

Oakland Mills

dwmonbrr@comcast.net

Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 8:34 PM

To: CouncilMail

Dear County Council members,

Please keep \$50,000 in the budget for a Feasibility Study for redeveloping the Oakland Mills Village Center.

Thank-you,
Diana Mosley
Holly Court resident

funding...

pelefish@mindspring.com

Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 8:46 PM

To: CouncilMail

Hello,

I am a resident of Oakland Mills Village. Please help us re-stimulate our village by approving the \$50K for a feasibility study to determine the best way to improve this venerable village.

Ann Worley

Oakland Mills improvement

Pamela Gutman [pamela.gutman@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 8:56 PM

To: CouncilMail

Hello,

I'm asking you to please keep the \$50,000 in the budget for a Feasibility Study for redeveloping the Oakland Mills Village Center. My husband and I bought our first home here five years ago and have seen a steady decline in our village, and no longer feel safe in our Village Center. If this trend continues, we will have to move out of the area. I think this village could be great, especially with its close proximity to downtown, but it needs work and money.

Thank you,

Pamela

Oakland Mills Village Center Reinvention

Chelle [chellerg@verizon.net]

Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 9:24 PM

To: CouncilMail

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> Dear Council Members,

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> As a resident, of the Thunder Hill neighborhood of Oakland Mills, We are very aware of the need to move forward with improving our Village Center and the surrounding area. Please support the proposed funding so that a study can be initiated to determine how best to maximize the appeal of our Village Center to attract developers of mid- and up-market housing.

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> Thank you,

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> Rochelle and Robert Ginsburg

> 5413 Spindrift Pl.

> Columbia

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> Sent from my iPad

Oakland Mills revitalization

Mike Clark [clarkmj1@verizon.net]

Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 9:30 PM

To: CouncilMail

Dear Council members: We would appreciate your support of the bill approving a feasibility study of the best economic development initiative for Oakland Mills village center.

Thank you. Mike and Lois Clark 6012 Jamina Downs Columbia, MD 21045

clarkmj1@verizon.net 410-730-7624

Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills Redevelopment

John DiTomasso [johndit@comcast.net]

Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 9:35 PM

To: CouncilMail

Dear Council Members,

I know you will soon be voting on the budget for our County. I am writing to urge you to keep the \$50,000 in the budget for a feasibility study for redeveloping the Oakland Mills Village Center. Our community and its Village Board are working hard to stop the downward spiral we have been experiencing. Involvement in our schools, covenant enforcement, police/community coordination, outreach to developers, County and Columbia Association cooperative efforts and grassroots committees to develop community enhancement ideas are all ongoing activities that are beginning to show progress. The County funding, plus a grant from the Columbia Association, will give us the professional advice we need to move forward in our Village plan for "Reinventing Oakland Mills". Please keep the momentum going by funding this feasibility study.

Sincerely,

John DiTomasso, President, Oakland Mills Improvement Association

Budget

ShirleyConnelly [shirleyconnelly@comcast.net]

Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 9:50 PM

To: CouncilMail

We respectfully ask you to please keep \$50,000.00 in the budget for a Feasibility Study for redeveloping the Oakland Mills Village Center.

Shirley and Roger Connelly
5967 Rosinante Run
21045

Budget item for Oakland Mills redevelopment

Bohac [rbbohac@verizon.net]

Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 10:05 PM

To: CouncilMail

Dear Council members,

As 40 year residents of Columbia (with 39 of those years spent in Oakland Mills!), we are excited at the possibility of seeing our village reclaim its place as a vibrant, economically strong part of the city. Over the years, we have watched as newer villages and newer schools attracted our neighbors and newcomers. Oakland Mills deserves better. We hope that you will vote to keep \$50,000 in the budget for a Feasibility Study for redeveloping the Oakland Mills Village Center. This redevelopment is critical to our future. Thank you for your consideration.

Beth and Ralph Bohac
9451 Brett Lane

FW: URGENT: Major Progress in Reinventing Oakland Mills

Tim & Sherry Beaty [tsbeaty@verizon.net]

Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 11:01 PM

To: CouncilMail

PLEASE **keep \$50,000 in the budget for a Feasibility Study for redeveloping the Oakland Mills Village Center.** Our family has lived in Oakland Mill for over 40 years and love we Columbia and our friends in Steven Forest and other neighborhoods. Please invest in our village Oakland Mills. Thank you, Sherry and Tim Beaty (sorry there was a problem with the first address I was given.)

From: Tim & Sherry Beaty [mailto:tsbeaty@verizon.net]**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2015 10:55 PM**To:** 'john.ditomasso@gmail.com' <john.ditomasso@gmail.com>; 'councilmail@howardcounty.gov' <councilmail@howardcounty.gov>**Subject:** RE: URGENT: Major Progress in Reinventing Oakland Mills

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From: John DiTomasso [mailto:omia2014@gmail.com]**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2015 3:26 PM**To:** Barbara Russell <babsrussell@comcast.net>; bill mccormack <william.r.mccormack@verizon.net>; Chuck Thomas <cgthomas1@verizon.net>; Danny Singer <singerdl@yahoo.com>; Doris Morgan <emorgan593@aol.com>; Evelyn Tanner <evelyntanner@aol.com>; Froydis Beckerman <froydis@verizon.net>; ginny thomas <cgthomas65@verizon.net>; Hal Gilreath <halgilreath@verizon.net>; Hector Santiago <jh_santiago2@verizon.net>; Janice Rattley <Crattley@comcast.net>; john ditomasso <johndit@comcast.net>; Kay Wisniewski <omia2014@gmail.com>; Lee & Peggy Skaggs <lpskaggs1@verizon.net>; Mark James <mj6369@verizon.net>; Nancy & Tom Stanton <njmstanton@icloud.com>; Pat Gilreath <patgilreath@verizon.net>; Paul Verchinski <verchinski@yahoo.com>; Phil Press <pjpress@yahoo.com>; Ruth Anne Becker <rabeckerbhg@gmail.com>; Sandra Jackson Mccrea <srbjm@hotmail.com>; Werner Gruhl <wgruhl@aol.com>**Subject:** URGENT: Major Progress in Reinventing Oakland Mills

OAKLAND MILLS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (OMIA)
JOHN DITOMASSO, President

Dear Neighbor,

I had a conversation today with Ginny Thomas and Bill McCormack. They were excited about the prospect of moving ahead with the Reinventing OM plan. Please read through this email. They need your help in securing some necessary funding from the County Council. Here are the major points from my conversation:

To reinvent Oakland Mills, it's critical to find something that makes our Village Center a destination. Along with an improved Bridge Columbia, this is what it will take to get developers to invest in mid- and up-market housing in the Village Center area,

The Village Center Plan floats several possibilities such as an enhanced hockey rink, a 50-meter pool, an indoor track, or a sports medicine/rehab complex. All great ideas, but the Board needs professional advice from economic development experts.

County Executive Allan Kittleman recently agreed to propose **\$50,000 for a feasibility study to identify what attraction would work best in Oakland Mills**. For its part, the **Columbia Association will contribute \$25,000** from this year's budget, meaning that the study could proceed right away!

This is great news for Oakland Mills! It would take our reinvention out of the realm of hopes and dreams and move it much closer to the realm of reality.

But the Village Board needs your help. On October 19, the County Council will hold hearings on the budget that includes \$50,000 toward the Oakland Mills Feasibility Study. Some Council Members may not favor spending the money to help redevelop Oakland Mills.

Please send an email or letter to the County Council before October 19 (one or two sentences are all it takes) asking to **keep \$50,000 in the budget for a Feasibility Study for redeveloping the Oakland Mills Village Center**.

This isn't a handout! The Village Board and residents have done a lot of the work themselves, including many meetings with developers; they've got a plan. But the village needs--and deserves--Economic Development pros to run the numbers and help select the best option.

To **contact all five Council members** at once, use this address:

councilmail@howardcounty.gov

To thank the County Executive for proposing the funding, use this address:
county executive

[county exec](#)

Thanks for your support! If you know anyone else who would like to see a major sports facility or sports medicine/rehab complex, please pass this on to them.

Thanks,
John DiTomasso

Oakland Mills Study

Frank Russell [frankwrussell@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 11:26 PM

To: CouncilMail

Hello,

As a resident of Oakland Mills\ Stevens Forest I am very much in favor in spending money to study and develop a plan for our village center that will survive and prosper leading to a healthy Oakland Mills. Let's keep the ball rolling and get visible signs soon showing the community and others more than just lip service.

Frank W. Russell
6166 Stevens Forest Road
Columbia, MD 21045

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Frank

frankwrussell@gmail.com

410-978-5753

FW: Please fund the study for us in Oakland Mills

Alicia Malinowski [amalinowski@modelhomeinteriors.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 9:14 AM

To: CouncilMail

From: Alicia Malinowski

Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 5:08 PM

To: 'councilmail@howardcounty.gov' <councilmail@howardcounty.gov>

Subject: Please fund the study for us in Oakland Mills

Hello Council- Please consider budgeting a study to determine how to draw people to our community for economic enhancement. Our community is really struggling for enhancement, and the study could really get improvements going in the right direction. Thank you for your consideration. Alicia Malinowski

Oakland Mills Revitalization

Doherty, Kathryn [kdoherty@ndm.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 11:44 AM

To: CouncilMail

I am writing, as a 15 year resident of Oakland Mills, to ask you to vote to fund the feasibility study for the redevelopment of Oakland Mills Village Center. OM is the last center without any revitalization and is, frankly, dying. The potential is there and OM is a vibrant multicultural village with much to offer Columbia and Howard County. The right revitalization plan will help both OM and the outside community. The funding will be well spent and will represent Howard County's investment in a village that supports and hosts a multicultural, economically diverse, and long time resident population.

Thank you.

Kathryn Doherty
5970 Camelback Lane
Columbia, MD 21045

A resident of Oakland Mills

Barbara Scott-Johnson [bas6818@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 1:00 PM

To: CouncilMail

I am interested in anything that would reinvent the Oakland Mills Village Center/Community. This is critical to make changes to this aging Oakland Mills area. A proposal outlining different activities would revitalize this older community. Oakland Mills has outstanding features and I hope that the new creation will make Oakland Mills a thriving community where people will want to remain, I raised my children in this community and would like to see my grand children be a part of this community, Please, the \$50,000. in the budget for a FEASIBILITY STUDY for redeveloping the OAKLAND MILLS VILLAGE CENTER is needed.

Barbara Scott Johnson
5653 Thunder Hill Road

Oakland Mills Village

Betty Jones [brandt.betty@verizon.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 3:48 PM

To: CouncilMail

Please keep 50,000 in the budget for a feasibility, study for redeveloping the Oakland Mills Village Center. Thank you very much. Elizabeth L. Jones 410-992-1123

Oakland Mills Feasibility Study

Philip Press [pjpress@pjpress.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 4:55 PM

To: CouncilMail

Cc: omia2014@gmail.com

I am writing in support of funding an Oakland Mills Village Feasibility Study, as proposed by the County Executive. The Oakland Mills Village board and the Oakland Mills Improvement Association have made enormous progress in re-defining the future of Oakland Mills Village. The feasibility study will provide recommendations for an attraction to make the Village Center a destination.

The Columbia Association has agreed to contribute \$25,000 from this year's budget. Along with the \$50,000 proposed for the County budget, the feasibility study will provide the necessary economic development expertise.

Please support the funding of the feasibility study.

Thank you,
Philip Press

Philip Press, Inc.
Statistical Consulting
pjpress@pjpress.com
tel: 410 997-0537
fax: 410 964-2707

Budget allocation for Oakland Mills

Donna Koelle [islands12@verizon.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 5:25 PM

To: CouncilMail

Dear Council Members,

An enhanced hockey rink or a sports medicine/rehab complex, among other related options, would sure add some excitement to a long-tired village center much in need of revitalization. Please keep the proposed \$50,000 in the county budget for a feasibility study for redeveloping the Oakland Mills Village Center.

Thanks for your consideration of this idea,
Donna Koelle

Columbia Resident: Interest to Develop Oakland Mills Village Center

Rick Wach [rwach11@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 10:36 AM

To: CouncilMail

My name is Rick Wach and I live at 9469 Greco Garth in Columbia 21045. I purchased my home in March.

I love Columbia with the trails and activity and walk my dog on them 2x every day. What I have noticed as I walk to Columbia Town Center and by the lake in Cradlerock, is a vast difference between the Oakland Mills Village center and the others.

I think it is critical to develop the Oakland Mills Village center and it's important we have some solid data to understand what the right attraction should be.

I request that you keep the **\$50,000 in the budget for a feasibility Study to redevelop the Oakland Mills Village Center.**

The Village Board and residents have done a lot of the work themselves, including many meetings with developers; they've got a plan. But the village needs--and deserves--Economic Development pros to run the numbers and help select the best option.

Thank you for your attention.

Rick

Keep \$50,00 in Budget for OM Effort

wgruhl@aol.com

Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 2:36 PM

To: CouncilMail

Dear County Council Members,

Oakland Mills Village Board in particular, and many non-board members, over the last year or more have devoted considerable personal time and effort into ideas to revitalizing our community. There are many options to be considered.

Please retain the \$50,000 in the budget for a Feasibility Study to help sort out the best opportunities to bring Oakland Mills back to life.

Respectfully,

Werner Gruhl
5990 Jacobs Ladder
Columbia MD.21045