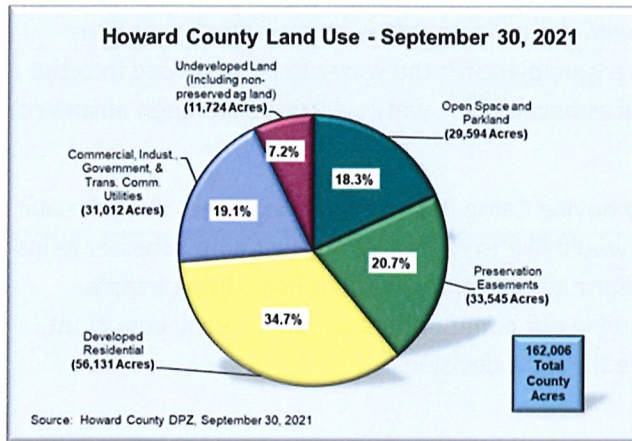


Dear Howard County Council,

We, Girl Scout Troop 475 of Elkridge, strongly believe that it would benefit Howard County if the County Council authorizes the purchase the Camp Ilchester property as part of the FY23 Capital Budget. Camp Ilchester is a wooded area filled with flora and fauna. Many girls look forward to spending time at Camp Ilchester and if the Howard County Council does not purchase the camp it would be sold to developers. Not only would the girls be devastated but thousands of plants and animals would be killed if the property is turned into housing.



This graph from Howard County DPZ shows the percent of land use in Howard County. In the USA, 98% of land is green space, or land that is unused, preserved, or farmland. While 46% of green space in Howard County seems like a lot for a mostly suburban area, we could do better. If we add on to the 46% of green space by preserving the area at Camp Ilchester, we'll have more trees to produce oxygen, reduce flooding and property damage by keeping the existing pervious landscape, cool down the planet, and have more biodiversity in plants and animals.

If the county purchases Camp Ilchester, it will benefit the surrounding community. It would provide space for recreational activities including sport programs, outdoor adventure camps, a nature center, and nature based educational programs. There is already a nature center on the land so it would not cost more money to make one. The nature center can be used for outdoor experiences and education. There are also picnic tables, pavilions, fire circles, an archery range, and an amphitheater already there. There is also a nice public gathering spot in Clementine Peterson Activity Center, which many people enjoy using.

Parks and public lands serve an essential role in preserving natural resources and wildlife habitats, protecting clean water and air, and providing open space for current and future generations. Parks provide an essential connection for Americans of all ages and abilities to the life-enhancing benefits of nature and the outdoors. Nature conservation offers public access to safe, affordable, and healthy ways to experience nature. Additionally, the county's purchase would help preserve green space for the local community and it will be a win-win situation for the kids, our community, and our environment.

Protecting green spaces should be one of Howard County's first priorities. If Camp Ilchester is not bought, the plants and animals living on the property will have nowhere to live and will die. We need to help stop deforestation. Humans need trees for oxygen and they also help intercept rainfall reducing flood risk. The roots of the trees help stabilize the soil preventing landslides and runoff. The trees provide the habitat for all woodland animals.

Camp Ilchester is filled with vegetation, and vegetation helps with climate change. Vegetation helps cool the Earth's surface. This is because the trees and greenery provide shade for the Earth's surface. Vegetation also has a natural process called photosynthesis where the greenery takes carbon dioxide from the air and turns it into oxygen to release back into the air. This process helps with climate change

because when carbon dioxide is produced into the air, it builds up in our atmosphere. This buildup causes global warming. Maintaining vegetation, as found at Camp Ilchester, creates more oxygen and removes carbon dioxide lessening the effects of global warming. Vegetation also produces water vapor during photosynthesis. This water vapor leads to cloud formation which will help the climate because when the water falls from the cloud it helps grow more vegetation. Clouds also help alter the Earth's surface. With all of the benefits of vegetation to this world, why would we want to get rid of all the trees and other vegetation at Camp Ilchester?

Purchasing Camp Ilchester will also contribute to reducing flooding in Ellicott City. If the developers buy the land they will turn it into houses and roads (impervious surfaces). When it rains the impervious surfaces will become covered in water because there is no place for the water to be absorbed into the ground. It will also make flooding worse in other places because the water will not have been absorbed as it was when the property was a forest.

In conclusion, we are in favor of the Howard County buying Camp Ilchester. We hope that you take our opinion in account when making your decision. We would like to re-iterate buying Camp Ilchester helps protect our environment, prevent floods, and limit harm to our atmosphere. It helps bring people together and engage with their environment. Preserving our community's wildlife is really important. Thank you for your time and we hope that you make the right decision.

Thank you!

Girl Scout Troop 475

Sayers, Margery

From: Baker, Kevin
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 10:04 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: PI Vote favor of HoCo purchase Camp Ilchester

From: Seem N <seem_sha@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 14, 2022 4:12 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: PI Vote favor of HoCo purchase Camp Ilchester

Please vote in favor of Howard county purchasing Camp Ilchester on 05/25. It is very imp for us the camp is preserved as my kids enjoy the outdoor activity there along with many Girl Scouts.

Thank you
Seema Shariff
3311 Governor Martin Ct
Ellicott City
MD 21043



Members of the Howard County Council

3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

May 13, 2022

Dear Chair Opel Jones, Co-Chair Christiana Rigby and Council Members Liz Walsh, Deb Jung, and David Yungmann,

County Council FY2023 Operations Budget

Maryland Inclusive Housing Corporation (MIH) was established to help people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities (IDD) successfully access and maintain inclusive, affordable, and accessible housing of their choice. To this end, MIH has established Housing Committees around the state, including one in Howard County to work at these issues.

On behalf of MIH and our Howard County Committee, whose members are listed at the end of this letter, we urge you to fund the Howard County Housing Opportunities Trust Fund and include the proposed \$5 million to get it started.

We understand that the purpose of this fund is to promote and support affordable housing broadly within Howard County. There is a significant lack of accessible and affordable housing in the County for people with disabilities with much of the newer accessible units having rents unaffordable to those who need the accessibility.

The people who we support desperately need the availability of additional affordable housing and the establishment and the funding of the Housing Trust Fund would be a step in the right direction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Tim Wiens'.

Tim Wiens
Executive Director
Maryland Inclusive Housing

MIH Howard County Housing Committee Members:

Cindy Parr – Executive Director, Arc/Howard County
Patricia Sylvester – President, Columbia Downtown Housing Corp
Grace Morris – Executive Director, Heritage Housing Partners
Mark Dunham – Consultant, Kindred Strategies
Melissa Rosenberg – Executive Director, Howard County Autism Society
Katie Collins-Ihrke – Executive Director, Accessible Resources for Independence
Dorothy Plantz – Parent and former Arc/Howard County Board Member
Theresa Ballinger – Parent and Board Member of Howard County Autism Society & Arc/Howard County
Nannette Livadas – Deputy Director, Howard County Housing Commission
Diane Dressler – Consultant, MIH

Smarter Growth Alliance for Howard County

The Honorable Howard County Council
George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

RE: Support of CB14-2022 with Amendment

April 24, 2022

Dear Howard County Council Members:

The Smarter Growth Alliance for Howard County (SGAHC) is an alliance of local and state organizations working together to foster healthy, equitable, and sustainable communities through smarter development and transportation decisions and improved protections for the county's natural, historic and cultural resources.

We, the Smarter Growth Alliance of Howard County, are writing to express our support of the purchase of 5042 Ilchester Road, Ellicott City. We are requesting that you vote to fund the \$6 million dollar purchase. The former Girl Scout property, widely known as Camp Ilchester, is one of the last remaining forested natural areas available for public acquisition in the eastern portion of the county, and its preservation would add significant value to the County Park System. Notably, as a richly wooded landscape, the property offers vital natural habitat for wood thrushes, tree frogs, luna moths, and other declining Maryland wildlife. The opportunity for county residents to experience woodland creatures and plant communities is also shrinking, and these 21 acres offer one of the last chances to protect a forested place for our human community to wander, relax, study, and learn.

Thanks to foresightful planning, Howard County residents can already access many playgrounds and facilities for soccer, tennis, and other active outdoor sports. In contrast, unstructured, wooded outdoor spaces for recreation are rare. Yet studies show that activities such as forest bathing, or mindful immersion in a wooded environment, benefits our physical, mental, and social health. In addition, school curricula require students to learn about the plants and wildlife in the dominant Maryland ecosystem—deciduous forest biome—yet few schools in the area have wooded grounds. Even more, public acquisition of the property would allow the county to

Audubon MD-DC • Audubon Society of Central Maryland • Bicycling Advocates of Howard County
Chesapeake Bay Foundation • Clean Water Action • Coalition for Smarter Growth • Community Ecology Institute
Earth Forum of Howard County • HARP • Howard County Citizens Association
Howard County Conservancy • Howard County Sierra Club • Maryland Conservation Council
Maryland League of Conservation Voters • Maryland Ornithological Society • Patapsco Heritage Greenway • Safe Skies Maryland •
Savage Community Association • Smart Growth Maryland • The People's Voice • Transition Howard County

demonstrate the importance of protecting our water, air, biodiversity and climate, as part of state efforts to increase forest cover and of national goals to preserve 30% of US land by 2030.

Acquiring the beloved Camp Ilchester property and permanently protecting its forested character would honor the legacy of generations of Girl Scouts who played and learned and grew up there. As a working coalition of groups committed to thoughtful development of the land and water of Howard County, we urge you to purchase this property and protect it as wooded open space, for the benefit of people today and tomorrow, and of the natural world we all depend upon. For these reasons, the undersigned organizations are supportive of funding the purchase of the wooded land at 5042 Ilchester Road in Ellicott City.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Audubon Society of Central Maryland

Angela Moxley
President

Maryland Ornithological Society

Kurt Schwarz
Conservation Chair

Community Ecology Institute

Chiara D'Amore
Executive Director

The People's Voice

Lisa M. Markovitz
President

Howard County Citizen's Association

Stu Kohn
President

Howard County Conservancy

Meg Boyd
Executive Director

Howard County Sierra Club

Carolyn Parsa
Chair

cc: The Honorable Calvin Ball, County Executive

Sayers, Margery

From: Harriet Bachman <hlbachfam@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2022 10:04 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: please support FY 2023 Budget proposal, specifically the Housing Opportunities Trust Fund

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

To the members of the Howard County Council,

We urge you to support the FY 2023 Budget proposal, with special emphasis on the need for the Housing Opportunities Trust Fund.

Howard County is now in a very strong financial position, which makes it incumbent on the County Council to create and fund the HOTF. This is a mechanism that has long been needed so that the county has a vehicle to work towards meeting the essential needs of affordable housing for our most vulnerable citizens. In recent years, and especially with recent housing inflation throughout the country, including this county, affordable housing is at a very low point. With the creation of the HOTF and five million dollars that is the minimum necessary to provide seed money for it, the county can begin to make the provision of additional affordable housing more of a reality.

We believe we need to continue to focus on the needs of those who are vital to making our county run well and efficiently: our teachers' aides and nursing assistants, our teachers and firefighters, our social workers and county employees, who strive to remain in this county in spite of the cost of housing.

It is a matter of justice and fairness, as we believe you understand. We have been focused on the issue of affordable housing for many years. **Now** is the time to do what can be done to make a real difference in our county.

Thank you for your consideration.
Harriet and Larry Bachman
9426 North Penfield Road
Columbia, MD 2045



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Grow. Here's how.

Howard County Economic Update



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FY 23 Budget Hearing
Larry Twele

President and CEO, Howard County Economic Development Authority

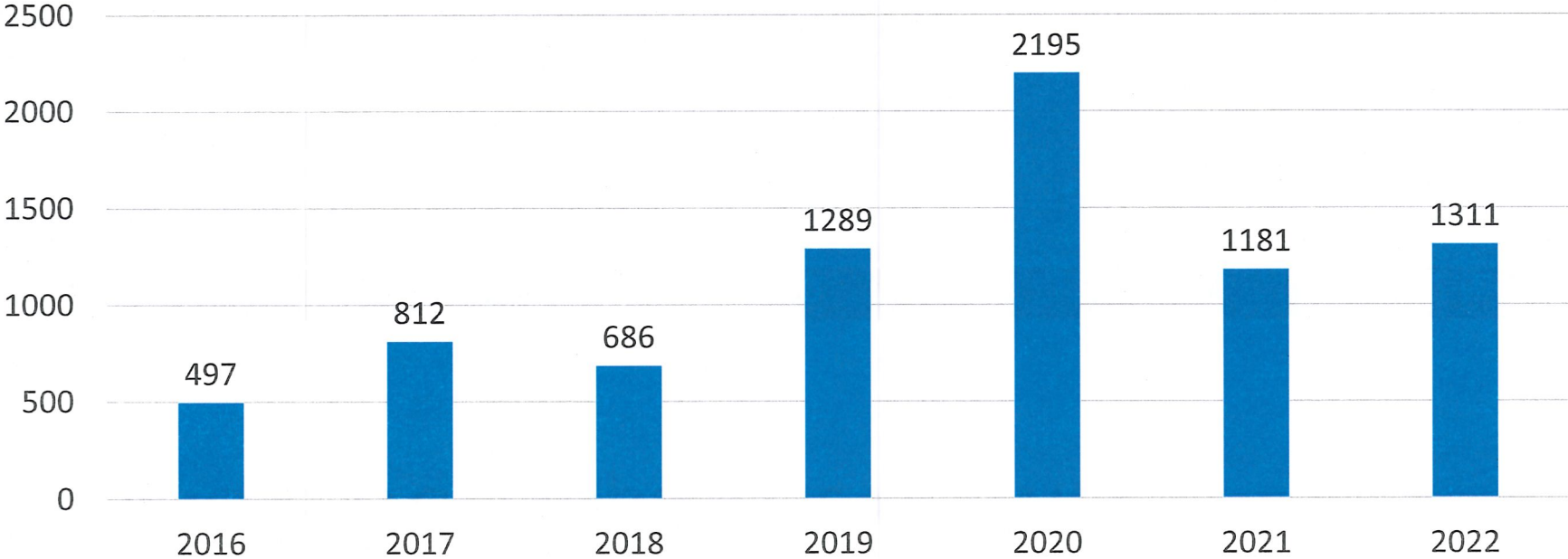
Business Development Activity

	2019	2020	2021	2022 (est)
New Jobs	1,232	961	1,426	610
Retained Jobs	926	496	590	542
Total Jobs	2,158	1,457	2,016	1,152
Capital Investment	\$67,206,000	\$23,007,290	\$64,503,225	\$100,000,000
Square Feet	1,625,209	241,661	950,323	800,000



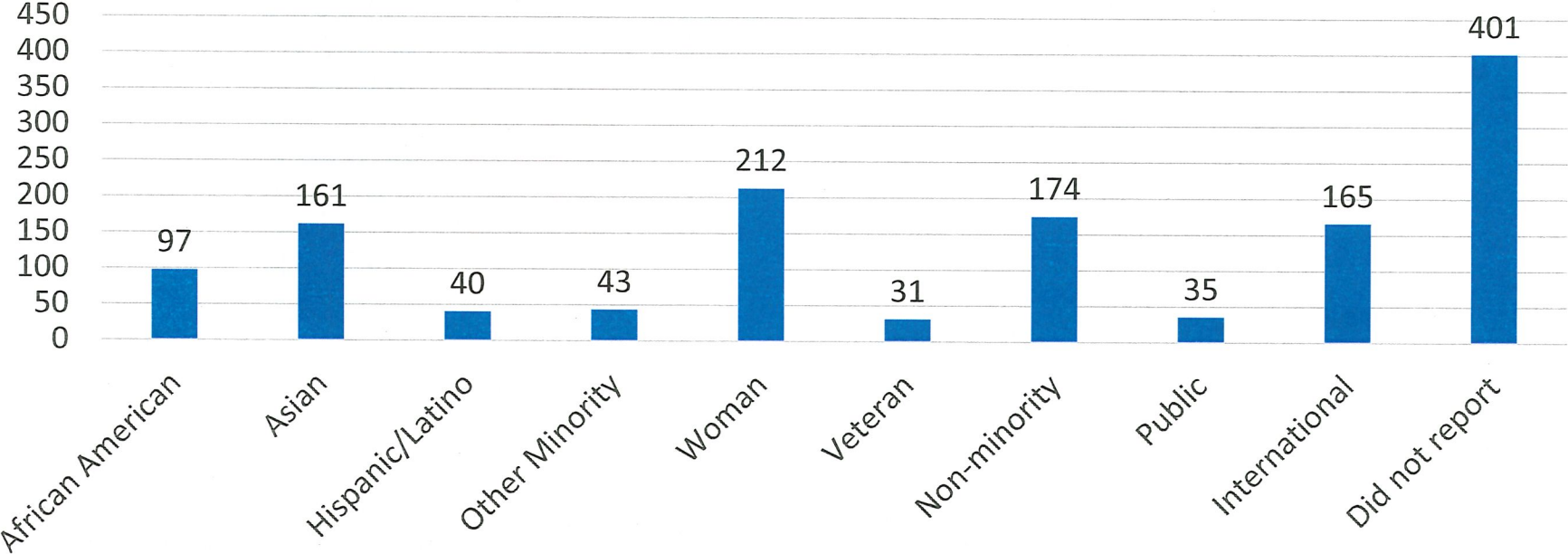
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Case Count by Fiscal Year

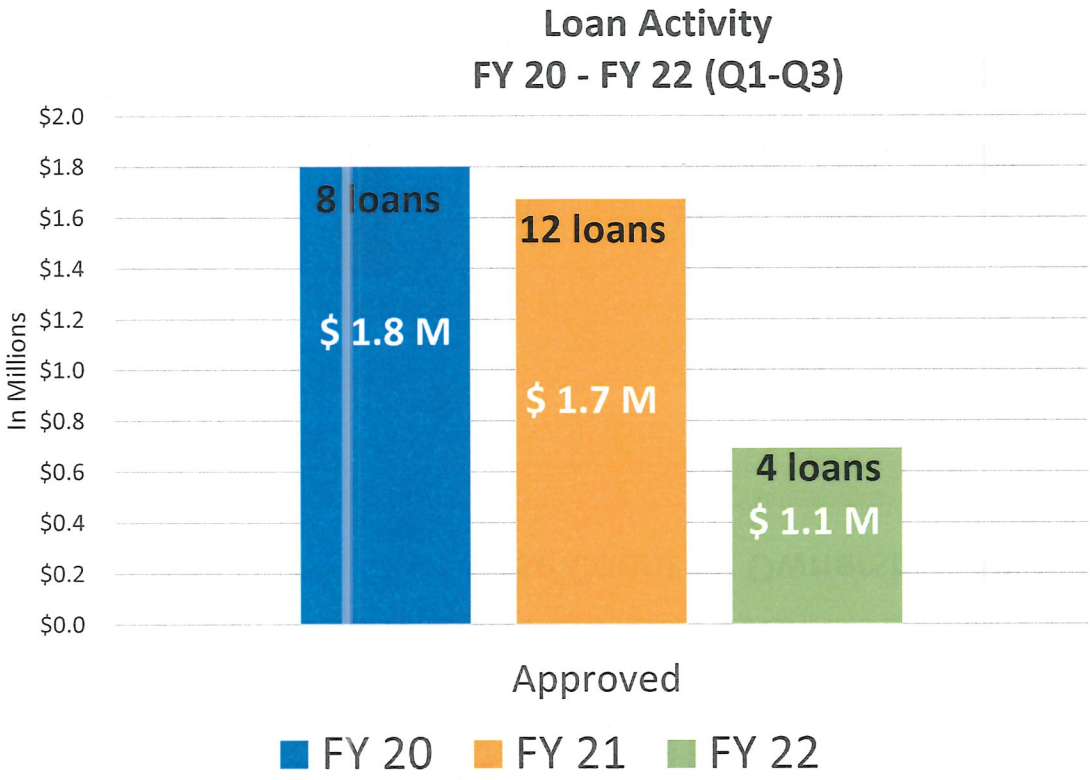


Business Assistance

Case Count by Ownership Type FY 2022 YTD



Catalyst Loan Fund Activity



FY21 Catalyst Loan Fund Summary

Jobs Impacted

New Jobs: 37

Retained Jobs: 75

Private Sector Funds Leveraged:

\$937,000

Approved Loans – 12

Women-owned: 3

Minority-owned: 6

Veteran-owned: 1

Non-minority owned: 2

FY22 (Q1-Q3) Catalyst Loan Fund Summary

Jobs Impacted

New Jobs: 10

Retained Jobs: 48

Private Sector Funds Leveraged:

\$1,181,145

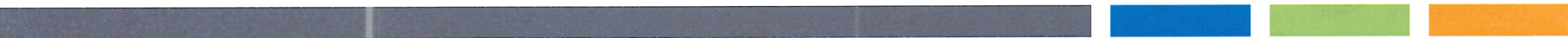
Approved Loans – 4

Women-owned: 1

Minority-owned: 2

Veteran-owned: 0

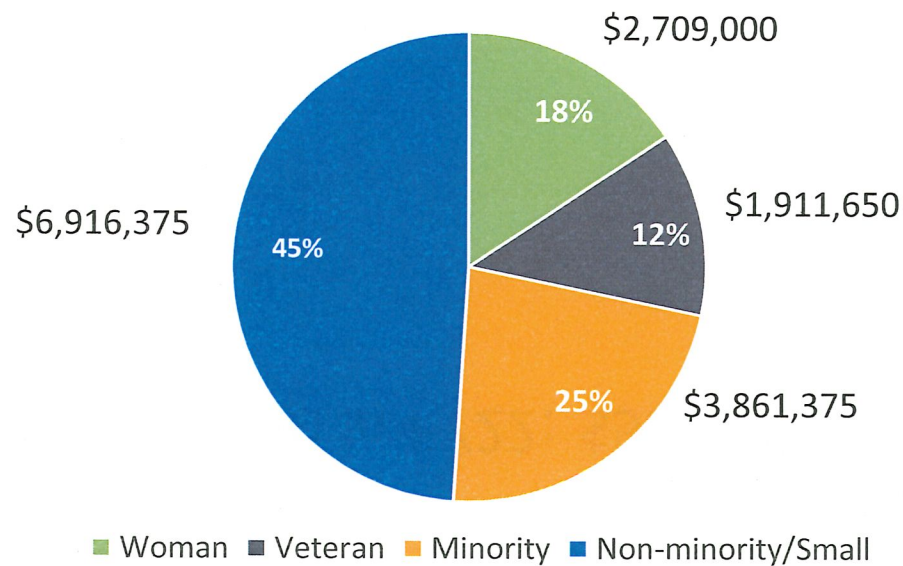
Non-minority owned: 1



Small Business Lending

Approved Loans by Ownership (Since Inception FY14- FY22)

NOTE: FY22 (Q1-Q3)



Loans Approved	88
Total Funds Under Management	\$15,398,400
New Jobs Impacted	840
Retained Jobs Impacted	956
Total Jobs Impacted	1,796
Private Funds Leveraged	\$33,162,258



County Loan Fund

Total funded in FY22: \$550,000 from County Loan Fund.



HoCo Rise Grant Summary

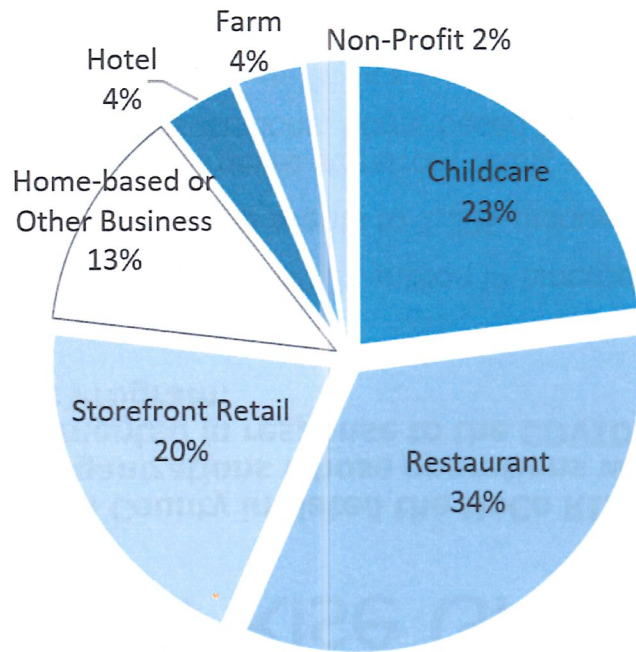
Howard County initiated the HoCo RISE Business Assistance Grant Program to support businesses and organizations whose operations were impacted by the mandatory restrictions and/or closures implemented in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Details of the HoCo RISE Business Assistance Grant Program:

- Provided more than \$21 million in emergency funding to local businesses.
- Distributed 2,336 grants to 1,225 unique entities over six rounds of grants.
- Specifically targeted storefront retail, restaurants, farms, childcare providers, hotels, performance venues, business associations, home-based businesses, non-profits, and other impacted businesses.
- Of the 2,336 grants, 1,163 went to women-owned businesses, 900 went to minority-owned businesses, and 74 went to veteran owned businesses.

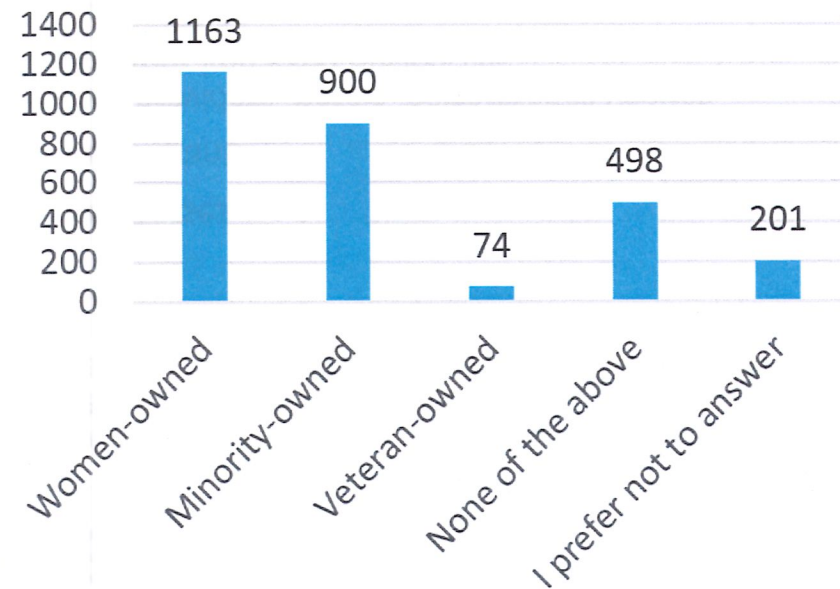


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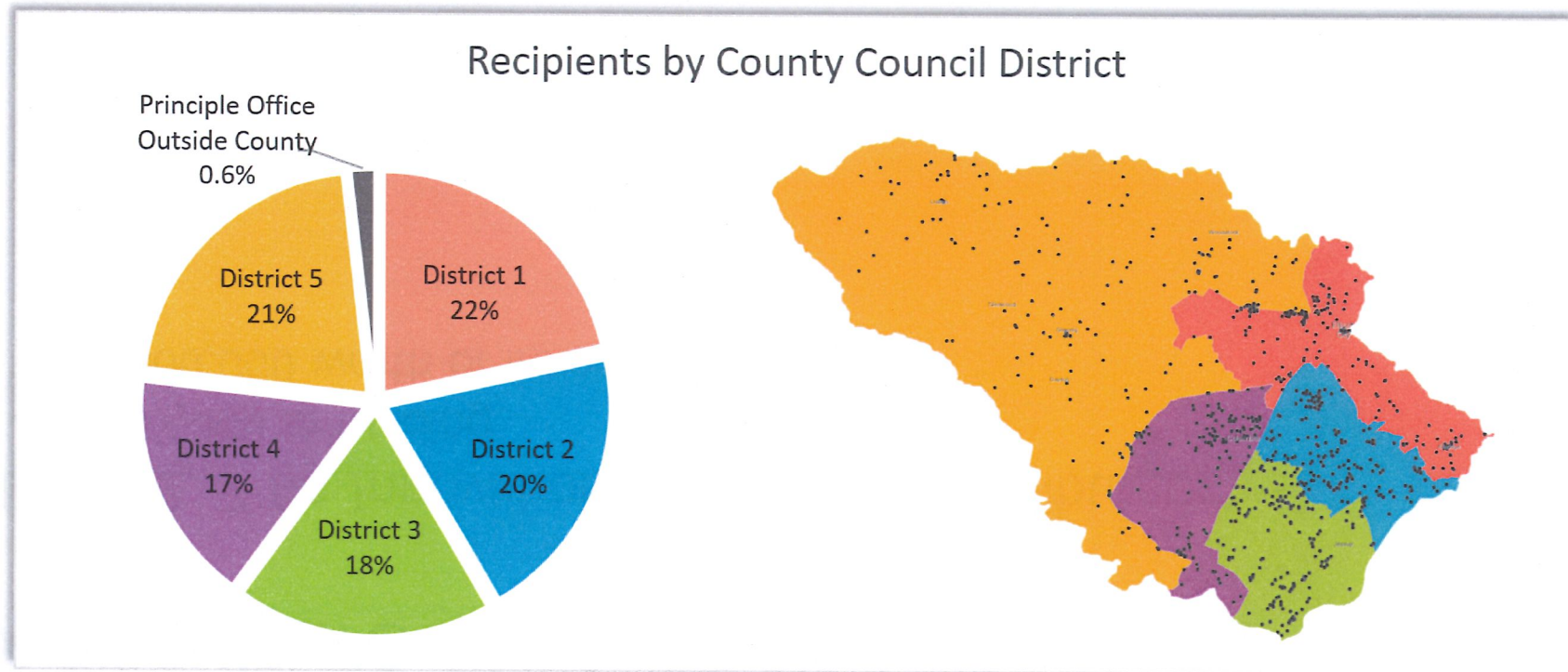
Recipients by Business Type



Ownership Status



Geographic Distribution



Note: 'Principle Office Outside of County' refers to businesses whose primary commercial business space is within Howard County, but the registered resident agent/principle office is located outside of the county.



Agriculture Innovation Grants

In FY22, 7 Ag Innovation grants were distributed:

- \$47,000 in funding
- \$800,000 worth of innovation projects



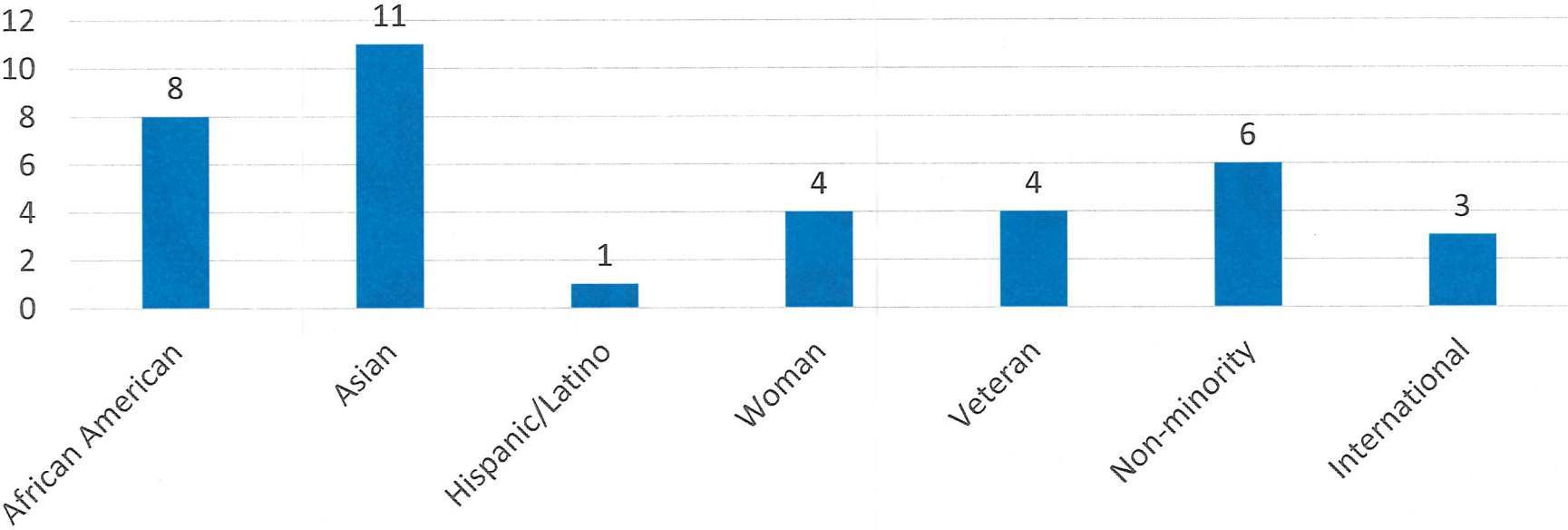


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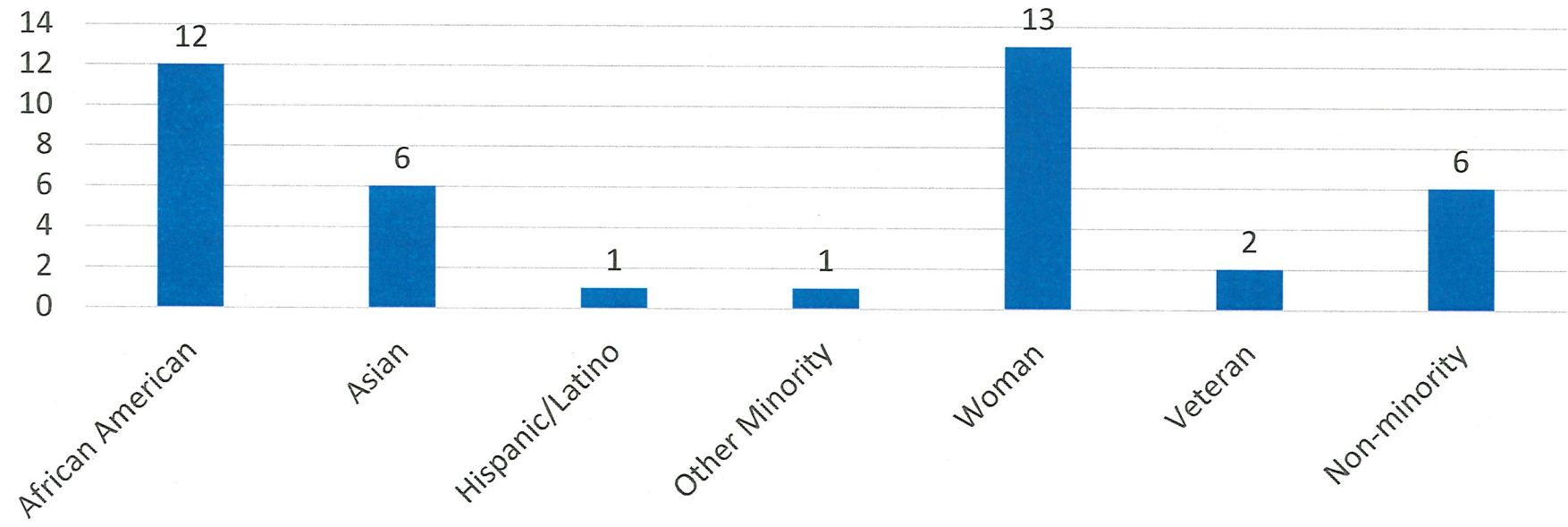
MIC Resident Members

Business Membership by Ownership Type
(31 Total, multiple responses possible per business)



MIC Affiliate Members

Business Membership by Ownership Type
(28 Total, multiple responses possible per business)





Innovation Center Partners



BRITE Program Summary

- Created a range of 6 programs to address business challenges
- Programs Hosted
 - Kauffman FastTrac® - first cohort – 15 registered – 9 completed
 - Design Thinking – first cohort – 17 registered – 3 completed
 - Social Capital Building – first cohort – 12 registered – ongoing
 - Pitch and Mingle – 80 attendees
 - 8 applied to pitch, 5 presented
- Research study being conducted by ReyComm to provide insight and contacts to reach underserved businesses and owners
 - Results being used to market upcoming cohorts
- Marketing activity ramped up to reach a broader cross section of the the Howard County community





Upcoming MIC Graduations

- **Acarin/Hipai 5/31/22**

- Digital Strategy and Service firm specialized in Customer Engagement, Workplace Digitalization, IT Modernization, Healthcare IT Solutions and Omni Channel Enablement/Integration.



- **Advancing Synergy 6/30/22**

- Advancing Synergy's mission is to develop innovations that empower individuals and impact communities to achieve health equity and improve long-term health outcomes. We bring together expertise in research, science, health care, public health, and information technology to advance our mission.



- **MosCreative 5/31/22**

- Small, medium, or large, every business wants to grow one way or another. Whether it's growing customers, optimizing your conversion funnels, or implementing the right technology to directly connect marketing to sales.



- **RFID Collect 5/31/22**

- rfidCollect develops and implements integrated RFID- and sensor-based hardware and software solutions to improve data collection automatically.



MIC Economic Impact

(includes Neotech and MCE data)

- In aggregate, the portfolio of 163 Howard County MIC resident, affiliate and alumni/graduate firms:
 - directly employ 1,283 workers
 - have estimated revenues of \$281.1 million
- When multiplier effects are included:
 - generate \$413.9 million in County economic activity
 - support 1,976 jobs
 - earning \$207.4 million in labor income
 - generate \$5.7 million in estimated annual County government revenues

Source: Jacob France Center November 2021



FY 2023 Request

Small and Minority Business Outreach Specialist

- \$123,000

Marketing

- \$200,000

Agriculture Innovation Grant Funding

- \$60,000



Sayers, Margery

From: salganik2@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 4:46 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Housing Opportunities Trust Fund

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Dear Council Members,

Please support the proposed \$5 million initial funding for the Housing Opportunities Trust Fund. The need for more affordable housing has been well documented in the Housing Opportunities Master Plan. The Trust Fund structure is a proven way of addressing the problem, and, while the county has a surplus, there could be no better time to provide it with initial seed money.

Laura and Bill Salganik, Clemens Crossing

Sayers, Margery

From: Ruby Nwaebube <RNwaebube@presmd.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 4:42 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David; CouncilMail
Cc: Ball, Calvin
Subject: SGAHC: CB14 Testimony Letter

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Hello Honorable Howard County Council,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Ruby Nwaebube, and I am the Advocacy Associate for Preservation Maryland. On behalf of the Smarter Growth Alliance of Howard County (SGAHC), we would like to submit written testimony for CB14. Below this email, I have attached the letter for your review.

Thank you,
Ruby

Ruby Nwaebube

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General Topic

Complete Streets-Laurel specifically improvement to Old Scaggsville Rd. I recently had an opportunity to learn more about HoCo's Complete Streets vision. The vision statement as noted in the [Howard County's Complete Streets Policy Statement](#) reads:

"To ensure that Howard County is a place for individuals of all backgrounds to live and travel freely, safely, and comfortably, public and private roadways in Howard County shall be safe and convenient for residents of all ages and abilities who travel by foot, bicycle, public transportation or automobile, ensuring sustainable communities Countywide."

Additionally The National Complete Streets Coalition defines Complete Streets as:

"Complete Streets are streets for everyone. They are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities. Complete Streets make it easy to cross the street, walk to shops, and bicycle to work."

As a Howard County resident, initiatives such as this serve as another example why I'm glad our family chose to reside in HoCo.

Personal experience

My family lives in the Honeysuckle Ridge neighborhood which is situated within a highly developed area off Old Scaggsville Rd. The surrounding communities are filled with beautiful diverse people, growing families including multi-generation households and fur babies of all kinds.

As I travel up and down Old. Scaggsville Rd. which is the main thoroughfare, I am anxious for those who are traveling on foot- caregivers with strollers, elderly, joggers/runners/walkers, students and public service workers. Some may call it overthinking or overcautious, I however cannot shake the awful feeling I get when people are unsafe- call it the Mama Bear in me or a deeply concerned resident.

In the 2 years we've lived in our home, I've watched the bus stops double and triple in size resulting in a need for our local schools to reassess their transportation routes. Understanding the nuances in transportation needs for elementary + middle schoolers compared to high schoolers is both exciting and unnerving. As they grow, physically, their social needs will too- they will want to visit their neighboring friends and eventually will be driving the same roads that have nearly zero room for error.

The 5 elements that make up Howard County Complete Streets Policy, passed by Council Resolution 120-2019 on October 17, 2019 are: Sidewalks, Curb Ramps, Roadway, Crosswalks and Grass Buffer. Of the 5 elements, some areas on Old Scaggsville road do not have even 1 of the elements.

I urge us not to allow a tragedy to catalyze action on improving the walking and driving conditions on Old. Scaggsville Rd.

Stats

I'd like to wrap up my testimony with reviewing a few statistics from the WalkHoward plan that resonated with me.

The WalkHoward plan was adopted by the Howard County Council in February 2020 through Resolution 14-2020 as an update of the 2007 Pedestrian Master Plan. [WalkHoward: Moving Forward](#), continues efforts to improve walkability in Howard County. Our community is happier, healthier, safer and more efficient when we have a system of sidewalks, pathways, bus stops and roadway crossings that make it easy to get around on two feet and in a wheelchair.

WalkHoward addresses walking in all of its forms – whether you are trying to get somewhere or just taking a casual stroll somewhere you love.

To develop WalkHoward, we [Howard County Council] completed a field assessment that examined **343 miles of sidewalks, 915 intersections, and 494 comments, 3 public open houses** and an online survey and map that drew over **2,500 comments** and **36,000 “likes” and “dislikes.”** With that data, we developed a draft plan that includes infrastructure and program recommendations, as well as structured projects that provide a framework for completing infrastructure improvements.

As I understand, there are no plans in [WalkHoward](#) or BikeHoward that include improving this area.

Direct ask

My direct ask is for funding for design, land acquisition and construction for sidewalks and multi-use paths to include the already identified components of complete and safe streets for all Howard County residents.

Support

I would like to take a second to thank Councilwoman Rigby (District 3) for being a strong advocate for walkability and bikeability in our county and community. She along with Colette Gelwicks and Felix Facchine have been incredible partners representing Howard County.

Councilwoman Rigby, as a member serving on the County's Complete Streets Implementation Team and backed unanimously by the Howard County Council, we eagerly anticipate improvements and believe you can do it!

Additional info on Adequate Public Facilities

In plain English, an APFO says that if the roads are too congested, if the school classrooms are too crowded, if the water system cannot provide enough water, if the sewer pipes or treatment plant are full, or if there are not enough playing fields for recreational use, then development can not be approved until the problem is corrected. At the same time, however, an APFO is not the appropriate tool to stop growth that is otherwise consistent with local zoning. The application of an APFO must be associated with must be associated with a funding source to remedy whatever the constraint on growth approval might be.



May 12, 2022

Howard County Executive Ball and County Council Members
George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

RE: FY23 Budget

Dear Howard County Executive Ball and County Council Members,

The Howard County Sierra Club is writing to express support for the funding levels included in the proposed FY23 operating budget for the Community Ecology Institute.

The Community Ecology Institute has demonstrated a meaningful commitment to environmental protection and community education around climate change and climate resilience. Moreover, the Community Ecology Institute's diverse programs advance the citizens of Howard County's appreciation of local watersheds, pollinators, Maryland's native flora and fauna, permaculture principles, and much more. Their management of Freetown Farm has shown that a great deal of transformative environmental education can happen on relatively small parcels of property. They have also encouraged over a dozen organizations to be a part of and flourish at Freetown Farm. The County should continue to support this organization's work and mission.

We request that the financial support outlined in the 2023 operational budget for the Community Ecology Institute is kept intact.

Sincerely,

Howard County Sierra Club



HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL
AFFIDAVIT OF AUTHORIZATION
TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF AN ORGANIZATION

I, BRENT LOVELESS, have been duly authorized by
(name of individual)

PTACHC to deliver testimony to the
(name of nonprofit organization or government board, commission, or task force)

County Council regarding Capital/Op Budget (CB34) to express the organization's
(bill or resolution number)

support for / opposition to / request to amend this legislation.
(Please circle one.)

Printed Name: BRENT LOVELESS

Signature: Brent Loveless

Date: 4/16/2022

Organization: PTACHC

Organization Address: 5451 Beaverkill Road

Number of Members: Represent 74 local PTA units County wide

Name of Chair/President: Srini Gorantla

This form can be submitted electronically via email to councilmail@howardcountymd.gov no later than 2 hours prior to the start of the Public Hearing.