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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.
2. **Seeds of Change.** At the Corrections Dept, we will continue operation of our native plant nursery with support from Dept and the in-mates. This unique program is an innovative and cost-effective program that provides so many benefits to individuals, the County our community and the environment. Again, we welcome you there any time.
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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,

Zacharia Y. Fisch PE

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From: Zacharia Fisch <ozfisch@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Apr 19, 2021 at 1:14 AM

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,

Howard county Maryland

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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
Porch View Farm LLC
Cell # 240-893-1718
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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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: Suppoprt Full Funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center

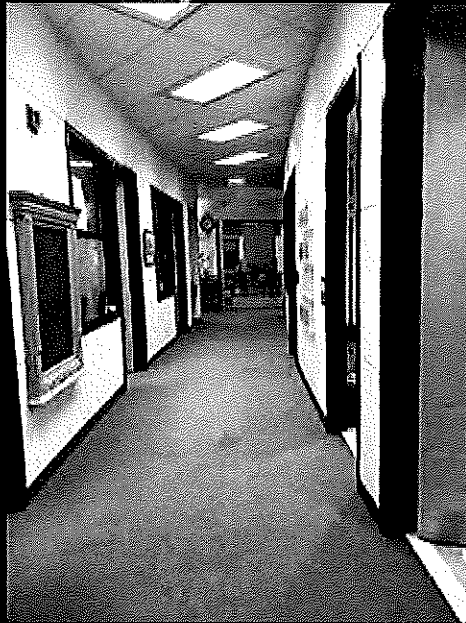
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To Members of the County Council:

Make Today's Dream

Tomorrow's

Today



Tomorrow



Fully Fund

The New East Columbia

1/3 of HoCo residents are Senior

Please vote to support full funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center Project!

Yours Sincerely
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Sayers, Margery

From: Isabelle Doyle <isabellledoyle@yahoo.com>
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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

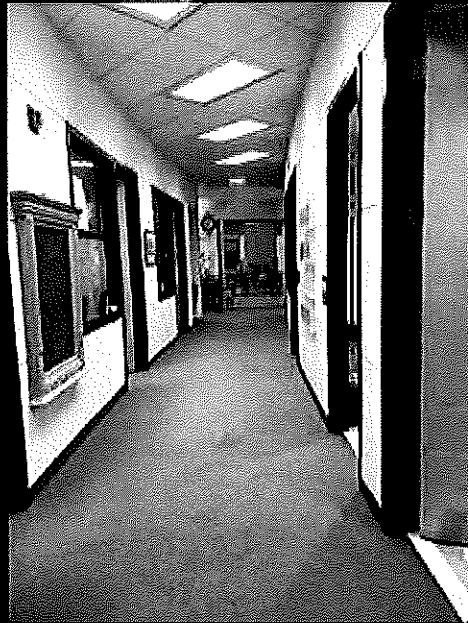
Sayers, Margery

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.

Angie Boytje

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>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 8:04 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail <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:** amrlcpa@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Angela Hayes  
<amrlcpa@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  
amrlcpa@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  
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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))

**From:** Liz Larson <ealarson1@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 2:07 PM  
**To:** Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Cc:** Ball, Calvin <cball@howardcountymd.gov>; ealarson1@verizon.net; 'Lew's Mail' <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

**From:** Liz Larson <ealarson1@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 22, 2020 3:06 PM  
**To:** 'cball@howardcountymd.gov' <cball@howardcountymd.gov>; 'crigby@howardcountymd.gov' <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; 'councilmail@howardcountymd.gov' <councilmail@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Cc:** 'ealarson1@verizon.net' <ealarson1@verizon.net>; 'Lew's Mail' <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

**From:** Liz Larson <[ealarson1@verizon.net](mailto:ealarson1@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:** 'ealarson1@verizon.net' <[ealarson1@verizon.net](mailto:ealarson1@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

**From:** henrietta.milward <henrietta.milward@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 4, 2021 10:43 AM  
**To:** Williams, China <cwilliams@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**

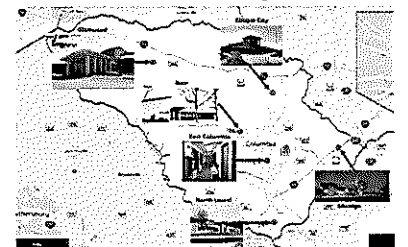
- Smallest, but located in underserved senior demographic "hot spot"
- Serves users from all five Howard County Council Districts
- Provides rich variety of social and volunteer programs, but ...
- No Connections program negatively impacts elderly care givers

- **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

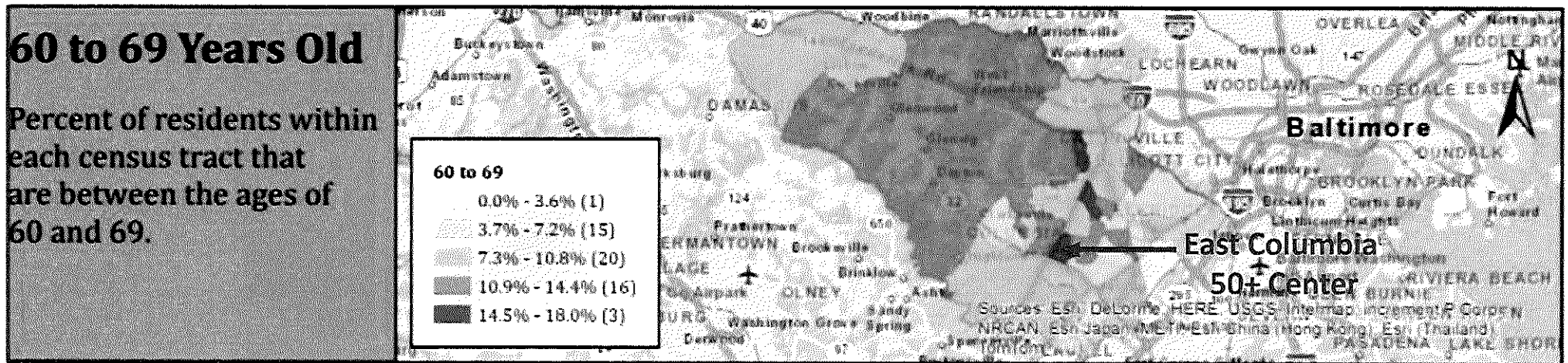


The "Six" Howard County 50+ Centers



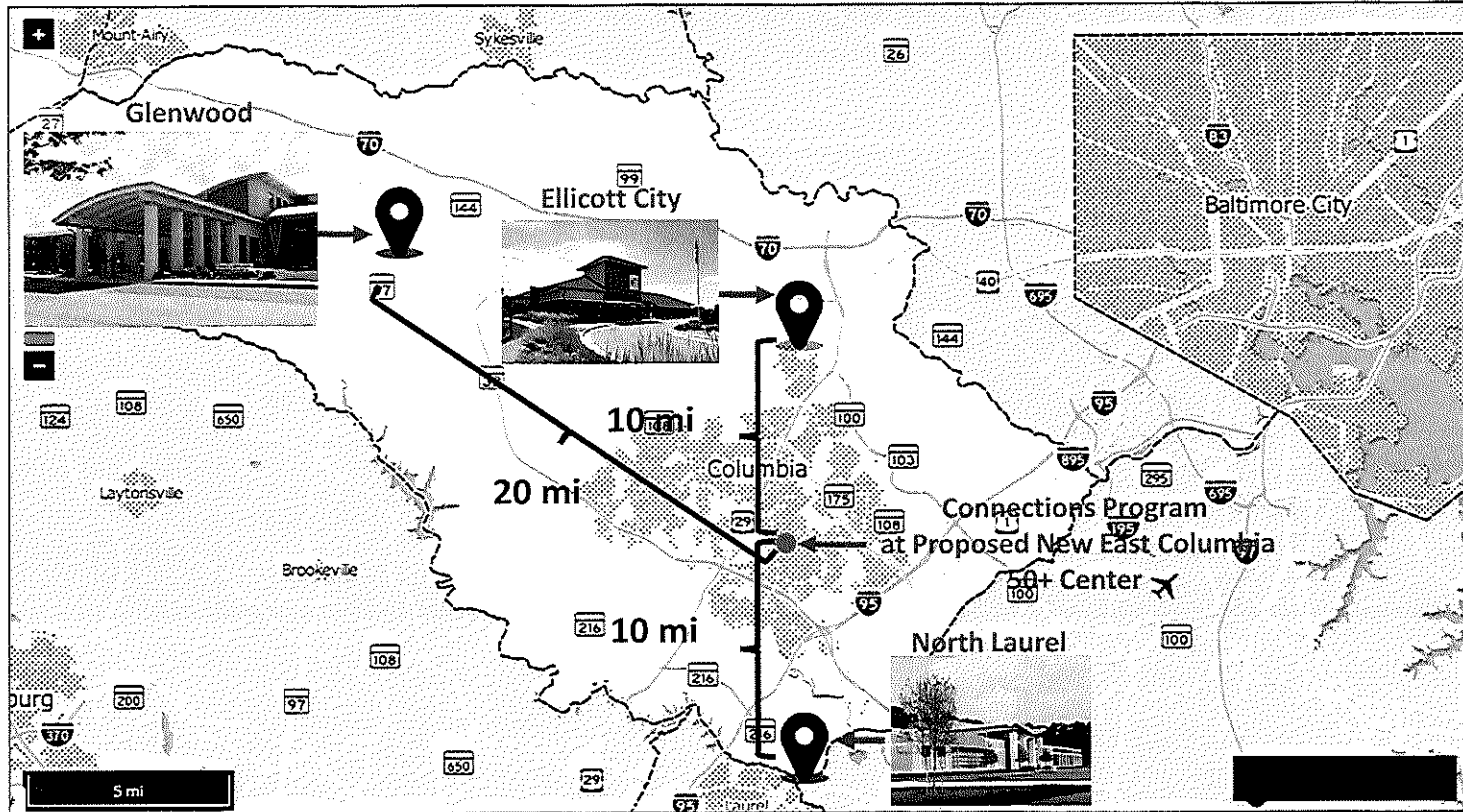
**Need for New East Columbia 50+ Facility Discussed Since 2014**

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



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

# Howard County Social Day Programs

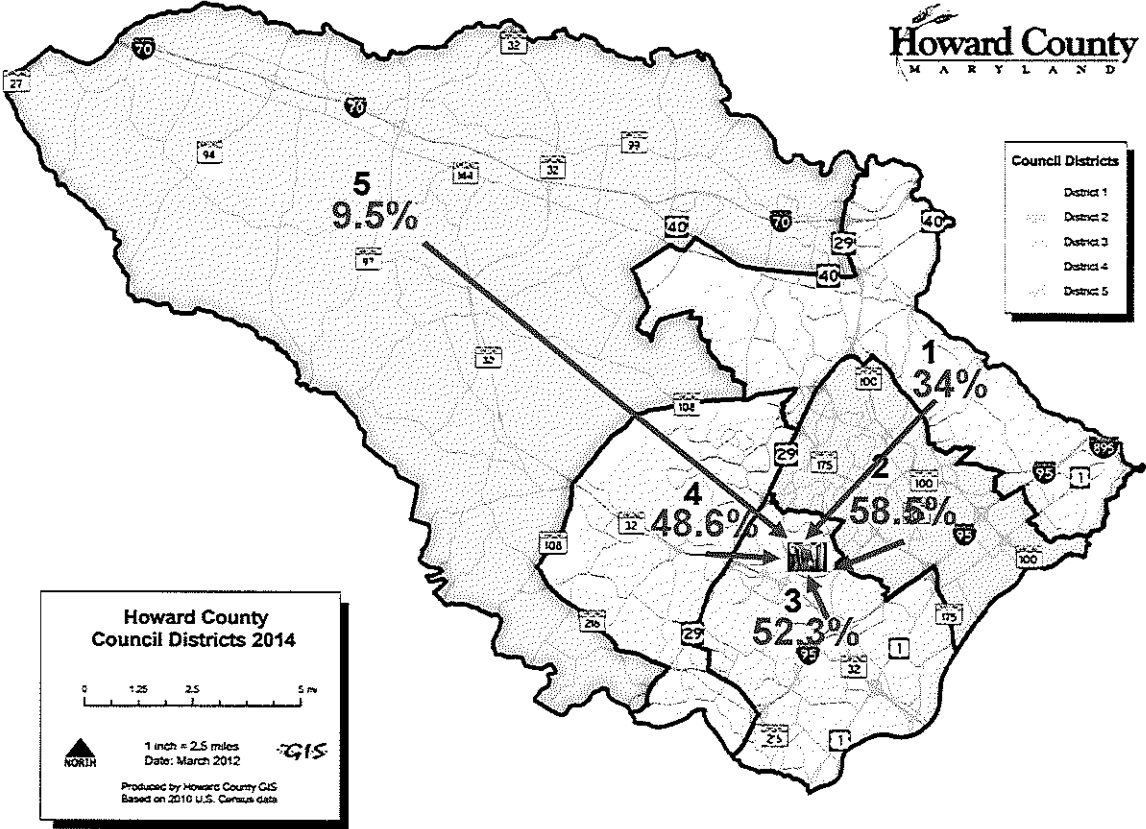


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**New East Columbia 50+ Center Could Provide a Centrally-located CONNECTIONS Program**

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</u> >50+ ** | % 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

**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

**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

**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

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**Today**



**Tomorrow**



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## 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

**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

**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

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**Tomorrow's Reality**

**Today** **Tomorrow**



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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!

**From:** Stephen Hall <hallmarkaviation@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 7:48 AM  
**To:** Pruim, Kimberly <kpruim@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        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|----------|------------|----------|--------------|
| <b>D1112-FY1997 DAVIS AVE AREA DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                   | B              | 1,375         | 0          | 1,375        | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0          | 0        | 1,375        |
| This project is for the design and construction of storm drainage facilities in the area of Davis Avenue in North Laurel.                                                                                                                                  | 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> |
| <b>D1124-FY2007 DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           | B              | 3,075         | 550        | 3,625        | 0          | 250        | 0        | 550        | 0        | 4,425        |
| A project for the design and construction of small to medium-sized drainage improvements requested by County residents and the Bureau of Highways.                                                                                                         | 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> |
| <b>D1125-FY2004 EMERGENCY STORM DRAIN RECONSTRUCTION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                   | B              | 1,750         | 0          | 1,750        | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0          | 0        | 1,750        |
| 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.                                                                                                | 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> |
| <b>D1140-FY2005 PINE TREE GLEN COURT STORM DRAIN SYSTEM</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                | B              | 3,080         | 0          | 3,080        | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0          | 0        | 3,080        |
| A project for the design and construction of a storm drain system along Pine Tree Road, Glen Court, and Guilford Road.                                                                                                                                     | 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> |
| <b>D1148-FY2007 NPDES WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                     | B              | 3,780         | 0          | 3,780        | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0          | 0        | 3,780        |
| 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. | 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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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

## Sayers, Margery

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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.

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

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**From:** divemaster2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Steve Hemstreet <divemaster2@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 10:43 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,  
Steve Hemstreet  
5109 Green Creek Ter Glenn Dale, MD 20769-9132 divemaster2@mac.com

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** martisimpson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marti Simpson  
<martisimpson@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 10:40 AM  
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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 martisimpson@gmail.com

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**From:** lmthorpe1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laura Thorpe <lmthorpe1@everyactioncustom.com>  
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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  
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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  
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Sincerely,  
Kristine Amari  
SIXPENCE Cir Columbia, MD 21044  
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**From:** annorabailey@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Annora Bailey  
<annorabailey@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 10:02 AM  
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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  
<rwgardner@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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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 Hill 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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Sincerely,

Mark Ramstrom

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

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**From:** dotglock@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dorothy Glock  
<dotglock@everyactioncustom.com>  
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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  
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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>  
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**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  
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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

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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  
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**Subject:** East Columbia 50+ Center

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

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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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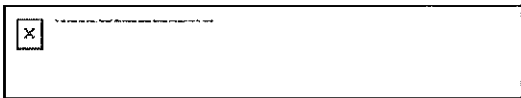
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Hello,

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.

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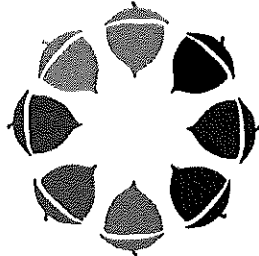
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Margery Sayers

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 neglections 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 Ventilation 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 Ventilation 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 Ventilation 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 Ventilation 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 Ventilation and Air Conditioning Equipment                                     | 2009          |                               | \$10,000,000                |
| Patapsco MS       | 1996          | Heating Ventilation 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 Ventilation and Air Conditioning system renovation                                            | 2009          |                               | \$16,200,000                |
| Wilde Lake HS     | 1996          | Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning system renovation 5 boilers, 2 chillers and 2 rooftop units. | 2015          |                               | \$5,500,000                 |
|                   |               |                                                                                                       |               | \$1,470,000                   | \$803,919,000               |
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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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## Sayers, Margery

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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

## Sayers, Margery

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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

## Sayers, Margery

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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



## Sayers, Margery

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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\_NCoFireStation\_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.*

## Sayers, Margery

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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

## Sayers, Margery

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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**

**Sayers, Margery**

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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**

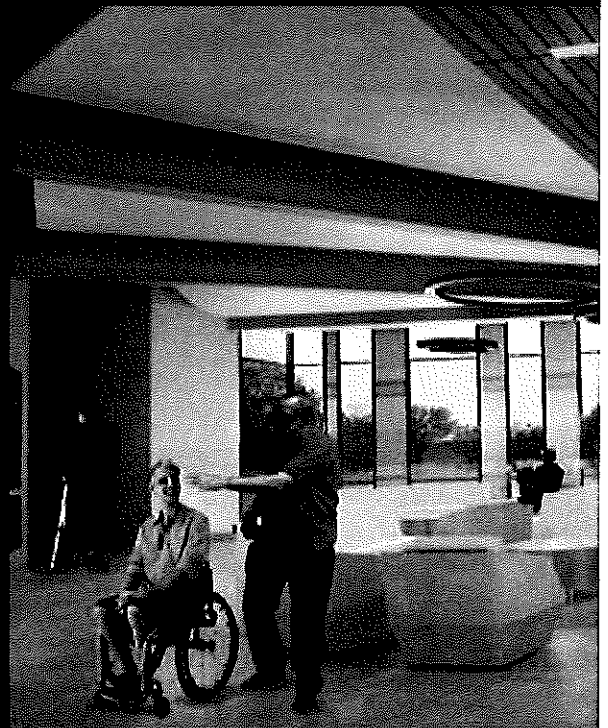
**Fully Fund  
The New East Columbia 50+ Center  
*1/3 of HoCo residents are Seniors—95% vote!***

**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



## Sayers, Margery

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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

**From:** Jonathan Edelson, OMCA  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 10:45 AM  
**To:** 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 "Shovei 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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## Sayers, Margery

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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

**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**

Software Engineer @ JHU APL  
Senior Professional Staff  
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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)>  
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**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?

***Tracy Robinson***

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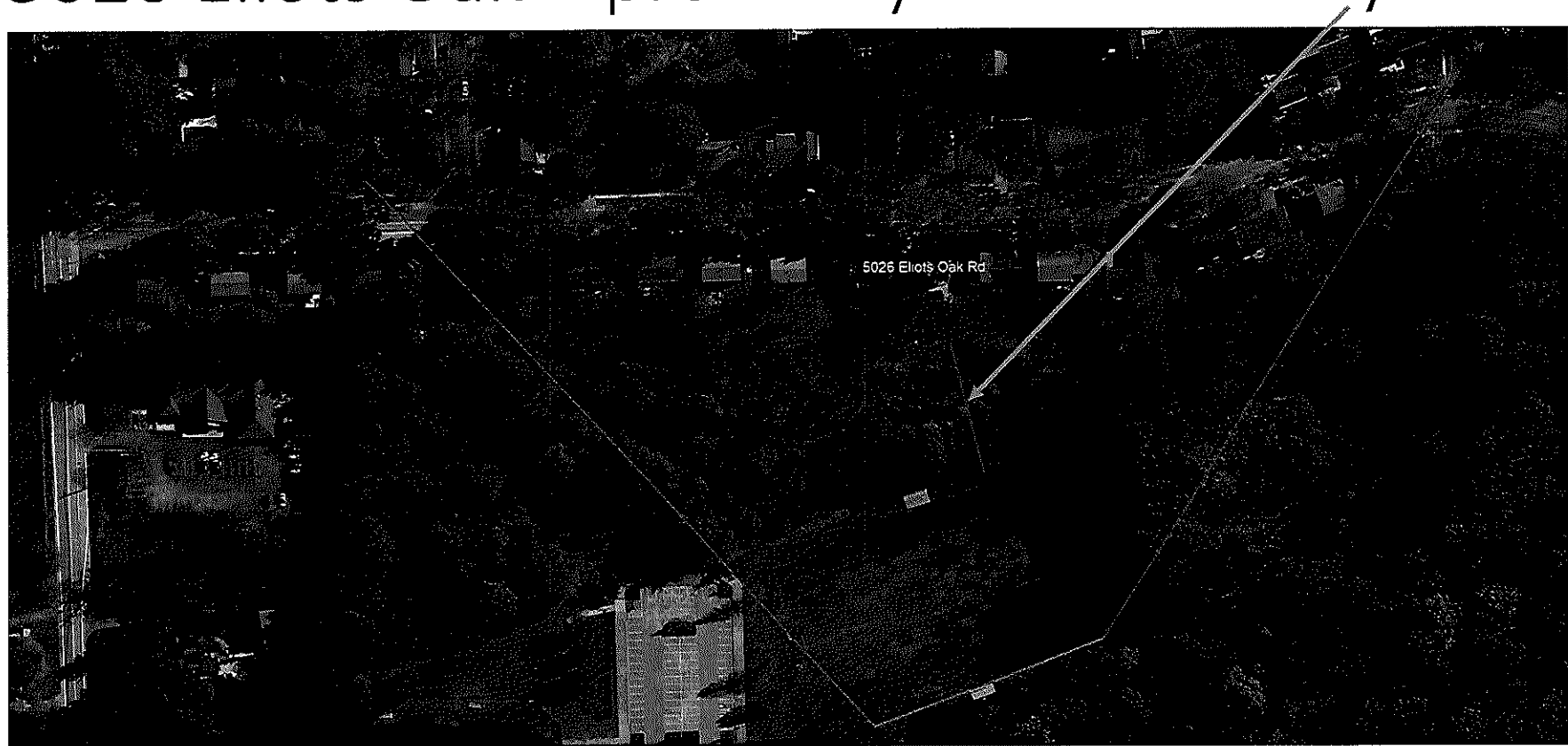
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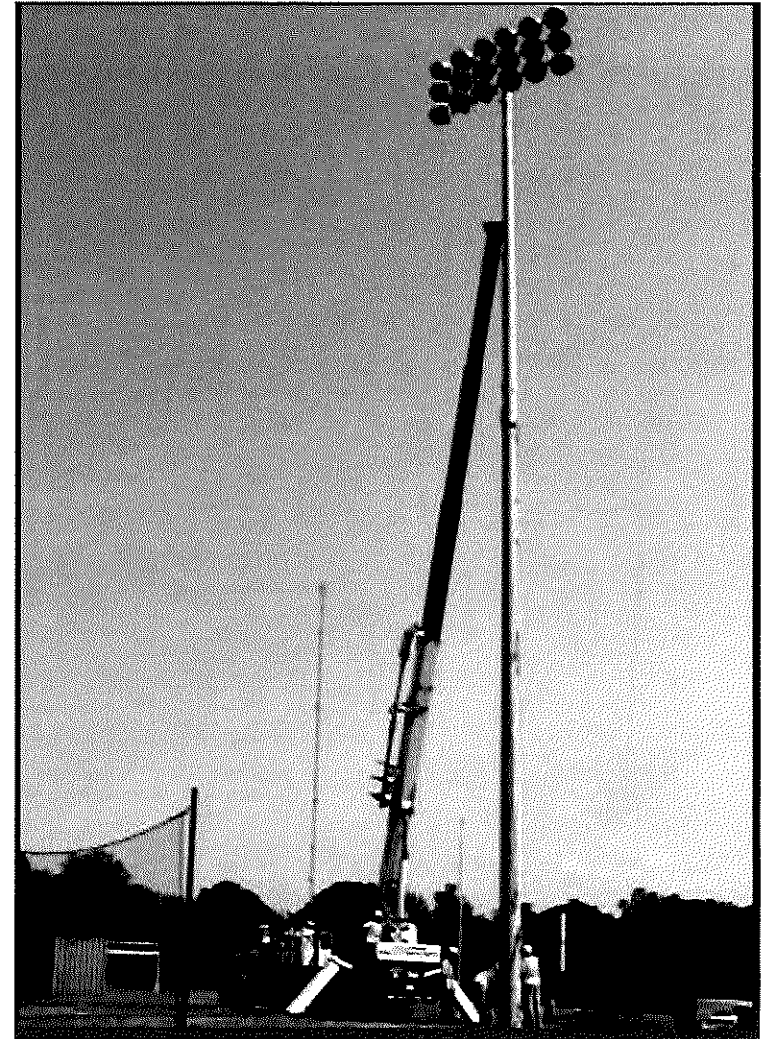
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5026 Eliots Oak – proximity to field = 50 yards



## 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.)



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**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** klmcaliley@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:56 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Wilde Lake Community Association Testimony to Howard County Council  
**Attachments:** Wilde Lake Village Testimony County Council FY2022 Budget Hearing 042021.doc

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Hello Councilmembers,  
Attached is the testimony I will be offering on behalf of vibrant Wilde Lake and the Wilde Lake Village Board.

Thank you for your continued partnership,  
Kevin

*Kevin McAliley*  
Chair, Wilde Lake Village Board of Directors  
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Wilde Lake Village Center  
Wilde Lake Renovations - YouTube interview  
Washington Post Wilde Lake Article  
Complete Streets - Bike Rest Stop Update



# WILDE LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

SLAYTON HOUSE  
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Columbia, Maryland 21044-2398  
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April 20, 2021

Chair, Liz Walsh  
And Howard County Council Members  
George Howard Building  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

Hello County Council Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding the FY2022 county budget cycle. I am testifying on behalf of the Wilde Lake Village Board and Wilde Lake Community Association to ask for your support on issues of interest in our community.

It has been our pleasure to work with the County Council on ventures and events in vibrant Wilde Lake. We look forward to continued collaboration.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Wilde Lake Community Association has faced severe budget cuts and had to close all facets of community outreach functions at Slayton House, our neighborhood centers, and other means of income generation. We offered free use of space to groups like Columbia Community Cares for their food distribution and began offering children's programming online. Partnerships with family organizations happen online and by phone. Several small businesses and entrepreneurs have closed, and rentals have diminished. We have made severe cuts and maintain minimal staff. As restrictions are lifted, we hope to return to welcoming our residents back, opening our theater, art gallery, studios, camps and host you and everyone, at our popular Annual Old-Fashioned Family Picnic at Wilde Lake Park.

## **Funding for Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects**

The Wilde Lake Village Board appreciates your strong support of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects. The health, economic and environmental benefits to our residents is being recognized. Increased funding is requested for better and safer sidewalks, crosswalks, bus stops, bike lanes and paths to benefit the pedestrians, runners, bicyclists, transit riders and drivers in our vibrant village so they can safely and easily reach their work and play destinations throughout Columbia and all parts of Howard County. We support the Complete Streets bill, the Streets For All Coalition, and efforts to implement long awaited connectivity projects.

## **Wilde Lake – Beaverbrook Stream Restoration Project**

A branch of the Little Patuxent River runs through Harper's Choice Village, into Wilde Lake Village, then into Town Center and eventually into Lake Kittamaqundi. The stream is recognized to generate significant sediment build up from erosion on its path to the Chesapeake Bay. The Harper's Choice and Town Center



stream segments have been repaired but not the connecting piece that runs between Wilde Lake Village and Beaverbrook.

The Wilde Lake Village Board requests funding efforts be initiated to design a restoration plan for this final segment of stream that continues to send plumes of sediment into our lake that must be removed through constant dredging. \$100K is needed to create the design that may be submitted to funding organizations to Assistance in building a coalition that can accomplish this project soon, is desired.

### **Wayfinding Signage from Little Patuxent Parkway to Wilde Lake Village Center**

Currently, anyone walking, running or cycling past 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway (the County owned old Columbia Flier building), will find no identifiers on how to reach vibrant Wilde Lake Village Center, nor our middle or high school. Yet, our small businesses anticipate seeing visitors from the expanding Downtown District and Howard Community College using the new intersection between the 7-11 and Firestone buildings. The village center is only minutes away utilizing the new County multi-use pathway system on LPP to access our amenities and schools. Budget funding exists under Capital Project K5066 and on BikeHoward Express line item 2.1 titled "Countywide Bicycle Wayfinding."\*

The Wilde Lake Village Board requests \$3,000 in funding for wayfinding signage to the new middle school pathway from Twin Rivers Road to LPP. This will enhance accessibility for Columbia students to the school, provide connectivity for our residents to the new Howard Community College entrance, the new Police Community Outreach Station, and the new Downtown and Blandair Park Multi-use Pathway. Lastly, it will promote receptivity, renewal and continued vibrancy at the Wilde Lake Village Center. \*\*

### **Howard EcoWorks**

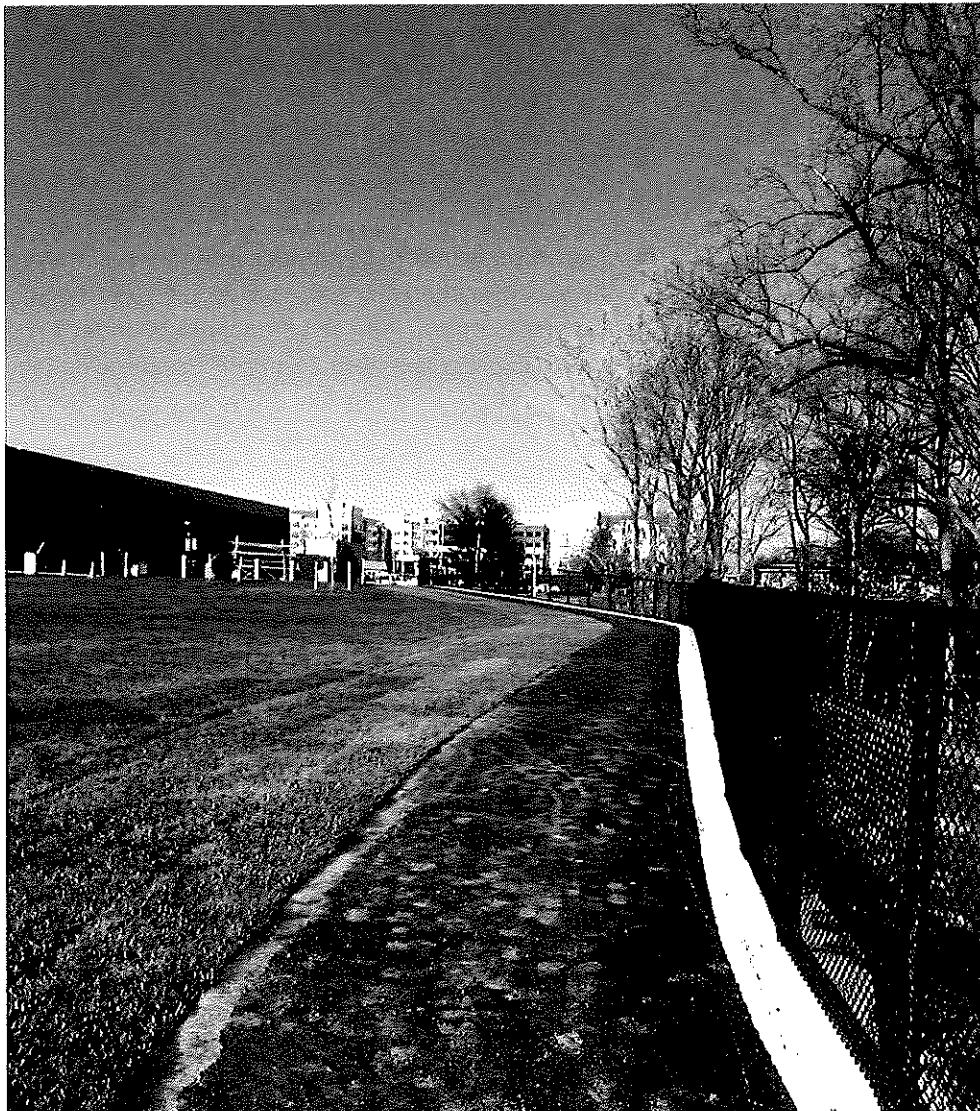
The Wilde Lake Village Board has worked with Lori Lilly, Executive Director of Howard EcoWorks and the READY Program, to assist Wilde Lake townhouse and condominium homeowners' associations with installing rain gardens in their neighborhoods. As a result, community engagement and storm water management systems have been installed throughout our village. We hosted a Soak It Up! Wilde Lake event to introduce our residents to the gardens and how to maintain them. The Wilde Lake Village Board supports Howard EcoWorks' mission, the important work the organization does to support environmental initiatives in Wilde Lake and throughout the County and urge you to continue funding the organization and their \$400K budget request.

Your consideration of these requests is most appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Kevin

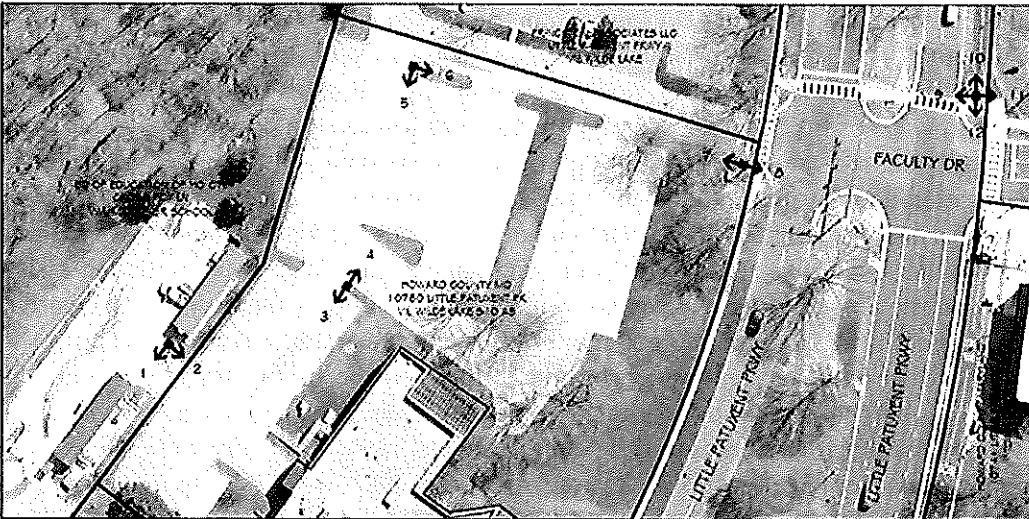
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[Complete Streets - Bike Rest Stop Update](#)

1. \* A modern pedestrian, bicycle and ADA friendly community multi-use pathway, called the "Wilde Lake Middle School Trail," has been installed between Little Patuxent Parkway (LPP) and the WL Village Center bringing connectivity from Howard Community College to the shops (see image below). This pathway has taken numerous years to come to fruition but now exists, without signage, at either end. It is located behind the former Columbia Flier building and the new 7-11 building (formerly Princeton Sports) on LPP, however, since it is not marked, it is missed by cyclists, runners and walkers. This new trail will provide a much-needed shortcut for the new downtown residents and students to the Wilde Lake Middle and Wilde Lake High School. With your continued assistance, we will eventually be able to locate this viable connector to the County Blandair Park-Howard General Hospital pathway system. We have spent a considerable amount of time discussing the Wilde Lake Village Trail missing signage concerns at county Transportation Open Houses and have placed markers on hardcopy maps designating suggested wayfinding locations (see below).
2. \*\*The need to maintain public access to this new WL Middle School Trail once the Columbia Flier Building is sold, is paramount. The trail abuts at its rear parking lot. If it is hard to find now. Once a new development is established on this property, it will be almost impossible to locate. County Office of Transportation wayfinding placement map is attached.

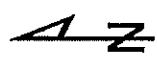
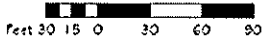


Pathway between LPP and WL Village Center.

Wilde Lake Middle School



Connection Between the  
Downtown Columbia Trail  
and Wilde Lake  
Village Center



| Sign Number | Sign Text                                                    |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1           | Wilde Lake Village Ctr                                       |
| 2           | Downtown Columbia Trail                                      |
| 3           | Wilde Lake Village Ctr                                       |
| 4           | Downtown Columbia Trail                                      |
| 5           | Wilde Lake Village Ctr                                       |
| 6           | Downtown Columbia Trail                                      |
| 7           | Wilde Lake Village Ctr                                       |
| 8           | Downtown Columbia Trail                                      |
| 9           | Wilde Lake Village Ctr 0.5                                   |
| 10          | Symphony Woods 0.9; County Library 1.1; Bladensburg Park 2.7 |
| 11          | Howard Community College; Comm. College Station              |
| 12          | Howard Community College 0.2; County Gen Hospital 0.5        |

3. Still advocating for this County Office of Transportation plan for LPP signage and more from the Twin Rivers Road multi-use pathway through the village center then along the Wilde Lake Middle School pathway to Little Patuxent Parkway and Downtown Columbia. Budget funding exists under FY2020 and 2021 Capital Project K5066 and on BikeHoward Express line item 21 titled "Countywide Bicycle Wayfinding."

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jennifer White <jwhite@thehorizonfoundation.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:44 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Testimony  
**Attachments:** Horizon Foundation Testimony\_FY22 County Council Budget Hearing.pdf

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Good Afternoon,

Please find testimony on behalf of the Horizon Foundation regarding the FY22 proposed Capital Budget.

Thank you,

**Jennifer Arice White, MSPH**

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## HORIZON FOUNDATION

**FY 2022 Budget: Funding for Biking and Walking Infrastructure Projects**

**Position: Support**

The Horizon Foundation is Howard County's community health foundation and the largest independent health philanthropy in the state of Maryland. We lead community change so everyone in Howard County can live a longer, better life.

As we continue to move through the COVID-19 pandemic, the importance of investing in our public health infrastructure has never been clearer. Now is the time to invest in a healthier future for all of our citizens across Howard County. The lives of Howard County residents and our County's progress are at stake.

Overall, we are pleased to see \$5.37M in proposed funding for biking and walking infrastructure in the FY22 proposed capital budget. These capital projects are not only a part of our public health infrastructure, but also part of the County's complete streets vision. This pandemic has exposed the frailties of our public health infrastructure and the need to build the necessary infrastructure that will save lives and promote better health.

We share the Administration's vision for complete streets and appreciate all the progress so far to improve opportunities to bike and walk. We must continue that progress and make needed investments in our biking and walking infrastructure to build and improve sidewalks, bike lanes, paths, crosswalks and more.

During our virtual walk audit last year in partnership with the Streets for All Coalition, we explored the route along Montgomery Road near Elkridge Elementary School and Elkridge Landing Middle School. This route, highlighting the K5035 capital project, has limited connectivity and many safety concerns making it difficult for students and their families to walk to school. Walk leaders and other virtual walk audit participants ventured to the route and captured pictures, observations and recommendations, which were shared with the Howard County Office of Transportation. The persistent demands from community members paired with this virtual walk audit led to positive movement and plans for construction this year. This project is close to becoming reality for these residents, but requires the requested funding to move forward.

We also ask that you fully fund projects like K5066 that would create a protected bike lane along Oakland Mills Road, and would be the first of its kind in Howard County. This demonstration project would re-design the road to make it safer for bicyclists of all ages and would benefit all users of the road. From an equity perspective, this project would greatly benefit the residents of Owen Brown and Oakland Mills communities.

Without the approval of projects including K5035, K5066 and the other projects listed in previous correspondence, the lack of connectivity, inaccessible spaces and unsafe roads will continue to be the reality in Howard County. Completing these projects are necessary and crucial steps to achieving our community's complete streets vision in the long run.

Thanks to the pandemic, many of us are now relying on sidewalks, bike lanes, paths and crosswalks now more than ever for physical activity, a mental reprieve from isolation and an important way for essential

workers to get to their jobs. We have an opportunity to invest in our public health infrastructure by creating more opportunities for biking and walking. We cannot delay our progress in making these improvements for our community's future. We urge you to make these investments in our public health to help our residents live healthier lives.

Thank you for your consideration.

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Ahmed S. Elsayed <ahmedselsayed@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:39 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David; Ball, Calvin  
**Subject:** 4/20/2021: F5976 North Columbia Fire Station/N3108 Park Systemic Improvements - Testimony  
**Attachments:** 2021.04.20\_FireStation&TrafficData-108.pdf

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To County Executive Calvin Ball and All Members of County Council:

My name is Ahmed Elsayed and I have been a resident of the Columbia/Ellicott City area for 15 years. **I am writing today to urge the Council members to NOT move forward with providing funding for projects F5976:North Columbia Fire Station and N3108: Park Systemic Improvements, items in the proposed budget related to the destruction of Cedar Lane Park East.** May 27th, 2020, Ms. Jung proposed Amendment 14 to the Capital Budget in order to ensure that the process related to these projects is fully transparent and that the community's concerns are heard. Voted to approve by Ms. Walsh & Mr. Yungmann, with his explicit desire to ensure that the Council is more involved in these discussions, I would state unequivocally that the Council's goal with this amendment has failed. The County has decided to take the path of least resistance, side stepping all due process to the residents in the area, in order to push this through with as little community input and pushback as possible. The process the County is undertaking is vastly different than that which was taken when the original location was to be on BOE land behind Harper's Choice Middle School.

First learning about these plans less than 4 weeks ago through a farce of a community outreach meeting, barely any concerns of the community were heard with the county prioritizing recruited voices over those who will be impacted daily. Since this time, in speaking with neighboring communities and businesses, including Clark's Elioak Farm, Dar-Al-Taqwa Mosque, and Green Angels Landscaping, it is clear that everyone in the surrounding community, including the nearly 300 homes in Beech Creek, Cedar Manor, and Longfellow surrounding the park, is only now learning about this abysmal plan the County is trying to push through.

Having to scramble quickly, I began to conduct an analysis of my own in order to understand how the County could consider this location knowing what those who have lived here for a long time already know. In reference to the attached document, it was presented during the 3/25/21 meeting that Fire Stations are oftentimes places around surrounding neighborhoods (Page 1), but the one item they failed to account for is that all of these neighborhoods did not exist when the fire stations were built. Pages 5-9 show that every fire station they shared as an "example" was built near major traffic lights with the proper planning taken into account as neighborhoods were built around them. Those who now live there CHOSE to live near a fire station. How do you account for those with special needs children who may be impacted by the nearly 17 daily alarms (Slide 2) that will now be outside of their window such as my neighbor? How do you account for the fact that this section

of Route 108 is both the narrowest (no shoulder available) and busiest sections, nearly double the average annual daily traffic in comparison to the segments to both the east and west (Page 3)?

Let me be clear, I am not opposed to a new fire station in the area considering the need to improve response times. In my outreach to various folks, I'm often asked, "well where do you propose the fire station be placed?". My response to that is clear, I say **DO NO HARM**, place it anywhere that doesn't take away from precious parkland that the community uses daily and not in a location that adds to an already dangerous, extremely busy and backed up part of Rt. 108. The rest of the work is for the Department of Planning and Zoning to complete, which as outlined below, they have failed to do. Don't place turf, lights, a press box, and speakers less than 30 feet away from neighboring homes, permanently altering their quality of life because we're attempting to make up for the loss of a field. Why must park land be sacrificed for public safety? Why are we subsidizing, with our natural resources, developers for the Downtown Columbia Plan?

To that point and as research and outreach shows:

- No alternative site analysis has been conducted, and as per Jim Irvin during last year's Budget Work Session (4/20/20) on this matter, there have been NO offers on potential properties or identification of other locations. This was done for the Elkridge Fire Station, why not this?
- No traffic study has been completed for either this new proposed location OR the original Harper's Choice Location per Tae Jung. How can you claim to improve response times without taking into account the impact of traffic?!?
- No environmental impact analysis has been completed. A fenced off turf field is not the same as an open, natural grass field, of which this park will be losing two with these proposed plans.

This park location was the most "expedient" to use Jim Irvin's words (4/20/20). Expediency is defined as *"the quality of being convenient and practical despite possibly being improper or immoral; convenience."* Expediency does not equal proper planning, expediency means that those whom concerned citizens have entrusted to do their jobs in the best interest of the community have failed us and I would hope and expect the County Council to hold them accountable. With that, I urge the County Council to allocate ZERO dollars to these projects and ask DPZ to go back to square one, look at this project by the book, and come up with the best plan for the community, not just the one that offers the path of least resistance.

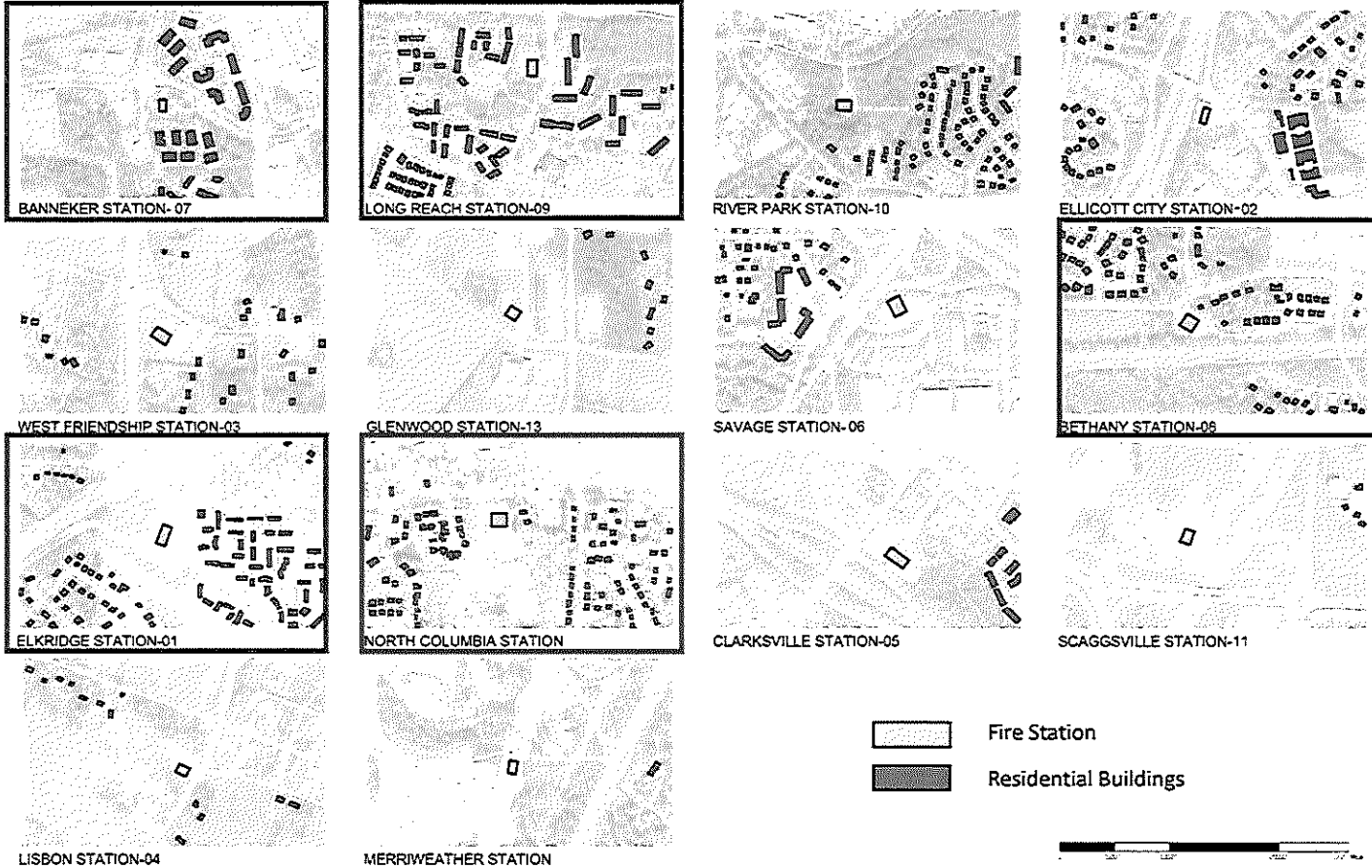
I have signed up to provide testimony on April 20th, 2021 at 4 p.m. Please consider this a documentation of my position for members of the Howard County Council.

Thanks,  
Ahmed Elsayed

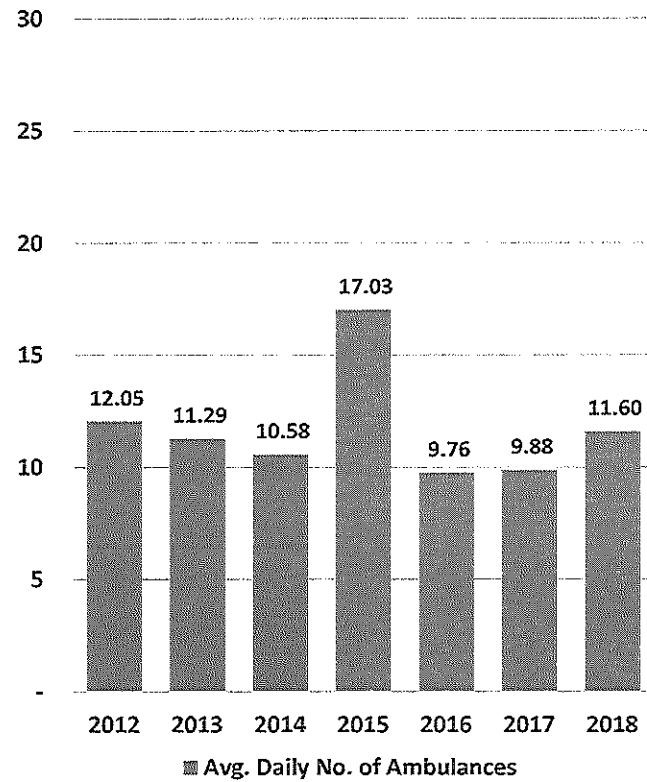
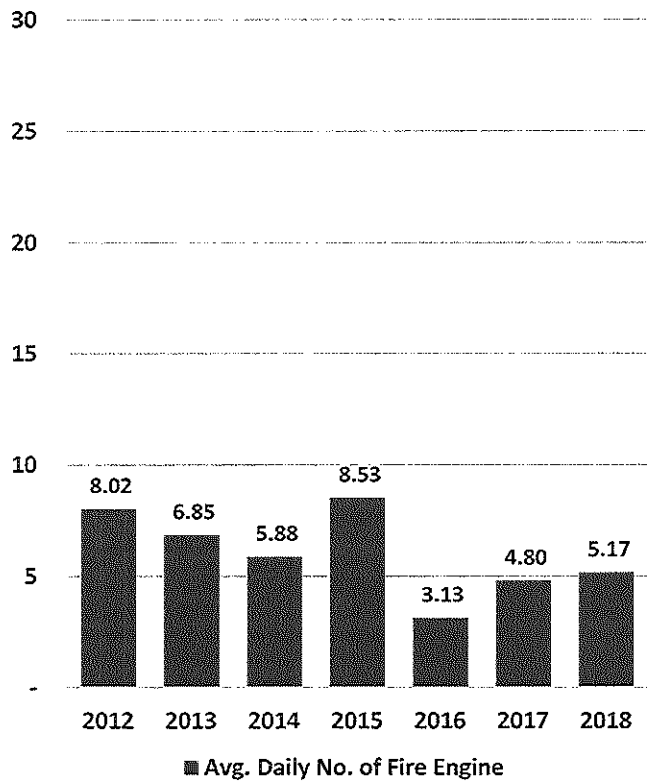
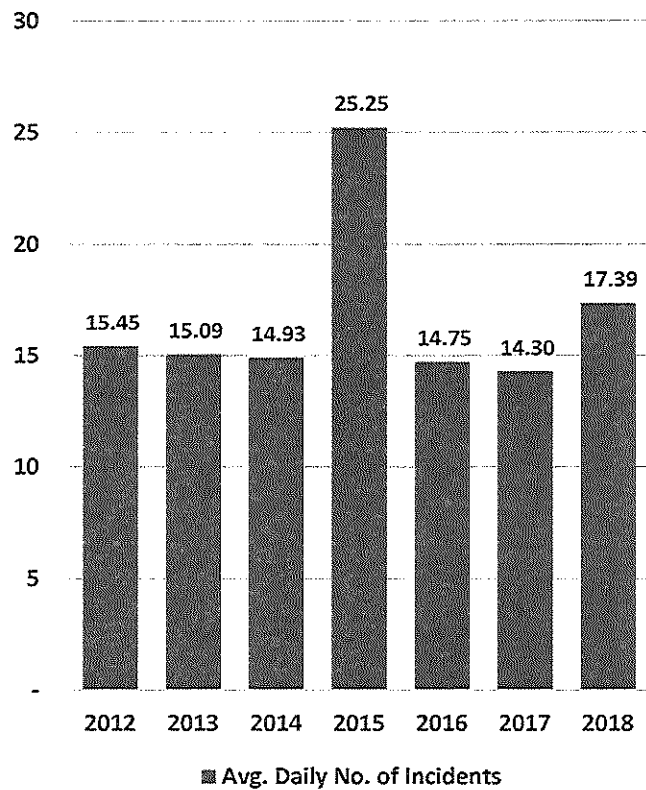


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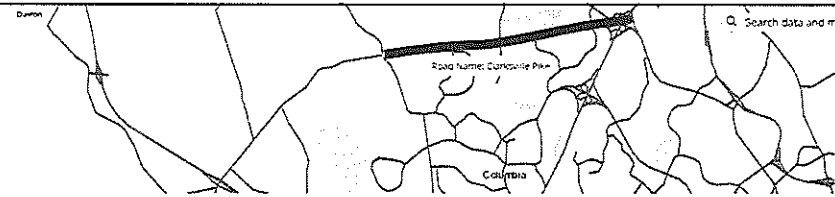


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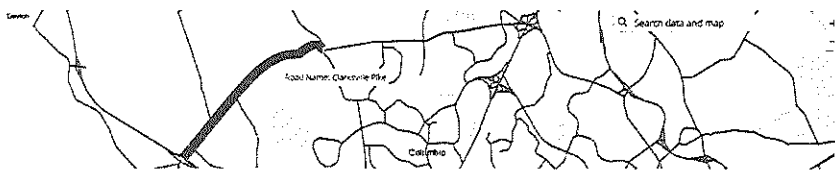


# Average Annual Weighted Daily Traffic Route 108 Sections

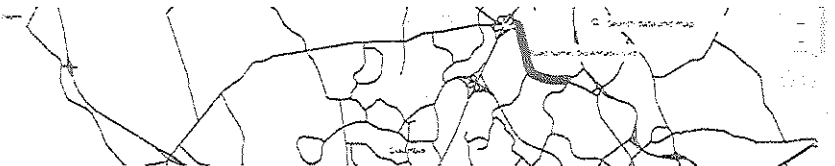
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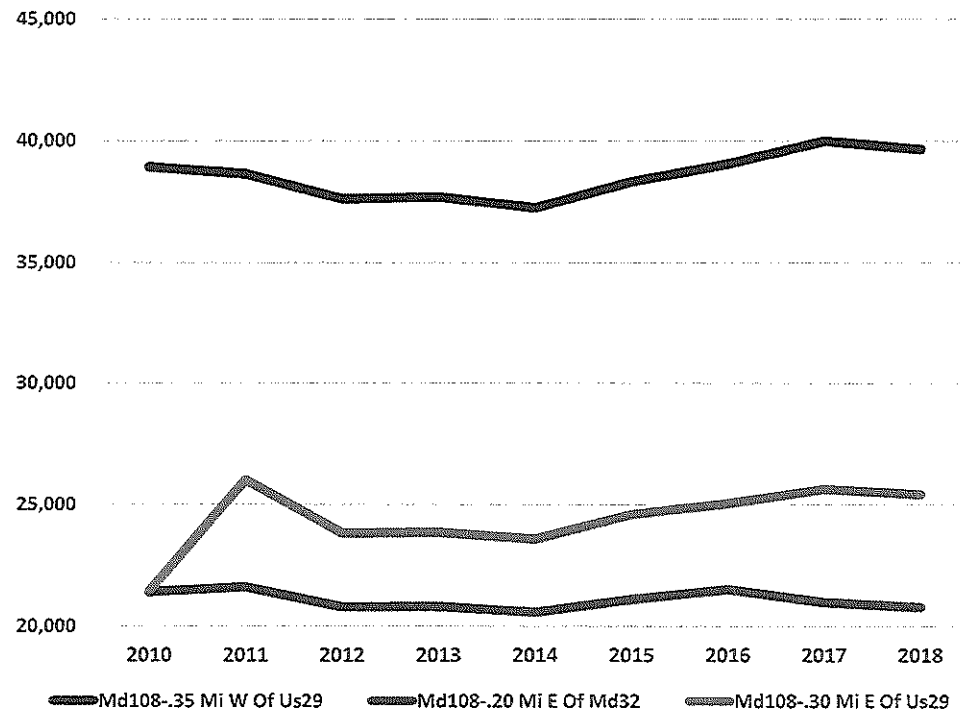


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**Proposed Section is on the Narrowest and Busiest section of 108**

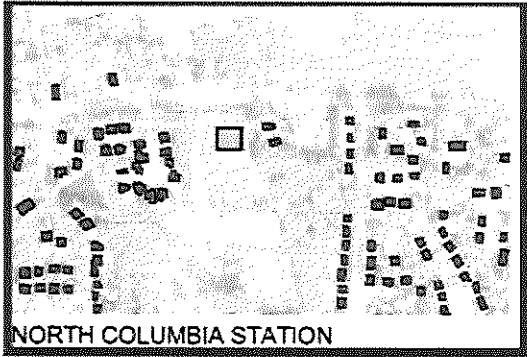


## Example of Increased Congestion/Danger of 108

- March 29, 2021 – Shut down 108 all day (one lane passing later in the afternoon)
- Not uncommon – consistent dangers making left turn into and out of neighborhoods (Beech Creek & Cottonwood Way) because of speeding traffic and limited line of sight (variations in vertical aspect of road)



# Proposed North Columbia Fire Station



- Not built on land pre-home construction
- Single lane, dual access
- Full Station/24 hours (not Volunteer)
- Pure residential area with very limited commercial land
- Dangerous maneuvering required in this section of 108
  - 10 exit points within ~1,000 ft section of 108 (with proposed 11<sup>th</sup>).

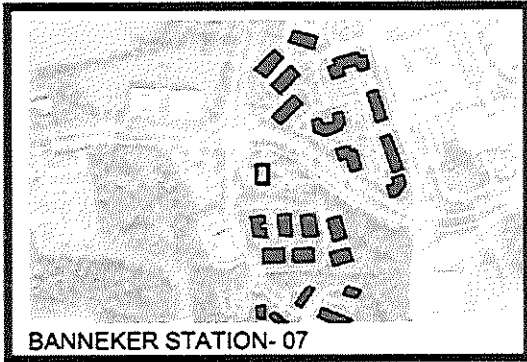
2020 Aerial Photo



Proposed Fire Station



Built 1969



## Banneker Fire Station

- Multi lane, dual access road (Little Patuxent/Gov. Warfield)
- Built before homes built around
- Full Station/24 hours (not Volunteer)

2020 Aerial Photo

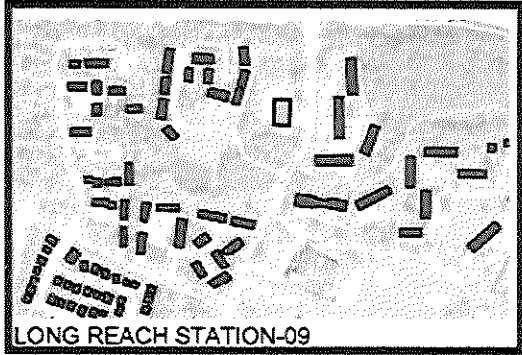


1984 Aerial Photo





Built 1972



## Long Reach Fire Station

- Multi lane, dual access road (Rt. 175)
- Built before homes built around
- Full Station/24 hours (not Volunteer)

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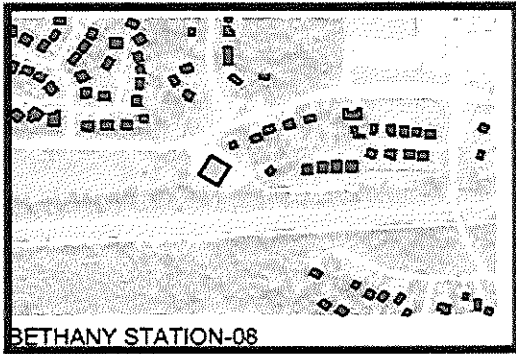


1984 Aerial Photo



Built 1975

## Bethany Fire Station



- Single lane, dual access road (Old Frederick Road)
- Built before many homes built around
- Volunteer Station
- June 1975 – Bethany Fire Station 8 eliminates the use of the fire siren due to neighborhood complaint

2020 Aerial Photo

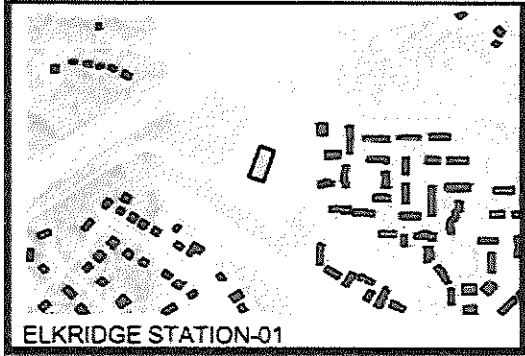


1984 Aerial Photo





Built 2014



## Elkridge Fire Station

- Single lane, dual access road (Montgomery Road, ease of access to Rt. 1)
- Built on land originally with homes (purchased by County?)
- Volunteer Station

2020 Aerial Photo



2011 Aerial Photo



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Paul Verchinski <verchinski@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:08 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Paul L Verchinski  
**Subject:** Budget Funding for East Columbia 50+ Center

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I ask that you DO NOT approve funding. Before the Pandemic only 10% of 65+ Older Adults used the 50+ centers. (Source: HoCo Office on Aging report) This went to zero during the Pandemic. These types of facilities are now white elephants. I live on the east side of US29. I find that a Multi generational facility like the Roger Carter Center is a much better use of county funds.

I ask that you vote against.

Best,  
Paul Verchinski  
5475 Sleeping Dog Lane  
Columbia

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Chris Chlumsky <cabassky@hotmail.com>  
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**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Howard County Capital Budget Testimony - 4pm Hearing 04/20/2021

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-Thank you to members of the Howard County government administration to allow me to voice my testimony. I would like my testimony to go on record that I am not in support of the proposed North Columbia Fire Station @ Cedar Lane Park East as there is also a petition at <https://www.change.org/SaveCedarLaneParkEast> that confirms 500 local residents and growing whom agree that this location is not ideal to build not only a fire station but to recently updated to pickle ball courts, artificial turf field with surrounding stadium lighting, stadium seating and press box game calling which has not been communicated by the project leads to the local community effectively. My biggest concern is not only the loss of a significant natural environmental green space that is home to wildlife such a deer, ducks, geese, foxes and even owls as well as a mental healing in this time of a pandemic and donated trees in memorandum of cancer victims but the added congestion of traffic in an already congested area. It has been clearly understood by the surrounding community that a full analysis of the congestion has not been performed by the project leads of the fire station and the solution is to put up a couple of blinking warning lights and sirens? There are businesses such as Clark Eliot Farms, the mosque, centennial park, the Iron Bridge Wine Company, VCA Lewis Animal Hospital and The Columbia Inn at Peralynna that align 108 in immediate proximity of the proposed fire station location with inefficient turning lanes. The local residents are also familiar with miles of backup leading up to these intersections in addition to blind spots along multiple points, very narrow road shoulders as I personally experience a car's side view mirror that hit my left arm as I was cycling. There is inefficient lighting around residential side roads such as Eliot Oaks Road and as the patch.com has reported in recent years, death's in September 2019 and as recent as a February 2020 of a 17 year old. On March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, an SUV crashed into and knocked over telephone pole directly across from Cedar Lane Park East. Its been communicated by the fire station project leads that this location will save lives because of the closer location however, the congestion will escalated the dangerous traffic and safety of those surrounding communities negating the reasons for building the station in the first place.

Best Regards,

Christopher Chlumsky  
Cottonwood Way, Columbia, MD

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Denise and Mike Garvin <thegarvins3@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 12:39 PM  
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**Subject:** Denise Garvin Capital Budget Hearing Testimony 4-20-21  
**Attachments:** Denise Garvin Testimony-Capital Budget Hearing 4-20-21.pdf

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Dear Councilmembers,

Below and attached is the testimony I prepared for today's Capital Budget hearing. When I signed up yesterday morning, individual allotted testimony time was 3 minutes. By the evening that time had changed to 2 minutes. So while this is my complete 3 minutes testimony, I will be reading portions of it at the hearing.

Sincerely,

Denise Garvin  
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I reside on Cottonwood Way, a neighborhood directly adjacent to Cedar Lane Park East. My council representative, Deb Jung, has graciously listened to the concerns that her constituents have brought to her attention recently about the proposed location of the North Columbia Fire Station. A week ago I reached out to Councilpersons Yungmann and Walsh because, along with Ms. Jung, both voted last year to place monies for this project in the contingency fund as part of the FY2021 budget process. I would like to thank Councilman Yungmann for his acknowledgement of my correspondence and the meaningful dialogue that followed.

I understand from discussions that my neighbors had with Ms. Jung that this funding was set aside with the stipulation that it was not to be released unless all public outreach was completed by the county. I am here today to say for the record that this outreach was not done.

My household was never notified of this planned location, nor were my neighbors on Cottonwood Way and Eliots Oak. We were also never notified of the original planned location on Rivendell. In fact, the first notification that we ever received was a mailing for the recent March 25 community outreach meeting. My family found out about this project quite by accident in the fall when we saw surveyors marking trees for possible removal and asked what they were doing. Imagine our shock and surprise to learn of such a massive project that will completely change the landscape of the park so drastically and in such a manner that is not conducive to its location in a small area that is literally nestled in between neighborhoods that have existed for decades.

We have been doing extensive research in the months since we learned of this project. Watching the video of the Planning Board meeting from April, 2020, I am completely discouraged by the non-responsiveness of Mark Stromdahl when asked about the traffic congestion that already exists along this part of Route 108 and if outreach was accomplished as there are outparcel communities surrounding the proposed site (of which Cottonwood Way is one). No adequate answer was given.

In June, County Executive Calvin Ball sent a letter to the council which stated, in part:

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Denise Garvin

10720 Cottonwood Way

443-745-1769

Thegarvins3@verizon.net

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Irina Chirtoaca Chlumsky <i.chirtoaca@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:53 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CAPITAL BUDGET TESTIMONY 4/20/21 4 pm hearing  
**Attachments:** FireStation location picture analysis.pdf

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Dear Council members,

My name is Irina Chlumsky, I am a resident of Cottonwood Way (10736 Cottonwood Way, Columbia, MD 21044) and I am opposing the Funding for North Columbia Fire Station.

I would like to emphasize that **I am opposing the location for the Fire Station at Cedar Lane Park** because the process seems to be extremely rushed and completely disregarding the concerns of the residents that will be directly impacted by the Fire station.

**There was absolutely no outreach to the residents at Cottonwood Way.** In April 2020, the Board Members **voted the budget and not the location** for the Fire Station. In June 2020, the location was decided upon without any outreach whatsoever.

The first outreach to my neighborhood was March of 2021 that is 10 months later.

The information provided to the residents during the March 2021 meeting that I attended, lacked any studies done regarding impact of traffic on 108, the impact of noise and environmental impact.

The only "proof" that it is ok to put a Fire Station next to a residential neighborhood shown during that meeting were pictures of other Fire Stations located close to residential neighborhoods.

What the meeting failed to disclose is that most of **those Fire Stations were built there first** long before the residential houses were built around them (**see attached**). It is NOT fair to use pictures of other Fire Stations that were built prior to the houses surrounding them and pass that as an example in this case. Nor that can compensate for the lack or willingness to perform any studies regarding the suitability of this location.

This Fire station is being added next to a residential neighborhood without a thorough common-sense process and outreach to the community. Our concerns should matter and be heard.

Due to these reasons, as a Howard County resident whose life's quality will be directly impacted, I am opposing the Funding for North Columbia Fire Station project and I demand that the county works towards finding another location for the Fire Station.

Sincerely,



Irina Chlumsky

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jack Guarneri <jackguarneri@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:28 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Bike HoCo Testimony for Council Capital Budget Public Hearing April 20, 2021  
**Attachments:** Bike HoCo Testimony Council Budget Hearing April 20 2021.pdf

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Attached is written testimony from the Bicycling Advocates of Howard County (Bike HoCo) in support of proposed funding in the County Executive Capital Budget for Bike Howard Express (K5066).

Respectfully,

Jack Guarneri  
President, Bicycling Advocates of Howard County





## Bicycling Advocates of Howard County

Testimony to County Council Public Capital Budget Hearing on April 20, 2021

The Bicycling Advocates of Howard County (Bike HoCo) was founded as a 501(c)4 non-profit in 2008 by groups representing over 1000 cyclists. There are two major Bike HoCo objectives that have remained consistent: to increase cycling safety through infrastructure improvements and greater awareness and to be proponents that bicycling should be a part of an energy efficient, environmentally sustainable transportation system for Howard County and the region. Bike HoCo has functioned as a subject matter expert and provided advise to the County Government and the County Executive on bicycling issues in Howard County. We have been consistent, persistent, and patient in achieving our goal of building a forward-looking bicycle infrastructure system that meets the needs and desires of all between the ages of 8 to 80+ for safer alternative transportation options. The recent surge in cycling for both exercise and family recreation during the COVID-19 pandemic has helped demonstrate the pent up demand for safer cycling options. Bike HoCo is uniquely positioned to help identify, analyze, comment, prioritize and advise on the impact of this year's budget on the *Bike Howard* Master Plan having been involved in its development, funding, and execution to date.

We are grateful for the funding our County Executive's administration has committed to *Bike Howard Express* (K5066) for the past 2 years and the projected additional \$825k in funding that is in the proposed FY22 Capital Budget. We are concerned that any reductions in the projected outyear funding may result in *Bike Howard Express* being delayed further impacting when the County can start the next phase of alternative transportation improvements. A significant portion of the projected funding for *Bike Howard* is based of State or Federal grants that require a foundation from the County of expenditures on design and other preparation, and many of the grants come with an expectation of 80/20 match funding. The near-term projects in *Bike Howard Express* are now not expected to be completed until at least FY26 – approximately 4 years later than initially projected in 2017 when the project was initiated.

So what should be done:

1. Maintain funding levels promised for the next 3 years to ensure *Bike Howard Express* is completed in as timely a manner as physically and fiscally possible.
2. Reexamine the priorities for future bicycle accessibility improvements. Since the basic development of the *Bike Howard* Master Plan was based on data and resident input collected in the 2014 timeframe it is necessary to update priorities based on

growth and changes in community support for alternative transportation (bicycling and walking), which have occurred in the past 7 years.

3. A *Complete Streets Policy* was signed by the County Executive and approved unanimously by Council in October 2019. Currently underway are a new *Complete Streets Design Manual* (formerly *Volume III Roads and Bridges*), and a rewrite of *Development Regulations*. This documentation is essential in order to move forward with future multimodal transportation improvements for all residents of Howard County. This will reduce the need for future retrofitting costs.
4. We also want to express our support for additional funding to DPW/Highways. Many bike lane projects that have been delayed are linked to funding shortfalls for paving projects – roads are typically realigned/repainted after being repaved. These are low cost, 'low-hanging fruit', projects that have a significant impact on increasing miles of bicycle network quickly. But paint is not infrastructure so this is only part of the improvements needed.
5. Finally, most recreational cyclists ride in Western Howard County, through Glenelg, Glenwood, Lisbon West Friendship and out to Mount Airy. For the past 2 years roads in this more rural part of the County have not been repaved but rather chip and seal patched by County crews to extend their lifespan. This is probably adequate for automobile users but for cyclists the rougher roads and collapsing shoulders create a more dangerous environment. We support additional funding for paving projects throughout the County and where funding does not permit repaving that after chip and seal patching the roads be micro surfaced to make a smoother, more durable (and bicycle rideable) surface for all users.

Note: Micro surfacing (which is routinely used by MDOT/SHA and Montgomery County DOT) provides a thin asphalt overlay/sealer that will fill in slight imperfections and provide a smoother texture. Most importantly, it seals the pavement, thus preventing the infiltration of water, which is the most frequent cause of pavement failure. Life expectancy of road repairs can be extended 5-7 years and paint restriping to widen shoulders or add bike lanes can be accomplished earlier.

Bike HoCo also recognizes that planning for and implementing bicycle infrastructure upgrades and Complete Streets will require additional funding, staffing and internal systems. We fully support actions you may need to take to secure the necessary resources to do so. Continuing the momentum that the County has initiated over the past two fiscal years is critical in achieving our long-term goal of making Howard County a paradigm of an alternative transportation friendly jurisdiction for all residents.

Testimony provided by: Jack Guarneri,  
President Bicycling Advocates of Howard County  
[president@bikehoco.org](mailto:president@bikehoco.org)  
(301)844-8930

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** SciencePhile Smith <J\_K\_Smith@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 11:36 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Re: Support Full Funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center

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I neglected to include our address...  
10108 Winterbrook Ln.  
Jessup, MD 20794.

Thank you,  
Jeff and Tina Smith

On Apr 19, 2021 10:07 PM, Jeffrey Smith <j\_k\_smith@yahoo.com> wrote:

I understand that the Council will be holding a budget hearing on April 20 and so my wife and I wanted to lend a word of support for the East Columbia 50+ Center.

Seniors constitute an important demographic, across races and gender, and a substantial voting block. Though the taxes are high in Maryland and HoCo for Seniors versus other locations, we remain and believe in paying a little more to help make Maryland a better place for everyone. We are also politically active and volunteer and mentor throughout the communities we live in to help make these communities vibrant and engaged.

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Sincerely,  
Jeff and Tina Smith

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**From:** Maribel Sanchez <maribel.sanchez08@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 10:42 PM  
**To:** CALVINBALL@howardcounty.gov; CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David  
**Subject:** April 20, 2021 Budget Meeting. Opposed to funding projects F5976 North Columbia Fire Station and N3108 Park Systemic Improvements  
**Attachments:** Image #2- Ingress and Egress.JPG; Image #1- Average Annual Weighted Daily Traffic.JPG

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To County Executive Calvin Ball and all members of Council,

My name is Maribel Sánchez, a resident of Howard County for 7 years, and I am vehemently opposed to funding the two sections within this proposed budget: F5976 North Columbia Fire Station and N3108 Park Systemic Improvements. The fire station issue has been long-standing with the County however, our local communities' knowledge of this plan both to take away part of and alter the remaining open park space officially occurred on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The Outreach meeting on said date was a sham and no clear-cut answers to any of the community's questions were provided. Furthermore, in canvassing the area it is evident that no outreach was conducted to the surrounding affected area, and in fact, I had to do the County's job and inform surrounding neighbors and businesses of these poorly laid out plans. In reaching out to various Council members and those that can influence this project, one question has consistently been posed: "What are your alternative sites?" and my response to that is simple: Any place that does not take away precious open space park land and does not pose a danger by increasing traffic and adding an additional ingress/egress on an already busy section of road (11 within a 1,200 foot section of Rt. 108, which is documented in one of the attachments as Image #2). The remaining work is why all the residents pay their taxes, for those responsible including the Department of Public Works to do their job, find alternative sites, and provide legitimate analysis on several issues including but not limited to traffic studies, environmental impacts, and light/noise pollution, etc. The lack of transparency and due diligence has been abysmal and unacceptable. Let me be clear, this is not opposing the construction of a fire station in the North Columbia area, but instead opposition to a poorly planned, politically expedient, and nonsensical location for a fire station, going against all tenets I believed Howard County stood for.

During the planning board meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Kevin McAliley stated that outreach needed to be done to the outparcel directly next to the proposed site; I can personally tell you, that never happened. In fact, Mark Stromdahl's reaction was both dismissive and disrespectful by stating that "not that many people live close to that location" implying that our voice and legitimate concerns did not matter. I implore you to listen to this meeting and the recorded meeting from

March 25, 2021 so that you can understand why so many in the community, including myself, are outraged. You were voted in by residents like me so that you could have our best interest at heart and consider the community's quality of life when making decisions such as these. I ask you to remember that this evening. One of the reasons we moved to Columbia and Howard County is best described by James Rouse's dream which envisioned a city that "fit naturally into the Howard County landscape, preserving the stream valleys, protecting hills and forests, and providing parks and greenbelts" and is a city that is not solely "driven by visions of profits and the bottom line".

It appears that the proposed fire station is the first domino that needs to fall in order for the Downtown Columbia development to proceed. When did big money developers, such as Howard Hughes, matter more to the County than its own residents? I thought Howard County was better than that.

Consider the volume of traffic (nearly double that of the rest of 108 documented in an attachment to this email as image #1) & the number of accidents that occur on the section of 108 between Harpers Farm Rd. and Rt. 29 for this proposed location. If you approve this budget and move forward with these proposed plans, despite filling a public safety need, you will be creating future issues for local residents and businesses. Knowing the amount of community use by these two fields, and associated traffic with this use, the proposed enhancements do not include additional parking or infrastructure to handle the increased volume. The parking cannot even handle the current volume of use. Simple questions like these have not been answered, and yet a budget in the millions of dollars can be approved?

Again, no budget money should be awarded to support this project this evening. I ask County Council to fulfill the mission you were elected to serve, to ensure that those responsible for these projects conduct the research, be upfront, transparent, honest, and provide the results to the public so they can be a part of the conversation to provide input so that all parties are satisfied. As it stands to date, I am extremely concerned with these plans and do not support F5976 North Columbia Fire Station and N3108 Park Systemic Improvements.

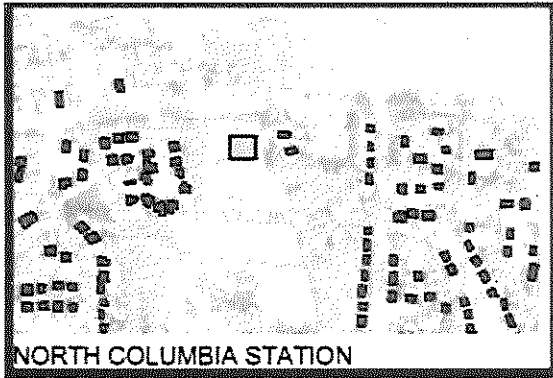
I have signed up to provide testimony on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 4 p.m. I want to document my position with all members of Council.

Respectfully,

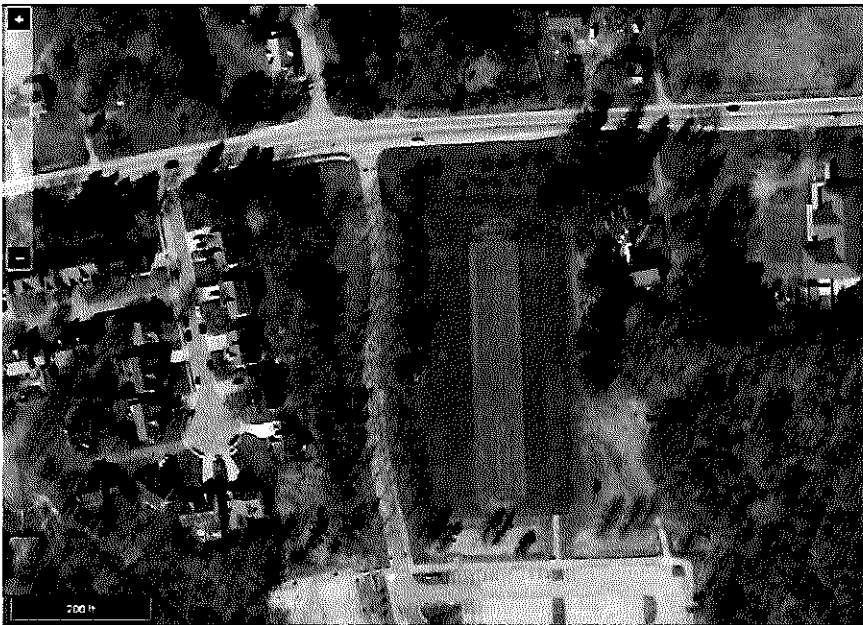
Maribel Sánchez

# Proposed North Columbia Fire Station

- Not built on land pre-home construction
- Single lane, dual access
- Full Station/24 hours (not Volunteer)
- Pure residential area with very limited commercial land
- Dangerous maneuvering required in this section of 108
  - 10 exit points within ~1,000 ft section of 108 (with proposed 11<sup>th</sup>).



2020 Aerial Photo



Proposed Fire Station

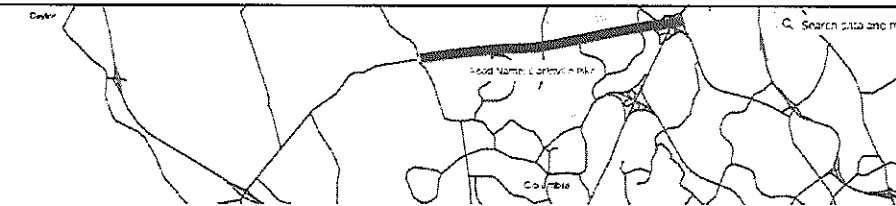




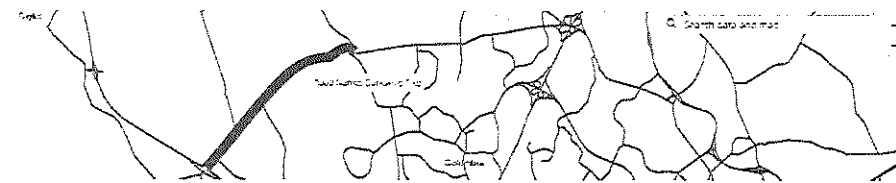
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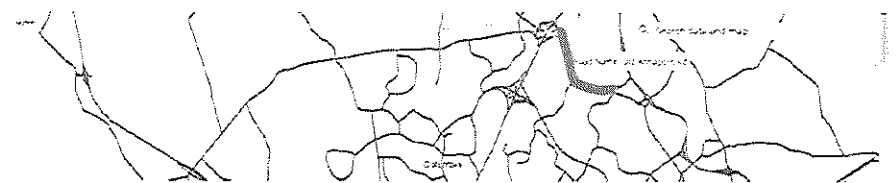
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Md108-.35 Mi W Of Us29 (Proposed Location)

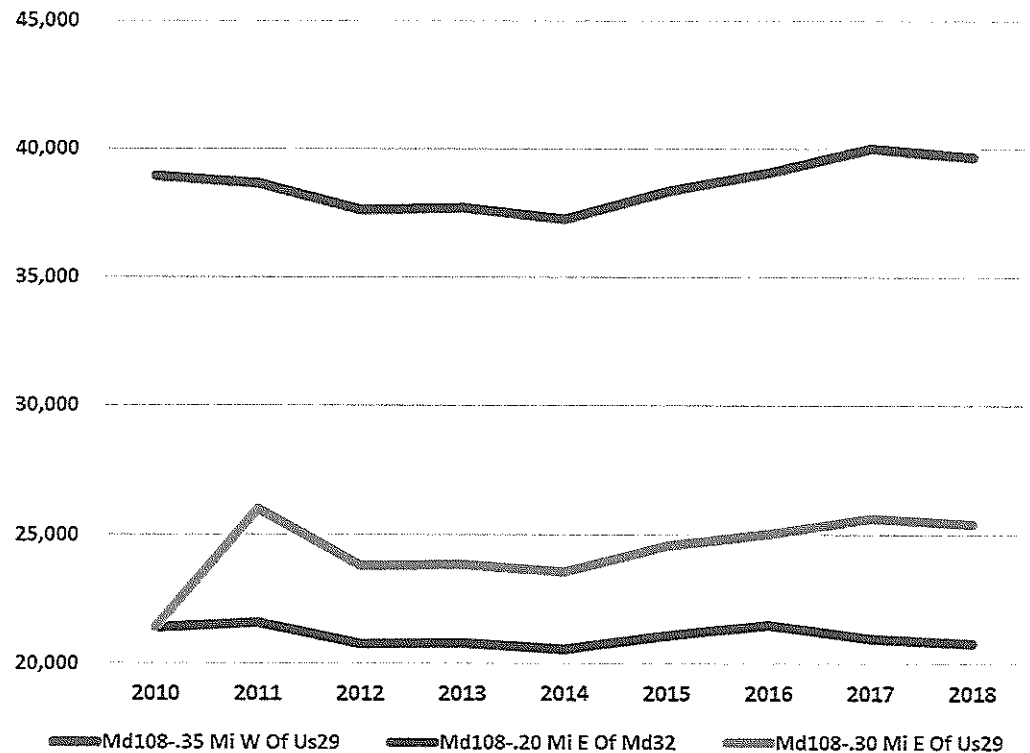


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Md108-.30 Mi E Of Us29

**Proposed Section is on the Narrowest and Busiest section of 108**



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jeffrey Smith <j\_k\_smith@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 10:08 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support Full Funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center

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Sincerely,  
Jeff and Tina Smith

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** tristatonne@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Trista Plunkett  
<tristatonne@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 9:49 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 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,  
Trista Plunkett  
7810 Breakstone Ct Ellicott City, MD 21043-7000 tristatonne@hotmail.com

## Testimony Of Nelson Pollack In Support of Full Funding for a Replacement EC 50+ Center

My name is Nelson Pollack and I have lived in Howard County on Golden Coin Court, Columbia, for the past 45 years.

I am testifying this evening in support of full funding for a *replacement* East Columbia 50+ Center. A replacement is needed because, unlike other Centers, the current EC 50+ Center is not a stand-alone facility. It consists of a small appendage to the East Columbia library and has only three small rooms branching off of a narrow crowded corridor.

Despite its small size, the current facility supports a wide variety of vibrant activities crucial to maintaining the physical, social, and mental quality of life of the entire East Columbia community - not just seniors. A larger facility could support additional critically-needed programs, e.g. the Connections Program, a day care program for memory impaired seniors that also benefits their caregivers ... as well as stopping the log jam as different activities compete for the single meeting room.

The current design is comparable in cost to other county construction projects, but further delays in construction means project would be even more expensive, due to, e.g., increasing building material costs. Given that it will be a Gold Standard LEEDS building, energy operating costs will be substantially lower than similar buildings in the County.

This project is key to maintaining the infrastructure in our county, especially in older more populous areas like East Columbia that are often neglected and over looked.

Construction of a replacement East Columbia 50+ Center is supported by the Howard County senior community, the inter-faith religious community, and many community-service organizations, such as PATH. In fact, 18 months ago, well before COVID, 80 of us senior tai chi'ers, line dancers, card players, artists, turned out on a cold night to demonstrate our commitment to a replacement center at a previous budget hearing.

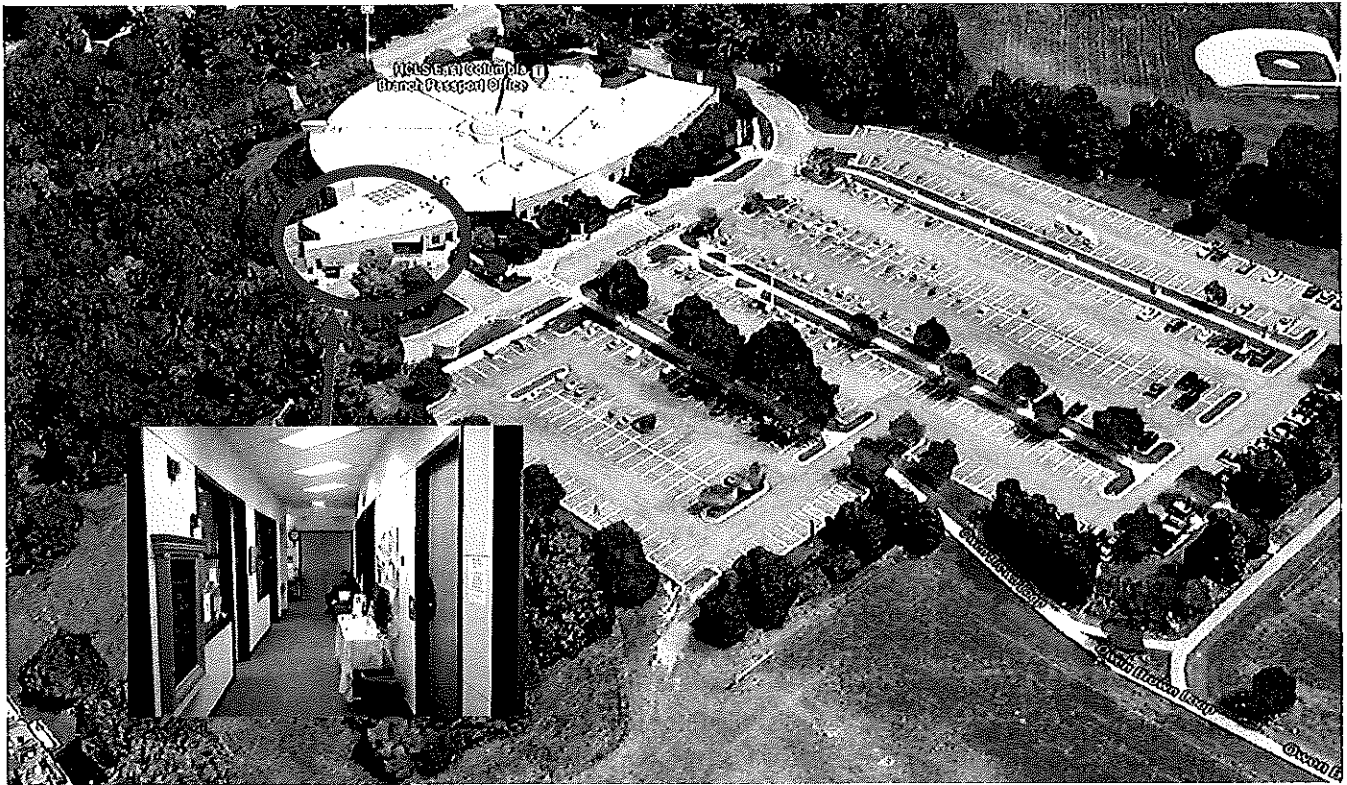
As seniors and taxpayers we are aware of the additional fiscal challenges COVID and other "must pay" items have brought to an already constrained county budget. We are also aware that the American Rescue Plan will provide much needed financial relief to Howard County and ... we are thrilled that that three of were successful in obtaining an additional \$1M state bond.

We are very aware that there are approximately 20,000 registered voters aged 50 and above in each of your districts.

Like many over the past year, we've been cooped up and deprived of close personal relationships ... Now we're vaccinated and ready to take full advantage of a replacement East Columbia 50+ Center as we try to enjoy the remaining years of our lives. Know that we are watching your actions on this matter. ...

Thanks

ATTACHMENT



Current East Columbia 50+ Center

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Harrod, Michelle R  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 7:49 PM  
**To:** Jones, Opel; Jung, Deb; Rigby, Christiana; Walsh, Elizabeth; Yungmann, David  
**Cc:** Sayers, Margery; Wimberly, Theo; Rosen, Lynne; Meyers, Jeff; Gelwicks, Colette; Harris, Michael; Knight, Karen; Royalty, Wendy; Williams, China; Alston, Ashley; Facchine, Felix; Gick, Ginnie; Skalny, Cindy  
**Subject:** FY2022 County Executive Proposed Operating Budget is posted

Council Members,

The FY2022 County Executive Proposed Operating Budget is posted has been posted to the County Website

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=6-T6twBBBcU%3d&tabid=1120&portalid=0>

Thank you,

*Michelle R. Harrod*

Howard County Government  
Administrator to the County Council

410-313-3111 (office)  
443-398-6013 (cell)  
[mrharrod@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:mrharrod@howardcountymd.gov)

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Tanya G Ray <tgray14@live.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 6:43 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support FULL FUNDING for COLUMBIA EAST SENIOR CENTER

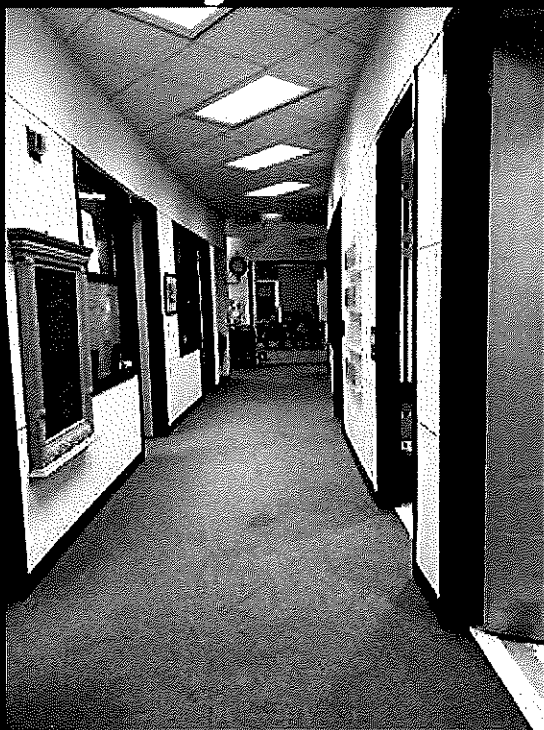
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Members of the Howard County Council,  
I'm asking that you vote to fully support the Columbia East Senior Center 50 + project.

Sincerely,  
Tanya Ray  
9851 Wilderness Lane  
Laurel, MD

# Make Today's Dream Tomorrow's Reality

**Today**



**Tomorrow**



## Fully Fund

## The New East Columbia

*1/3 of HoCo residents are S*



Sent from my iPhone

April 19,2021

Re: Capital Budget: FY2020 proposed

Chair Liz Walsh and members of the County Council:

Here is my testimony on a number of Capital Budget projects. I urge the County Council to support these items.

Have two general questions: given the many amendments to the State Budget prior to its adoption I believe that Program Open Space funding was increased to local jurisdictions but was not able to ascertain the specific amounts. The second question is the State Capital budget approvals for Howard County projects.

My list is not in priority order but rather capital budget order.

C0332 Bus Stop Improvements: No new dollars are proposed but I urge the County Council at ask for a progress report on the 14 bus shelters, 26 ADA pads and how many sidewalk connections have been completed.

C0335 Community Resources and Service Facilities: East Columbia Senior Center supported by \$5.5 million of PAY GO funds and \$1 million grant. I have supported this project since it was proposed in the 2015 Master Plan. I urge you to approve the funding for construction.

C0337 Ellicott City Improvements and Enhancements: A major budget item \$89.8 million that includes \$5.9 PAY GO funds, \$8.8 grants and \$75 million funding from the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act. This funding allows construction of the Maryland Avenue Culvert, the Quaker Mill storm water retention pond, design funding for the North Tunnel and the New Cut and Hudson Branch facilities. Addition streetscape funds\$100,000 is included. Streetscape improvements are important as we arrive at January 2022 and start the celebration of Ellicott City's 250 years celebration.

D1182 Orchard Ridge Drainage Improvements: This is my neighborhood and the issues are severely eroding tributary that runs on both BG&E right of way and neighbor properties. In addition there is run off from County storm water facilities that is causing additional stream erosion. Appreciate the Executive including an additional \$500,000 in the proposed capital budget.

F5976 North Columbia Fire Station. This facility is needed and would front on Route 108. It's location provides emergency and fire protections in an area of the County that is totally dependent on fire stations that are located not only distances away but response- time is impacted by traffic on state and local roads. This project also fulfils a commitment made by the County in approving the Columbia Downtown Plan.

H2011 Micro-surfacing Program and H2014 Road Resurfacing: both of these projects add needed \$600,000 and \$8,1 million of PAY GO. Much needed support.

N3958 Historical Structure Rehabilitation: Bernard Ford House supported by a State Capital grant and transfer tax \$300,000.

N3959 Patapsco Female Institute Site Work. Construction needs to be completed. This will be a highlighted visitor site for the EC 250 Celebration with a dedicated new Victorian garden show casing a student journal from the 1800's.

N 3967 South Branch Park: No new money but the park is now in the Patapsco Heritage Area and the town of Sykesville gave \$50,000 to the County.

N3978 Program Open Space: I believe funding totals have to be adjusted. Suggest that if the Girl Scout, 20acre site on Illichester Road cannot be maintained that the County through Recreation and Parks purchase the space.

Appreciate your attention to my testimony.

Grace Kubofcik  
Ellicott City MD 21043

CC: County Executive Calvin Ball

## D1182 Orchard Ridge Drainage Improvements

My name is Donald Jung, and along with my wife & my 34 year old special needs son, we have lived in Columbia since 1992 at 10723 Cottonwood Way. My son "graduated" from the original Cedar Lane School and his diagnosis is spastic quadriplegia cerebral palsy & he's treated with anti-seizure medications.

**I am in opposition to FY2022 Funding for F5976 FY2018 North Columbia Fire Station** and I wanted to formally put this in writing to be entered into the official record.

A few weeks ago at the end of March, my neighbors told me about this Cedar Lane Park Fire Station. They had just participated in an "Outreach Meeting" saying that Cedar Lane Park East was selected for a Fire Station and converting a second grass field into a turf field with other features that were brand news to them. To top it off, it came across as a "done deal". It didn't make any sense to me so I tried to "reverse engineer" this project - kind of "How did we get here?"

After some research, I believe this Project is a County aberration but as such it could be a Project case study for a Lack of Communications, a Lack of Transparency and a Breakdown in Good Governance Process.

I watched a video of the April 9, 2020 Planning Board on this project as part of last year's FY2021 budget process. During the first hour of that meeting, County staff asked the Planning Board to categorize the Fire Station as a High priority with which the Planning Board had no problem. However, when the staff said the location of the Fire Station was changing to Cedar Lane Park East, there were major concerns and questions from the Planning Board and from citizens' testimony. There were two major issues: no County outreach with the communities at this "new location" and numerous concerns around Route 108. Again, this was April 2020 (one year ago).

Actually, the most interesting part of this video was the Work Session (1:06:42 through 1:29:50). At the Work Session, the Planning Board stated they were not voting on the new site location; they reemphasized the problems with Route 108 and the lack of communications with the communities at the proposed new site on Route 108; and they were not satisfied with the presentation with much more work needed. When the Planning Board motion was heard, **the approved motion was ONLY to designate the project as a High priority.** The motion language stopped there; there was no motion around Cedar Lane Park as the location. Watching and hearing the motion, I don't understand how that motion was interpreted as approval of any site location. The video captured the motion clearly so I would ask that the County or an independent third party review last year's motion.

Now in reading the FY2022 project remarks for this project, it says "the Cedar Lane Park East site currently has been selected". I guess since the error was made last year in mistakenly assuming Cedar Lane Park location was approved; logically it makes sense how it got rolled over into FY2022. Somehow the process broke down last year so I would recommend a review of the project. There are probably some "lessons learned" to ensure this aberration is not repeated.

**Therefore, I am in opposition to the F5976 North Columbia Fire Station project, as currently conceived. There was a breakdown in communications, a breakdown in transparency, and a breakdown in good governance process.**

Thank you,  
Donald Jung  
10723 Cottonwood Way  
Columbia, MD 21044

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Tom Lis <tjlis@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 5:06 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support full funding of East Columbia 50+ Center

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To Members of County Council,

Please vote to support full funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center project.

Sincerely,

Tom Lis  
6387 Open Flower  
Columbia, MD 21045

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**Today**



**Tomorrow**



## Fully Fund

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*1/3 of HoCo residents are 65+*



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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Pearl Thomas <pecroth@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 4:24 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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Dear Members of the County Council,

Please vote to support full funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center. This planned center will enhance the lives of many Howard County residents. As you know a large number of this county's residents are seniors. We have been struggling to get a senior center on the east side of Columbia for some time.

We are seniors who have been residents of this county for 47 years. Please support the construction of the East Columbia 50+ Center by voting to fully fund it! We would appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Pearl and Luther Thomas  
5431 Chatterbird Place  
Columbia, MD. 21045

Sent from my Galaxy

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Norma Broadwater <normafaye71@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 3:39 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Sara Vermillion; Saki; Susan Garber  
**Subject:** FY22 Capital Budget projects in Savage

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Good afternoon, Dr. Ball and County Council.

I am writing in support of the two budget items for FY22 that would impact the Savage area:

- **J4248 Savage Area Complete Streets** (\$775,000 in bond funding is proposed to continue bike and pedestrian improvements along Baltimore St.)
- **N3963 Pathway and Trail Rehab and Expansion** (\$1.075 million in County funding for various improvement projects, including along the Savage Mill Trail)

The Savage community benefits from many pedestrian-friendly areas. I live on Savage Guilford Rd. and work at Carroll Baldwin Hall and Savage Mill. I see a large and diverse array of residents and visitors walking to businesses and walking and biking for exercise while enjoying the unique scenic beauty in and around our town. However, the core of town along Baltimore St. is due for improvements to connect existing sidewalks and make the area safer for pedestrians by widening sidewalks to slow and direct traffic.

(In a similar vein, Savage Guilford Rd. is traversed by numerous residents, including school children walking to and from the elementary and middle schools, and would benefit from traffic-calming and safety-enhancing modifications, such as narrower roads and wider sidewalks with road verges, as well as surface improvements, as soon as is feasible.)

Being a frequent user of the trails in Savage, one of the amenities that drew me to this town, I am also in favor of improvements to trails such as Savage Mill Trail. Specifically, I would like to see additional erosion and drainage control, as well as pedestrian bridges to connect the Savage Mill Trail, the Patuxent Branch Trail, and the trails at Wincopin.

Thank you for your consideration.

Norma Broadwater  
8318 Savage Guilford Rd.

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** ARLENE MINDUS <amindus169480@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 1:31 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Carol Zika  
**Subject:** The New East Columbia 50+ Senior Center

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Dear Council Members,

I have been a resident of Howard County for thirty-eight years and worked in Howard County for forty-five 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.

With that in mind, 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,  
Arlene Mindus  
Retired HCPSS Elementary School Principal  
8961 Skyrock Court  
Columbia, MD 21046

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**From:** Sara Vermillion - President <president@carrollbaldwinhall.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 12:12 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Rigby, Christiana; Gelwicks, Colette  
**Subject:** CBMI testimony for Howard County FY22 Capital Budget projects

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April 19, 2021

Howard County Council Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify as you consider projects for the Howard County FY22 Capital Budget. On behalf of the Carroll Baldwin Memorial Institute (CBMI), I would like to voice support for two projects that would benefit the Savage community.

**J4248 Savage Area Complete Streets** CBMI appreciates the progress made in improving streets and sidewalks in Savage. The traffic circle and sidewalk improvements near Savage Mill have succeeded in slowing vehicle traffic and protecting pedestrians. Unfortunately, it seems more like "Incomplete Streets" at this point. For example, one of the busiest intersections in Savage at Baltimore and Foundry Streets does not have designated crosswalks. Savage residents and their dogs frequently stroll and run along the sidewalks and in Baldwin Common and Savage Park. Baltimore and Foundry Streets are on primary bike routes. Unfortunately, drivers also use those streets as a short cut to avoid the traffic on Route 1. These drivers often seem more interested in speed rather than the safety of pedestrians or cyclists. Traffic-calming devices, crosswalks, navigable sidewalks, and other safety measures to protect pedestrians and bicyclists throughout the entire historic Savage area are needed to make this a truly "Complete Streets" project.

**N3963 Pathway and Trail Rehab and Expansion Baldwin Hall** has consistently encouraged and sponsored events for residents and visitors to explore the natural beauty of the trails near Savage and neighboring communities. It has been good to see trails getting even more use during COVID-19. This project would provide the care and attention needed to maintain and improve this precious resource.

Sincerely,

Sara Vermillion  
President  
Carroll Baldwin Memorial Institute

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**From:** Sarah Cooke <sarahthecooke@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 11:08 AM  
**To:** Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail; Jung, Deb  
**Cc:** SaveCedarLanePark@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Cedar Lane Park - proposed fire station

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Dear Dr Ball,

Please consider alternative locations for the proposed fire station at Cedar Lane Park. This will negatively impact the local wildlife, which have already been uprooted and disturbed by the local stream restoration project. There are many pollinators, birds, bunnies, chipmunks, a few fox families, etc and even a small herd of deer that moves through on a daily basis which are lovely to watch and we want to protect them. Also, Rt 108 is already one of the busiest one-lane highways in the area, especially the portion being considered, and adding even more development would cause lots of traffic-related issues. My family lives in the Beaverbrook neighborhood and this road is our main one, so we experience this first hand. In addition, Cedar Lane Park is well-loved by the local residents and utilized in various ways - placing a fire station there would hinder that usage and enjoyment greatly. The walking trails throughout the established neighborhoods to, around and from the park are lovely, safe and peaceful, and always have families exploring them, older couples taking strolls, young people walking their dogs, etc. Cedar Lane Park is a treat for so many reasons; please don't add a fire station here.

It's important to add that we respect and appreciate our firefighters and want to support them, but are hopeful that an alternative location can be found that would cause less impact to the land, the park, the traffic, the animal inhabitants and the neighborhood folks.

Thank you,  
Sarah Cooke



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**From:** Augusto Martinez <ajmartinez9789@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 11:02 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Project D1164 in the HOCO Executive's capital budget for Howard EcoWorks'

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April 19th, 2021

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. 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.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Augusto J. Martinez  
9546 Michaels Way  
Ellicott City, MD 21042



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**April 20, 2021**

**Testimony from the Oakland Mills Community Association, Jonathan Edelson, Board Chair; Education Committee Chair**

**Presented to the Howard County Council for the FY22 Capital Budget Public Hearing on Education**

Good evening and thank you for this opportunity to discuss the Howard County Public School System's capital budget. I would like to start by thanking you for your continued support of the new Talbott Springs Elementary School. This has been a journey which will culminate in a new beginning for the Talbott Springs Elementary School students, staff, administrators, and the entire community. It's exciting to see construction progress on the new school, and we can't wait to fill the halls with young students who will experience the amazing opportunity to engage in learning in a safe, new, state-of-the-art school environment! Thank you for supporting this effort.

Now, I have to move on to a less happy topic. HCPSS is constantly behind in funding deferred maintenance to the point that long-overdue projects basically fall off the charts with tens or even hundreds of millions of dollars of necessary health and safety maintenance projects being neglected. Talbott Springs was neglected so long that it became more cost-effective to demolish it rather than renovate and expand it. We are very concerned that both Oakland Mills High School and Oakland Mills Middle School are headed down the same path.

Oakland Mills High School has nearly \$111,000,000 in deferred maintenance costs, according to data obtained from school system leadership. This unfathomable number equates to health and safety repairs—including replacing an HVAC system that the school system concluded could no longer support an environment conducive to learning. This number also equates to more than the cost of some entirely new school buildings. Currently, Oakland Mills High is NOT EVEN in the HCPSS ten-year capital improvement plan. The community finds this unconscionable. All HCPSS school buildings must provide a safe and healthy learning environment. The combination of deferred maintenance at Oakland Mills High School and Oakland Mills Middle School equals twenty percent of the

overall deferred maintenance costs for all HCPSS Schools. I will skip the details, but please refer to the addenda we are providing with our testimony. While I know the school system has not asked you for funds to address these aging and sub-standard facilities, I am asking you to ask them why these buildings continue to be neglected while newer buildings receive upgrades and renovations.

These schools serve a diverse population of students, including much higher-than-average proportions of students from underrepresented racial, ethnic, and economic backgrounds, who like all other students in the County deserve a healthy and safe school. For many students, the school is their “safe place,” but sadly the infrastructure can no longer provide an equitable environment. During Board of Education redistricting deliberations in 2019, a member commented that the new High School #13 should not open with 45 percent of its students receiving free and reduced meals. A higher proportion of students receive free and reduced meals at Oakland Mills High and Oakland Mills Middle. Are we saying that Howard County prioritizes its nicest and newest facilities for only students from select backgrounds?

This is a serious issue that needs serious attention and commitment of future collaboration between the county and the school system to ensure certain schools are not forgotten. We also ask that the County continue to work with HCPSS and our state delegates to ensure that ALL schools meet the same health and safety standards and provide modern amenities to students regardless of their backgrounds.

| Location                      | Last Replaced | Project Description                                                   | Year Deferred | Total Deferred Operating Cost | Total Deferred Capital Cost |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 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 |
|-------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 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                 |
|                   |               |                                                                                                      |               | \$1,470,000<br>OPERATING      | \$803,919,000<br>CAPITAL    |
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**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)                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                  |

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** s v <savoith@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 9:32 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Please vote for the New East Columbia 50+ Center

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**Tomorrow's Reality**

**Today** **Tomorrow**



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

James and Sandra Voith

Forest Avenue  
Hanover, MD



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Laura Pasternak <laura@yourmarketpoint.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 9:15 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support for project D1164

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Dear Howard County Council Members:

This letter is in **support of project D1164** in the Howard County Executive's capital budget for Howard EcoWorks' workforce development and environmental programming. I continue to be impressed by the high level of impact Howard EcoWorks has in the community and its collaborative nature working in partnership with the County and other community organizations committed to workforce development and environmental sustainability in our region.

Howard EcoWorks supports 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. These efforts have direct benefits to the 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 in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Laura

**Laura Pasternak**  
Principal

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**From:** Lois Fiord <lvfiore@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 8:25 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Full Funding of East Columbia 50+ Center Project

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To members of the County Council,

Please vote to support full funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center project.

Sincerely,

Lois and Mike Fiore

Sent from my iPad

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Jill Bartos <jillbartos@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 7:56 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support Full Funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center

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*To Members of the County Council,*

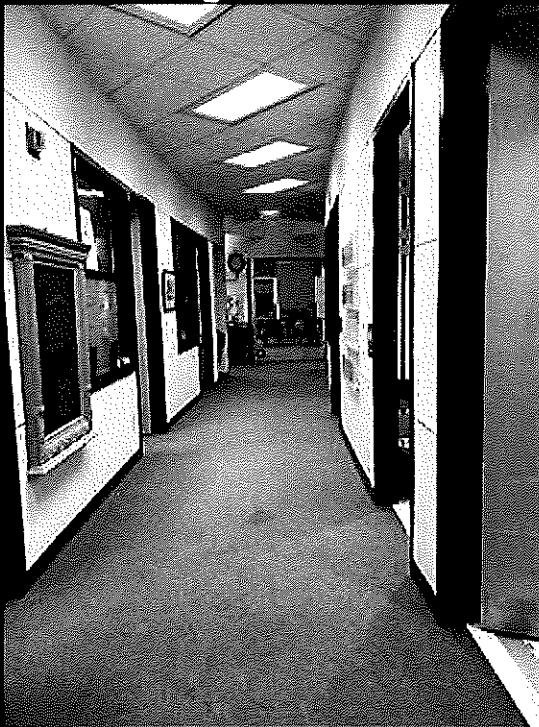
*Please vote to support full funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center project!*

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*Sincerely,*

*Jill Bartos*

*7916 Red Jacket Way, Jessup, MD 20794*

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**From:** jackie rose <pishnicki@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 7:49 AM  
**To:** Calvinball@howardcounty.gov; CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David  
**Subject:** Proposed Changes to Cedar Lane Park

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Calvin Ball the Howard County Council

April 16, 2021

Why are you as a County Council being asked to rush to review and perhaps to vote on a plan that does not appear to have been done with due process? Many, almost all, of the neighbors I have spoken to are unaware of these proposed changes to Cedar Lane Park. There has been only one zoom meeting that some residents were invited to attend, and all did not get the chance to speak. I would like to have a full disclosure of how the proposed site was selected, and what has been done to ensure due process.

Apparently, there was a meeting between the Harper's Choice Village Board (HCVB) in March of 2020, the beginning of the Covid pandemic. That information was NOT disseminated to Longfellow or other neighborhoods and businesses, either by the County or the HCVB. In this year of Covid, when everything has been delayed, is this the time to circumvent due process? Who gains from this?

What are the reasons that this site was chosen? Certainly not traffic flow, as the area on Route 108 from Harper's Farm Road to Centennial Lane gets tied up daily, often backing up traffic on Eliot's Oak Road; County Police are already having to help with the flow of traffic in this area.

Eliot's Oak Road is a main connection to a gym, a college, a hospital, an elementary school, and the Longfellow Community, and has a heavy traffic flow. For this reason, the County saw fit to put in speed humps. Why place a Fire Station so close to a connecting road with speed humps, which will slow down emergency vehicles?

What area is the Fire Station going to be serving after the new Downtown Station is complete?

Why does this plan take land from a well-used county park? Was not the Cedar Lane Park land purchased as PARKLAND? Does not taking away parkland on the eastern side of Howard County go against the 2030 Growth Plan proposed by Howard County?

What impact does this plan have on the surrounding businesses, mosque, and neighborhood? Will the pros outweigh the cons?

The pros and cons, as I see it, and points for your consideration, are as follows.

### PROS

- We will have a Fire Station close by
- Pickleball players will be happy and will have a place to play, and
- The County will have another field with greater potential for County revenue.

### CONS

- A grazing field for a farm in a 75-year Conservancy is less than a quarter mile away from the new Station

- A veterinary business that boards animals both sick and well is less than a quarter mile away from the proposed Fire Station
- Residential property value and, in turn, property tax assessments, will be diminished by the proposed lighting, extended hours, and speaker system for the field upgrades. People with small children, as well as seniors wanting to purchase affordable single-family homes, will be turned off by the sound and lights blaring until 10:30 at night. These changes will initially affect those close by, and will ultimately diminish the community of Longfellow as a whole.
- Longfellow is a “Neighborhood”, and a great place to raise a family. It is the home of the “Longfellow Friends of the Traditional Fourth” parade, the longest-running parade in Howard County. It is also one of the oldest Columbia neighborhoods, and one of the most active communities in Howard County. These proposed changes will greatly affect the community feel.
- The proposed use of “Astroturf” on the field will negate the use of the field by youth, as medical studies have shown that “Astroturf” is 58% more responsible for injuries than natural grass turf to youth. The field is currently used by both youth football and soccer leagues. (Figures are based on a study of high school injuries, done by University Hospitals, an affiliate of the Cleveland Clinic.)

As someone looking to move into, or to stay in Howard County, one would have to consider the commitment of government to Open Space and county residents, if these changes are approved in an area surrounded by homes, businesses, and existing traffic congestion.

Sincerely

Jacqueline A. Maier Rose  
5010 Eliots Oak Rd.

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**From:** Zacharia Fisch <ozfisch@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 1:15 AM  
**To:** Ball, Calvin  
**Cc:** CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David  
**Subject:** North Columbia Fire Station F5976 at Cedar Lane Park East

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Dr. Calvin Ball, county Executive,

Howard county Maryland

3430 courthouse drive

Ellicott city, Maryland 21043

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.

10863 Beech Creek Drive

Columbia MD 21044

(C) (410) 371-5748

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** larcar4@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 18, 2021 9:07 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Please support full funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center

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Dear Members of the County Council:

I am writing to ask you to please vote to support full funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center. I have written several times before, and attended many of the budget hearings where seniors have spoken in support of the project.

You will perhaps note that I live in Harper's Choice, not East Columbia, but I have attended classes in East Columbia for many years; I can attest to the fact that it is extremely small for all the activity that goes on there. The situation can only grow worse as the already large senior population in Howard County will continue to increase. I can also attest to the fact that this project will benefit all Howard County seniors, not just those living in East Columbia.

Please remember that over 90% of seniors vote, and we are all concerned about this project. It is extremely important for all the Council to vote to allow work to continue this year.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Arena  
5033 Broken Oak Lane  
Columbia, Md 21044

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** allison korn <allisonkorn@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 18, 2021 8:42 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Written Testimony for the 4/20/21 Budget Hearing

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To Members of the County Council:

I have been a resident of Howard County for 35 years and (pre-pandemic) have been using the East Columbia 50+ Center nearly 5 times a week for nearly 14 years. I am writing to ask for full funding to replace the woefully inadequate Center.

Seniors are one of the fastest growing groups in Howard County; the 65+ 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 particularly in this section of the county. Of special note, 35% of EC 50+ users live alone and 7% have incomes below poverty levels. This a population that needs expanded programs and services.

This is not a frivolous project, and it has been deferred long enough. Seniors who use the East Columbia 50+ Center have watched beautiful 50+ facilities being built or renovated elsewhere the county. These facilities are spacious with dedicated fitness and art spaces, abundant meeting rooms, and other wonderful features. Now it is time for this inequity to be rectified-- East Columbia must catch up to the rest of the county. This shovel ready project should have priority. Further delays will mean the project inevitably will cost more—we need County Council approval NOW. As we have said before and will say again, aging seniors really cannot wait. Please do not find your budget cuts on the backs of the senior population. Please fund this much needed 50+ Center!

Sincerely,

Allison Korn

6550 Carlinda Avenue

Columbia 21046



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Claire Femiano <cfemiano@fastmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 18, 2021 7:33 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Written testimony on FY 2022 capital budget

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Dear Council Members,

Please put the \$5.5 million additional monies into the FY 2022 capital budget to fully fund a replacement 50+ Center in East Columbia.

We all agree that this is a challenging year and that difficult fiscal decisions must be made. But this project - a replacement for an inadequate and outdated senior facility- has been 10 years in the planning and long overdue.

It is simply wrong to ask the elderly residents to wait patiently while other projects are deemed " more important". Having already slashed the Center funds and the project halted completely last year, you are unfairly asking seniors to bear the burden of fiscal restraint and sacrifice their needs again.

You're also asking the East Columbia community and seniors to be patient and wait again when they are not only a populous area of our County but one of great need too. 7% of the current East Columbia 50+ users have incomes below the poverty level!

This is one of the best uses of public money. A member of the Howard County Planning Board deemed it one of the best civic projects - in concept, design and planning - that he ever approved. It will benefit such a wide variety of residents- not just seniors.

Please, fully fund the replacement of the East Columbia 50+ Center NOW. Finally.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Femiano  
3404 Font Hill Drive  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

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Claire Femiano  
cfemiano@fastmail.com

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Carolyn Savadkin <csavadkin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 18, 2021 5:16 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** allisonkorn@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Support full funding of the East Columbia 50+center

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To the members of the County Council:  
Please support full funding of the East Columbia 50+ center.  
Thankyou,  
Carolyn Savadkin  
7411 Hickory Log Circle  
Columbia 21045

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**From:** Angelica Hand <panchita4@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 18, 2021 4:41 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support Full Funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center

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

*Sincerely,*

*Angelica Hand*

*8901 Brauerton Rd #208*

*Ellicott City, MD 21043*

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**From:** ROBIN WHITAKER <rweditor@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 18, 2021 4:20 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support Full Funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center

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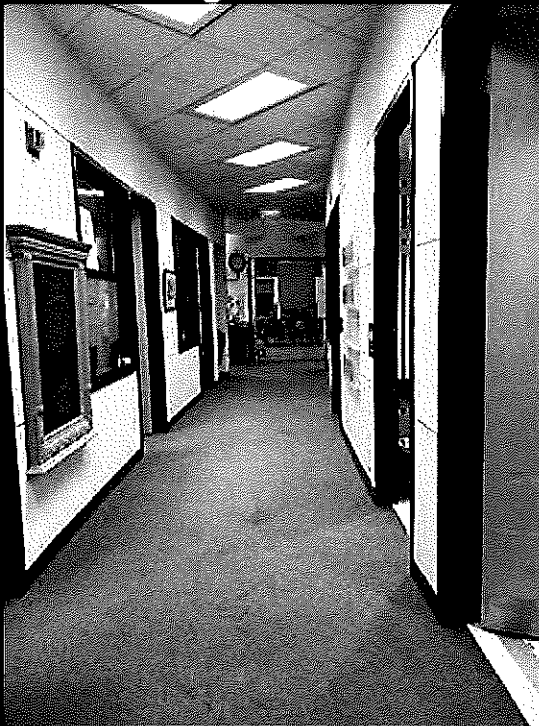


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*To Members of the County Council,*

*Please vote to support full funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center project! Seniors in East Columbia deserve resources equitable to those that others have in this county, and be assured that we will make good use of them.*

*Sincerely,*

*Robin Whitaker*

*7382 Broken Staff*

*Columbia, MD 21045*

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Rosemarybrowne <rosemarybrowne@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 18, 2021 12:29 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** 50+ center needed

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To all our Council Members :

I have attended classes, etc in the other VERY IMPRESSIVE

50+ centers in Howard County and I think that it is only right that people who have **lived, worked and volunteered for over 40 years in this area** should be denied a center where they can continue to work and volunteer!

VOTE the center into reality!

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**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Linda Eisenberg <eisenbhouse@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 18, 2021 11:46 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support Full Funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center

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Make the new East Columbia 50+ Center a reality. Please vote to support full funding.

Linda Eisenberg  
10417 Blue Arrow Court  
Columbia, MD 21044

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**Today** **Tomorrow**

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

**Sayers, Margery**

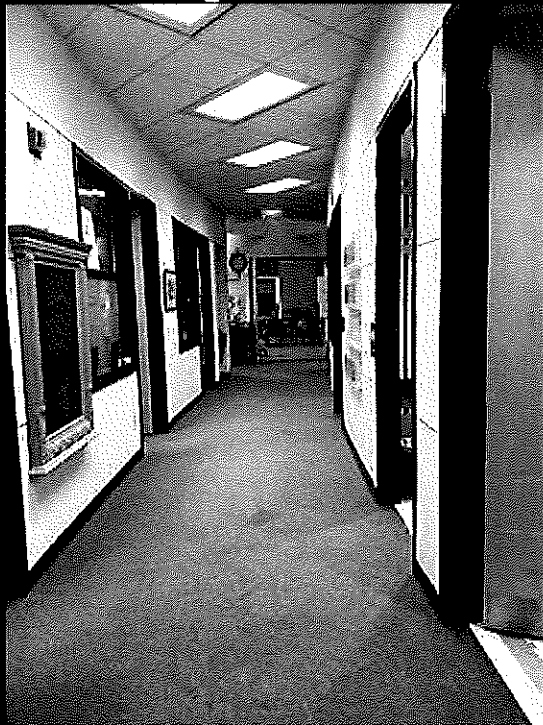
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**From:** ARLENE MINDUS <amindus169480@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 18, 2021 11:29 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Carol Zika; Allison Korn  
**Subject:** The New East Columbia 50+ Center

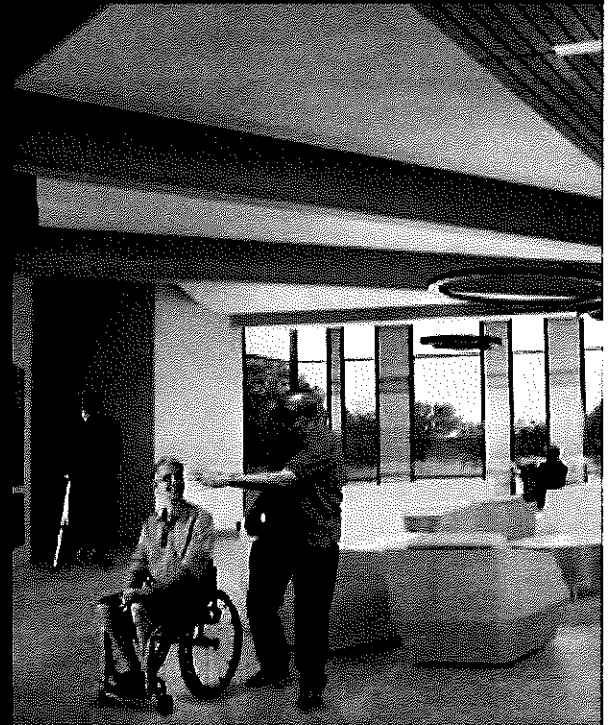
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Dear Council Members,

I have been a resident of Howard County for thirty-eight years. 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.

With that in mind, 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,

Arlene Mindus

Retired HCPSS Elementary School Principal



**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** john slater <jbs4993@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 18, 2021 11:05 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Allison Korn  
**Subject:** East Columbia 50+ Center - Pease SUPPORT  
**Attachments:** post card 50+.png

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I Have been a resident in Howard County since 1971 and I use the existing East Columbia 50+ Center on a regular basis and I find it inadequate. There is no reason why the EAST SIDE of Columbia should be short changed any longer.

We pay Howard County Taxes and we pay The CA lien. We deserve this facility. I've taken classes at the Gary Arthur Center in Glenelg so I know what a good center looks like.

Please support a fully funded East Columbia 50+ Center!!!s

Thank you.

John

John Slater  
4637 Willowgrove Drive  
Dorsey Search  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Pat Harman <patonsunset@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 18, 2021 9:23 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support Fill Funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center

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*To Members of the County Council,*

*Please vote to support full funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center project!*

*Sincerely,  
Pat Harman  
Ellicott City, MD*

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**The New East Columbia 50+ Center**  
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**From:** JOHN DI TOMASSO <johndit@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 11:22 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** fflowpresti@gmail.com  
**Subject:** East Columbia 50+ Center

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

Sincerely,  
John DiTomasso  
9448 Farewell Rd.  
Columbia, MD. 21045  
410 730 3071

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**From:** Michael Femiano <mfemiano@fastmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 5:42 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support Full Funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center

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Council Members -

Please vote to support the funding for this project - it is most important to us "seniors" . And it's long overdue!

Thanks,

Michael Femiano

3405 Font Hill Dr. Ellicott City Md 21042





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**From:** James Halcomb <jazzfmly@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 2:46 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support Full Funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center

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To Members of the County Council,

Please vote to support full funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center project! I frequently went to the Bain Center before the pandemic and enjoyed the offerings there, but it would be wonderful to have something like that in our neighborhood. It's time to fund and build it.

Sincerely,  
Marcia Halcomb  
34 year resident of Owen Brown

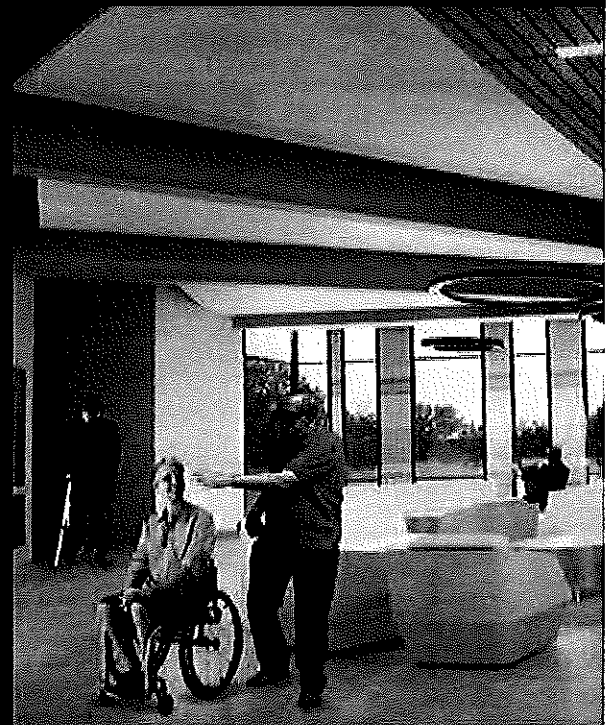
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**From:** Georgina Harding <georgina.r.harding1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 10:31 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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**From:** Thomasina Hebron <tmhebron22@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 16, 2021 9:29 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support Full Funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center

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

*Sincerely,  
Tammy Hebron  
9432 Ridgeview Dr  
Columbia, MD 20146  
301.518.6768*



**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Kathleen O <korrson@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 16, 2021 6:39 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Please find East Columbia 50+

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**Today**



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## The New East Columbia 50+ Center

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Kathleen Orrson,  
443-472-6835

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Betty Myers <bettymyers@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 16, 2021 1:08 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Fwd: Last Chance to Push for 50+ Center

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Dear Council members,

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*

[www.willowbrookpainters.com](http://www.willowbrookpainters.com)

[willowbrookpainters.com/artists/betty-h-myers-2/](http://willowbrookpainters.com/artists/betty-h-myers-2/)

*My garden is my most beautiful masterpiece. -Claude Monet*

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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** osirid@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dennis Johnson  
<osirid@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 16, 2021 11:42 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,  
Dennis Johnson  
6408 Snowman Ct Columbia, MD 21045-4430 osirid@yahoo.com

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** brian.a.anleu@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brian Anleu  
<brian.a.anleu@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 16, 2021 11:10 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Brian Anleu  
6408 Snowman Ct Columbia, MD 21045-4430 brian.a.anleu@gmail.com



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** marvis.ross@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marvis Ross  
<marvis.ross@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 8:41 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,  
Marvis Ross  
8610 Secret Waves Way Columbia, MD 21045-5943 marvis.ross@gmail.com

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Gick, Ginnie  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 3:24 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Cc:** Williams, China  
**Subject:** FW: Support for Replacement East Columbia 50+ Center

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

**From:** allan <alohaus@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 14, 2021 8:52 PM  
**To:** Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** Support for Replacement 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.]

Deb--- I urge your support for this budget item

Thanking you and best regards,  
Allan Lohaus

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Gick, Ginnie  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 3:23 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Cc:** Williams, China  
**Subject:** FW: East Columbia 50+ Center

**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,

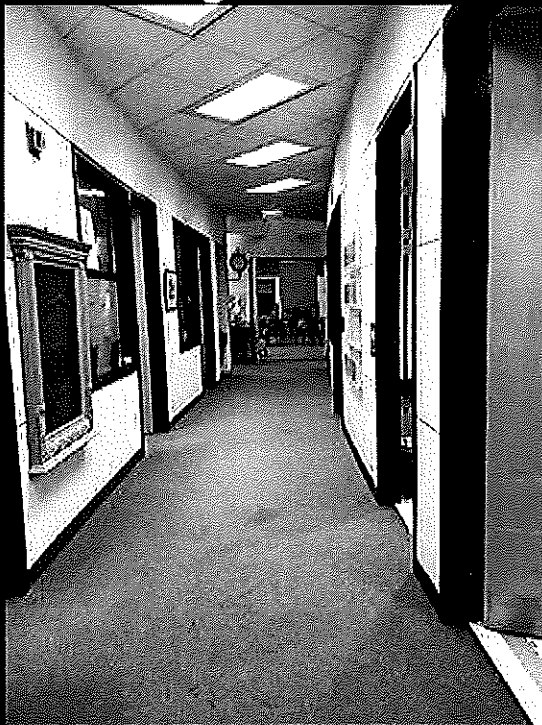
We are hoping to pass this time. Here's the info below. We REALLY need this and would appreciate your support. Thank you so much!



# Make Today's Dream

# Tomorrow

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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

**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:** wortmanwj@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Warren Wortman  
<wortmanwj@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 3:16 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Preserve \$5.37 Million in County Funds for Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects in FY 2022  
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Warren Wortman  
5215 Patriot Ln Columbia, MD 21045-1902 wortmanwj@yahoo.com



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** dom femiano <domfemiano@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 3:12 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Fully Fund East Columbia 50+ Center

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I am a constituent in District 5 and I would like to see this center fully funded.

Thank You

Dominic Femiano

14702 Triadelphia Road, Glenelg Md. 21737

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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Carole Graves <carolegth64@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 2:46 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** East Columbia 50 plus center

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I encourage you to fully fund the expansion of the above Center. I am 76 years old and have used the existing center to great benefit. The facilities are small and dated and heavily used. An expanded center would benefit me and my many senior neighbors. It would be a quality of life improvement for seniors and add to the reputation of the community as a superior place to live.

Thank you.

Carole Graves  
6470 Sewells Orchard Dr  
Columbia, MD 21045

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** alice morgan <alicegatormorgan@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 1:18 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support full funding for the East Columbia 50+Center

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**From:** Karen Stewart <kystewart41@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 1:07 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support Full Funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center

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Members of the County Council:

Please vote to support full funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center.

Sincerely,

John Stewart

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**From:** Carmen <cmortiz3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 12:17 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support Full Funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center

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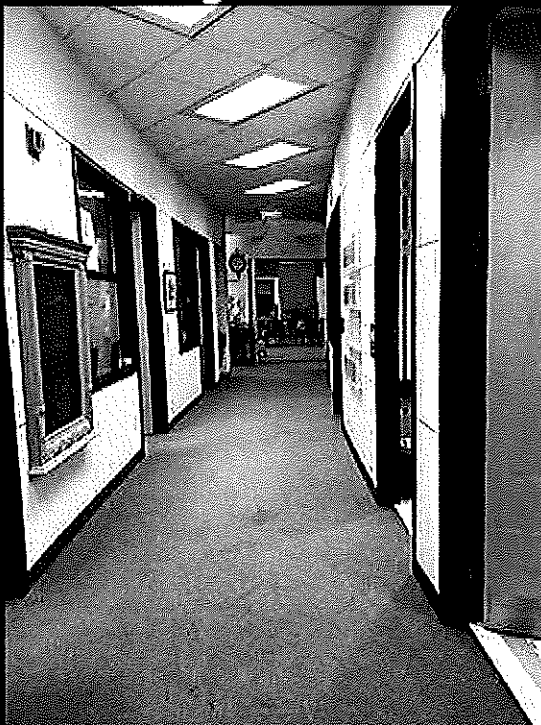
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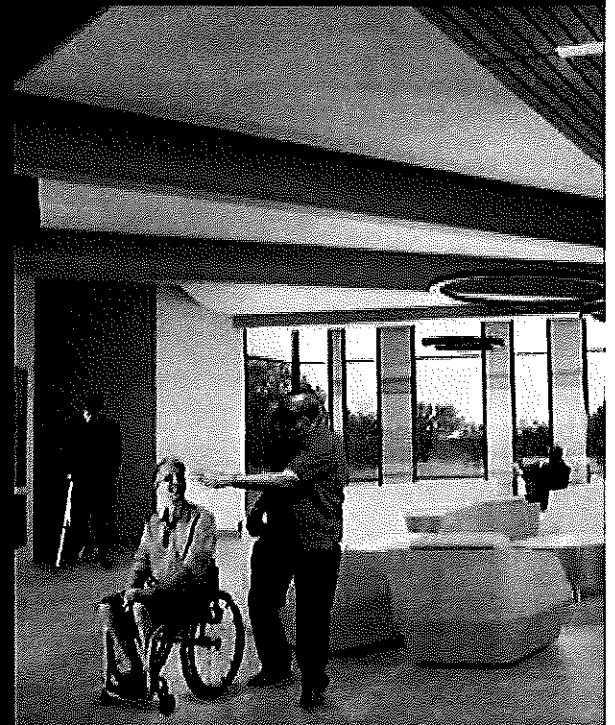
Carmen and Rafael Ortiz  
6602 Windsor Court  
Columbia, MD 21044

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**From:** rauerb@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ruth Auerbach  
<rauerb@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 12:07 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 am an avid biker and walker in my community. I often use my bike to commute to work and to do errands. Improvements in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure are needed to make more people comfortable biking and walking in Howard County. My colleagues in my office have mentioned that they would consider biking to work, but they don't feel comfortable biking on some of the roads.

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.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Ruth Auerbach  
9455 Clocktower Ln Columbia, MD 21046-1888 rauerb@gmail.com

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**From:** Gloria Robb <glomae711@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 11:52 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** East Columbia 50+ Center

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Members of the County Council,  
Please vote to support full funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center.  
It is much appreciated.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Ernest Robb  
6290 Setting Star  
Columbia , Md.  
21045

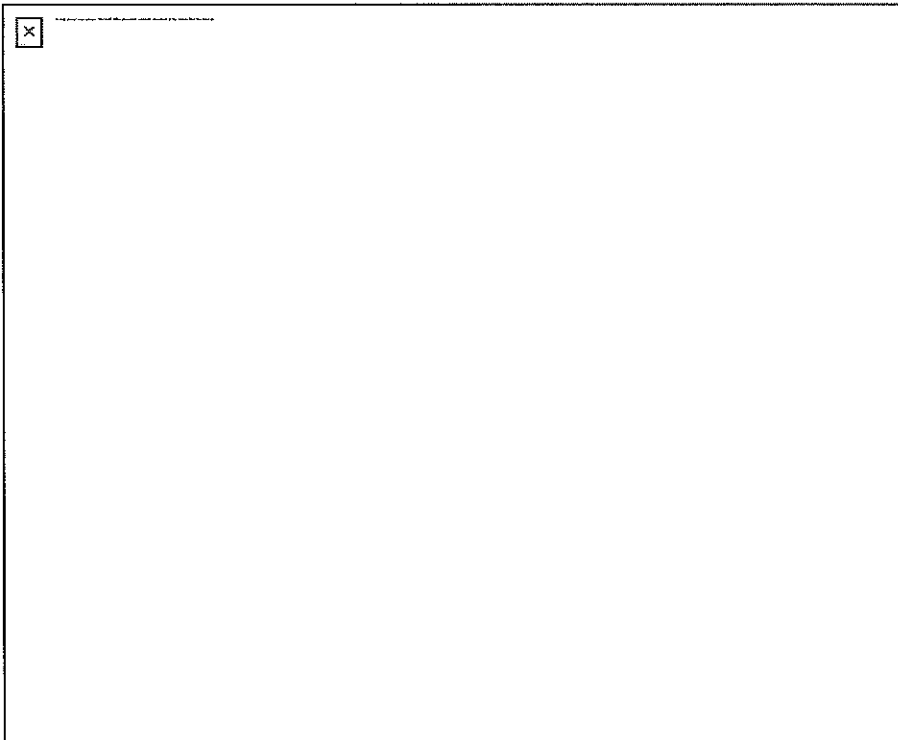
**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Jennifer Hankin <jennsuhank@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 11:45 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Fully Fund the New East Columbia 50+ Center

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



Thanks,  
Jennifer Hankin

Hobbit's Glen, Columbia, MD

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Jennifer Hankin  
[jennsuhank@gmail.com](mailto:jennsuhank@gmail.com)



**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** ROC <Raisaotero@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 11:27 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support Full Funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center

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To Members of the County Council,

Please vote to support full funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center project!

Sincerely,  
Raisa Otero-Cesario  
5138 Durham Rd W  
Columbia, MD 21044

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**From:** Brenda Prater <brendamac8711@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 11:10 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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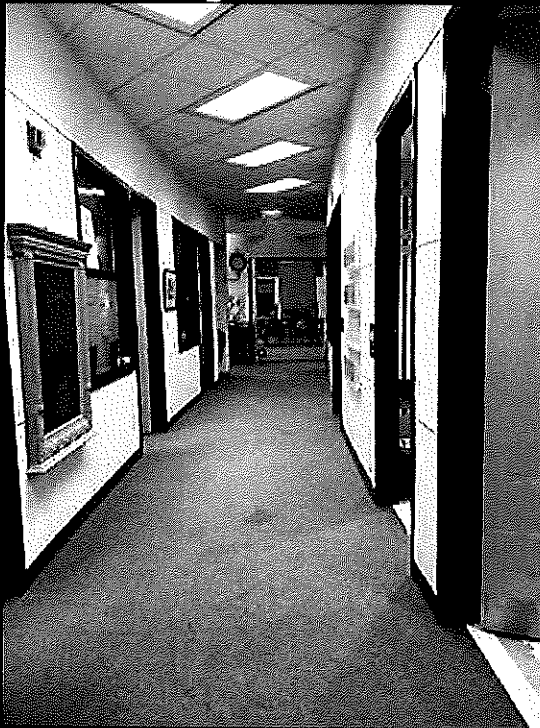
Please vote to support full funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center Project.

I support full funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center project. We seniors deserve renovation of our center.

Sincerely,  
Brenda Prater  
8711 Hayshed Ln. #22  
Columbia, MD 21045

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**From:** bjohnson1000@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 11:05 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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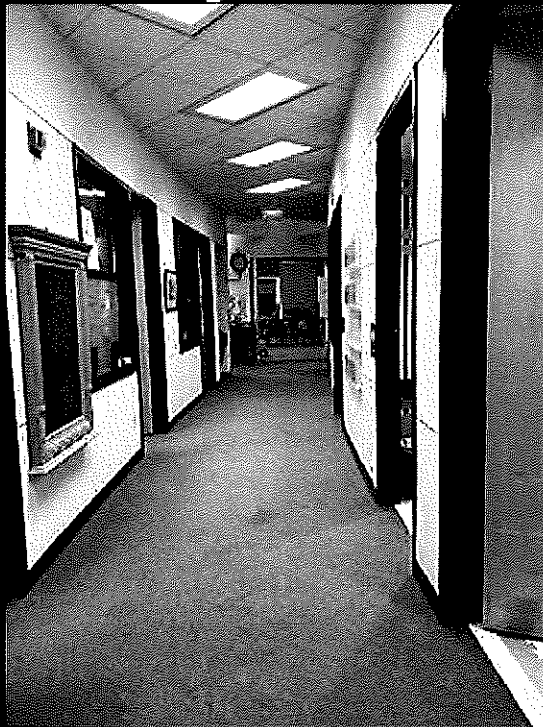
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Thank,you,

Beverly Johnson  
6156 camelback Lane Columbia,  
MD 21045

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Carolyn Zimmerman <zimmercm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 10:37 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support Full Funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center

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*To Members of the County Council,*

*Please vote to support full funding of the East Columbia 50+ Center project!*

*Sincerely,  
Mark and Carolyn Zimmerman  
Village Owen Brown  
6679 Drowsy Day  
Columbia, MD 21045*

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Carolyn M. Zimmerman