

1/3 of HoCo residents are Senior

Yours Sincerely
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Sayers, Margery

From: Isabelle Doyle <isabellledoyle@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 9:16 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Cedar Lane Park

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Dear Howard County Council Members,

I am emailing you in regards to Cedar Lane Park. I demand that Cedar Lane Park remain as is. For the reasons below the addition of a fire station and turf fields should not be placed on Cedar Lane park property:

- It is directly located on 108 which is a high traffic road and experiences a lot of congestion especially during normal traffic hours
- It is directly located across a mosque which is highly congested on Friday nights. In addition, The noise associated with the fire station and loudspeaker is disruptive to their religious practices.
- According to the US Department of Transport Federal Highway Administration the use of traffic calming apparatuses including speed bumps “shall be prohibited unless approved by the fire code official.” Elliots Oak road is home to many speed bums which would impede on the speed and efficiency of the fire department.
- The two closest fire department located within miles of Cedar Lane Park. Station seven is located 2.4 miles away, station 14 is located 3.8 miles away. Station nine is located 3.5 miles away. Station two is 4.6 miles away. There are 4 fire departments located within 5 miles of Cedar Lane Park. There is no need to add an extra one
- The homes located both on Elliots Oak, Cottonwood Way and Beach Creek Drive back on to the park. With the addition of both of fire station and loudspeakers would cause disruptions to to the families that live there.

For these reasons I reject the proposal to build a fire station as well as her fields with the loudspeaker in place of Cedar Lane Park

Isabelle Doyle

Sayers, Margery

From: akhen730@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:24 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: East Columbia 50+ Center

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Sayers, Margery

From: Stephanie and Mai <secacchair@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 7:21 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: SECAC testimony for Budget Hearing
Attachments: SECAC Budget Testimony to County Council .docx

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Hello Councilmembers

Thank you for hearing our testimony tonight at the Budget Hearing. Please find the attached written testimony for your consideration.

Thank you,
- Mai Hall
Stephanie Carr and Mai Hall
SECAC Co-Chairs 2020-2021

SECAC Budget Testimony to County Council

Good evening, my name is Mai Hall and I am speaking on behalf of The Howard County Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee (SECAC) who advises the school system on the needs of students with disabilities. Our focus is on the special education priorities within our public school system. More importantly, I am the parent of two children with disabilities and an advocate for our community of over 8,700 students with disabilities¹ in the public school system.

According to the Howard County Proposed Operating Budget Priority Areas, you state the need for “Ready and Successful Students” to “Prepare our children and support teachers, close the achievement gap, promote college and career readiness. Support learners of all ages.”

According to a press release by Dr. Martirano, “Special education is a priority of the budget proposal. A \$15.1 million investment for special education includes 216.8 new staff positions.” Special education has been historically underfunded. HCPSS heard testimony from several special education teachers last school year about the large number of students with disabilities in their classrooms. They are short staffed. The population of our students with disabilities grows every year, in fact it grew by 10% last year². An accurate, growing budget to accommodate those increase in numbers must be achieved if our county is to “close the achievement gap” as your Priorities state.

You say you want to “prepare our children” and “support all learners of all ages” yet data shows a different story of our students with disabilities who are not prepared and not supported. The Howard County 2018-2019 Report Card illustrates the math and English language arts achievements of students with disabilities as the lowest amongst diverse populations, English Language Learners, and Economically Disadvantaged³. The graduation rate for students with disabilities stands at 67%. Howard County is not preparing our students with disabilities for contribution to larger society once they leave our four walls.

Valuing special education is not just the right thing to do, it is a long-term cost savings mechanism. If you look at special education programs through a return-on-investment lens, students and taxpayer’s benefit. We know that every \$1 invested into early intervention services, that is special education for birth through age 2, yields a 13.58% return per year over that child’s lifetime⁴. An “Academic return on investment (ROI) seeks to maximize achievement for the greatest number of students, given available resources.”⁵ Invest in special education

¹ Numbers include 5,901 in special education, plus 2,800 with disabilities as protected under the ADA.

² Maryland Early Intervention Special Education Services Census Data and Related Tables. October 1, 2019. Multiple Years.

³ Howard County 2018-2019 Report Card. Retrieved from <https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/Graphs/#/ReportCards/ReportCardSchool/1/E/1/13/XXXX/2019>

⁴ *The Life-Cycle Benefits of an Intervention/Early Childhood Program*, Garcia & Heckerman, et al, 2016.

⁵ N. Levenson. *Academic ROI: What Does the Most Good?* The Resourceful School. Pages 34-39. December 2011/January 2012 | Volume 69 | Number 4

now, reap the benefits of students with disabilities who are skilled, knowledgeable, and ready to contribute to society upon graduation.

In conclusion, this is the year to fully fund special education. COVID-19 and all its effects on our students with disabilities has had some debilitating negative consequences which will result in added needs in our special education population. Current needs are not being met; related services are not being done to their fullest extent. Which means, our students will fall further and further behind. Now is the time to fully fund special education so HCPSS can do its due diligence to educate and support our most vulnerable population.

Sayers, Margery

From: Cindy Risser <cspr52@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 4:03 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Sr. Center East Columbia

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Please fully fund the Sr. Center East Columbia.

Cynthia Risser
6638 Corina Court
Columbia MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: cathy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Catherine Landfried
<cathy@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 2:54 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Preserve \$5.37 Million in County Funds for Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects in FY 2022
Proposed Budget

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Catherine Landfried
7119 Fountain Rock Way Columbia, MD 21046-1471 cathy@landfrieds.net

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 10:22 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Body Cam Program Funding

Deb Jung
Councilmember, District 4
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043
410-313-2001

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-----Original Message-----

From: Angie Boyter <angie.boyter@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 9:04 AM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: Royalty, Wendy <wroyalty@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Body Cam Program Funding

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Liz,

I was shocked to read in the Howard Sun article on the 2022 operating budget (\$1.8B budget proposed by Ball") that the proposed body cam program for the police and sheriff's departments will require 10 new positions in the police department and 13 new positions in the State's Attorneys office. According to the article, the 13 state's attorney positions will be for reviewing the footage. It is hard for me to believe this kind of staffing is necessary; surely footage will only be reviewed if there is some question or controversy, not every time an officer has the camera running.

If a body cam program requires this kind of overhead, I would have to question whether this is a cost-effective way to use my tax money. The instances in which the evidence is needed are certainly significant ones, but they are rare, and I would suggest that mental health support or better psychological screening for law enforcement recruits might be better, if less exciting alternatives.

I tried to look at the budget document and confirmed the positions are there, but I could not determine what they will be used for. Perhaps the article is not accurate. I hope you will find out, and if it is accurate I hope you will urge your fellow council members not to support the program but to ask Dr. Ball to find better alternatives. We need programs that work and spend our money wisely, not just whatever program happens to be popular in the media.

Sayers, Margery

From: Williams, China
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 9:59 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Re: Support Full Funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center

From: YALE STENZLER <stenzler@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 9:49 AM
To: Williams, China <ccwilliams@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Re: Support Full Funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center

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Dear China,

I am friend of both Deb and Ben and wanted to send the info below to you about an upcoming event in support of the 50+ Center in East Columbia.

I do not know which of the "local politicians" are coming, but Deb might want to be among them.

Yale

Ni Hao, Tai Chi'ers ...

I just want to let everyone know that ...

On **April 30th at 3 pm**, the Committee and PATH will be having an **in-person** (masked, socially distanced, outside) action in the parking lot of the Center ... with local politicians, religious leaders & press coverage, so we'd like as many people as possible to show their support.

The next Howard County Council vote on to fund – or not - the Replacement EC 50+ Center will be on **26 May**.

The 50+ Center Advocacy Group and its very welcome community service organization ally , PATH, are organizing speakers for the two pre-vote public Council Budget hearings:

+ **April 20th** at 4PM. All non-educational items

+ **May 10th** at 9:30 AM All items

If you want to attend, the meetings are virtual, so please feel free to check the Council web site for the WebEx URL.

----- Original Message -----

From: Ben Bialek <benbialek@mac.com>
To: Yale Stenzler <stenzler@comcast.net>
Cc: Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>, China Williams <ccwilliams@howardcountymd.gov>
Date: 04/22/2021 9:03 AM
Subject: Re: Support Full Funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center

Thanks Yale. I am very impressed about your Tai Chi classes. I will forward to Deb. I have not heard that that there is a problem with this project. You will recall that last year, Calvin introduced an unbalanced operating budget and significantly exceeded the spending affordability guidelines for capital projects.

Hope all is well with you and Nicki. I am in SoFlo. Alyssa and two girlfriends just visited for "spring break". She will be starting a Physician Assistant/Public Health masters program at GW in May.

I will be back in Maryland toward the end of next month so perhaps we can get together then with Art for lunch and you can show off your new Tai Chi skills!.

All the best,

Ben

On Apr 21, 2021, at 6:49 PM, YALE STENZLER <stenzler@comcast.net> wrote:
Ben,

Just want to share with you and Deb what another Council member is sending out in response to the emails, letters, and/or cards sent to all council members in support of the East Side 50+Center.

Yale

----- Original Message -----

From: "Smith, Brenda" <bdsmith@howardcountymd.gov>
To: YALE STENZLER <stenzler@comcast.net>
Cc: "Rigby, Christiana" <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>
Date: 04/21/2021 3:34 PM
Subject: Support Full Funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center

Dear Mr. Stenzler,

Thank you very much for reaching out to Councilwoman Christiana Rigby regarding funding for the 50+ Center in East Columbia (Capital Project C0335) in the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2022. As you know, the East Columbia 50+ Center has been long-awaited and is a much-needed facility for our 50+ community in East Columbia.

Councilwoman Rigby wholeheartedly supports this project, and will continue to advocate for the East Columbia 50+ Center in Howard County's Capital Budget. Our seniors deserve better, and the need for this Center will only increase after the COVID-19 pandemic has ended.

The County Council received the Capital Budget from the County Executive on April 1st. Before the Council adopts the final budget on May 26th, there will be a series of public hearings and work sessions. You may watch the work sessions [here](#). For instructions on how to sign up to speak at a public hearing, please go [here](#).

For more information about the budget, including information on the budget calendar and the budget process, please visit the Council's budget page [here](#). Thank you again for reaching out with your testimony. We appreciate hearing from you!

Thanks,

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**Brenda Smith** – she/her/hers

Administrative Aide

Councilwoman Christiana Rigby, District 3

Howard County Council

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**From:** YALE STENZLER <[stenzler@comcast.net](mailto:stenzler@comcast.net)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 8:04 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail <[CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov)>  
**Subject:** Support Full Funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center

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4/15/2021

To Members of the County Council,

My wife and I are over 75 years old and have lived in Howard County for almost 50 years.

We attend and participate in Tai Chi classes at the 50+ East Columbia Center.

Although we live on the West side of Columbia we have taken classes at the East Columbia Center for over three years.

There are many individuals in our classes that are from all over Howard County, not just Columbia.

Now that County Executive Ball has put \$5.5 million in his budget and the Maryland State legislature has approved a \$1 million bond initiative toward fully funding the new East Columbia 50+ Center, **we need the support of the entire County Council.**

**Please vote to support full funding of the East Columbia 50+ Senior Center**, so that work can begin as soon as possible .



Sincerely,

Yale Stenzler

10001 Windstream Drive, Unit # 707

Columbia, MD 21044

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**Today**



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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** amrllcpa@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Angela Hayes  
<amrllcpa@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 25, 2021 9:12 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Preserve \$5.37 Million in County Funds for Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects in FY 2022  
Proposed Budget

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Angela Hayes  
508 Gladhill Rd Odenton, MD 21113-1911  
amrllcpa@hotmail.com

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**From:** timmcneel@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Timothy McNeel  
<timmcneel@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 25, 2021 11:22 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Timothy McNeel  
6086 Loventree Rd Columbia, MD 21044-3936 timmcneel@yahoo.com

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** C Sydlo <csydlo@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 24, 2021 4:20 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support funding for a replacement East Columbia 50+ Center

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I urge you to support funding for a replacement East Columbia 50+ Center to better serve the needs of a growing elderly population in eastern Howard County.

- Chris Sydlo, Columbia, MD

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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** marctolson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marc Tolson  
<marctolson@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 24, 2021 3:40 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Preserve \$5.37 Million in County Funds for Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects in FY 2022 Proposed Budget

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Marc Tolson  
9541 Pamplona Rd Columbia, MD 21045-3920 marctolson@ymail.com



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** cookapie@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 24, 2021 2:49 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Budget issues affecting Savage

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I do hope that the Council sees fit to approve 3 items that affect our small community: Finishing the work begun years ago on the Baltimore St. sewer work is our town's priority.

. Now that warmer weather is here, the trails in Savage are getting huge crowds walking the park land. Even on non-weekend days, the trails draw crowds that come to walk the trails with parking on Vollmerhausen Rd backed up for 500 yards once the parking lot on Vollmerhausen Rd is filled. Walking north on the trail from Vollmerhausen the path is uneven. Just this past week there was an incident on the trail that required a rescue; at least 2 fire trucks and an ATM with stretcher was used in the rescue. Last but not least, Savage has many low income people residing in town. The First Baptist church has a food pantry that helps to feed people in town. But If some of the recently acquired park land near the Savage Mill could be used to provide a community garden, then the community could grow vegetables to feed some of the low income residents. Our small community cares about the less fortunate and we try to help those in need. Having some land in which to grow vegetables would help immensely to feed our needy neighbors. I hope the Council will take the needs of our community seriously and include \$\$ in the county budget to meet these needs. Priscilla Pitts, 9104 Jefferson St., Savage.

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Rosemarie Staab <rbhm@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 24, 2021 12:40 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** East Columbia 50+ Center

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

To Members of the County Council: Please vote to support full funding of the new East Columbia 50+ Center project!

I have been a resident of Howard County for 36 years. With that in mind, I am writing to ask that project CO 335-2014 that is proposed in the Capital Budget for FY2019 be fully funded. The project continues the 2015 Master Plan for the identification and design of a site **for a new standalone East Columbia 50+ facility**. Seniors are one of the fastest growing groups in Howard County. According to a fact sheet put out by the Howard County Department of Citizen Services, the 65 and older population will account for 65% of the County's total population growth over the next two decades. Our facilities for seniors must keep pace with this rapid expansion.

You visited the East Columbia Center in October 2016 and saw that it is woefully inadequate for one of the most heavily populated parts of Howard County. Seniors using the East Columbia 50+ Center have watched several beautiful 50+ facilities being built throughout the County. These facilities are spacious with dedicated fitness and art spaces, abundant meeting rooms, and other wonderful features. Now it is time for East Columbia to catch up to the rest of the County.

I respectfully request that Project CO335-FY2014 Community Resources and Services Facility/Program Enhancements be fully funded in the FY2019 Capital Budget. As we have said before and will say again, aging seniors really cannot wait. Please fund this much-needed 50+ Center!

Sincerely,

Rosemarie and William Staab

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** plmcder@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Paul McDermott  
<plmcder@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 24, 2021 10:51 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Preserve \$5.37 Million in County Funds for Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects in FY 2022 Proposed Budget

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Paul McDermott  
10706 Shady Summer Dr Columbia, MD 21044-4561 plmcder@gmail.com

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** lessharry@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Harry Rowell  
<lessharry@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 24, 2021 10:23 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Preserve \$5.37 Million in County Funds for Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects in FY 2022 Proposed Budget

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Harry Rowell  
5956 Avalon Dr Elkridge, MD 21075-5978  
lessharry@gmail.com

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jackie Schiffer <jjschiffer@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 24, 2021 9:43 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** East Columbia 50+ Center project

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Sincerely,

Bob & Jackie Schiffer  
5618 Lightspun Lane  
Columbia, MD 21045

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** dlbuczowski@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Debra Buczkowski  
<dlbuczowski@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 24, 2021 8:26 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Preserve \$5.37 Million in County Funds for Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects in FY 2022 Proposed Budget

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The proposed funding will make walking and biking in Howard County better, easier and safer, as well as make our community more age-friendly. I urge you to protect this funding in the final budget to improve our bike and pedestrian infrastructure for everyone in Howard County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Debra Buczkowski  
7151 Peace Chimes Ct Columbia, MD 21045-5241 dlbuczowski@yahoo.com

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** worley.john@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Worley  
<worley.john@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 11:56 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Preserve \$5.37 Million in County Funds for Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects in FY 2022 Proposed Budget

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Dear Howard County Council,

I am writing to urge you to protect the \$5.375 million in funding for bike and pedestrian infrastructure projects in the proposed FY 2022 capital budget.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
John Worley  
6041 Watch Chain Way Columbia, MD 21044-4714 worley.john@gmail.com

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** davefreesland@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Freesland  
<davefreesland@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 10:00 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Preserve \$5.37 Million in County Funds for Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects in FY 2022  
Proposed Budget

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
David Freesland  
10346 Globe Dr Ellicott City, MD 21042-2148 davefreesland@gmail.com



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Gick, Ginnie  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 9:44 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Re Budget Cuts and Proposed East Columbia 50-Plus Center -- third attempt to send ((apologies if this is duplicate))

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**From:** Liz Larson <[ealarson1@verizon.net](mailto:ealarson1@verizon.net)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 2:07 PM  
**To:** Rigby, Christiana <[crigby@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:crigby@howardcountymd.gov)>; Jones, Opel <[ojones@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:ojones@howardcountymd.gov)>; Walsh, Elizabeth <[ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov)>; Jung, Deb <[djung@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:djung@howardcountymd.gov)>; Yungmann, David <[dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov)>  
**Cc:** Ball, Calvin <[cball@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:cball@howardcountymd.gov)>; ealarson1@verizon.net; 'Lew's Mail' <[lewlion@verizon.net](mailto:lewlion@verizon.net)>  
**Subject:** Re Budget Cuts and Proposed East Columbia 50-Plus Center -- third attempt to send ((apologies if this is duplicate))

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All – in the hope that reconsideration will be given to approving a supplemental appropriation restoring the \$4.5 million the Council cut from the budget for the East Columbia 50+ Center project for FY 2021 (thus allowing construction to begin) we are re-sending below what we believe to be legitimate comments regarding the need, and justification, for the proposed East Columbia 50-Plus Center. These comments were previously provided to all of you, but we are now begging that they be read (or re-read) and considered as you continue deliberations in your work to serve Howard County. Having been home owners and tax payers in Columbia for 45 years, and having spent our entire our 50-year careers in Maryland, we cannot stress enough how marginalized we increasingly feel as year-after-year, “Seniors” needs are ignored in Howard County; we note that the taxes we pay, and our contributions to the local economy, support the Council’s efforts to fund ALL its projects. Please reconsider and do the right thing for this demographic of your constituency. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Elisabeth and Lewis Larson  
9774 Polished Stone  
Columbia, MD 21046

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**From:** Liz Larson <[ealarson1@verizon.net](mailto:ealarson1@verizon.net)>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 22, 2020 3:06 PM  
**To:** 'cball@howardcountymd.gov' <[cball@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:cball@howardcountymd.gov)>; 'crigby@howardcountymd.gov' <[crigby@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:crigby@howardcountymd.gov)>; 'councilmail@howardcountymd.gov' <[councilmail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:councilmail@howardcountymd.gov)>  
**Cc:** 'ealarson1@verizon.net' <[ealarson1@verizon.net](mailto:ealarson1@verizon.net)>; 'Lew's Mail' <[lewlion@verizon.net](mailto:lewlion@verizon.net)>  
**Subject:** Re Proposed Budget Cuts and Proposed East Columbia 50-Plus Center

Dr Ball and Council Members –

Now that we are aware of the specific \$4.5 million proposed cut to the East Columbia 50-Plus Center budget, we would like to expand a bit on our comments sent on 19 May 2020, as follows:

- No one will deny that situations such as the Ellicott City flooding and the current COVID-19 pandemic are critical issues, but it is now appearing that “emergency” needs will always trump those of Senior Citizens in Howard County. As long-time residents and taxpayers in East Columbia (since 1975), it is demoralizing to be the only part of the county without an adequate 50-Plus Center. This year funds were made available for AGAIN renovating the Bain Center – as patrons of both centers, we found this unnecessary and inexplicable, especially since those funds could have been applied to the East Columbia Center.
- In the recent past the East Columbia Library (which houses the 50-Plus Center) was “renovated,” not to increase library storage, books, or functions, but to increase child-care facilities there. While acknowledging the interest in providing Howard County children with the finest facilities and services that money can buy, it seems unfair to do so at the expense of Seniors – no improvements were made to the tiny 50-Plus Center.
- We strongly believe that it is in the best interest of Columbia and Howard County to attract and accommodate those of us who have spent our adult lives and careers living (and, as noted above, paying taxes) in Howard County and chose to retire here. We contribute fiscally, socially, and culturally, and having a vibrant and welcoming 50-Plus Center would add immeasurably to our lives.
- Senior citizens should be on an equal footing with other demographic groups. It is difficult enough to deal with the aging process, but to feel that as a political group we are “throw-aways” is disheartening. This is doubly true for residents of East Columbia, which often does not receive the same attention as other parts of the city.
- No tax increase is popular, but the proposed recordation and transfer tax increases seem eminently reasonable in that they likely will not affect the most financially vulnerable portion of the population. If Howard County REALLY wanted to be fair to its citizens (and improve its tax base), the Council would be looking at increasing developers’ fees across the board: not only are Howard County’s real estate developers’ fees ridiculously low, but they are incredibly unfair to the County, which ultimately uses tax-payer money to remediate or provide what developers in other Maryland counties pay for up-front.

Please support full funding for the East Columbia 50-Plus Center in the upcoming Fiscal year. It is the right thing to do, in all respects.

Sincerely,  
Elisabeth and Lewis Larson  
9774 Polished Stone  
Columbia, MD 21046

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**From:** Liz Larson <[earlson1@verizon.net](mailto:earlson1@verizon.net)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 19, 2020 11:42 PM  
**To:** 'cball@howardcountymd.gov' <[cball@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:cball@howardcountymd.gov)>; 'councilmail@howardcountymd.gov' <[councilmail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:councilmail@howardcountymd.gov)>; 'crigby@howardcountymd.gov' <[crigby@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:crigby@howardcountymd.gov)>  
**Cc:** 'earlson1@verizon.net' <[earlson1@verizon.net](mailto:earlson1@verizon.net)>; 'Lew's Mail' <[lewlion@verizon.net](mailto:lewlion@verizon.net)>  
**Subject:** Re Proposed East Columbia 50-Plus Center

Dr Ball and Howard County Council Members –

Having just learned of the measure to be proposed on 20 May 2020 to cut from the FY 2021 budget funding for the long-promised East Columbia 50-Plus Center, we are writing to beg you to stay the course and build the Center as promised. We understand the awful toll the COVID-19 pandemic has had (and will continue to have for some time) on Howard County’s finances, but this is one project that should be funded. Our current 2200 sq ft of activity space is on every level inadequate for the large East Columbia Senior population. Many of us are tired of being bottom of the list when it comes to County projects and repeatedly have done all we can to justify our needs. We remain tax-payers and good citizens who have spent a lifetime contributing to society and feel strongly that it is time for us to be considered on

an equal footing with other categories of residents. As all are aware, the COVID toll nation-wide has been highest on those who fall into the "50-Plus" category, and we implore you to ensure the East Columbia 50-Plus center is not yet another casualty. Please find a way to fund and build the Center in the upcoming fiscal year. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Elisabeth and Lewis Larson  
9774 Polished Stone  
Columbia, MD 21046

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Gick, Ginnie  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 9:44 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: 10 50+ Center User Demographics (03 Feb 2021).pdf  
**Attachments:** 10 50+ Center User Demographics (03 Feb 2021).pdf

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**From:** henrietta.milward <henrietta.milward@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 4, 2021 10:43 AM  
**To:** Williams, China <ccwilliams@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Cc:** 'Pearl Atkinson-Stewart' <pastewart4@gmail.com>; Claire Femiano <cfemiano@fastmail.com>; Nelson Pollack <npollack@comcast.net>; Fran LoPresti <fflopresti@gmail.com>; Allison Korn <allisonkorn@comcast.net>  
**Subject:** 10 50+ Center User Demographics (03 Feb 2021).pdf

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Good Morning Ms. Williams,

I appreciate you taking time today to discuss Councilmember Jung's awareness of our continued support of the East Columbia 50+Senior Center for this year's budget.

To assist in her deliberation of the budget in April, please accept our attached presentation of demographics and documented facts on the 50+ Senior Center project.

If you have any questions, we would be more than happy to meet with you.

Thanking you in advance for your commitment and support for this very necessary project.

Regards,  
Henrietta Milward

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

# Howard County Senior Demographics and the Development of a New East Columbia 50+ Center



New East Columbia 50+ Center Advocacy Committee  
January 2021

# Research Results

- **Howard County Seniors**
  - One-third of Howard County's overall population
  - Significant portion of registered voters
- **Current East Columbia 50+ Center**
  - Smallest, but located in underserved senior demographic "hot spot"
  - Serves users from all five Howard County Council Districts
  - Provides rich variety of social and volunteer programs, but ...
  - No Connections program negatively impacts elderly care givers
- **Construction of a new East Columbia 50+ Center**
  - Enhances Howard County's ability to obtain AARP "Age-Friendly" designation
  - Provides space for centrally-located Connections, and other badly needed senior programs

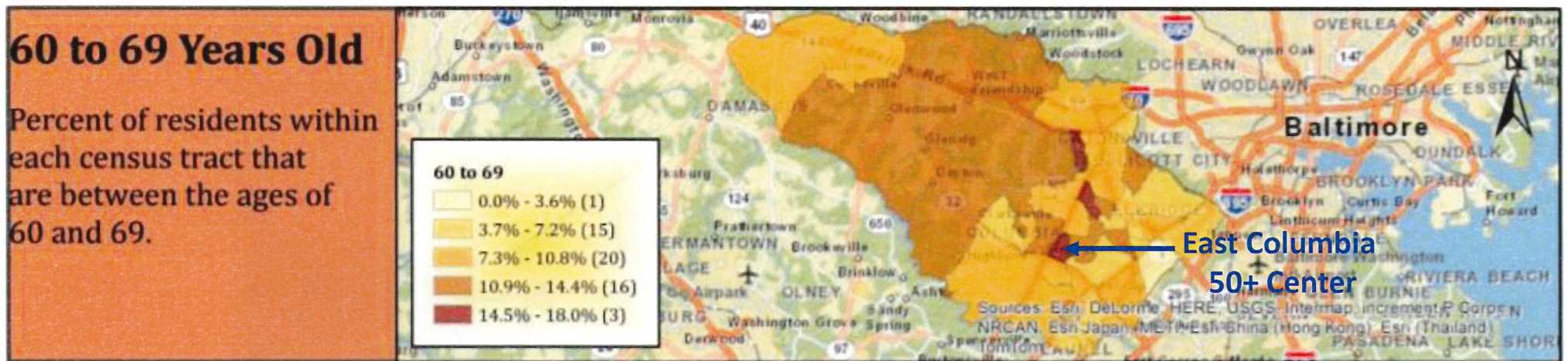


The "Six" Howard County 50+ Centers



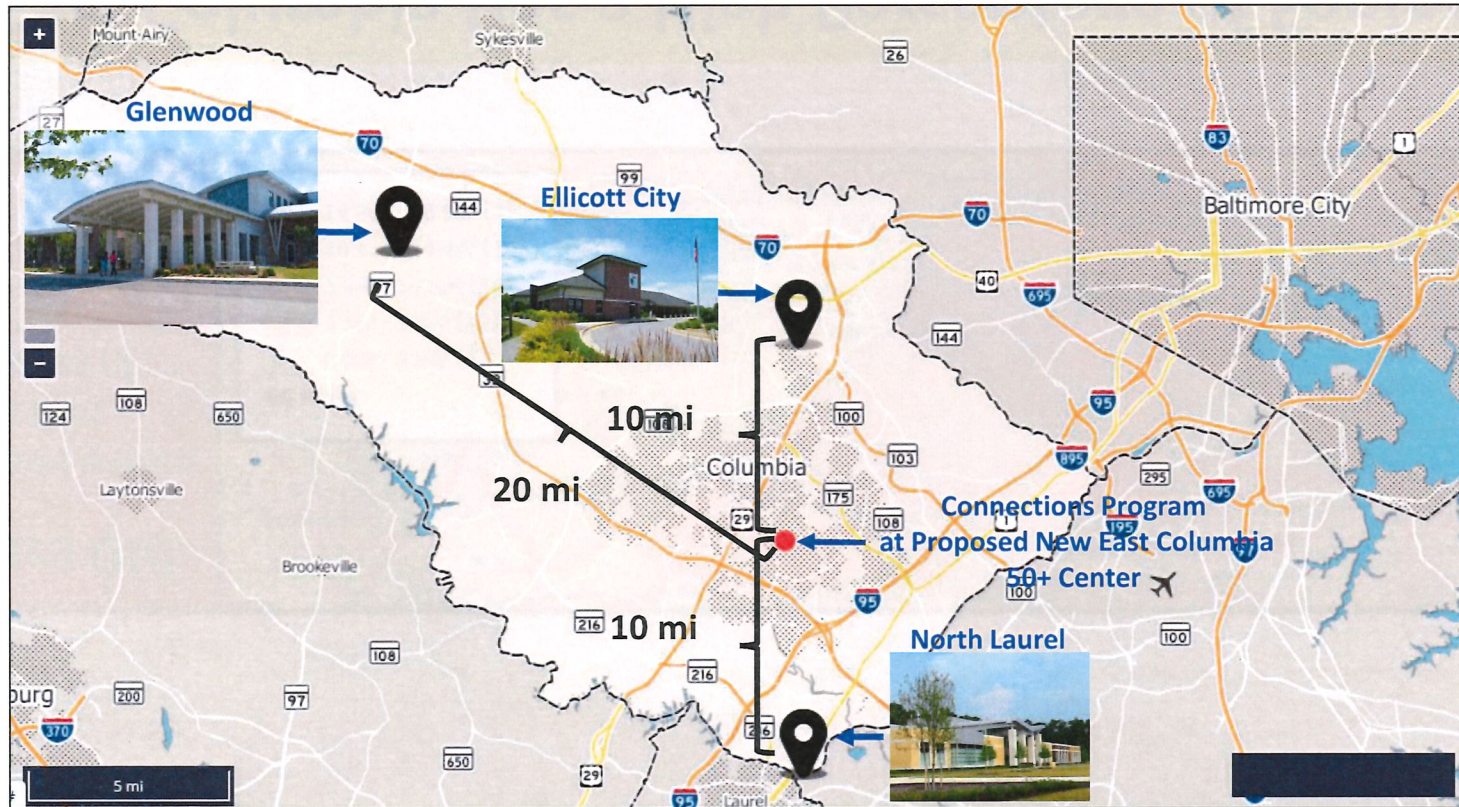
Need for New East Columbia 50+ Facility Discussed Since 2014

# East Columbia 50+ Center Located In A Senior “Hot Spot”



**East Columbia Has a High Percentage of Seniors**

# Howard County Social Day Programs



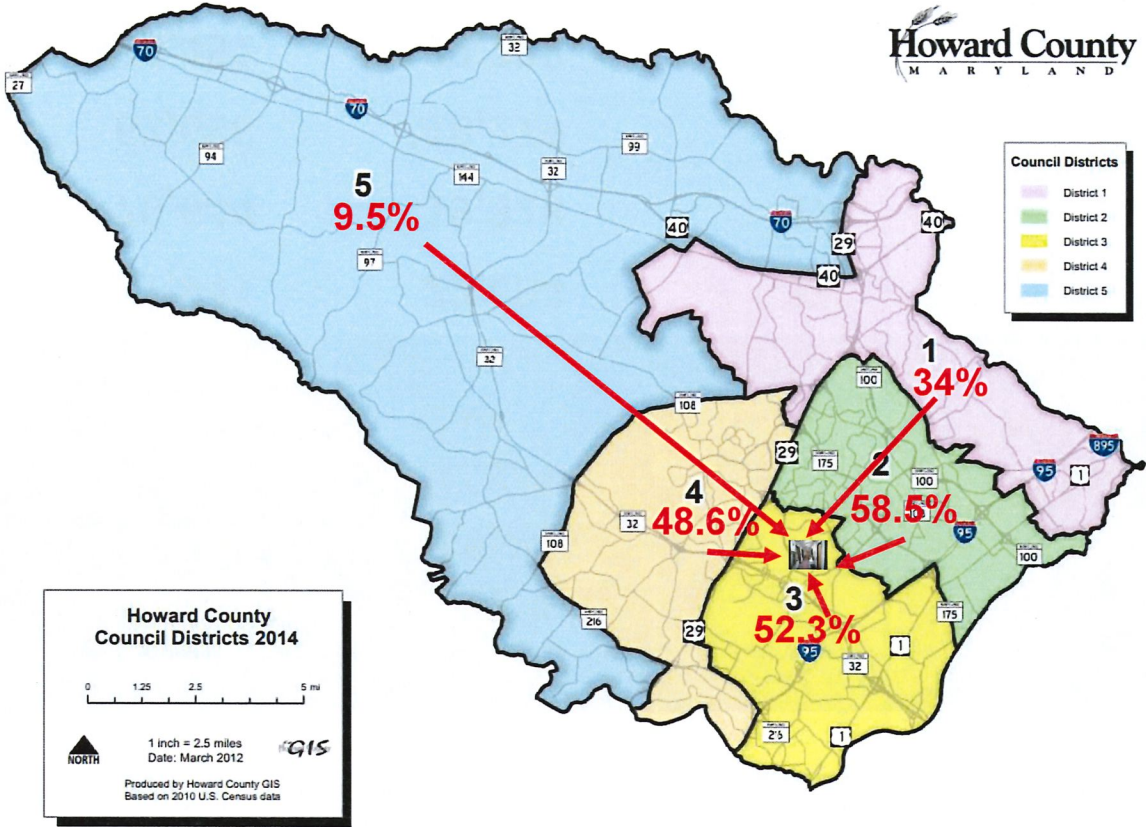
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**New East Columbia 50+ Center Could Provide a Centrally-located CONNECTIONS Program**

REF: <https://data.howardcountymd.gov/InteractiveMap.html>



# Distribution of East Columbia 50+ Center Users by Council District



# Summary of Relevant Demographics

| District | Total 2020 Estimated District Population* | Total Number of <u>Registered Voters Aged &gt;50+</u> ** | % of District Population that is >50+ | Minimum Number From District That Use East Columbia 50+ Center |
|----------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1        | 67,841                                    | 22,604                                                   | 33                                    | 260                                                            |
| 2        | 70,644                                    | 19,328                                                   | 27                                    | 447                                                            |
| 3        | 63,688                                    | 18,279                                                   | 29                                    | 400                                                            |
| 4        | 64,451                                    | 22,228                                                   | 34                                    | 218                                                            |
| 5        | 64,261                                    | 26,772                                                   | 42                                    | 80                                                             |

Ref:

\* Howard County Dept of Planning and Zoning / Jeff Bronow E-mail to Nelson Pollack, 6 July 2020

\*\* Howard County Board of Elections / C. Davis E-mail to Nelson Pollack, 8 July 2020

## Bottom Line

- Seniors are one third of county population ... and voters
- East Columbia has the highest percentage of county's underserved seniors
- Current East Columbia 50+ facility ...
  - Smallest, least equipped, 50+ Center
  - Valuable, highly used, county-wide asset, but ...
  - Increasingly unable to provide badly needed senior services
- New East Columbia 50+ facility will enable ...
  - Many needed additional vital programs, e.g., *centrally-located* Connections
  - AARP age-friendly designation



**THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Gick, Ginnie  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 9:43 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: East Columbia 50+ Center

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**From:** Bonnie Krill <bonniekrill@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 12, 2021 4:07 PM  
**To:** Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** East Columbia 50+ Center

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Dear Ms. Jung,

I'm writing in support of the full funding that Calvin Ball has proposed for the 50+ Center in East Columbia. In order to provide equity to all the 50+ residents of Howard County, I ask you to support the budget as proposed.

Sincerely,  
Bonnie Krill  
7024 Meandering Stream Way  
Fulton, MD 20759

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Gick, Ginnie  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 9:43 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Please support funding for East Columbia 50+ Center

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**From:** Rita Cohen <rcohen0126@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 14, 2021 7:17 PM  
**To:** Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Cc:** Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** Please support funding for East Columbia 50+ Center

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Hello,

My name is Rita Cohen, wife of Larry Cohen, and neighbor of Jackie and Pat McNamara. We enthusiastically supported you in your campaign for the County Council.

I am writing to please ask for your support and your vote to approve the renovation and expansion of the East Columbia 50+ Center. County Executive Calvin Ball has announced that there is \$1 million in state bond funding for this renovation and expansion. The center is in desperate need of this renovation and expansion so that our aging residents can continue to use this critical resource.

Although I live in Western Columbia, in your district, I use this center. I have been participating in Ping Mao's Tai Chi Classes for approximately 3 years now, and the all- purpose room (gym) is not large enough to accommodate us and the other classes and programs that occur there for other seniors. Due to our lack of space, we are not able to provide many of the wonderful programs and activities enjoyed by seniors at the other senior centers in Howard County. I believe that the East Columbia 50+ center is the only one in the county that is not a free standing building with multiple rooms for various activities. I understand that budgets are tight and decisions are often difficult. Having said that, I still think that this is a very important project and is much needed for the benefit of the seniors.

We have the support of our Senator, Guy Guzzone, and our entire State Delegation for this project, all we need is one more vote from the County Council. I'm really counting on you for your support!! Calvin Ball also announced that in addition to the approval of the bond funding, he included an additional \$5.5 million for this upcoming budget proposal.

As a reminder, Council members Rigby (District 3) and Jones (District 2) are solidly behind the project. You are one of 3 members, including Walsh (District 1) and Yungmann (District 5), who voted to slash the funding last spring. I don't know why you wouldn't support this. Again, I am urging you to please approve this very critical project. I am really asking for your support and depending on your vote. We seniors really need to have this happen. Our continued support for you in the future may very well depend on your decision.

Thank you,  
Respectfully submitted,

**Rita Cohen**

Sent from my iPhone

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Gick, Ginnie  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 9:43 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: East Columbia 50+ Center

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**From:** Carolyn Powers <powersfamily1111@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 12:22 PM  
**To:** Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: East Columbia 50+ Center

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Hello again, Deb,

We are hoping to pass this time. Here's the info below. We REALLY need this and would appreciate your support Thank you so much!



Carolyn  
Powers

# Make Today's Dream

# Tomorrow

**Today**



**Tomorrow**



## Fully Fund

## The New East Columbia

*1/3 of HoCo residents are S*

On May 26, 2020, at 12:22 PM, Jung, Deb <[djung@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:djung@howardcountymd.gov)> wrote:

Dear Carolyn,

Of course I remember you! I hope you and your family are doing well and staying safe.

Thanks for contacting me with your concerns over FY2021 budget funding for senior centers. I truly recognize the need and importance for senior amenities in our community, and remain fully supportive of those efforts.

My council colleagues and I undertook the difficult task of identifying flexibility in the Budget in an effort to stay fiscally responsible in the face of an economic downturn due to the COVID health crisis. Thanks to prior years' appropriations and current funding levels, the East Columbia Senior Center project remains well funded and can continue as planned. I am also open to any adjustments that the County Executive would like to propose to ensure that senior amenities remain a priority in the County.

It is nice to hear from you. Please don't hesitate to reach out whenever I can be of assistance.

My best to you,  
Deb

Deb Jung  
County Council Chair  
District 4

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**From:** Carolyn Powers <[powersfamily1111@gmail.com](mailto:powersfamily1111@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, May 22, 2020 2:11 PM

**To:** Jung, Deb <[djung@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:djung@howardcountymd.gov)>

**Subject:** East Columbia 50+ Center

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Dear Deb,

I don't know if you remember me or not, but our children Alyssa and Jake (& Tasha) attended Clemens Crossing together years ago. I remember you being very active in many school functions. My husband and I have always supported you in past elections and appreciate your hard work with the council.

I hope it's not too late to send you this message regarding the East Columbia 50+ Center funding. I am one of many seniors living in Howard County who frequently uses this center and have just learned that the council is voting to cut funds for this and other projects in the county. I certainly understand having

to make difficult choices on how to allocate limited funds. However, this expansion project has been needed for years now, even more so when over-crowding is dangerous. I wonder if it would be possible to make cuts across several projects rather than completely eliminating this valuable new center? I believe our senior community is making many sacrifices, especially during this time, and sincerely deserves to have a facility more capable of meeting their needs.

Therefore, I ask that you please seriously consider not eliminating the plans for the new East 50+ facility.

Thank you for considering my request. I hope all goes well with you and your family during these times!

Sincerely,

Carolyn K. Powers  
410-730-5458

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Gick, Ginnie  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 9:42 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Columbia East Senior Center

-----Original Message-----

From: Anna Nissen <abnissen@icloud.com>  
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 9:47 PM  
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>  
Subject: Columbia East Senior Center

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Hi Deb,

I hope you will consider the expansion of the Columbia East Senior Center. Columbia East has always been the “poor Sister” of Columbia. There are so many seniors there needing the extra enrichment, support groups, and stimulation that are offered by the other areas of the County. Thanks for your support on this issue.

Cordially,  
Anna Nissen

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Gick, Ginnie  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 9:42 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Please fund the Cradlerock 50+ Community Center for this underserved community

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**From:** Betty Myers <bettymyers@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 12:07 PM  
**To:** Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Please fund the Cradlerock 50+ Community Center for this underserved community

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Dear Council member Jung,  
I'm counting on you to support this center. We need to provide for the services this center addresses. It could be your parents and YOUR time that is affected in the future. It could serve you. But most of all, it benefits a currently UNDERSERVED community.  
Please vote to ensure this center's construction.

Betty Myers  
5238 Raccoon Court

# Make Today's Dream... Tomorrow's Reality

**Today**



**Tomorrow**



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## The New East Columbia 50+ Center

*1/3 of HoCo residents are Seniors—95% vote!*

Betty Myers

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*Only the curious will learn and only the resolute overcome the obstacles to learning. The quest quotient has always excited me more than the intelligence quotient. -Eugene S. Wilson*

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Gick, Ginnie  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 5:04 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: HCCapital Budget Book.pdf  
**Attachments:** HCCapital Budget Book.pdf

Margery - testimony below. Thanks!

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**From:** Stephen Hall <hallmarkaviation@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 7:48 AM  
**To:** Pruum, Kimberly <kpruum@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Cc:** John Cataldi <jcdc@umbc.edu>; Birchard Allen III <Allenfamilyv@gmail.com>; Stephen Hall <hallmarkaviation@comcast.net>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** HCCapital Budget Book.pdf

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Dear Kim:

It has come to my attention that a Budget Committee will be discussing D1124 "Drainage Improvement Program Watch Chain Way" in a work session today beginning at 9 AM.

As this will occur within my normal working hours and I will probably not be able to devote my full time and attention to the live stream of the work session, perhaps you would be so kind as to provide me with a summary of the discussion of D1124 at your earliest convenience.

I am not familiar with the HoCo budgeting process at all, but the amount of \$5.860.00 that appears in the Capital Budget Book for D1124 appears to be insufficient to construct the drainage system under consideration in the JMT Study from September 2020.

It would be very helpful if you would elaborate on this point to address our concerns.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Steve Hall

Sent from my iPhone



**Howard County, MD**  
**FY 2022 Executive Proposed Capital Budget**  
**STORM DRAINAGE PROJECTS**

| Project Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Funding Source | Prior Approp. | FY 2022    | Total        | FY 2023    | FY 2024    | FY 2025  | FY 2026    | FY 2027  | Total        |
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| <b>D1112-FY1997 DAVIS AVE AREA DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS</b><br>This project is for the design and construction of storm drainage facilities in the area of Davis Avenue in North Laurel.                                                                                                                                | B              | 1,375         | 0          | 1,375        | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0          | 0        | 1,375        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | O              | 257           | 0          | 257          | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0          | 0        | 257          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | P              | 5             | 0          | 5            | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0          | 0        | 5            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Total</b>   | <b>1,637</b>  | <b>0</b>   | <b>1,637</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>1,637</b> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <hr/>          |               |            |              |            |            |          |            |          |              |
| <b>D1124-FY2007 DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM</b><br>A project for the design and construction of small to medium-sized drainage improvements requested by County residents and the Bureau of Highways.                                                                                                               | B              | 3,075         | 550        | 3,625        | 0          | 250        | 0        | 550        | 0        | 4,425        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | O              | 10            | 0          | 10           | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0          | 0        | 10           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | P              | 250           | 0          | 250          | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0          | 0        | 250          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | S              | 1,175         | 0          | 1,175        | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0          | 0        | 1,175        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Total</b>   | <b>4,510</b>  | <b>550</b> | <b>5,060</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>250</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>550</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>5,860</b> |
| <hr/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                |               |            |              |            |            |          |            |          |              |
| <b>D1125-FY2004 EMERGENCY STORM DRAIN RECONSTRUCTION</b><br>A fund for Howard County to undertake construction or repairs to storm drainage facilities on an as-needed basis meeting the provisions of the County Code.                                                                                              | B              | 1,750         | 0          | 1,750        | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0          | 0        | 1,750        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | G              | 148           | 0          | 148          | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0          | 0        | 148          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | S              | 425           | 0          | 425          | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0          | 0        | 425          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Total</b>   | <b>2,323</b>  | <b>0</b>   | <b>2,323</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>2,323</b> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <hr/>          |               |            |              |            |            |          |            |          |              |
| <b>D1140-FY2005 PINE TREE GLEN COURT STORM DRAIN SYSTEM</b><br>A project for the design and construction of a storm drain system along Pine Tree Road, Glen Court, and Guilford Road.                                                                                                                                | B              | 3,080         | 0          | 3,080        | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0          | 0        | 3,080        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | S              | 240           | 0          | 240          | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0          | 0        | 240          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Total</b>   | <b>3,320</b>  | <b>0</b>   | <b>3,320</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>3,320</b> |
| <hr/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                |               |            |              |            |            |          |            |          |              |
| <b>D1148-FY2007 NPDES WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM</b><br>A project for permitting and implementing the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) to detect and reduce pollutants in stormwater system discharges and to perform studies related to storm water utility financing. | B              | 3,780         | 0          | 3,780        | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0          | 0        | 3,780        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | O              | 0             | 300        | 300          | 300        | 300        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 900          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | P              | 650           | 0          | 650          | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0          | 0        | 650          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | R              | 2,290         | 0          | 2,290        | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0          | 0        | 2,290        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Total</b>   | <b>6,720</b>  | <b>300</b> | <b>7,020</b> | <b>300</b> | <b>300</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>7,620</b> |

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**From:** krschwa1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kurt Schwarz <krschwa1@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 4:52 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Preserve \$5.37 Million in County Funds for Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects in FY 2022 Proposed Budget

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Kurt Schwarz  
9045 Dunloggin Ct Ellicott City, MD 21042-5204 krschwa1@verizon.net

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**From:** deewhit58@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Denise W.Jenkins <deewhit58@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 4:34 PM  
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Denise W. Jenkins  
7501 Red Cravat Ct Columbia, MD 21046-2427 deewhit58@yahoo.com

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**From:** cohen.david09@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Cohen <cohen.david09@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 4:32 PM  
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
David Cohen  
8866 Blue Sea Dr Columbia, MD 21046-1413 cohen.david09@gmail.com

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**From:** ajones32900@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ann Jones <ajones32900@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 2:58 PM  
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Ann Jones  
8116 Wood Point Pl Ellicott City, MD 21043-7155 ajones32900@verizon.net

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**From:** rosses2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kathryn Ross <rosses2@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 1:42 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Kathryn Ross  
6114 Campfire Columbia, MD 21045-4014  
rosses2@verizon.net

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**From:** araujo3c@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marita Araujo  
<araujo3c@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 1:41 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Marita Araujo  
9421 White Spring Way Columbia, MD 21046-2082 araujo3c@gmail.com

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**From:** jafried@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jeff Friedhoffer  
<jafried@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 1:27 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Friedhoffer  
10042 The Mending Wall Columbia, MD 21044-1711 jafried@ieee.org



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**From:** renegade\_lxix@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jon Schultz  
<renegade\_lxix@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 1:17 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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Dear Howard County Council,

Safety while biking is extremely important to me and my family. I ride my bike to work nearly daily from Ellicott City to Sykesville.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Jon Schultz  
3784 College Ave Ellicott City, MD 21043-4662 renegade\_lxix@hotmail.com

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**From:** westcoat@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Scott Westcoat  
<westcoat@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 12:35 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Scott Westcoat  
10606 Cottoneaster Way Parker, CO 80134-3736 westcoat@mac.com

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**From:** amy.wortman@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amy Wortman  
<amy.wortman@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 12:22 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Amy Wortman  
5215 Patriot Ln Columbia Columbia, MD 21045-1902 amy.wortman@comcast.net

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**From:** ecclesiastes911@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joseph Decker <ecclesiastes911@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 12:18 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Joseph Decker  
6414 Beechwood Dr Columbia, MD 21046-1011 ecclesiastes911@mac.com

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**From:** rfriedhoffer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Randall Friedhoffer  
<rfriedhoffer@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 12:14 PM  
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Randall Friedhoffer  
5673 Vantage Point Rd Columbia, MD 21044-2619 rfriedhoffer@yahoo.com

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**From:** brentshowalter74@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brent Showalter  
<brentshowalter74@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 11:43 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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Sincerely,  
Brent Showalter  
11056 Swansfield Rd Columbia, MD 21044-2709 brentshowalter74@hotmail.com

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**From:** dwdudich@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Dudich  
<dwdudich@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 11:11 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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Sincerely,  
David Dudich  
10610 Hickory Crest Ln Columbia, MD 21044-4557 dwdudich@comcast.net

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**From:** a.morrisonbaker@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amy Morrison Baker  
<a.morrisonbaker@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 11:10 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Amy Morrison Baker  
5652 Roundtree Ln Columbia, MD 21045-2648 a.morrisonbaker@gmail.com



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** divemaster2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Steve Hemstreet <divemaster2@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 10:43 AM  
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Steve Hemstreet  
5109 Green Creek Ter Glenn Dale, MD 20769-9132 divemaster2@mac.com

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**From:** martipsimpson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marti Simpson  
<martipsimpson@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 10:40 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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Dear Howard County Council,

I am a constituent from Howard County who is walking and biking more often than ever as pandemic restrictions limit social interactions I enjoy. I am writing to urge you to protect the \$5.375 million in funding for bike and pedestrian infrastructure projects in the proposed FY 2022 capital budget.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Marti Simpson  
9800 Woodbridge Ct Ellicott City, MD 21042-6237 martipsimpson@gmail.com

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**From:** lmthorpe1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laura Thorpe <lmthorpe1@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 10:36 AM  
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Laura Thorpe  
708 Conservatory Dr Sykesville, MD 21784-8979 lmthorpe1@netzero.com

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**From:** wcholbrook@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Wendy Holbrook  
<wcholbrook@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 10:24 AM  
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Wendy Holbrook  
5941 Cedar Fern Ct Columbia, MD 21044-3697 wcholbrook@comcast.net

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**From:** bwinterwatson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Barbara Watson  
<bwinterwatson@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 10:16 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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Sincerely,  
Barbara Watson  
10314 Cromwell Ct Ellicott City, MD 21042-5836 bwinterwatson@gmail.com

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**From:** amarik+completestreets@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kristine Amari  
<amarik+completestreets@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 10:14 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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Sincerely,  
Kristine Amari  
SIXPENGE Cir Columbia, MD 21044  
amarik+completestreets@gmail.com

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**From:** annorabailey@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Annora Bailey  
<annorabailey@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 10:02 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Annora Bailey  
9190 Wintercorn Ln Columbia, MD 21045-1932 annorabailey@gmail.com

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**From:** rosefriss@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rose Friss  
<rosefriss@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 10:01 AM  
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Rose Friss  
4234 Red Bandana Way Ellicott City, MD 21042-5928 rosefriss@verizon.net



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**From:** mark.t.southerland@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mark Southerland  
<mark.t.southerland@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 9:59 AM  
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Mark Southerland  
6136 Llanfair Dr Columbia, MD 21044-3829 mark.t.southerland@gmail.com

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**From:** jtkaidy1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of James Kaidy <jtkaidy1@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 9:58 AM  
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
James Kaidy  
4269 Bright Bay Way Ellicott City, MD 21042-5939 jtkaidy1@att.net

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**From:** thomasdonnelly4@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Thomas Donnelly  
<thomasdonnelly4@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 9:56 AM  
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Dear Howard County Council,

Have you ever tried to cross Snowden River Parkway at Oakland Mills? For pedestrians, it's about as safe as trying to cross I-95. It's 2021, and there are no crosswalks at this intersection and there are no sidewalks on Oakland Mills. There are Apartments, Columbia Gateway, a Fitness Club (ironically), and many restaurants and businesses that are only safely accessible by car.

If you look at the streets of Columbia, the designer had one thought, "automobiles are king". Just look at the name suffixes, "parkway"? Two lanes and no shoulder just leads to more cars speeding by each other. I commute by bicycle on these roads and it shouldn't be as dangerous as it is currently. The paths do not serve a purpose for pedestrians and cyclists that are moving with a purpose like working or shopping.

That being said, I am writing to urge you to protect the \$5.375 million in funding for bike and pedestrian infrastructure projects in the proposed FY 2022 capital budget.

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Sincerely,  
Thomas Donnelly  
5145 Morningside Ln Ellicott City, MD 21043-7950 thomasdonnelly4@verizon.net

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**From:** rwgardner@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ryan Gardner  
<rgardner@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 9:49 AM  
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Sincerely,  
Ryan Gardner  
10338 Sixpence Cir Columbia, MD 21044-3807 rwgardner@gmail.com

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**From:** marciac31@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marcia Cohen <marciac31@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Marcia Cohen  
8866 Blue Sea Dr Columbia, MD 21046-1413 marciac31@comcast.net

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**From:** deleonjo12@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John de Leon <deleonjo12@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
John de Leon  
6521 Smokehouse Ct Columbia, MD 21045-4495 deleonjo12@gmail.com

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**From:** cmcgeiver@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Charles McGeiver  
<cmcgeiver@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 9:39 AM  
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Sincerely,  
Charles McGeiver  
9402 Granite HI Columbia, MD 21046-1930 cmcgeiver@gmail.com

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**From:** Rita Hamlet <catrockrun@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 9:36 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support for funding EC250

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Good morning,

I wish to offer my enthusiastic support for EC250's one-time request of \$100,000 in the FY2022 to help fund the upcoming 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration for Ellicott City. I have lived in Ellicott City since 1971, and remodeled a historic home on Merryman Street in 2004. I love the history of Ellicott City, and there are many stories still to be uncovered and told for all to enjoy.

As a long-time Ellicott City resident, I believe it is important for Howard County to mark this occasion in a celebration that encourages and welcomes all to honor and embrace the significant place the town holds in the history of America. I still have my copy of the commemorative booklet from the 1972 celebration, and I look forward to the events and activities of 2022.

I ask that you please include these funds in your proposed budget to help make this year-long celebration of Ellicott City a great success.

Sincerely,

Rita Hamlet  
EC250 Board member  
HCLS employee  
Howard County Garden Club member  
HCHS Board member



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**From:** doublebogey2002@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mark Ramstrom  
<doublebogey2002@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Mark Ramstrom

11435 Little Patuxent Pkwy Apt 203 Columbia, MD 21044-3882 doublebogey2002@comcast.net

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<dotglock@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 9:36 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Preserve \$5.37 Million in County Funds for Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects in FY 2022 Proposed Budget

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Dear Howard County Council,

I am writing to urge you to protect the \$5.375 million in funding for bike and pedestrian infrastructure projects in the proposed FY 2022 capital budget.

I know the county is facing tough budget decisions this year due to the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic, but the importance of investing in our public health has never been clearer. We must continue to make progress in our biking and walking infrastructure to build and improve sidewalks, bike lanes, paths, crosswalks and more so everyone in our community has opportunities to bike, walk and access important services.

Without full funding of these important projects that will provide tangible benefits to residents' lives, such as K5035 in Elkrige and K5066 along Oakland Mills Road, Howard County will ultimately fall short of its complete streets vision. Howard County must fulfill its promise to create safer and accessible opportunities for biking and walking and position our community for a multi-modal future. Now is the time to invest in projects that will improve our public health, as well as safety and accessibility.

The proposed funding will make walking and biking in Howard County better, easier and safer, as well as make our community more age-friendly. I urge you to protect this funding in the final budget to improve our bike and pedestrian infrastructure for everyone in Howard County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Dorothy Glock  
8900 Brauerton Rd Unit 208 Ellicott City, MD 21043-6139 dotglock@gmail.com

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**From:** Constance Guyton <constancedevorah@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 10:49 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** FUNDING 50+ CENTER-EAST COLUMBIA  
**Attachments:** cidf\_knou2rzi0.jpg

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Dear Council, Please provide full funding for the 50+,Center. As a senior of 73 , and a resident for 47 years in Howard County. I and many others have patiently awaited our turn on this project. Please, help to improve our quality of life during our golden. years

Respectively Submitted,  
Setting Star.

Constance Guyton.  
Columbia Md. 21045

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**From:** Carla Tevelow <perlpubl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 9:36 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Cedar Lane Park

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Hello,

I was surprised to learn Cedar Lane Park will be altered to accommodate a fire station.

I'm certain you're aware of the terrible traffic at that particular location and Route 108 has to be one of the most trafficked streets in our county. With the River Hill Fire Station just about 4 miles up the road and the Banneker Fire Station not too far from there either, it's curious why that area is the slotted location.

Also objectionable is changing the grass field to artificial turf. From everything i've been reading it seems to be unhealthy for the environment. Putting down sand instead of using soil puts more CO2 in the air instead of keeping it in the ground. There are chemicals released from the plastic and recyclable tires which are harmful to every living being in the area. Plastic grass heats up more easily creating an environment hazard to our health. – its life isn't that long. Turf gets trampled on and quite soon looks poor. It can't be relaid or reseeded; it has to be rolled up, lifted and sent to landfill. Alternately, natural grass soaks up moisture, is a home for insects, feeds bird and is self-sustaining.

It's imperative to rethink this particular location for a fire station as there are too many safety concerns along a narrow traveled route.

Thank you,  
Carla Tevelow  
District 4

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**From:** lori james <lnjnow@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 5:16 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support Full Funding of the 50+ Center

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Dear County Council Members

I have lived in Howard County for nearly 17 years, first in Hickory Ridge, and now in Owen Brown. I loved Hickory Ridge; I like Owen Brown and living at Lake Elkhorn. I've paid my share of taxes in both neighborhoods. Before Covid, I visited the East Columbia 50+ Center exactly twice. I was overwhelmed by how cramped, crowded, and claustrophobic it feels. Then I drove all the way to the North Laurel Center got a membership card and made good use of the facilities. It's spacious, open, and beautiful.

I met wonderful people at both places. It would be shameful -- SHAMEFUL -- to continue this tale of two senior centers. Without full funding, you may as well tell the folks at the East Columbia center that unlike their counterparts in other areas of the county, they DO NOT deserve the best that Howard County has to offer.

Respectfully,

Lori James  
7325 Swan Point Way  
Owen Brown

**Make Today's Dream...  
Tomorrow's Reality**

**Today** **Tomorrow**

**Fully Fund  
The New East Columbia 50+ Center**  
*1/3 of HoCo residents are Seniors—95% vote!*

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**From:** Hermione Graham <hcgraham777@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 4:13 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** East Columbia 50+ Center

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Please approve the funds needed to make this dream a reality.

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Tomorrow's Reality**

**Today** **Tomorrow**

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*1/3 of HoCo residents are Seniors—95% vote!*

Thanks for your support!

"Hermie"  
Hermione C. Graham  
6011-3 Majors Lane  
Columbia, MD 21045

***Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can. (Attributed to John Wesley? and others)***

## Sayers, Margery

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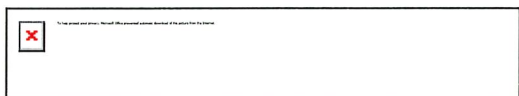
**From:** Executive Director, Oakland Mills United <shahn.omunited@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 1:13 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** Re: WebEx Link - Capital Budget Public Hearing - All Dept (4pm) and Education (6:30pm) - DO NOT DELETE  
**Attachments:** County Council Testimony with attachments.pdf

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Hello,

I do not believe that the testimony I sent in was received as the email I sent bounced back. Can you include my testimony to the record? The attachments I talked about during my verbal testimony are included here.

Thank you!



**SAMUEL HAHN | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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On Tue, Apr 20, 2021 at 9:33 AM Sayers, Margery <[msayers@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:msayers@howardcountymd.gov)> wrote:

Thank you for participating in the Howard County Council's Capital Budget Public Hearing , hosted virtually on Tuesday, April 20th.

**THE SAME LINK IS FOR BOTH THE 4PM AND 6:30PM HEARINGS**

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WebEx now requires a password. The password for this event is "password".

<https://howardcountymd.webex.com/howardcountymd/onstage/g.php?MTID=ecab1ed8f1513f245d07d4312065464a7>

Margery Sayers

Executive Assistant

Howard County Council

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## **OAKLAND MILLS UNITED**

Good evening Chair Walsh and members of the Howard County Council,

Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you tonight regarding the Capital Budget for the Howard County Public School System. My name is Samuel Hahn a resident in Columbia and I am the Executive Director of Oakland Mills United and speaking on behalf of this organization.

Tonight, I am focusing on the HCPSS Capital Budget and addressing an alarming problem: Building Maintenance.

I first want to thank this county council for your commitment to funding the construction of Talbott Springs Elementary. This has been a project that has been pushed and deferred year after year. This is a projected that was needed years ago when I was a student at Talbott Springs and I have now graduated from the school system. I urge the council to continue your support and commitment by voting to approve all needed funds for Talbott Springs Elementary.

The Howard County Public School System has time and time again continued to defer building maintenance for the schools in the Oakland Mills cluster. Out of the school systems \$804 million in deferred capital maintenance, there is \$230 million, 28.5% of all deferred maintenance, impacting the students and staff of Oakland Mills cluster schools. Why is 28.5% of all HCPSS deferred maintenance in five Oakland Mills Cluster schools: Cradlerock and Jeffers Hill Elementary, Lake Elkhorn and Oakland Mills Middle, and Oakland Mills High School. The Oakland Mills Cluster has been deferred year after year and also consists of the oldest schools both in this school system and on the list for deferred maintenance.

Especially today, there are many concerns that a significant amount of that deferred maintenance is for HVAC system renovations and replacements. According to the Office of Building Maintenance's Deferred Maintenance List for FY2020, which is attached in my written testimony: Jeffers Hill Elementary was scheduled for a

“renovation and HVAC replacement” which was deferred back in 2014. Cradlerock Elementary and Lake Elkhorn, which share one building, was scheduled for a HVAC replacement, which was deferred back in 2015.

View the FY 2020 Deferred Maintenance Log from the Office of Building Management here: <https://mpia.hcpss.org/sites/default/files/2020-08/MPIA%2021-54%20HVAC%20%26%20Renovations%20AUG%202020.pdf>

Out of these five OM cluster schools why is 20% of the entire HCPSS deferred maintenance in two schools? Oakland Mills Middle has about \$51 million in deferred maintenance, which includes replacing the HVAC system and other projects listed by this school system, indicating numerous other items that need to be replaced and renovated for student safety, which I have attached in my testimony.

Oakland Mills High School has over \$110 million in deferred maintenance with \$38 million set for a “major HVAC renovation”. From the HCPSS deferred maintenance list: “When originally deferred, this was a major HVAC renovation project; however, it has been nine years since the project was deferred. Current conditions at the school now require a full renovation. It’s not practical and cost effective to maintain the system any longer. Due to the fact that the system is old, obsolete and continues to be problematic we are unable to provide a conducive- learning environment to both the students and staff.” (Full report is attached below).

Oakland Mills High School is in desperate need of a systematic renovation to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment for all students along with staff members.

In perspective, the total budget of HS 13 costs about \$135 million, and of that \$135 million, almost \$108 million is for the base construction (Source: HCPSS Construction Document Presentation for HS 13).

View the Construction Document Presentation for HS 13:

[https://go.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/files/BG6MJN5B5458/\\$file/High%20School%2013%20Construction%20Documents%20Report%20BR%20ppt.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/files/BG6MJN5B5458/$file/High%20School%2013%20Construction%20Documents%20Report%20BR%20ppt.pdf)

In perspective, the cost of a full systematic renovation of Oakland Mills High School costs \$110 million. According to this comparison, it is cheaper to knock down Oakland Mills High School and rebuild it because of the systematic problems and neglects this school has faced due to years of deferred maintenance. Only Oakland Mills Middle is on the Capital Improvement Plan while other schools in the cluster have not reached the Capital Improvement Plan or even the Long-Range CIP. This is outrageous and the

students, staff members, parents, and community members have constantly voiced their concerns and pleaded for our schools to be on the Capital Improvement Plan.

Why is this the case and why is this the trend for Oakland Mills cluster schools? Why are newer schools receiving building renovations and additions while the county's oldest schools continue to be neglected and are degrading despite pleas from school staff, students, parents, community members, and even alumni.

I understand that funding requests for these major projects were not requested, but I hope that the county council keeps these major concerns in mind. I urge the County Council to press the Board of Education on why this is the case and work with the Board of Education to fund the long needed systematic building renovations for Oakland Mills schools.

Thank you for serving Howard County during these challenging and unprecedented times. I hope that you will remember and act on the issues impacting the Oakland Mills cluster schools and treat Oakland Mills schools equitably.

Thank you for your time this evening.

Samuel Hahn  
Executive Director  
Oakland Mills United

**Oakland Mills HS**  
**Year Constructed**  
**Last Year Renovated**

**1973**

Total Deferred Operating      \$21,700  
Total Deferred Capital      \$41,334,952  
Total Deferred IEQ      \$0  
Total Deferred Maintenance      \$41,356,652

| Location         | Last Replaced | Project Description                                              | SHOP / Proj Mgr | Rating  | Year Deferred | Total Deferred Operating Cost | Total Deferred Capital Cost | Total Deferred IEQ Cost | Consequences of not Repairing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Impact if Project is not Completed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Oakland Mills HS | 1973          | Major HVAC renovation needed                                     | Construction    | OSC-01a | 2009          |                               | \$38,000,000                |                         | When originally deferred, this was a major HVAC renovation project; however it has been nine years since the project was deferred. Current conditions at the school now require a full renovation. It's not practical and cost effective to maintain the system any longer. | Due to the fact that the system is old, obsolete and continues to be problematic we are unable to provide a conducive-learning environment to both the students and staff.                                                                                               |
| Oakland Mills HS | 1973          | FLS repairs                                                      | Electrical      |         | 2009          |                               | \$141,050                   |                         | Fire and life safety - PA system                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | PROJECT ADDED FROM GILBERT REPORT ON 040919                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Oakland Mills HS | 1973          | Replace remaining interior & exterior doors, frames and hardware | Gen Serv        | GS-02b  | 2009          |                               | \$850,000                   |                         | The doors and frames have reached the end of their useful life. Continued minor repairs are no longer providing a short-term solution (5+ yrs). Total replacement will provide extended life to the facility and provide more security to students and staff.               | Interior doors-Impact staff and student safety during lockdown, Exterior doors-impact security and weatherproofing which can lead to safety and IEQ issues.                                                                                                              |
| Oakland Mills HS | 1973          | Field Renovation                                                 | Grounds         | G-07    | 2016          | \$3,400                       |                             |                         | Playing fields are used by students, staff and the community for recreational activities before, during and after school.                                                                                                                                                   | The immediate impact to students, staff and the community will be potential injury as well as closure of fields due to non-regular maintenance. This would result in a loss of revenue for the school system since there are rental fees associated with playing fields. |
| Oakland Mills HS | 1973          | Repave Side parking lot                                          | Grounds         | G-14    | 2014          | \$7,500                       |                             |                         | Repavement of parking lots allows for solid surfaces for students and staff to walk on before, during and after school hours.                                                                                                                                               | Immediate impacts to students, staff and the community may include injury from tripping hazards as well as inability for people with disabilities to get to the school from the parking lot.                                                                             |
| Oakland Mills HS | 1973          | Field Renovation                                                 | Grounds         | G-19    | 2016          | \$3,300                       |                             |                         | Playing fields are used by students, staff and the community for recreational activities before, during and after school.                                                                                                                                                   | The immediate impact to students, staff and the community will be potential injury as well as closure of fields due to non-regular maintenance. This would result in a loss of revenue for the school system since there are rental fees associated with playing fields. |
| Oakland Mills HS | 1973          | Storm drain repair                                               | Grounds         | G-70    | 2015          | \$7,500                       |                             |                         | This repair is needed to correct a problem with the drainage structure.                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Impacts proper water flow, structure stability and the environment.                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Oakland Mills HS | 1973          | Exterior site work                                               | Grounds         |         | 2009          |                               | \$1,094,502                 |                         | Concrete, sidewalk and pathway repairs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Oakland Mills HS | 1973          | Gymnasium Floor - Recoat                                         | Paint/Floor     | PF-01m  | 2017          | \$0                           |                             |                         | General maintenance of the gym floors will not be performed this year.                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Work completed Summer 2017 (\$6,500)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Oakland Mills HS | 1973          | Interior finishes                                                | Paint/Floor     |         | 2009          |                               | \$1,249,400                 |                         | The flooring in the school has reached the age where industry standard says it should be replaced. Total replacement will provide extended life.                                                                                                                            | No flooring (carpet or VCT) projects will be performed in any school.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

**Oakland Mills MS**  
**Year Constructed**  
**Last Year Renovated**

**1972**

Total Deferred Operating      \$403,300  
 Total Deferred Capital          \$19,437,550  
 Total Deferred IEQ                \$0  
 Total Deferred Maintenance    \$19,840,850

| Location         | Last Replaced | Project Description                                                                        | SHOP / Proj Mgr | Rating | Year Deferred | Total Deferred Operating Cost | Total Deferred Capital Cost | Total Deferred IEQ Cost | Consequences of not Repairing                                                                                                                                                                                              | Impact if Project is not Completed                                                               |
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| Oakland Mills MS |               | Full Locker Replacement                                                                    | Carpentry       | CA-01b |               | \$300,000                     |                             |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                  |
| Oakland Mills MS |               | Clean soiled sprinklers                                                                    | Construction    |        | 2008          |                               | \$3,650                     |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | PROJECT ADDED FROM GILBERT REPORT ON 050118                                                      |
| Oakland Mills MS | 1972          | Concrete Pad replacement                                                                   | Grounds         | G-01   | 2016          | \$3,300                       |                             |                         | The system, equipment, or component has reached the end of it's useful life. Continued minor repairs are no longer providing a short-term solution (5+ yrs). Total replacement or major repair will provide extended life. | Immediate impacts to students, staff and the community may include injury from tripping hazards. |
| Oakland Mills MS |               | Asphalt Repairs - Outdoor Recreation Area, north                                           | Grounds         |        | 2008          |                               | \$8,500                     |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | PROJECT ADDED FROM GILBERT REPORT ON 050318                                                      |
| Oakland Mills MS |               | Asphalt Crack Sealing, Sealcoat, and Re-striping - Northeast Delivery Area                 | Grounds         |        | 2013          |                               | \$1,600                     |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | PROJECT ADDED FROM GILBERT REPORT ON 050318                                                      |
| Oakland Mills MS |               | Asphalt Crack Sealing, Sealcoat, and Re-striping - East Parking, to include the drive lane | Grounds         |        | 2013          |                               | \$5,000                     |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | PROJECT ADDED FROM GILBERT REPORT ON 050318                                                      |
| Oakland Mills MS |               | Asphalt Crack Sealing, Sealcoat, and Re-striping - South Main Parking, front of building   | Grounds         |        | 2013          |                               | \$4,300                     |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | PROJECT ADDED FROM GILBERT REPORT ON 050318                                                      |
| Oakland Mills MS |               | Sidewalk & Concrete Curb Repairs                                                           | Grounds         |        | 2015          |                               | \$15,300                    |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | PROJECT ADDED FROM GILBERT REPORT ON 050318                                                      |
| Oakland Mills MS |               | Asphalt Repairs - Outdoor Recreation Area, west                                            | Grounds         |        | 2012          |                               | \$38,700                    |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | PROJECT ADDED FROM GILBERT REPORT ON 050318                                                      |
| Oakland Mills MS |               | HVAC system renovation                                                                     | HVAC            |        | 2011          |                               | \$19,000,000                |                         | Major systemic HVAC renovation.                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                  |
| Oakland Mills MS |               | Replace MDF                                                                                | IT              |        | 2017          |                               | \$185,000                   |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | PROJECT ADDED FROM GILBERT REPORT ON 050118                                                      |
| Oakland Mills MS | 1973          | Full Paint                                                                                 | Paint/Floor     | PF-02v | 2016          | \$100,000                     |                             |                         | The paint in the school has reached the age where industry standard says it should be replaced.                                                                                                                            | No painting or aesthetic projects will be completed in any school.                               |
| Oakland Mills MS |               | Exterior painting                                                                          | Paint/Floor     |        | 2016          |                               | \$20,000                    |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | PROJECT ADDED FROM GILBERT REPORT ON 050118                                                      |
| Oakland Mills MS |               | Improve sprinkler coverage                                                                 | Plumbing        |        | 2008          |                               | \$5,500                     |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | PROJECT ADDED FROM GILBERT REPORT ON 050118                                                      |
| Oakland Mills MS |               | Roof replacement                                                                           | Construction    |        |               |                               | \$150,000                   |                         | Metal roofs (2)                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                  |

| Location                      | Last Replaced | Project Description                                                   | Year Deferred | Total Deferred Operating Cost | Total Deferred Capital Cost |
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| Folly Quarter MS              | 2003          | Replace admin Rooftop Unit                                            | 2017          | \$200,000                     |                             |
| Lime Kiln MS                  | 1999          | Office rooftop unit                                                   | 2015          | \$220,000                     |                             |
| ARL                           | 1986          | Replace two Roof Top Units, RTU #1 and #10. (34 yo and leaking)       |               | \$400,000                     |                             |
| Forest Ridge ES               | 1992          | Two Boilers                                                           | 2014          | \$650,000                     |                             |
| ARL                           | 1968          | Major Heating Venilation and Air Conditioning renovation              | 2011          |                               | \$25,000,000                |
| Bonnie Branch MS              |               | Chiller                                                               |               |                               | \$500,000                   |
| Bonnie Branch MS              | 1999          | Systemic, Boiler, & HVAC Renovation (2022)                            | 2015          |                               | \$11,000,000                |
| Centennial HS                 | 1977/1997     | Renovation, Addition & HVAC Replacement (2024)                        | 2009          |                               | \$90,450,000                |
| Central Office                | 1980          | Air Handler Units and Boiler                                          | 2010          |                               | \$10,000,000                |
| Cradlerock ES/Lake Elkhorn MS |               | Heating Venilation and Air Conditioning System Replacement            | 2015          |                               | \$16,000,000                |
| Dunloggin MS                  | 1994          | Replace Chiller                                                       |               |                               | \$400,000                   |
| Dunloggin MS                  | 1994          | Replace Cooling Tower                                                 |               |                               | \$200,000                   |
| Dunloggin MS                  |               | Renovation, Addition & HVAC Renovation (2020)                         |               |                               | \$41,200,000                |
| Elkridge ES                   |               | Renovation                                                            |               |                               | \$50,336,000                |
| Elkridge Landing MS           | 1995          | Replace 2 Boilers                                                     |               |                               | \$500,000                   |
| Elkridge Landing MS           | 1995          | HVAC Replacement                                                      | 2016          |                               | \$10,800,000                |
| Ellicott Mills MS             |               | Replace one chiller                                                   |               |                               | \$500,000                   |
| Folly Quarter MS              |               | Replace Chiller                                                       |               |                               | \$500,000                   |
| Forest Ridge ES               | 1992          | Heating Venilation and Air Conditioning System Renovation             | 2014          |                               | \$42,764,000                |
| Fulton ES                     | 1997          | HVAC Replacement & Roof (2024)                                        | 2016          |                               | \$18,900,000                |
| Gorman Crossing ES            | 1998          | Replace 2 Boilers                                                     |               |                               | \$500,000                   |
| Hammond ES/MS                 | 1987          | Boiler Replacement, includes pumps, valves and associated piping 2021 | 2009          |                               | \$500,000                   |
| Hammond MS                    |               | Renovation & HVAC Replacement (2025)                                  |               |                               | \$41,395,000                |
| Harpers Choice MS             | 1994          | Replace Chiller                                                       |               |                               | \$500,000                   |
| Harpers Choice MS             |               | Renovation & HVAC Replacement                                         |               |                               | \$17,196,000                |
| Hollifield Station ES         | 1997          | Renovation & HVAC Replacement (2025)                                  | 2016          |                               | \$8,800,000                 |
| Jeffers Hill ES               | 1974          | Boiler Replacement, includes pumps, valves and associated piping      | 2016          |                               | \$500,000                   |
| Jeffers Hill ES               | 1998          | Renovation & HVAC Replacement                                         | 2014          |                               | \$51,010,000                |
| Lime Kiln MS                  | 1999          | Replace 2 Boilers                                                     |               |                               | \$500,000                   |

| Location          | Last Replaced | Project Description                                                                                  | Year Deferred | Total Deferred Operating Cost | Total Deferred Capital Cost |
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| Long Reach HS     |               | Replace 3 boilers                                                                                    | 2016          |                               | \$1,500,000                 |
| Long Reach HS     |               | Replace 2 chillers                                                                                   | 2016          |                               | \$1,000,000                 |
| Long Reach HS     |               | Heating Venilation and Air Conditioning system replacement                                           | 2016          |                               | \$38,000,000                |
| Manor Woods ES    | 1994          | Systemic HVAC Renovation (2022)                                                                      | 2015          |                               | \$10,600,000                |
| Mayfield Woods MS | 1991          | Replace 2 Boilers                                                                                    |               |                               | \$500,000                   |
| Mayfield Woods MS |               | Renovation                                                                                           |               |                               | \$41,300,000                |
| Murray Hill MS    | 1997          | Replace 3 boilers                                                                                    | 2016          |                               | \$750,000                   |
| Oakland Mills HS  | 1973          | Renovation and HVAC Replacement (FY16 on CIP)                                                        | 2009          |                               | \$110,682,000               |
| Oakland Mills MS  |               | Full Renovation (Proposes 2023)                                                                      |               |                               | \$51,210,000                |
| Old Bushy Park    | 1976          | Gas Conversion of Boiler burners                                                                     | 2009          |                               | \$650,000                   |
| Old Cedar Lane    | 1981          | Replacement of Heating Venilation and Air Conditioning Equipment                                     | 2009          |                               | \$10,000,000                |
| Patapsco MS       | 1996          | Heating Venilation and Air Conditioning Control Project                                              | 2011          |                               | \$350,000                   |
| Patapsco MS       | 1996          | Renovation & HVAC Replacement                                                                        | 2011          |                               | \$51,010,000                |
| Pointers Run ES   |               | Renovation                                                                                           |               |                               | \$20,016,000                |
| River Hill HS     |               | Replace 6 boilers                                                                                    | 2014          |                               | \$3,000,000                 |
| River Hill HS     | 1994          | Two New Chillers                                                                                     | 2014          |                               | \$1,000,000                 |
| St Johns Lane ES  |               | Replace two boilers                                                                                  | 2000          |                               | \$500,000                   |
| St Johns Lane ES  |               | Replace one cooling tower                                                                            | 2000          |                               | \$200,000                   |
| St Johns Lane ES  |               | Heating Venilation and Air Conditioning system renovation                                            | 2009          |                               | \$16,200,000                |
| Wilde Lake HS     | 1996          | Heating Venilation and Air Conditioning system renovation 5 boilers, 2 chillers and 2 rooftop units. | 2015          |                               | \$5,500,000                 |
|                   |               |                                                                                                      |               | <b>\$1,470,000</b>            | <b>\$803,919,000</b>        |
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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Allison Korn <allisonkorn@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 9:48 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Fully fund East Columbia 50+ center

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# Make Today's Dream Tomorrow

**Today**



**Tomorrow**



## Fully Fund

## The New East Columbia

*1/3 of HoCo residents are S*

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**From:** katcrave@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kathleen Craven  
<katcrave@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 10:47 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Preserve \$5.37 Million in County Funds for Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects in FY 2022 Proposed Budget

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Dear Howard County Council,

I am writing to urge you to protect the \$5.375 million in funding for bike and pedestrian infrastructure projects in the proposed FY 2022 capital budget.

I know the county is facing tough budget decisions this year due to the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic, but the importance of investing in our public health has never been clearer. We must continue to make progress in our biking and walking infrastructure to build and improve sidewalks, bike lanes, paths, crosswalks and more so everyone in our community has opportunities to bike, walk and access important services.

Without full funding of these important projects that will provide tangible benefits to residents' lives, such as K5035 in Elkridge and K5066 along Oakland Mills Road, Howard County will ultimately fall short of its complete streets vision. Howard County must fulfill its promise to create safer and accessible opportunities for biking and walking and position our community for a multi-modal future. Now is the time to invest in projects that will improve our public health, as well as safety and accessibility.

The proposed funding will make walking and biking in Howard County better, easier and safer, as well as make our community more age-friendly. I urge you to protect this funding in the final budget to improve our bike and pedestrian infrastructure for everyone in Howard County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen Craven  
6486 Park Forest Cir Elkridge, MD 21075-5856 katcrave@gmail.com

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**From:** Peg Costello <costello@umbc.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 10:20 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** New East 50+ Center

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Howard County Council:

I am writing to ask you to fully fund the new 50+ Senior Center. We have supported and worked hard in Howard County and greatly need and desire the over 50+ Center. We represent 1/3 of the Howard County population and hope the Council will please provide the funding.

Thank you so much for this consideration.

Peg Costello  
Retired Howard County teacher of 35 years  
Volunteer at the Howard County Conservancy

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**From:** bhayden52@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 4:22 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** New 50+ Center East Columbia

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Council Members,

I've been a Columbia resident for over 30 years and taken classes at the 50+ Center at the East Columbia Library for over a decade. Several new Centers have been built but all are a substantial distance away. It is time for our community to get a new center built that will accommodate the vast number of seniors who deserve better than the very small, outdated one at the library. A new Center has been planned but funding has stalled.

Please vote the funds now to start construction on the 50+ Center planned for the East Columbia campus. We need to get back to normal and stay fit!

Thank you,  
Beth Hayden

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**From:** Pat Sylvester <psylvester@ats2.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 1:35 PM  
**To:** Jones, Opel; Walsh, Elizabeth; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David  
**Cc:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CDHC - Testimony in Support - F5976 No. Columbia Fire Station  
**Attachments:** CDHCtestimonyFY2022CapBudget\_F5976\_NCoIFireStation\_final.pdf

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Attached please find my written testimony in support of F5976 – No. Columbia Fire Station, delivered at the public hearing on April 20.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Pat Sylvester  
President, CDHC

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**COLUMBIA DOWNTOWN HOUSING CORPORATION**  
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**Howard County Council Public Hearing**  
**April 20, 2021; 4PM**  
**FY 2022 Capital Budget**  
**Testimony in Support - F5976 - North Columbia Fire Station**

The Columbia Downtown Housing Corporation (CDHC) supports FY 2022 Capital Budget Project F5976 - No. Columbia Fire Station. The requested \$1.7M together with prior appropriations will advance construction at the new location resulting in the new Fire Station becoming operational in FY 2023. This timetable will:

- address existing shortcomings in fire service to the North Columbia area;
- proactively address the future fire safety needs of the planned new residential, commercial and job growth in Downtown Columbia over the next 10 years; and
- enable the timely redevelopment of the aging and out-dated Banneker Fire Station along with 100 units of affordable senior housing.

FY 2022 funding for the North Columbia Fire Station is critical to improving the County's fire response and preparedness and meeting its commitments under the Downtown Columbia affordable housing plan as outlined in the Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreement (DRRA). For these critically needed senior units to be built and occupied, the current firefighters at Banneker must relocate and operate from the new North Columbia Fire Station. Any delay in the completion of the North Columbia Station impacts planning and construction for the new Banneker facility and stresses both the county's fire safety efforts and its support for low-income and vulnerable seniors.

The North Columbia Fire Station project proposal has been adjusted to address community concerns. Initially, the fire station was proposed to be constructed at the site of the old Cedar Lane School. Due to concerns about proximity to school-aged children, the site was moved to Cedar Lane Park East with the addition of replacement fields at Harper's Choice Middle School to offset the loss of a field at Cedar Lane Park East. Concerns about the environmental benefits of the land proposed for the replacement fields resulted in further changes. The current plan maintains the station at Cedar Lane Park East off Route 108, and upgrades existing park facilities.

The North Columbia Fire Station is not expected to have an impact on County debt service obligations because the proposed funding source is County Fire Tax Revenue.

Please vote YES for funding for F5976 – The North Columbia Fire Station, which will proactively improve the County's fire safety and responsiveness and ensure timely development of 100 new affordable housing opportunities for our ever-increasing numbers of seniors.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments.

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*The Columbia Downtown Housing Corporation ("CDHC") serves as the Downtown Columbia Housing Foundation recognized by the Howard County Council under Title 28 of the Howard County Code. CDHC is organized specifically to fulfill the vision of the Downtown Columbia Plan for a full spectrum and diverse mix of housing in Downtown Columbia, including affordable housing that will ensure low, moderate and middle- income families will have an opportunity to live in Downtown Columbia.*

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**From:** Katherine Rose <wilderoze31@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 1:25 PM  
**To:** calvinball@howardcounty.gov; CouncilMail; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; dyungmann@howardcounty.gov; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel  
**Subject:** Fire station

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Esteemed members of the Howard County Council

Why are you treating your constituents with such contempt? Are you not meant to represent all the beautifully diverse members of our community? When I first heard of your plans to develop a fire station on route 108, tearing up perfectly good and wellbeloved park land in the meantime, I thought that a council which values community and the environment would surely not permit the destruction of forest and public space. But the more I hear of the proposed plans, the more foolish and downright mean spirited these plans seem to become.

This fire station will go directly across the street from a very well attended Mosque, one of only three in the whole of the county by the way. What do have against the Muslim community that you feel the need to have sirens interrupting their services? Instead of listening to the beautiful calls to prayers, they will potentially get to hear wailing alarms. Not to mention, possibly preventing them leaving and entering their worship space as that road is already so narrow that they often have local police help with the traffic flow during their services.

Furthermore, what is this about using Astroturf on the fields? Do we live in a desert? Have we not had record rainfalls in the last few years, to the point that the county has had to invest millions of dollars into water diversion development? Development which we probablyWhere is all the water run off going to go when that field gets flooded? Plastic, as far as I am aware, cannot absorb water. Not to mention, all the micro plastics from the Astroturf will pollute our local creeks that inevitably flow into the bay. We do, after all, live within the Chesapeake watershed. Has there been an environmental impact study done? Will this undo the millions spent on the water diverting that has had to be implemented because previous representatives rushed forward on real estate development?

But the proposed measure that really makes me the most upset is what is planned for the future Banneker fire station. This plan has the audacity to place low-income housing on top of a fire station. Just because the people who will inhabit that building are impoverished you really believe that they do not have the right to a peaceful life. They are impoverished, not deaf! This plan feels like it can subject the future inhabitants to noise at all hours of the day and night because they are low income. I know it can be argued that the emergency vehicles can wait to clear the area. However, I have stayed in the apartments across from it and know that is simply not how it is done. Also, I have worked in low-income communities and know firsthand how difficult the system can make it for them to succeed, yet this plan places them in housing that no one would want unless they were desperate. This plan is just downright despicable and those who came up with it ought to feel ashamed.

Indeed, the only positive outcome that I can think of for this proposed plan is having an emergency response vehicle on hand for the traffic accidents that are bound to occur right outside its driveway as a result of a fire station being placed at Cedar Lane East.

Now, I understand that there is a sense of urgency as the previous location was determined inadequate. However, I must urge you to not rush this process as the long term consequences could cost the county and your constituents so much more.

I had always loved that our community was both economically and culturally diverse, one that is sensitive to our environmental impact. However, this proposed plan is an affront to the minorities, low income and the environment of our neighborhood. How can a government which is meant to represent the people, not uphold those values?

I hope you reconsider before you make a decision that negatively impacts this community.

Sincerely,  
Katherine Rose



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**From:** Missy Burke <mgbmas@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 1:07 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Cedar Lane Park proposed fire station

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Dear HoCo Council Members,

It is with great concern and urgency that I write to you to request that you halt the plans to build a fire station in Cedar Lane Park. The impact on the neighborhoods surrounding this development would be negative (sound, lights, traffic), it would take away more of Howard County's precious green space, and even having viewed the presentation given by the county, it does not seem a necessity - other options (like renovating the current station) would be far simpler, more effective and less controversial.

Most important, this station would create yet another slow down/bottleneck on 108, a congested and often gridlocked road. During a fire emergency, just getting out of the station and trying to move quickly down 108 would be a challenge. Do we want fires to burn while the rescue vehicle is stuck in traffic on a road with little or no shoulder to pass on?

There has to be a better solution/locale for this project. Please do everything you can to prevent its becoming a reality.

~**Missy Burke**

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**From:** Shelley VHJ <shelleyvhj@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:27 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Allison Korn  
**Subject:** Columbia 50+

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Dear County Council,  
Please fully fund the East Columbia 50+ Center!  
Sincerely,  
Shelley Von Hagen-Jamar  
9213 Osprey Court  
Columbia,  
MD 21045

**Make Today's Dream...  
Tomorrow's Reality**

**Today** **Tomorrow**

**Fully Fund  
The New East Columbia 50+ Center**  
*1/3 of HoCo residents are Seniors—95% vote!*

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** John Bradbury <rpbradbury@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:03 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support full funding of East Columbia 50+ Center

# Make Today's Dream Tomorrow's Reality



## Fully Fund

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Please!

Rick & Pam Bradbury

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Jonathan Edelson <jledelson.omca@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 7:13 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Sandy Cederbaum  
**Subject:** RE: Testimony from Oakland Mills Community Association on HCPSS Capital Budget

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Thank you again for this opportunity to testify tonight. One additional thing I want to note about the attachments to the OMCA testimony: When you see a 1972 or a 1973 in the "last replaced" column for OMMS and OMHS, that really means "never replaced." OMMS and OMHS were opened in 1972 and 1973, respectively. You will not see many dates from the 1970s outside of the OM cluster.

Jonathan Edelson  
Chairman, Oakland Mills Community Association

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**From:** [Jonathan Edelson, OMCA](#)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 10:45 AM  
**To:** [councilmail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:councilmail@howardcountymd.gov)  
**Cc:** [Sandy Cederbaum](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony from Oakland Mills Community Association on HCPSS Capital Budget

Good morning,

Attached, please see a copy of the testimony, with attachments, from the OMCA on the HCPSS Capital Budget.

Jonathan Edelson  
Chairman, Oakland Mills Board of Directors

## Testimony to the County Executive Budget

On the East Columbia Senior Center – April 20, 2021

Good Evening.

I am Pearl Atkinson-Stewart 7190 Lasting Light Way, Columbia 21045

I am a 48-year resident of Owen Brown, and I am “Ageing in Place” as a widow. One uplifting thing for me is to be able to socialize and exercise at the Senior Center.

For 10 years, I have been an advocate for replacement of the outdated, insufficient, Senior Center in East Columbia. It is overdue!

Last year, I was devastated when the Council did not fund this Center. I am really urging you to fund this Center. There is now \$1 million dollars from the State Delegation to help offset the cost. They Care, and I know you do too. Yes, you have many projects to consider, but consider that this project is different. It is 95% ready to go, it is “Shovel Ready”. This alone makes it a priority to complete. The second reason is that County Executive Ball has emphasized that this is a “Priority” project. What on earth could prevent anyone of you to not vote to fund this project?

Councilpersons, please listen to me, every other community has in place updated or new senior centers. All we ask is equity. Do not leave us as the “forgotten” group. Seniors are volunteers, I have volunteered for 44 years, and I believe that we are the backbone of our County that made it great place to live. Is it not time to give back!!

Good evening County council members and citizens,

My name is C.C. Speight. I am here to testify in favor of the Capital Budget for FY 22, and the construction of the North Columbia Fire Station. As the President of St. Florian's Brigade, and a Battalion Chief with Howard County Fire and Rescue, I can whole-heartedly attest to the fact that service is at the heart of all we do. The plan for construction of the North Columbia Fire Station reflects our commitment to serving you, the citizens of Howard County, by positioning ourselves better to quickly deliver life-saving fire, rescue and emergency medical services to an area of the county that has been underserved for far too long.

It is not my intention to belabor you with statistics. I am not an expert in data analysis. My expertise is in delivering emergency services alongside the dedicated women and men who have also sworn an oath to answer your calls. Above all else, what that expertise has taught me is that minutes *matter*. Minutes are the difference between extinguishing a trash can on fire in a house and extinguishing a house that is on fire. Minutes are the difference between weeks of recovery from a stroke and years of rehabilitation. Minutes are the difference between walking out of the hospital following a heart attack and being rolled into the morgue. Not *once*, in my 15 years in the emergency services have I ever had a citizen complain that we arrived at the scene of their emergency too quickly.

With that said, I'd like to share one of my favorite interactions during my time here in Howard County: A teacher who called the fire station because she was organizing a reunion at her elementary school down the street. She told me that when her classmates asked her to make the evening a compilation of their most beloved memories from their time at the school, she combed her house for inspiration. She found, on her mantle, an old photo of her elementary class with their neighborhood fire engine. At that moment, she knew just who she would invite to the party.

I relate this story to say, that this discussion isn't just about response times, feasibility studies, and traffic patterns. It is about community. A fire station is a pillar of the community that is available 24/7/365. It is woven into the tapestry of the neighborhood as a place to learn about health and wellness, and a place to stop in and get a blood pressure check, or a home safety inspection, or a smoke alarm installed. As a department, we have been to countless block parties, birthdays celebrations, and other milestones.

We take pride in our ability to engage with the community and collaborate to make your neighborhood the most enjoyable place it can be. We will seek your input to address your concerns and determine how we can check our apparatus and operate our equipment without being a disturbance. We utilize the latest technology to contain sources of hazardous materials and toxins to keep the community, ourselves, and our families at home safe from illness. It is against, literally, everything we stand for as an organization to do anything less than work with you to be a positive presence in the North Columbia area and to offer you the safety and security you deserve at minimal additional expense.

Thank you all for the opportunity to speak today.

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Sharonlee Vogel <sharonleevogel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 4:34 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Rigby, Christiana; Yungmann, David; Jung, Deb; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel  
**Subject:** Support for East Columbia 50+ Center

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Members of the Howard County Council,

I'm asking you to vote in favor of the East Columbia 50+ Center.

Recently, the Maryland state legislature provided \$1 million bond funding for completion of the East Columbia 50+ Center, thus making it possible to build it now.

It is overdue - and the project is "shovel ready".

Our seniors in Howard County need all the resources possible to stay healthy, happy, connected, thrive in our County. With this support from the State and from County Executive Dr. Calvin Ball, now is the time for the Council to approve moving forward with this construction.

Dr. Ball included an additional \$5.5 million for this project in his upcoming budget you're now reviewing. We now need the Council to support this project and do the best, right thing for our County seniors. Howard County is moving forward with being honored as an "Age Friendly Community" - this can be a major piece of that initiative.

All the design work was completed in 2020, and the project put before the Council last year, in Dr. Ball's budget. But it was removed by the majority of the Council. It is before you once again. It's time to approve the East Columbia 50+ Center. It's a vital infrastructure piece for seniors who have been particularly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. It is a top priority project in the Master Plan for the Office on Aging and Independence.

Seniors are a vital resource and asset to the County's tax base. And 40% of Howard's seniors live in East Columbia. Seniors are the fastest growing segment of our population, and this new facility will help support seniors them with opportunities for fitness, social engagement, life-long education.

The current 50+ facility has a capacity of 60 people and is the only center without a dedicated fitness center. This is shameful in this well-educated, prosperous County!

If you approve this budget, construction is ready and can begin in August 2021, and open the spring of 2023.

Let your voting seniors know you care about them and Howard County - approve going forward with the East Columbia 50+ Center.

Thank you!  
Sharonlee J. Vogel



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Columbia, MD 21045  
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**From:** Williams, China  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 4:24 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Petition Against Cedar Lane Fire House and Park Enhancements  
**Attachments:** 5026-Eliots-Oak-Road-Petition-Against-Cedar Lane Firehouse.pdf

**Importance:** High

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**From:** Robinson, Tracy C. <Tracy.Robinson@jhuapl.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:11 PM  
**To:** Williams, China <ccwilliams@howardcountymd.gov>; Gick, Ginnie <ggick@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Cc:** Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Petition Against Cedar Lane Fire House and Park Enhancements  
**Importance:** High

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China and Ginnie, I inadvertently omitted your email address in the original message below. Please find our concerns in the attached file as well as other details in the email body below.

Thanks!

### **Tracy Robinson**

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**From:** Robinson, Tracy C.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 2:31 PM  
**To:** 'DJung@howardcountymd.gov' <[DJung@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:DJung@howardcountymd.gov)>  
**Cc:** Home <[trobin2@comcast.net](mailto:trobin2@comcast.net)>; 'Cathy Robinson' <[cborob@comcast.net](mailto:cborob@comcast.net)>; 'cabassky@hotmail.com' <[cabassky@hotmail.com](mailto:cabassky@hotmail.com)>; 'DYungmann@howardcountymd.gov' <[DYungmann@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:DYungmann@howardcountymd.gov)>; 'CRigby@howardcountymd.gov' <[CRigby@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:CRigby@howardcountymd.gov)>; 'OJones@howardcountymd.gov' <[OJones@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:OJones@howardcountymd.gov)>; 'EWalsh@howardcountymd.gov' <[EWalsh@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:EWalsh@howardcountymd.gov)>; 'pishnicki@gmail.com' <[pishnicki@gmail.com](mailto:pishnicki@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Petition Against Cedar Lane Fire House and Park Enhancements  
**Importance:** High

Hello Deb! I have included a PDF with annotations that visually depicts our concerns. The attachment and the inline content below cover all of our concerns that I will be speaking to on the call tonight.

Please review and comment if possible!

Regards,  
Tracy

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Tracy and Cathy Robinson  
5026 Eliots Oak Road  
Columbia, MD 21044  
Resident Since: September, 1999

***Overall Concerns***

- Committed significant home/property investment
- Lower field is in extremely close proximity to our property line.
- Stadium lights installed on the lower field for night play would impose a severe and unreasonable degradation of our quality of life.

***Lack of Communication and Notification***

- We have received NO formal notification or consultation regarding the plans for recreational space modifications.
- Why are residents being excluded from the planning process and relevant discussions?

***Eco-System/Environmental***

- What studies have been commenced, are in progress or completed to date?
- Who conducted the study?
- If completed, has it been published and made accessible for public consumption?

***Traffic Management***

- What traffic studies have been commenced, are in progress or completed to date?
- Who conducted the study?
- If completed, has it been published and made accessible for public consumption?

***Property Value and Quality of Life***

- The value of our home (as well as our surrounding neighbor's homes) will immediately be devalued due to no fault of our own.
- Has there been stadium light plan (SLP) commenced, in progress or completed?
- What are the photometric specifications associated with the SLP?
- What wattage, lumens and optical settings are being considered?
- What height will the light be and have the lighting angles been tested in anyway based on actual geography?
- Has there been a noise level study (NLS)?
- What is the increase in decibels (dBs) that residents are expected to accept and tolerate?

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Robinson  
5026 Eliots Oak Rd

Petition Against  
The Cedar Lane Fire House

2020-04-20

5026 Eliots Oak – proximity to field = 50 yards



## Photometric Light Study Data?

- Has a stadium light plan (SLP) been created and published for residents to review?
- Does the plan consider the affects that the addition of intense lighting fixtures will have on residents in the immediate community?
- What are the data results of the photometric study that would allow residents to see how the lights will affect them and the community BEFORE installation?
- How many lights are specified in the SLP?
- What height is specified in the SLP?
- What distribution optical aiming angle is specified in the SLP?
- What lumen-per-square-foot (foot-candle) projection is specified in the SLP?



# Community Noise Level Data?

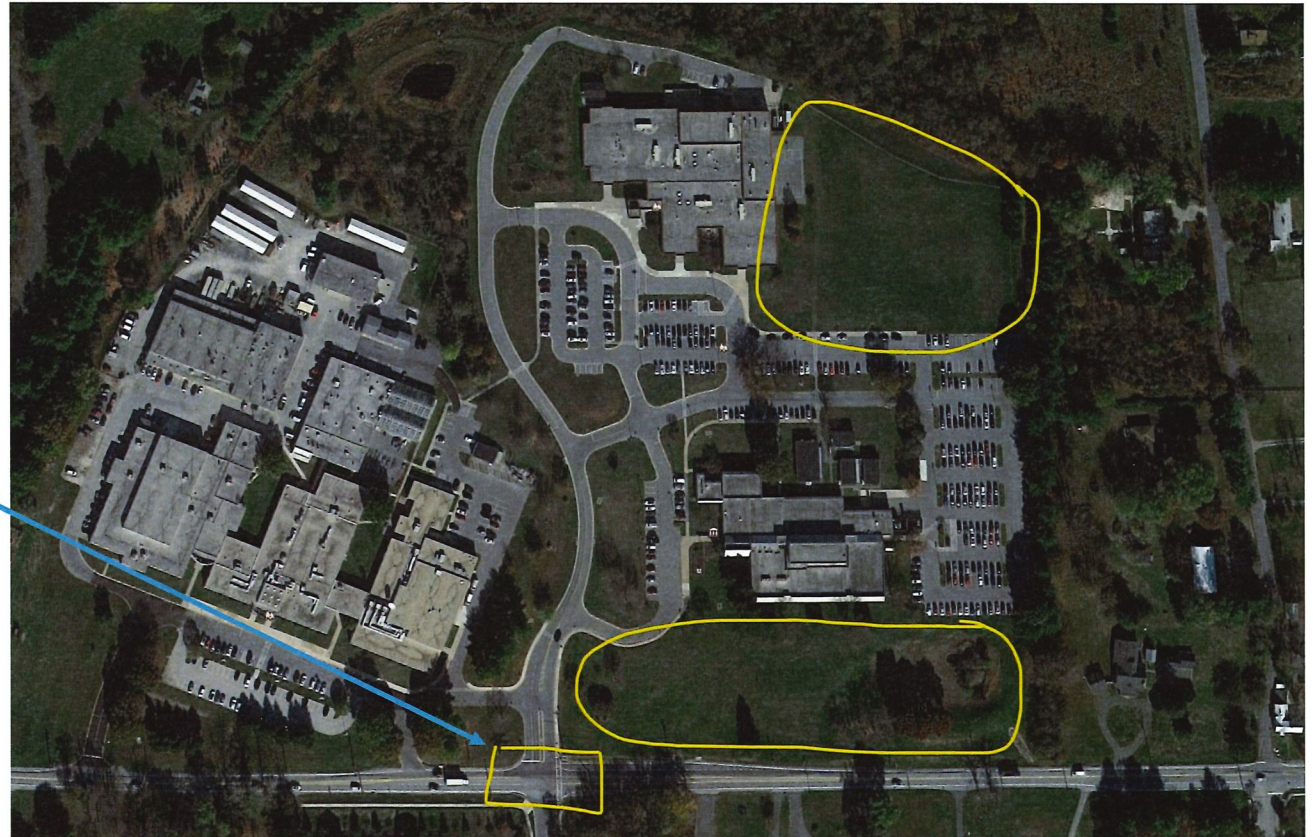
- ASSUMPTION: Press box will be equipped with a PA system as most are.
- Has a community noise level study been commenced, in progress or completed?
- Per the Noise Control Act of 1972 and the establishment of the EPA Noise Abatement and Control Office, what is the Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL) measurement that residents in the community will be exposed to?
- Have you committed to conducting an analysis of the amount annoyance of residents within the immediate proximity of the field?
  - The data gathered from this analysis can be used to produce a Schultz Curve (1978) visually depicting the surveyed results.
- Harpers Choice community is directly below high-frequency final approach and take-off flight paths to and from BWI. This noise measurement MUST be factored in and added to the results the DNL measurements which include the PA system noise and the Fire station noise.





# Less Invasive Alternative Locations

- Multiple alternate more suitable locations
- Traffic light infrastructure already in place.



## Less Intrusive Alternative Locations (cont.)

