

Sayers, Margery

From: Nora Goldstein <norangoldie@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 4:51 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Camp Ilchester

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Dear Council members,

I support the County purchasing Camp Ilchester from GSCM. Please ensure the necessary funds are included in the capital budget.

Sincerely,
Nora Goldstein
Columbia MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Cheryl Arney <cherylarney@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 2:36 PM
To: CouncilMail; Cheryl Arney; Walsh, Elizabeth
Subject: Please include funding to purchase the Girls Scouts' "Camp Ilchester"

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I'm in County Council District 1, but I decided to email all members of the Council.

I'm writing to ask the Council to include funding to purchase the "Girl Scout Day Camp on Ilchester Road" in the County's 2022-2023 budget. My daughter was a Girl Scout and attended many events at Camp Ilchester. it's a beautiful piece of wooded property and holds many pleasant memories for our family. Having the County own it will open this natural beauty spot to the entire County -- how wonderful! To make County Executive Ball's agreement to purchase the property for \$6 million a reality, I'm asking the County Council to FUND IT! Parks are in more demand than ever, and all those trees on the property sequester carbon to mitigate climate change. The property provides an ideal ecosystem for many species. What a wonderful opportunity to preserve it forever.

Cheryl Arney
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Ellicott City MD 21042
cherylarney@gmail.com
410-480-9609

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From: Baker, Kevin
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 12:05 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Girl Scout Camp Ilchester

Testimony about Camp Ilchester money in the capital budget.

From: Bruce Penn <brucepenn2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 8:25 AM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Girl Scout Camp Ilchester

Dear Ms. Walsh,

I am requesting that you approve the funding for the purchase of this property, to preserve the open space for current residents and future Howard County generations. It would seem to be a rare opportunity and one that will only get more difficult to take advantage of as land values escalate.

Thanks for your consideration,

Bruce Penn
2253 Daniels Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21043

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From: no-reply@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 9:02 AM
To: clperks@icloud.com
Subject: District 5 - Camp ilchester

First Name: Cynthia

Last Name: Perks

Email: clperks@icloud.com

Street Address: 12193 Lime Kiln Rd

City: Fulton

Subject: Camp ilchester

Message: I'm contacting you to express my support for funding the purchase of Camp Ilchester. My daughters attended and worked at this camp for over a decade. This is one of their best experiences as Girl Scouts as well as attending Earth Day and other events there. While we are saddened to see it sold, the best outcome would be open space for the county that can be enjoyed by the community. It's a very special place especially with the Carlin Dunbar Nature Center. Please support this funding

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From: no-reply@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 8:34 AM
To: nadine.bernard@comcast.net
Subject: District 4 - girl scout camp

First Name: Nadine
Last Name: Bernard
Email: nadine.bernard@comcast.net
Street Address: 8676 Doves Fly Way
City: Laurel, MD
Subject: girl scout camp

Message: As per the Sierra Club, my understanding is an area on Ilchester Road would be purchased and used for nature activities. The area has quite a bit of infill development and some relief from nature would be great. As long as it can't be bought secondarily by developers in the near future.

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From: Tanja Webber <tanja.webber@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 23, 2022 7:07 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Camp Ilchester

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I support the County purchasing Camp Ilchester from GSCM. Please ensure the necessary funds are included in the capital budget.

Thank you,
Tanja Brown Webber
5312 Tims Ct
Ellicott City, MD 21043

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From: Eileen Brewer <eileenbunny@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2022 4:46 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Camp Ilchester

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To Whom It May Concern,

I support the County purchasing Camp Ilchester from GSCM. Please ensure the necessary funds are included in the capital budget.

Sincerely,

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Eileen Brewer

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eileenbunny@gmail.com

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From: Dan Brewer <phloon@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2022 4:46 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Purchase of Camp Ilchester

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To Whom It May Concern, I support the County purchasing Camp Ilchester from GSCM. Please ensure the necessary funds are included in the capital budget. Sincerely,

Dan Brewer

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From: Kristen Legge <kristenrider@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2022 3:10 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Purchase of Camp Ilchester

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Good Afternoon,

Our family supports the County purchase of Camp Ilchester from GSCM. Please ensure the necessary funds are included in the capital budget. This space is a treasure for our community.

Sincerely,

Kristen Legge

7112 Layton Ct.

Elkridge, MD 21075

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From: Steve Cooperstein <scooperstein@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2022 1:44 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Camp Ilchester

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Good afternoon.

I was very relieved and pleased to hear that Howard County and Girl Scouts of Central Maryland reached an agreement on the purchase of the camp. This open space area absolutely needs to remain as a natural area for the county.

The purpose of my letter is to express my support for this purchase, and to urge the County Council to make the necessary appropriations to purchase the Camp Ilchester property quickly as agreed upon. This is critical for so many reasons, and I hope there is no delay in 'writing the check' to complete this process.

Thank you
-Steven Cooperstein
8422 Mitzy Ln, Ellicott City, MD 21043

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From: Mary Zagar Brown <mzbrown@me.com>
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2022 11:33 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for purchase of Camp Ilchester

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I am writing to express my support for the purchase of Camp Ilchester by Howard County and ask that it be included in the county budget. I grew up in Howard County and now have two Girl Scout daughters. Camp Ilchester has always been a staple of scouting in Howard County and is one of the few places children can go in the county to learn how to safely build a campfire. I am so thankful that the county made an offer on this property and I hope it can continue to be a place to learn outdoor skills and enjoy nature far into the future.

-Mary Brown, Ellicott City resident and Girl Scout Leader

Sayers, Margery

From: Fred Berko <fredberko@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2022 10:32 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Funding for Bicyclist and Pedestrian Improvements

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Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for the increased funding proposed for bicycling and pedestrian improvement projects. This is long overdue and will benefit all the citizens of Howard County, whether one cycles or not. People with disabilities and senior citizens, a long-neglected but growing segment of our community, will especially benefit from the many proposed improvements.

Thank you for helping to make this happen.

Sincerely,

Fred Berko
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fredberko@yahoo.com

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From: Holly Siegel <psu_holly@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2022 9:55 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Camp Ilchester funding

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Hi council members,

I'm writing to say thank you for your \$6 million commitment to purchase the Girl Scout Camp Ilchester property. As a current Girl Scout leader and mom of a 4th grade Girl Scout this is the best case scenario for us to preserve the property as a green space for everyone in Howard County to enjoy. My 9 year daughter was so excited when I told her about your generous offer and commitment to buy the camp, and we are both relieved that it will not be developed into more housing. I am asking that you vote to fully fund the project at the county budget meeting and officially complete the purchase. Thank you for all of your work behind the scenes to save this precious piece of property!

Holly Siegel
Girl Scout Leader Troop 1248
Ellicott City

April 21, 2022

Dear Howard County Council;

I am writing today, in honor of Earth Day, to ask you to approve the \$6 million in the County budget that has been earmarked for the purchase of Camp Ilchester from the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland.

While I and other members of the Girl Scout community would ideally like to see Camp Ilchester remain a Girl Scout Camp, it is more important to us – and to the environment – that the camp property remain un-developed, forested green space accessible to the youth of this county, who have benefited from Y and Girl Scout programs at Camp Ilchester for decades.

A developed Camp Ilchester would contribute to further overcrowding at local schools, but runoff from the development would contribute to flooding along the Patapsco in nearby Elkridge. Further, developing the Camp Ilchester property would also destroy the homes of countless wildlife. One of the Brownie Girl Scout troops that uses Camp Ilchester conducted a survey of the plant and animal life on the camp property. The property is home to foxes, bats, snakes, butterflies, Eastern blue birds, the Eastern box turtle, and countless bees and other insects. In addition, the property is home to over 20,000 trees, as well as milkweed, buttercups, and holly.

As a Girl Scout, parent of a Girl Scout, and a resident of nearby Elkridge, I ask you to vote “YES” and approve the \$6 million and the purchase of the Camp Ilchester property. We need to preserve green, forested space in this county for the good of the environment, the health of our community, and the well-being of our youth.

A statue of Dr. Seuss’ “The Lorax” sits on the Camp property. In the spirit of the Lorax, please “speak for the trees, for the trees have no tongues” and vote in favor of Howard County’s \$6 million purchase of the entire Camp Ilchester property.

Sincerely,

Bethann Snyder,
Elkridge, D1 resident
Parent with Daisy Girl Scout Troop 884

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,
Nothing is going to get better. It's not.”
— Dr. Seuss, [The Lorax](#)

Sayers, Margery

From: Marianne Horrigan <mittenhorrigan@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2022 5:27 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Camp Ilchester

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Dear Howard County Council members,

I am writing to ask that you support the \$6 million allocated in the budget to purchase Camp Ilchester from the Girl Scouts. This decision guarantees much-needed green space in that part of the county and ensures that traffic issues and environmental concerns are somewhat alleviated. I also believe that the decision is fiscally responsible. I am proud that this county has the foresight to plan responsibly. Thank you for your consideration, and thank you for working to ensuring that Howard County remains one of the best places in the country to live!

Sincerely,

Marianne Horrigan
5116 Brady Ct, Ellicott City, MD 21043

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From: Eloise Labram <felabram@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2022 3:55 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Funding to purchase Camp Ilchester

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I am writing today to encourage you to vote FOR funding the purchase of Camp Ilchester. There are so many reasons. We need to keep the area as a green space. I have spent a lot of time there over the years as a Girl Scout leader. We don't need more development for our overcrowded schools and there are already several developments in close proximity to the property. Please support the funding to purchase the property.

Thank you,

Eloise Labram
Sweet Birch Court
Neighbor of Camp Ilchester
Lifetime Girl Scout member

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From: srharra@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alice Harris
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Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2022 10:18 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Protect \$8+ Million in County Funds for Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects in FY 2023 Budget

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

Dear Howard County Council,

Dear County Executive Ball and County Council members,

I am writing to request your support in protecting the \$8+ million in funding for bike and pedestrian infrastructure projects in the proposed FY 2023 capital budget.

This record level of funding will make our roads, intersections, sidewalks, and paths safer for our community members to walk, bike, and access essential services and move the County closer to achieving its complete streets vision. Howard County has made significant progress in funding and implementing complete streets in our community, and we must continue that progress. Now is the time to continue investing in Infrastructure, Equity, and Social Justice projects to improve our public health, safety, and accessibility for all citizens throughout the county!

I urge you to protect this funding in the final budget to improve our bike and pedestrian infrastructure for everyone in Howard County.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,
Alice Harris
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From: muhammadcharlene@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Charlene Muhammad <muhammadcharlene@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2022 9:59 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Protect \$8+ Million in County Funds for Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects in FY 2023 Budget

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Dear Howard County Council,

I am writing to urge you to protect the \$8+ million in funding for bike and pedestrian infrastructure projects in the proposed FY 2023 capital budget.

This record level of funding will make our roads, intersections, sidewalks and paths safer for our community members to walk, bike and access important services - as well as move the County closer to achieving its complete streets vision. Howard County has made great progress in funding and implementing complete streets in our community, and we must continue that progress. Now is the time to invest in projects that will improve our public health, as well as safety and accessibility.

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,
Charlene Muhammad
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