

Summary of Oral Testimony for the FY 2027 Budget Process

As of 3/23/2026

Date	Speaker	Individual/Organization	Comment/Request
3/9/2026	Jake Jakubek	Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee	Testifying in regards to SafeStreets projects requiring long-term investment, (1) Scott Drive-Viers Mill Shared Use Path, and (2) Fleet Street and Monroe Street Complete Streets project. Recommending putting money aside for these and other large projects in the future.
3/9/2026	Sarah Basehart	Community Reach of Montgomery County	Recognizing funding from the city to Community Reach for its various community services (language, housing, senior, health).
3/9/2026	David Hill	Rockville Sister Cities, Corp.	Recognizing funding from the city to Rockville Sister Cities, Corp., and testifying on unfunded requests from their grant submission for visits by delegates from Pinneberg, Germany, and Yilan City, Taiwan. Also requesting funding for exchange students to roll over from year-to-year if unspent.
3/9/2026	Anne Herbster	Village Support Network	Recognizing funding from the city to the Villages Support Network, and testifying on the important work the Villages Support Network does.
3/9/2026	Kyle Gallagher	Individual	Testifying for the creation of more connections from the Carl Henn Millenium Trail to other community destinations (Lakewood Elementary School, Yale Place to Montgomery College, Woodley Gardens Park, Twinbrook/Chapman) and more bike lock infrastructure.
3/9/2026	Ricky Mui	Human Services Advisory Commission	Testifying for continued operating budget support for human services in Rockville for non-profit organizations to provide housing, food, unemployment, and health services.
3/9/2026	Max Silverstone	Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee	Requesting additional funding for more signage specifically for bicycles and pedestrians, such as "no outlet except bicycles and pedestrians" signs.
3/9/2026	JD Kumar	Individual	Testifying for further funding for seniors.
3/9/2026	Nancy Pickard	Peerless Rockville	Requesting and extended timeline for community input on the budget, and testifying for increased funding for Peerless Rockville than is proposed.
3/9/2026	Bob Wright	Financial Advisory Board	Appreciated the new format of the budget and the inclusion of Woottons Mill Park Pavilion in the CIP.
3/23/2026	Karen He	Weestar Corporation	Advocating for continued funding from the city to expand the STEM/Robotics Education program, including hosting a Robotics Day and additional youth outreach.
3/23/2026	Diane Fuchs	Village Support Network	Advocating for additional resources from the city to the Village Support Network, specifically an additional full-time and part-time position.
3/23/2026	James Hedrick	Rockville Housing Enterprise (RHE)	Advocating for additional funding to support RHEs youth training program, YouthBuild.
3/23/2026	Sarah Stewart Chapin	Adventure Theatre Academy	Requesting an additional \$75,000 to maintain Adventure Theatre Academy's community arts studio space in Wintergreen Plaza.
3/23/2026	Eric Bernard	Rockville Volunteer Fire Department	Requesting increased annual funding to deal with the substantial increase in ambulance and fire truck costs.
3/23/2026	Wendy Whitaker	Rockville Education Commission	Advocating for continued funding from the city to continue and expand beneficial programs such as peer-to-peer mentoring and the Latino Youth Development Program as well as programs that build positive connections between youth and law enforcement, and to implement new programs such as city outreach at school events to meet families where they are and therapy services in multiple languages.
3/23/2026	Rebecca Murphy, Magda Brown, Gabrielle Zwi, Dominic Russoli	Rockville Human Rights Commission	Advocating for additional funding to support the following: free-and-reduced-price meals at schools, Rockville PRIDE event, Rockville Youth Forum, and outreach supplies.
3/23/2026	Elaine Koubek	Rockville Commission on Aging	Advocating for an additional full-time staff member for the Rockville Villages Program to support the important work the program does.
3/23/2026	Kathleen Kelly	Individual	Advocating for improved homeless services, specifically by exploring options involving the building previously occupied by Marlo Furniture on Rockville Pike.
3/23/2026	Lynne Harris	Interfaith Works	Advocating for a continued relationship between the city and Interfaith Works to support its important work providing food, clothing, and shelter services.
3/23/2026	Teri Blandon	Interfaith Works	Advocating for a continued relationship between the city and Interfaith Works to support its important work providing food, clothing, and shelter services.
3/23/2026	Lisa Farhi	Rockville Education Commission	Advocating for continued funding to support the commission's priorities, particularly mental health resources for students.
3/23/2026	Lisa Baker	Adventure Theatre Academy	Requesting an additional \$75,000 to maintain Adventure Theatre Academy's community arts studio space in Wintergreen Plaza.
3/23/2026	Nancy Pickard	Peerless Rockville	Advocating for increased funding for Peerless Rockville, recognizing the long-standing relationship between the city and Peerless.
3/23/2026	Jim Gilchrist	Peerless Rockville	Advocating for increased funding for Peerless Rockville, recognizing the long-standing relationship between the city and Peerless.

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3/23/2026	Margaret Magnor	Peerless Rockville	Advocating for increased funding for Peerless Rockville, an explaining the historical collections of Peerless, and the services required for cataloguing.
3/23/2026	Ralph Burglass	Peerless Rockville	Advocating for increased funding for Peerless Rockville, an explaining the historical collections of Peerless, and the services required for cataloguing.
3/23/2026	Dick Stoner	Peerless Rockville	Advocating for increased funding for Peerless Rockville, recognizing the long-standing relationship between the city and Peerless.
3/23/2026	Eileen McGuckian	Peerless Rockville	Advocating for increased funding for Peerless Rockville, recognizing the long-standing relationship between the city and Peerless.
3/23/2026	Paul Hillstrom	Peerless Rockville	Advocating for increased funding for Peerless Rockville, recognizing the long-standing relationship between the city and Peerless.
3/23/2026	JD Kumar	Individual	Advocating for increase public safety initiatives.
3/23/2026	Tara Owens	Main Street Connect	Advocating for continued funding to Main Street Connects, an accessible apartment building, a community of adults with all abilities, and an inclusive employer.
3/23/2026	Deborah Moore	Individual	Advocating for continued and increased funding for caregiving organizations.

Summary of Written Testimony for the FY 2027 Budget Process

As of 3/23/2026

Exhibit	Name	Individual/ Organization	Issue(s)
1	Paula Strange	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Open fence at Princeton Place and Montgomery College
2	Brandon Farrar	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Install Port-a-John at Welsh Park
3	Brandon Farrar	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Replace above ground storm drain at Chesnut Lodge Park
4	Jonathan Young	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Add streetlights on Friendship Lane
5	Anika Halota	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Signage and path clearing for public right of way between MD-28 and Anderson Ave
6	Miguel Lago	Individual	Requesting additional funding for more signage specifically for bicycles and pedestrians, such as "no outlet except bicycles and pedestrians" signs.
7	Andrew Chang	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Hungerford Neighborhood Traffic Calming
8	Dan Seaman	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Traffic circle at Gail Ave and Lewis Ave
9	Nancy Erickson	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Shade for Playground at Broome Athletic Park
10	Karine Reiter	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Improve access of Kinship Park from Rockville Town Center
11	Cindy Fishman	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Wootton Pkwy ped cross walk at Horizon Hill Park
12	Jake Jakubek	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Roundabouts on Grandin Ave
13	Michael Northridge	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Extension of Potomac Woods Park southeast trail to Seven Locks Road
14	David J. Smith	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Welcome to Silver Rock Sign
15	Mark Radel	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Thompson Dairy Way/Crooked Creek Drive Footbridge
16	Paula Strange	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Open the fence at Montgomery College
17	Derek Grabhorn	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Expand W Montgomery Ave Ramp
18	Sarah Pomerantz	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Pedestrian crossing markings at Monroe and Mt Vernon Place
19	Marilyn Madden	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Speed Camera or Traffic Light Needed at Muncaster Mill Road and Applewood Lane
20	Janice Dunlap	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Beautifying a median on Hungerford Drive
21	Emily Lincoln	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Stoplight at Mt Vernon
22	David Serway	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Culdesac Beautification at end of Baylor Avenue
23	Frank Cole	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Crape Myrtle Replenishment - Cabin John Stream
24	Chris Lafferty	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Disc Golf Practice Range for Bullard Park
25	Megan Feng	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Decrease seasonal allergies with female trees
26	Justin Brandon	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Leading Pedestrian Interval at intersection of Hurley & Route 28
27	Jeffrey McCreight	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Falls Road Park playground resurfacing
28	Edina Moy	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Pickleball Nets at Woottons Mill Park Tennis Courts
29	Kathleen Kleinmann	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Upgrades to bus shelters/stops
30	Kelly Paisley	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Handicap ramps on Sunrise Drive
31	Charles Short	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Richie Parkway-Cabin John Creek Walkable Nature Path
32	Clara Ni	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Speed Bumps on Gruenther Ave
33	Zach Feiger	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Dog park along Elwood Smith Park
34	Kevin Gabrielson	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Croydon Creek & Red Gate Connectors to Rock Creek Trail
35	Stephana Ney	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Woodley Gardens Park Steps Replacement
36	Michael Jeter	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Sidewalk for missing stretch of Viers Mill
37	Phil Kuljurgis	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Exercise equipment at Elwood Smith Park
38	Tom Temin	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Road calming Sunrise Drive
39	Elizabeth Oka	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Improvement of Rockcrest park facilities and amenities
40	Glenn Fellman	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Modernizing the City of Rockville Flag: Removing Confederate Symbolism for an Inclusive Civic Identity
41	Emily Brooks	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Speed Bumps on Twinbrook Parkway
42	Mindy Chong	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Shade and Space for All to Gather at Bullards Park
43	Stephanie Richardson	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Dog Cleaning hub at King Farm
44	Sophie Wonderly	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Crosswalk at First St and Lynn Ct
45	Fran Miller	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Street Lighting College Gardens Sidewalks
46	Amanda Collinson	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Off leash park for dogs
47	Ebonie Murphy	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Park Improvements at Scotland Community Park
48	Lorna Sanchez	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Dog Park in West End
49	Guy Kenvo	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Outdoor Exercise Station at Montrose Park
50	Limin Wang	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Remove the portable bathroom at the Montrose Park Playground
51	Dara	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Park Rd Northside Sidewalk Safety and Access Improvement
52	Sunny Gaul	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Expand RideOn Flex Service to Welsh Park and Swim and Fitness Center
53	Rose Stahr	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Kinship park renewal
54	Maxwell Sanborn	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Ashley Manor Pocket Park
55	John Schwemberger	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Save the Trees from the Vines in Woottons Mill Park
56	Christie	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Connecting Wall St and bike path
57	Abigail Seigneur	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Public Transport for RSFC
58	Abigail Seigneur	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Extend Ride On Flex zone
59	Abigail Seigneur	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Extend Ride On Flex zone
60	Abigail Seigneur	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Disabled Access to Rockville Town Square Garage B
61	Abigail Seigneur	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Extend Ride On Flex zone
62	Susan Bresee	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Beall Avenue Beautification
63	Michelle Schwalbe	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Sidewalk Maintenance on Montgomery Ave
64	Michelle Schwalbe	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Traffic light at Montgomery and Mannakee
65	Michelle Schwalbe	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Improve Walking Path Between Brent Rd and Henson Oaks Ln
66	N/A	Individual	Proposals to connect the East Rockville and Twinbrook community
67	Paula Hubble	Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee (RPAC)	RPAC supports the city's efforts to construct new sidewalks, crosswalks, and curb ramps and implement traffic calming measures throughout the city, and also recommends (1) additional street and sidewalk lighting in city parks, (2) a shared use path connection between Lakewood Elementary School pedestrian bridge and Carl Henn Millenium Trail, (3) bus stop improvements, (4) sidewalks along Viers Mill Road, (5) improved access to bus stops, and (6) pedestrian safety education materials for students and motorists.
68	Judith Clark	Women Who Care Ministries	Recognizing a long-standing relationship with the city, Women Who Care Ministries requests guidance on steps to be considered for sponsorship opportunities for their annual Restore the Joy event.

Exhibit	Name	Individual/ Organization	Issue(s)
69	Griffin Benton	Maryland Building Industry Association	Communicating concern over proposed increases to permit and license fees, particularly building permit fees. Also requesting the city consider a phased implementation approach to fee increases, additional stakeholder engagement, and transparency regarding the cost basis used to justify the fee increases.
70	Marij Graf	Greater Rockville Chamber of Commerce	Communicating concern over proposed increases to permit and license fees, particularly sign permits. Also requesting the city consider a phased implementation approach to fee increases, additional stakeholder engagement, and transparency regarding the cost basis used to justify the fee increases.
71	Jake Jakubek	Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee	SafeStreets projects requiring long-term investment, (1) Scott Drive-Viers Mill Shared Use Path, and (2) Fleet Street and Monroe Street Complete Streets project. Recommending putting money aside for these and other large projects in the future.
72	Saba Ram	Individual	Advocating for the addition of more trees and green space throughout the Farmstead District area.
73	N/A	Rockville Education Commission	Presents the commission's Principal's Roundtable summary findings, and advocates for additional funding for (1) youth mentoring, (2) expanding the "Trusted Adult" model, and (3) enhancing outreach.
74	Monica Conti	Individual	Advocating for additional funding to Adventure Theater Academy so it can continue in the same studio location in the Wintergreen Plaza.
75	Richard Dine	Peerless Rockville	Advocating for additional funding for Peerless Rockville to continue to strengthen civic engagement and preserve Rockville's unique history.
76	Chas Hausheer	Individual	Advocating for additional funding for Peerless Rockville.
77	Eric Bernard	Rockville Volunteer Fire Department	Requesting an opportunity to discuss RVFD's budget at the March 23, 2026 public hearing.
78	Nancy Pickard	Peerless Rockville	Advocating for an increase in funding for Peerless Rockville to \$100K.
79	Dick Stoner	Individual	Advocating for increased funding to Peerless Rockville.
80	Margaret Magner	Individual	Advocating for increased funding to Peerless Rockville.
81	Eileen McGuckian	Individual	Advocating for increased funding to Peerless Rockville.
82	Tara Owens	Main Street Connects	Advocating for continued funding to Main Street Connects, an accessible apartment building, a community of adults with all abilities, and an inclusive employer.

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Propose a Project - Submission #100922

Date Submitted: 5/13/2025

Please submit only one proposal per form. If you have multiple proposals, please submit multiple forms.

Contact Person*

Paula Strange

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[REDACTED]

Proposal Title*

Open fence at Princeton Place and Montgomery College

Proposal Location*

Princeton Place and Montgomery College

Describe Your Proposal*

Open the fence. There are already sidewalks connecting both sides. Open the fence so we can walk through.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

This would allow all people to walk from College Gardens to and through the campus.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

5000

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

I don't know

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Propose a Project - Submission #100989

Date Submitted: 5/14/2025

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Contact Person*

Brandon Farrar

Contact Email*

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Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Proposal Title*

Install Port-a-John at Welsh Park

Proposal Location*

Welsh park

Describe Your Proposal*

I'm submitting this proposal to request the installation of a portable restroom at Welsh Park. Currently, there are no restroom facilities available at the park. As a result, children—particularly boys—often end up using the woods when nature calls. This is not ideal from either a cleanliness or safety standpoint. Adding a simple portable restroom would go a long way in making the park more family-friendly and accessible. It's a small change that could significantly improve the experience for kids, parents, and anyone spending time at the park. It would also help ensure the park remains a welcoming, well-maintained community space. Thank you for considering this request.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

This proposal addresses the lack of restroom facilities at Welsh Park, which impacts both children and adults who use the park regularly. Currently, there are no restrooms on site, leading children—particularly boys—to use the surrounding woods, which is unsanitary and inappropriate. Additionally, the park hosts various adult sports leagues whose participants have no access to restrooms during practices or games. Installing a portable restroom would provide a clean, safe, and convenient solution for all park users. It would enhance the overall experience, promote public health, and support the continued use of the park by families and organized sports groups alike.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Thousands of people that go to the park each week

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

Not that I'm aware of.

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Propose a Project - Submission #101096

Date Submitted: 5/16/2025

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Contact Person*

Brandon Farrar

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[REDACTED]

Proposal Title*

Replace above ground storm drain

Proposal Location*

Northwest Corner of Chesnut Lodge Park (near 522 w. Montgomery)

Describe Your Proposal*

I propose the City fix its only above ground storm drain. I would like it to see diverted underground or some type of underground detention system installed (I.e. Stormtech or R-Tank). There is too much standing water which is increasing the amount of mosquito and gnats in the neighborhood Nextdoor (Thirty Oaks Subdivision).

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

This solves the problem of that area of the park flooding and having standing water where insects can breed rapidly.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Unknown, many people use this park or walk this area. There are at least 11 houses in the subdivision that it would help out.

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No, being that it's city property, it would not directly impact private property.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

It does not.

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Propose a Project - Submission #101573

Date Submitted: 5/30/2025

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Contact Person*

Jonathan Young

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[REDACTED]

Proposal Title*

Friendship Lane

Proposal Location*

Mt. Vernon Park, adjacent to Richard Montgomery High School

Describe Your Proposal*

Street lights can make a city more walkable, especially in the evenings and at night. There is a pathway, along Mt. Vernon Park, adjacent to Richard Montgomery High School. It's very common for high school students and residents to use this path as they walk to school, the Town Center, and the metro from the various neighborhoods south of Richard Montgomery High School. I propose that they city install various street lamps along the pathway to make the city more walkable in the evenings and at night.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

The pathway along Mt. Vernon Park is a pleasant stroll during the daytime along a creek with many trees. However, at night, the pathway is pitch black. It's a pathway that many high school students use to walk from their parked cars (behind the tennis courts), or from their homes in the neighborhoods behind the school (like my daughters). Many avoid this pathway in the evening because it's completely dark. I don't feel comfortable asking my daughters to walk home along this path in the evening, and they, like many students, don't feel comfortable either. They would feel safer if they could see their surroundings. I imagine this would apply for most residents, especially the elderly who might worry about tripping. I walk along with this path on my way back from the metro at night, and I'm consistently the only one on the path. I usually use my flashlight on my cell phone, which is not a great solution.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

200 students on a daily basis during the school year, and probably 50 residents on a daily basis.

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

I think it fits within the Pedestrian Master Plan. In that plan, I noticed there is mention of work on the "Blandford Street Pedestrian Extension." I'm not sure if that's the same pathway, but it's very near.

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Propose a Project - Submission #101808

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Contact Person*

Anika Halota

Contact Email*

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Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self ▼

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

none

Proposal Title*

Signage and path clearing for public right of way between MD-28 and Anderson Ave

Proposal Location*

Forest Ave between MD-28 and Anderson Ave

Describe Your Proposal*

Add a road/path sign at the intersection of Forest Ave and the public alley (between MD-28 and Anderson Ave) to make it clear to the public that this is a public path. Clear 1-2 trees (+bamboo shrubbery) that are in the middle of this path before it hits the paved road to make it more accessible and obvious that it is a public path. Grade the ramp from the sidewalk to the public road in the alleyway to make it accessible for wheelchair users and reduce tripping hazards. Consider lightly paving or clearing a more obvious trail between the two portions of asphalt (the driveway ends at grass, then picks up about 30 feet later with the alleyway road). Also add signage at the other access points to this path (Laird, Mannakee, Nelson). Additional improvements may also be desirable between Nelson st and Mannakee, but I am less familiar with this section.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

The alleyway between MD-28 and Anderson Ave is a public road and a nice, safe, car free area for people to take a walk and children to safely access the houses on these roads (especially MD-28, as walking along there is dangerous and unpleasant). However, the access point at Forest Ave is not clearly marked and many people are unaware that they are allowed to go here. Make it more obvious, so that people are not worried about using this public road, and so that everyone can enjoy this nice path.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

300

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

no

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

The public road abutts the side of 10 Forest Ave. I believe the owner was many years ago made aware that they may not block this public road, and has installed some small trees right along his property line to clearly mark where the public road ends.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

no

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FY2027
BUDGET PROPOSAL**

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Propose a Project - Submission #101894

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Contact Person*

Miguel Lago

Contact Email*

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Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[REDACTED]

Proposal Title*

Twinbrook Train Sound Barrier

Proposal Location*

Twinbrook

Describe Your Proposal*

The train and Metro tracks run alongside the Twinbrook neighborhood. Some trains, especially the cargo trains at night are very noisy and disruptive. This is causing the houses near the tracks to be subjected to loud noises and impacts house market value. This noise is noticeable from several blocks away from the tracks.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

I would like to propose the build of a sound barrier between the tracks and the first house row. This will greatly improve the quality of life of these residents and all the houses along the tracks. Thanks.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

500

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Propose a Project - Submission #101923

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Contact Person*

Andrew Chang

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[REDACTED]

Proposal Title*

Hungerford Neighborhood Traffic Calming

Proposal Location*

Hungerford Neighborhood

Describe Your Proposal*

With closure of some left turn areas (which was needed) and speed camera, people have been driving through the neighborhoods to get around the changes. This causes people to fly through the neighborhood. I am proposing traffic calming measures be installed in the neighborhood. Such as: Bulb-outs at intersections to protect pedestrians; Roundabouts installed at certain intersections: Ritchie Pwky & Brice Rd; W Edmonston Dr & Welsh; Ritchie Pwky & E Jefferson St.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Proposal is to address speeding in the neighborhood along the lines of Vision Zero.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

500

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

n/a

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

I am unsure if there is a need to expand intersections for the roundabouts

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

Vision Zero

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Propose a Project - Submission #102681

Date Submitted: 6/28/2025

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Contact Person*

Dan seaman

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Proposal Title*

Traffic circle

Proposal Location*

Gail Ave and Lewis Ave

Describe Your Proposal*

Create a traffic circle. There is already a triangular island, but southbound traffic bypasses it instead of going around.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

People coming from Gail Ave onto Lewis blow through the stop sign. There have been many accidents and there are near accidents and honking every day. A traffic circle would force people to yield. If it were laid out properly, it would also make it easier for school buses to turn around. They jump the curb when they do it now, and the curb has had to be repaired.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Entire neighborhood. At minimum everyone on this end of Lewis and Gail, as well as the townhouses beyond.

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

Depending on footprint, could impact 905 Lewis Ave. A small enough circle would not.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

No

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Propose a Project - Submission #102690

Date Submitted: 6/29/2025

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Contact Person*

Nancy Erickson

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[REDACTED]

Proposal Title*

Shade for Playground at Broome Athletic Park

Proposal Location*

Broome Athletic Park Playground

Describe Your Proposal*

When the weather is hot, the playground at the Broome Athletic Park off of Twinbrook Parkway is unusable. There is no shade (natural or man-made) so the primarily metal playground is dangerously hot for kids to touch. I propose city funds construct a man-made shade over the playground so that it stays cool when the weather is hotter so that local families can safely use it. As climate change continues to make summers hotter and longer, improvements like this will be more and more necessary.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

The playground is too hot during the summer to play on.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

However many people live in the Twinbrook neighborhood. Lots of local communities use the park for baseball games etc. and their kids want to play on the playground while the baseball games happen

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

N/A

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No, public property

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

I don't know

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Propose a Project - Submission #102752

Date Submitted: 6/30/2025

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Contact Person*

Karine Reiter

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[REDACTED]

Proposal Title*

Improve access of Kinship Park from Rockville Town Center

Proposal Location*

Kinship Park, 260 N Washington St

Describe Your Proposal*

Improve access of Kinship Park from Rockville Town Center through the following: • Remove the chain link fence on the Beall Ave side of the park. • Remove the center tree along the Beall Ave side of the park (there are currently 3 trees on that edge). • Build a path on the grassy area from Beall Ave to the play structure. Increase safety and visibility of the park through the following: • Remove the two trees overhanging the play structure. • Create an inviting entrance from Beall Ave. • Improve the crosswalk on Beall Ave in front of Kinship Park by either raising this crosswalk or installing a light beacon. Revitalize the park by replacing the aging play structure.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

While Rockville Town Center has an open space for children to run and climb on the rocks in the central square, it does not have an easily accessible and inviting playground. When my children were toddlers we would go to the splash fountain, but it does not turn on until 11 am, which is quite late for a toddler. Having a park we could go to while we wait for the fountain in the summer or simply a park for the winter months would have been nice. Even now, with my oldest being 11 years old, it would be nice to have a park to stop at when we hang out at Rockville Town Center. I have taken my kids to Kinship Park once. It is dark and uninviting. It is accessed either through a parking lot on Beall Ave or across from the Shell gas station on N Washington St. Sometimes there is one or more people loitering in the park. I have never seen children playing there. While I am usually against cutting down trees, this park has no direct sunlight. The play structure is brown and drab. My children do not like the vibe of this park. This proposal would take down 3 of the dozen trees in the park. I feel that with a few improvements, Kinship Park could be an open and inviting park that families would use when in the area.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

There are hundreds of families who live in or visit the Rockville Town Square area.

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No. There is private property surrounding the park, but the changes would not affect surrounding property.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

There is no existing CIP project for Kinship Park however there is a budget for Playground Structure Replacement.

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Propose a Project - Submission #102911

Date Submitted: 7/7/2025

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Contact Person*

Cindy Fishman

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Cindy Fishman

Proposal Title*

Wootton PKWY ped cross walk

Proposal Location*

Wootton Parkway at Fallsmead/S Fallsmed/

Describe Your Proposal*

Pedestrian Activated Crossing Light on Wootton Parkway at the crossover at Fallsmead/S. Fallsmead at Horizon Hill Park.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Cars along Wootton Parkway are suppose to stop when there are people in the cross walk but they do not. It is often difficult to cross. There are other lights for pedestrians along Wootton Parkway.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Multiple neighborhoods, walking students to Frost and Wootton, users of the park and the path.

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

Pedestrian and Bike Safety

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Propose a Project - Submission #103029

Date Submitted: 7/9/2025

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Contact Person*

Jake Jakubek

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[REDACTED]

Proposal Title*

Roundabouts on Grandin Ave

Proposal Location*

Grandin Ave & Highland Ave and Grandin Ave & Croydon Ave

Describe Your Proposal*

Grandin Ave from Reading Terrace to Baltimore Road is a very wide street for a residential neighborhood. This means there are wide sightlines up and down the street and it enables excess vehicle speeds. With the unoccupied parking spaces on the side of the road, it feels comfortable to drive 40mph and people do so. Putting two roundabouts at these intersections would slow vehicle speeds and improve safety on the street. An example of an effective roundabout can be found here: https://www.google.com/maps/@39.0482056,-77.1387896,3a,75y,261.02h,90t/data=!3m7!1e1!3m5!1sTO4e1hsKk2kCuY5nplU2_A!2e0!8ahttps:%2F%2Fstreetviewpixels-pa.googleapis.com%2Fv1%2Fthumbnail%3Fcb_client%3Dmaps_sv.tactile%26w%3D900%26h%3D600%26pitch%3D0%26panoid%3DTO4e1hsKk2kCuY5nplU2_A%26yaw%3D2entry=tu&g_ep=EgoyMDI1MDcwNjY4wKXMDSoASAFQAw%3D%3D I pass through this roundabout twice a week on my way to work and can confirm that it forces people driving to slow down

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

This proposal would improve safety on Grandin Ave. Roundabouts in the intersections would force people who are driving on Grandin Ave to slow down while navigating the street. It will also force them to pay attention to everyone else using Grandin Ave. There are children who live on the street as well as many people walking to and from the park. Having properly designed roundabouts in the two intersections would force people driving to navigate an obstacle. This may also dissuade the dump trucks 18 wheelers, and other absurdly large vehicles from using the street. This is a safety proposal.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

~100

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?*

[REDACTED]

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)

No

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Propose a Project - Submission #103049

Date Submitted: 7/10/2025

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Contact Person*

Michael Northridge

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self ▼

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Michael Northridge

Proposal Title*

Extension of Potomac Woods Park southeast trail to Seven Locks Road

Proposal Location*

Southeast corner of Potomac Woods Park (roughly fifty feet north of Montrose Road)

Describe Your Proposal*

Am submitting this proposal in response to request for ideas for possible neighborhood improvement projects that could be considered during the next budget season. The city's park currently has a trail in its southeast corner that ends just shy of Seven Locks Road. The proposal is to extend the trail to Seven Locks Road. (To be clear, the proposal does not involve the park's northeast corner and, e.g., Locks Pond Court or Oakenshire Drive which already have trail connections.)

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

The proposal would significantly improve visitor access to Potomac Woods Park. At present, visitors currently either must drive into the park via Stratton Drive entrance (north) or walk in via Dunster Lane entrance (west) or Oakenshire Drive (northeast). There is no access via the southeast corner, which results in visitors having to walk all the way up Seven Locks Road and then Twin Oaks Drive and then Oakenshire. Or to walk Montrose Road and thread their way to Stratton Drive.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Unknown. Rough guess = several hundred?

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Not really. The non-profit Friends of Cabin John Creek (FOCJC) group might, however, have some interest. FOCJC serves as a steward for the main creek and its tributaries (www.cabinjohncreek.org); this proposal's location tracks Bogley Branch, which is a significant tributary to Cabin John Creek. FOCJC organizes stream/trail volunteer cleanups in the city of Rockville, including at this park. It also sponsors an annual trail walk along much of the Creek but Potomac Woods park's trail is not included largely because there is no trail connection to Seven Locks Road.

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No, the proposed project would not directly impact any private property. The trail currently ends just shy of a public sidewalk on Seven Locks Road.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

The proposal does not appear to fit within any of the existing CIP projects.

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Propose a Project - Submission #103176

Date Submitted: 7/14/2025

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Contact Person*

David J. Smith

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Lena Choudhary

Proposal Title*

Welcome to Silver Rock Sign

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

Intersection of Edmonston and Gilbert

Describe Your Proposal*

A "Welcome to Silver Rock" sign

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Creates community identify

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

all of community

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project? *

No

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

Yes

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Propose a Project - Submission #103259

Date Submitted: 7/15/2025

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Contact Person*

Mark Radel

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[REDACTED]

Proposal Title*

Thompson Dairy Way/Crooked Creek Drive Footbridge

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

In the wooded area between Crooked Creek Drive and Thompson Dairy Way, connecting Cork Tree and Longhorn Crescent

Describe Your Proposal*

My family and I are longtime residents of Rockville (22+ years), and more specifically, the King Farm neighborhood. Rockville has been a wonderful place to live, work, and raise our family! We really enjoy taking walks around our neighborhood when the weather is nice and we greatly appreciate the (newly rebuilt) footbridge that connects Creek Valley Lane with Barnside Place. It makes it so much easier to get around that part of the neighborhood! I propose the construction of a similar footbridge across the wooded reforestation area between Crooked Creek Drive and Thompson Dairy Way, creating a new path approximately connecting Cork Tree Lane and Longhorn Crescent on either side. The design and appearance of the footbridge could mirror the Creek Valley Lane/Barnside Place footbridge, likely saving funds on design (and possibly engineering) costs.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

It unifies the two sides of the neighborhood that are currently bisected by the reforestation area, greatly improving overall walkability in a neighborhood that was designed specifically to be a walkable community. It would also be a huge help every weekday morning and afternoon for the schoolchildren that need to catch buses at stops located on one side or the other of the reforestation area.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

~10,000 residents of the King Farm neighborhood, plus visitors and guests

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

This project would not impact any private property.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects

can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

I have been told by Jessica Corazza with the City of Rockville that this proposal does not fit within any existing projects or other city funding.

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Propose a Project - Submission #104042

Date Submitted: 8/3/2025

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Contact Person*

Paula Strange

Contact Email*

[Redacted]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self ▼

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Proposal Title*

Open the fence at Montgomery College

Proposal Location*

End of Clemson Court adjacent to the campus

Describe Your Proposal*

Please open the fence. This will cost nothing. The environment has greatly changed since the fence was closed. The college has much more parking, and anyone who still smokes has adjusted to the College's no-smoking rules. Please open the fence.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Residents and students will be able to cross freely to and from the college.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

10,000

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

There is a home next to the fence. The prior owners were upset that students came onto the College Gardens side of the fence to smoke. Again, it is unlikely that this situation would recur, however, it would be a simple step to close the fence if this homeowner found it to be a problem.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

No

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Propose a Project - Submission #104049

Date Submitted: 8/3/2025

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Contact Person*

Derek Grabhorn

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self ▼

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[REDACTED]

Proposal Title*

Expand W Montgomery Ave Ramp

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

W Montgomery Ave

Describe Your Proposal*

We should expand the highway entrance ramp off of W Montgomery Ave to 270 South near the Shell station at 1250 W Montgomery Ave. Right now, W Montgomery Ave has three lanes going south at this location, and only the right one exits to the 270 south ramp. About 500 feet after the right lane separates to the on ramp, it opens up into two lanes. It makes no sense to compact down to one lane, then open back up into two lanes. It causes so much traffic build up during rush hour times. The middle lane of W Montgomery Ave here should be a forked lane where you can choose to keep right onto the metered 270 S ramp or continue left on W Montgomery further. It can't be a space issue because the space for the second lane is basically already paved under the pedestrian bridge there, only a sliver of green area needs to be turned into road and it would make a huge difference in alleviating traffic.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Traffic build up from unnecessarily compacting to one lane then immediately re-expanding to two. This causes an unnecessary bottleneck, and it causes people to cut others off to try and get around, causing even more traffic.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Thousands

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website)*

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Not sure

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Propose a Project - Submission #104056

Date Submitted: 8/3/2025

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Contact Person*

Sarah Pomerantz

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self ▼

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[REDACTED]

Proposal Title*

Monroe crossing

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

Intersection of Monroe and Mt Vernon Place

Describe Your Proposal*

Add a white striped pedestrian crossing marking at the intersection of Monroe and Mt Vernon place

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Pedestrians are often crossing here to get from the nearby neighborhoods to get to Elwood Smith Park. There are white striped areas for pedestrian crossing elsewhere on this block of Monroe but not at this intersection. This would help improve pedestrian safety and is aligned with Vision Zero.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

200

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

No

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Propose a Project - Submission #104066

Date Submitted: 8/3/2025

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Contact Person*

Marilyn Madden

Contact Email*

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self ▼

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Proposal Title*

Speed Camera or Traffic Light Needed

Proposal Location*

Muncaster Mill Road and Applewood Lane

Describe Your Proposal*

This is the intersection where a woman was killed a few weeks ago. The road is rather curvy around there and I believe we need either a traffic light or one or two speed cameras just before and just after this intersection on Muncaster Mill Rd. There are a couple of schools and a church very close by as well.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

The need to not have anyone else (pedestrian) killed by a car around this curvy road. Also when exiting Applewood Lane (my street), it is very difficult to see if any traffic is coming on Muncaster Mill Rd to the left of me.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Have no idea.

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No, does not impact any private property.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

Have no idea.

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Propose a Project - Submission #104100

Date Submitted: 8/4/2025

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Contact Person*

Janice Dunlap

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Janice Dunlap

Proposal Title*

Beautifying a median

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

355 (Hungerford)

Describe Your Proposal*

The concrete median heading north on Hungerford Drive (355, starting on the median across the metro parking and ending at the intersection of Beall Avenue (or possibly continuing further north on 355) is unsightly and boring. As studies have shown, tree-lined streets (which include medians) reduce street temperatures, help mitigate air pollution from cars, and provide beauty to the area. If it is too expensive to dig up the concrete to plant colorful trees providing shade and absorption of CO2, at least some of the beautiful large planters (similar to those found around our beautiful city center) would help beautify the center median/street. Beautiful medians make a street attractive and add to the beauty of a main thoroughfare, and further bring attention to a city center. A secondary suggestion to the beautification of that area would be placing a large colorful ROCKVILLE sign on the bridge that crosses over at the metro intersection (Park Road). Anyone driving north or south on 355 would see the large sign welcoming them to Rockville (and the Rockville metro/Marc train area).

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Beautification of medians, by replacing concrete with shade-providing CO2-absorbing trees on our main thoroughfares, thereby reducing road heat as the temperatures continue to rise.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Residents of Rockville

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No (unless the sign on the bridge involves the metro or train property).

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects

can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

Not sure.

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Propose a Project - Submission #104104

Date Submitted: 8/4/2025

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Contact Person*

Emily Lincoln

Contact Email*

[Redacted]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self ▼

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Emily Lincoln

Proposal Title*

Stoplight at Mt Vernon

Proposal Location*

[Redacted]

Mt Vernon Pl & 355

Describe Your Proposal*

Please consider putting some kind of traffic control device here so that people understand who has right of way.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

To prevent car accidents

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

? Anyone driving on 355 here

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?*

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

Don't know

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Propose a Project - Submission #104445

Date Submitted: 8/10/2025

Please submit only one proposal per form. If you have multiple proposals please submit multiple forms.

Contact Person*

DAVID SERWAY

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Group

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Baylor Ave Culdesac Community

Proposal Title*

Culdesac Beautification

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

End of Baylor Avenue, Rockville MD 20850

Describe Your Proposal*

Neighbors with/without kids and friends within this neighborhood, like many others in the surrounding areas referenced as College Gardens, have gatherings for discussions, sometimes just with their kids on trikes, social meetings, etc. where have a central location more close to home is better tolerated due to time available. We would like to transform this weedy mess of a culdesac into a meaningful spot dressed up with 4 adirondack chairs, table in center as well as with Potted plants and shrubs. Foundation in center should be river rocks to have nice drainage and eliminate the need to mow which currently doesn't happen. The location can not grow trees with deep roots currently and has minimal to little through traffic which is at the end where the culdesac is attached to Columbia Avenue. Discussed this with the neighbors and they are all in on this idea. This would be a tremendous idea to also implement in other areas in College Gardens which brings the Neighborhood together with the Neighbors.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Eliminates the need for City Maintenance like Mowing or tree trimming, edging therefore reducing city costs. Beautifies the neighborhood where houses have nearly doubled in the past 3 years. Keeps young families active and together without the long hike to the park since time is limited due to both parents working. Social gatherings would be increased and better neighbor communications with one-another. Improved vision for neighbors with the cleaned up area providing a safer community. A space for beautiful ties and bridging social interactions.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

40+

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Yes we have had this meeting with one-another. I can supply everyone's names and emails etc if requested.

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No there is no impact to private property.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

I am not aware of any CIP project that this would fit into based upon the current list found on the City's website.

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Propose a Project - Submission #104447

Date Submitted: 8/10/2025

Please submit only one proposal per form. If you have multiple proposals, please submit multiple forms.

Contact Person*

Frank Cole

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self ▼

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Hungerford Landscape Committee

Proposal Title*

Crape Myrtle Replenishment - Cabin John Stream

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

From bridge to Dogwood Park along Cabin John Stream to Stone Ridge sign

Describe Your Proposal*

In 2015, the Hungerford Landscape Committee and volunteers donated the funds and provided the labor to install 17 Crape Myrtle "Sioux" along the eastern bank of Cabin John stream essentially running the 800 block of Cabin John Parkway. Over the last few years we have lost 7 of those trees to beaver and deer. I would like to see these replaced and 2 additional trees at the bridge entrance to Dogwood Park. I have planted 3 American Redbud along the creek and would like this proposal to include 4 more Redbuds as well. I would mark the locations and see to it that the trees were watered. These trees should all be "Sioux" Crape Myrtles and be 6' -8' tall. It is possible to substitute with another pink variety if it blooms at the same time.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

This project is more about a vision. When Japan donated hundreds of Yoshino Cherries to our country, to be planted along the Tidal Basin, it wasn't to solve a problem. It was to complete a vision, and a way of thanks, and add color and beauty to our landscape. I think eventually more aesthetic project ideas could continue down to Stone Ridge Pond and the walkway there. We have planted over 400 daffodil bulbs in this area along the creek and many people walk there and enjoy the Spring color. The Crape Myrtles, by blooming mid to late summer further add to the color in our community.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

I think the entire Rockville community will enjoy seeing this ribbon of pink flowering trees flow along the creek

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

The trees would all be planted on the green space easement outside of Dogwood Park and, once established, require no maintenance to speak of.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects

can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

yes, trees and installation would be about \$450 a piece if furnished and planted and warranted by a landscape company.

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Propose a Project - Submission #104780

Date Submitted: 8/18/2025

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Contact Person*

Chris Lafferty

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[REDACTED]

Proposal Title*

Disc Golf Practice Range for Bullard Park

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

Bullard Park

Describe Your Proposal*

I propose the installation of a single disc golf practice hole in our community park. The setup would include two permanent disc golf baskets positioned at opposite ends of a lightly wooded, unused green space. This design would allow residents to practice throws in both directions, simulating the experience of a full disc golf hole while maximizing the use of limited space. The area I would propose is currently unused, is well-suited with natural tree obstacles, and is safely distanced from both the playground and the walking path. The cost of installing two disc golf baskets, a tee pad and signage is modest (likely under \$3,000) compared to most park infrastructure projects, with minimal maintenance required once installed. The baskets are durable, weather-resistant, and can remain in place for many years with little upkeep. For a relatively low one-time investment, the community gains a long-lasting recreational amenity that broadens park use, promotes healthy activity, and delivers outsized value to a wide range of residents.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

This proposal addresses the lack of recreational variety and accessible outdoor fitness options for teens and adults in our community. While the park already provides excellent amenities for young children (playground), basketball players and walkers (path), there are limited other facilities that appeal to older youth, young adults, and families looking for alternative forms of recreation. Disc golf is a fast-growing, low-cost, and family-friendly sport that promotes outdoor activity, physical exercise, and community engagement. A practice hole allows residents to try the sport casually without requiring access to a full course. It also provides a safe, inclusive, and healthy outlet that complements existing park amenities without interfering with them.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

The practice hole could reasonably serve hundreds of unique residents each year, with the potential for frequent repeat use by regular players. It would add meaningful value to the park for a wide variety of residents who may not currently have a recreational option there.

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

N/A

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No it does not impact any private property.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

Not that I'm aware of.

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Propose a Project - Submission #104879

Date Submitted: 8/20/2025

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Contact Person*

Megan Feng

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self ▼

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[REDACTED]

Proposal Title*

Decrease seasonal allergies

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

everywhere

Describe Your Proposal*

Plant female trees anytime trees or greenery need to be planted. New parks, park renovations, street neighborhoods, encourage neighborhoods schools and communities to plant female trees.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Many people are affected by seasonal allergies. Due to global warming spring starts earlier and lasts longer than before. Many people who never had allergies before now have allergies. Allergy symptoms can range from minor inconveniences to pretty serious reliance on daily medication. Allergy medications are not cheap. If we encourage more female trees the pollen would decrease and be a natural solution that many people would benefit from.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

A large amount of people. Majority of population

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

would not impact private property

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

don't know

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Propose a Project - Submission #105004

Date Submitted: 8/25/2025

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Contact Person*

Justin Brandon

Contact Email*

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Proposal Title*

Leading Pedestrian Interval at intersection of Hurley & Route 28

Proposal Location*

Intersection of Hurley & Route 28

Describe Your Proposal*

I propose that the traffic signal at the intersection of Hurley & Route 28 (near OneLife Gym / Chik-Fil-A / etc) be upgraded so incorporate a leading pedestrian interval to encourage pedestrian crossing safety. I drive through this intersection almost daily and walk through it regularly as well. It is common to see vehicles turning left from Hurley onto Route 28 not properly yield to pedestrians who are crossing Route 28. I think an LPI would give drivers more of an opportunity to notice pedestrians so that they can properly yield to them, and also give pedestrians a head start to cross this large thoroughfare safely.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Pedestrian safety, neighborhood connections, economic activity (people would feel more inclined to walk & bike to the businesses in the OneLife plaza).

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Over the course of a year this could make thousands of road crossings safer and more enjoyable. It could also induce pedestrian and bike trips in this area.

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

Vision Zero, pedestrian and bicycle safety

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Propose a Project - Submission #105035

Date Submitted: 8/25/2025

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Contact Person*

Jeffrey McCreight

Contact Email*

[Redacted]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self ▼

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[Redacted]

Proposal Title*

Falls Road Park playground resurfacing

Proposal Location*

[Redacted]

Falls Road Park playground

Describe Your Proposal*

In various areas of the playground at Falls Road Park, the rubber surface panels on the ground are coming apart, creating gaps that are easy to trip on. I propose that the playground be resurfaced, either with a new set of rubber tiles or with poured in place rubber.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Falls Road Park sees plenty of use from families in the area. Resurfacing would make it safer for running and biking children.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

The residents of Horizon Hill, Potomac Woods, Montgomery Square and Fox Hills West with young children are all likely to use this playground, so I would imagine hundreds of individuals could benefit from this proposal.

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No, the project is entirely on public property.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

Not to my knowledge.

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Propose a Project - Submission #105063

Date Submitted: 8/26/2025

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Contact Person*

Edina Moy

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[REDACTED]

Proposal Title*

Pickleball Nets at Woottons Mill Park Tennis Courts

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

Woottons Mill Park Tennis Courts

Describe Your Proposal*

Install pickleball nets at the Wootton's Mill Tennis Courts.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

The City has already drawn pickleball court outlines at the Woottons Mill Tennis Courts, but there are no pickleball nets. The City's website says to use the tennis nets, but they're taller than pickleball nets. Our neighborhood and surrounding ones would greatly benefit from actual pickleball nets.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

500+

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

No

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Propose a Project - Submission #105099

Date Submitted: 8/27/2025

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Contact Person*

Kathleen Kleinmann

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self ▼

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Kathleen Kleinmann

Proposal Title*

Respect for Bus Riders

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

Throughout the City of Rockville

Describe Your Proposal*

The city of Rockville must raise the level of respect and appreciation that it shows for riders the bus system. Rockville should dedicate funding to upgrade bus stops to have more shelters, benches, larger concrete pads, trash receptacles, and electrical outlet for lighting and electronic charging, when possible. The placement of bus stops should also be examined to ensure that there is a safe street crossing area for return trips by bus. The City and County policy encourages the use of public transportation. However, relatively few bus stops have the amenities to help riders feel respected, safe, and protected. Bus drivers sometimes tend to overlook waiting passengers where there is only a bus stop sign without amenities. The population of Rockville will be increasing dramatically given the new housing in the pipeline. The City uses a ridged criteria for bus stop amenities that must be revised. Nationally, research has show dramatic increases in ridership with the addition of amenities. This research readily available by quizzing AI tools.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Reluctance of city residents to ride bus system and other forms of public transit due to perceptions of social status, discomfort and concerns about safety.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

1000 or more

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

Vision Zero

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Propose a Project - Submission #105117

Date Submitted: 8/28/2025

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Contact Person*

Kelly paisley

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self ▼

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[REDACTED]

Proposal Title*

Handicap ramps

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

On sunrise drive

Describe Your Proposal*

And the covert end of sunrise drive there is only stairs to access the pond and tot lot. Would be great if a ramp could be built to support strollers and handicap walkers.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Right now there is only one ramp to access the tot lot and pond which makes access challenging in hot days for those who live further from the ramp

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

100 plus

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

Not sure

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

Not Or sure

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Propose a Project - Submission #105194

Date Submitted: 8/31/2025

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Contact Person*

charles Short 1040 Brice rd

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

charles Short

Proposal Title*

Richie Parkway-Cabin John Creek Walkable Nature Path

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

Bginning at Richie Parkeay dead end at West Edmonston to dead end at Leverton Street in the woods along Cabin John Creek

Describe Your Proposal*

I propose a small project that would have a very large positive impact on the Hungerford community. The model I have in mind is similar to the nature path in Dogwood Park along the creek behind the tennis courts from Cabin John Parkway to Monroe Street. A short heavily- used nature path for all ages to use. I suggest a cleared, unpaved nature path from the end of Richie Parkway at Edmonston along Cabin John Creek to the end of Leverton, continuing to connect with the Stone Ridge Pond path.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Lack of nature walk opportunities

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Greater Hungerford community.

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Our civic association appears to be inactive. I have discussed with with a few others who walk in the community and they think it is a wise use of this city owned surplus property.

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

I don't believe so.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

I don't know.

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Propose a Project - Submission #105200

Date Submitted: 8/31/2025

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Contact Person*

Clara Ni

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self ▼

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Proposal Title*

Speed Bumps on Gruenther Ave

Proposal Location*

Gruenther Ave

Describe Your Proposal*

Speed bumps on Gruenther Ave. in Twinbrook neighborhood

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Frequent accidents or near accidents, and unsafe driving speeds down Gruenther Ave

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

300

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

Unknown

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Propose a Project - Submission #105201

Date Submitted: 8/31/2025

Please submit only one proposal per form. If you have multiple proposals, please submit multiple forms.

Contact Person*

zach

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self ▼

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Proposal Title*

dog lark

Proposal Location*

along Elwood smith Park

Describe Your Proposal*

The town needs a dog park. There is a lot of open land that is barely used along Elwood smith park. There are many places near this that could be used for a dog park

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Provide a dog park which the town needs.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

the entire town

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?*

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

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Propose a Project - Submission #105206

Date Submitted: 8/31/2025

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Contact Person*

Kevin Gabrielson

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self ▼

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[REDACTED]

Proposal Title*

Croydon Creek & Red Gate Connectors to Rock Creek Trail

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

Croydon Creek Nature Center & Rock Creek Trail

Describe Your Proposal*

Croydon Creek Nature Center and Red Gate parks have trails that get very close to Rock Creek Trail but do not directly connect. For Redgate, Avery road is not pedestrian safe so there is no access from one to the other. I propose a connector trail at the northeast corner of Redgate park to Rock Creek trail. Similarly, at Croydon Creek, the trail that ends near Rock Creek would be extended and have a bridge added to cross the creek.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Increase access to parks, through passes, and around Rockville

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

100s every day

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

I don't know who owns land between Avery Road/Redgate/Rock Creek Trail, it is mostly forested beside the building adjacent to the park at the north property line.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

Not to my knowledge

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Propose a Project - Submission #105213

Date Submitted: 9/1/2025

Please submit only one proposal per form. If you have multiple proposals, please submit multiple forms.

Contact Person*

Stephana Ney

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self ▼

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[REDACTED]

Proposal Title*

Woodley Gardens Park Steps Relacement

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

Woodley Gardens Park access across from 720 Smallwood Road, Rockville

Describe Your Proposal*

Replace the steps going from Smallwood Road to the bottom of the hill near the pedestrian bridge crossing Watts Branch in Woodley Gardens Park.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

The steps from Smallwood Road into Woodley Gardens Park have deteriorated to the point of being hardly usable. Soil has eroded below much of each timbered step. They hardly function and are potentially dangerous. This is the east side entrance to the park. A range of residents use these steps regularly, from young children to senior citizens. They give access to the Watts Branch Trail, the playground, and the ball fields.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

600

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

No

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Propose a Project - Submission #105222

Date Submitted: 9/1/2025

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Contact Person*

Michael Jeter

Contact Email*

[Redacted]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Proposal Title*

Sidewalk for missing stretch of Viers Mill

Proposal Location*

South side of Viers mill, starting at Twinbrook Parkway

Describe Your Proposal*

I'd like to propose that the City of Rockville collaborate with the Maryland department of transportation to get a sidewalk built for a small stretch of Viers Mill road where it is missing. The section of Viers Mill where I wanted to request a sidewalk and/or bike path is on the south side of Viers Mill Road, starting about 300 feet from the intersection of Twinbrook parkway, and continuing until the bridge that goes over Rock Creek (near where the Twinbrook Connector Trail starts).

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

The primary problem here is a major safety issue for pedestrians and cyclists. My concern is that there is no sidewalk, bike path, or even shoulder on the road for this short stretch, which is probably less than 500 feet, making it very dangerous for anyone to walk or bike along it.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Probably several hundred over the course of each year

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

I don't believe so.

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Propose a Project - Submission #105239

Date Submitted: 9/1/2025

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Contact Person*

Phil Kuljurgis

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Philip P Kuljurgis

Proposal Title*

Rockville

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

MD

Describe Your Proposal*

Exercise equipment, including but not limited to pull up bars, at Elwood Smith Park.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Elwood Smith park is located near several apartment buildings, and is used heavily by families in Hungerford as well as the apartments off of Monroe Street. There is also a baseball field at Elwood. The exercise equipment would be well-used by many. Also, it would allow residents, parents, and older siblings to improve their fitness while watching children play at Elwood.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Hundreds who live nearby, perhaps over one thousand

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Not yet, but I will bring up at next meeting of the Hungerford Civic Association.

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No, Not applicable.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

No

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Propose a Project - Submission #105268

Date Submitted: 9/2/2025

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Contact Person*

Tom Temin

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Tom Temin

Proposal Title*

Road calming Sunrise Drive

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

Sunrise Drive, Horizon Hill neighborhood

Describe Your Proposal*

Proposing traffic calming measures for Sunrise Drive, which is both the main neighborhood road and also a cut-through for adjacent neighborhood. "Neckdowns" and a roundabout or two, similar to those on Hurley Avenue, would slow down cars without the annoyance of bumps. The narrowing pieces could be placed between Allview Drive and Hearthstone Court, perhaps a circle at Crestview Court or at Blue Meadow just below Crestview Court.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

High speed traffic on a neighborhood street

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

1,000

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?*

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

All work would be on the public street.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

Not that I know of. This is a fast and relatively inexpensive undertaking, mainly the design and installation of concrete berms of a proper length to have cars slow down on a long stretch of very wide road. The width of Sunrise Drive reflects a 1970s approach to local streets.

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Propose a Project - Submission #105305

Date Submitted: 9/2/2025

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Contact Person*

Elizabeth Oka

Contact Email*

[Redacted]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self ▼

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[Redacted]

Proposal Title*

Improvement of Rockcrest park facilities and amenities

Proposal Location*

[Redacted]

Rockcrest park

Describe Your Proposal*

Improvement of Rockcrest park by adding water fountains, more trash cans, and creating better accessibility from Coral Sea Ave (currently inaccessible to wheelchair users). Additionally, it would be great to add bike racks to encourage sustainable transportation and recreation.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

This proposal would address sustainability, inclusion, and environmental factors by reducing trash left on the street, encouraging the use of bikes, and ensuring equity of access for differently abled people.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

300

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

Not applicable

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

Not applicable

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Propose a Project - Submission #105309

Date Submitted: 9/2/2025

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Contact Person*

Glenn Fellman

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self



Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[REDACTED]

Proposal Title*

Modernizing the City of Rockville Flag: Removing Confederate Symbolism for an Inclusive Civic Identity

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

City-wide — the project concerns the official flag used at City Hall, municipal facilities, and public events across Rockville.

Describe Your Proposal*

This proposal requests a one-time capital project to redesign and officially replace Rockville's current flag, which incorporates the red bottony Crossland crosses—a symbol that historically aligns with Confederate imagery. The new design would preserve the City's historic heritage while reflecting modern values of unity, inclusivity, and civic pride. Deliverables: Commissioning a design competition or working with a local graphic designer, historian, and community panel to create new flag proposals. Producing final design mockups, including digital renderings and physical prototypes. Replacing existing flags at City Hall, partner facilities, and public venues. Launching a public awareness campaign to introduce the new design and explain its significance.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Problem: Rockville's current flag prominently features six red bottony crosses, tied historically to the Confederate-aligned Crosland family symbolism. This association can be deeply alienating and distressing for community members—and contradicts post-2020 efforts nationwide to address Confederate symbols in public spaces . Need: There is no documented acknowledgment, public discussion, or historical interpretation from the City regarding the Confederate connections in the seal or flag design . A thoughtful redesign allows Rockville to demonstrate leadership, align with Montgomery County's and Maryland's actions in removing Confederate-linked symbols (e.g., street renamings, monument removals) , and foster an inclusive civic identity moving forward.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

All Rockville residents—over 67,000 individuals—plus visitors, civic stakeholders, and regional partners, effectively serving the entire community by affirming shared values and civic unity.

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

N/A

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No. The project involves municipal artwork and symbols displayed on public buildings and does not affect private property.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

No. This is a new one-time capital improvement initiative and does not fall under any existing CIP categories.

Thank you for submitting a proposal for the FY 2027 budget process. A summary of all proposals submitted will be provided to the Mayor and Council, the city manager, and applicable city department staff. Additionally, your proposal will be included as part of the FY 2027 budget public record beginning with the first budget public hearing in fall 2025. To follow the FY 2027 budget process, check the city's website to find dates of Mayor and Council work sessions and budget public hearings. These dates will be published once set by the Mayor and Council in the fall.

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Propose a Project - Submission #105380

Date Submitted: 9/4/2025

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Contact Person*

Emily Brooks

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self ▼

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[REDACTED]

Proposal Title*

Speed Bumps on Twinbrook Parkway

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

Twinbrook Parkway between Baltimore and Veirs Mill

Describe Your Proposal*

Add speed bumps to this stretch of Twinbrook Parkway, perhaps by elevating the existing crosswalks.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Cars often drive aggressively and at high speed on the stretch of Twinbrook between Baltimore and Veirs Mill. This stretch includes two schools and numerous single family homes with young children. The existing low-profile semi-roundabouts at intersections don't deter this behavior. I would like to see speed bumps installed. Maybe the existing crosswalks could become elevated? Bauer Drive is a good example of how Twinbrook could be configured.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

The entire Twinbrook neighborhood!

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

Perhaps under general ped/bike improvements

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Propose a Project - Submission #105387

Date Submitted: 9/4/2025

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Contact Person*

Mindy Chong

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self ▼

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[REDACTED]

Proposal Title*

Shade and Space for All to Gather at Bullards Park

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

Bullards Park

Describe Your Proposal*

Installation of shade structures, gazebo, and or some kind of covered patio at Bullards Park. Addition of 3-4 picnic tables under shaded areas to encourage family gatherings, picnics, and community use. This would support multiple neighborhoods that use the park/playground, such as: Rose Hill, Rose Hill Falls, Bullards Circle, Roxboro.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Adding shade coverings and picnic tables is a simple yet impactful improvement that will make Bullard Park a more inclusive, enjoyable, and safe space for everyone in our community. Currently there is zero shade/gazebo/patio and only 2 picnic tables.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

There are over 350 homes that surround the park.

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No. Bullard Park is a stand alone park/playground.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

no

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Propose a Project - Submission #105449

Date Submitted: 9/6/2025

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Contact Person*

Stephanie Richardson

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[REDACTED]

Proposal Title*

Dog Cleaning hub

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

King Farm / Nearby dog park

Describe Your Proposal*

This dog wash or dog cleaning area will support the sanitation of animals to maintain overall animal and human cleanliness and health.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

This solves animal and human health by minimizing and monitoring allergens, fleas and ticks.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

10,000

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

N/A

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

N/A

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

Yes, Town Center Dog Exercise Area and potentially the RedGate Park Master plan project.

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Propose a Project - Submission #105466

Date Submitted: 9/7/2025

Please submit only one proposal per form. If you have multiple proposals, please submit multiple forms.

Contact Person*

Sophie Wonderly

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self ▼

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Sophie Wonderly

Proposal Title*

Crosswalk

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

First St and Lynn Ct

Describe Your Proposal*

We desperately need a crosswalk to get from the Burgundy Knolls neighborhood to Maryvale Park

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

The 2-3 almost accidents, between cars and pedestrians, that happen daily at this intersection- the lack of ability to cross the street safely

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

250

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

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Propose a Project - Submission #105467

Date Submitted: 9/7/2025

Please submit only one proposal per form. If you have multiple proposals, please submit multiple forms.

Contact Person*

Fran Miller

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[REDACTED]

Proposal Title*

Street Lighting

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

College Gardens Sidewalks

Describe Your Proposal*

The pole lights, that were installed a while ago, make it more dangerous to walk on the sidewalks. They mostly light the streets. New outdoor lighting is needed.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

We need more lighting along ALL of the sidewalks., not just the streets.be

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

All of the many nighttime walkers in College Gardens

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?*

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

no

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Propose a Project - Submission #105469

Date Submitted: 9/7/2025

Please submit only one proposal per form. If you have multiple proposals, please submit multiple forms.

Contact Person*

Amanda Collinson

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[REDACTED]

Proposal Title*

Off leash park for dogs

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

Welsh Park between the tennis courts and pool

Describe Your Proposal*

I propose the area between the tennis courts in Welsh Park and the baseball field be fenced and turned into an off leash area for dogs. There should be an area for dogs under 35lb, separated from a larger area for dogs over 35lb. The area in question does not have high traffic. It is close to the pool, so there should be relatively cheap water access. There is already one side fenced.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

The closest dog park is king farm. It is a drive for people in city centre. Welsh Park is half a mile from city centre where there are a lot of dogs in apartments. We are expanding our housing stock, and dogs need somewhere to socialize and be off lead.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

All rockville. Families with dogs have a place to go, Families without dogs don't have to worry about dogs being off lead in the street.

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

Unknown

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Propose a Project - Submission #105474

Date Submitted: 9/7/2025

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Contact Person*

Ebonie Murphy

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Ebonie Murphy

Proposal Title*

Park

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

Scotland community park

Describe Your Proposal*

The park is not suitable for kids or adults. If we could get exercise equipment and padding and new playground equipment for children.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Kids dont have to play or meet up on the street or by the rental office.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Over 100

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

Maybe Parks and rec. Dept.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

N/a

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Propose a Project - Submission #105475

Date Submitted: 9/7/2025

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Contact Person*

Lorna Sanchez

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Lorna L Sanchez

Proposal Title*

Dog Park in West End

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

unknown

Describe Your Proposal*

I would like to propose the development of a dog park somewhere in west end neighborhood or woodley gardens. We need one!

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

There are a multitude of dog owners in the neighborhood but no dog park.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

the entire neighborhood, especially those who have dogs

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

no, i am not sure where it should be located. hopefully somewhere in nature with shade

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

unknown

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Propose a Project - Submission #105514

Date Submitted: 9/8/2025

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Contact Person*

Guy Kenvo

Contact Email*

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Proposal Title*

Outdoor Exercise Station

Proposal Location*

Montrose Park

Describe Your Proposal*

This proposal recommends the transformation of the currently unused "beach volleyball" area near the Rollins Congressional swimming pool into a multifunctional Outdoor Exercise Station dedicated to gymnastics and calisthenics.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

The initiative aims to promote physical wellness, community engagement, and optimal use of available space by providing accessible, safe, and versatile workout infrastructure. Such a structure will provide options for all age groups

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

All residents in Montrose area and beyond

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

The project could fit into the following Program Area: Recreation and Parks Project: Playground Structure Replacement FY26-FY30 RC26

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Propose a Project - Submission #105521

Date Submitted: 9/8/2025

Please submit only one proposal per form. If you have multiple proposals, please submit multiple forms.

Contact Person*

Limin Wang

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Group

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Parents of playground

Proposal Title*

Can you please remove the portable bathroom at the Montrose Park Playground

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

Montrose Park Playground

Describe Your Proposal*

We would like to remove the portable bathroom installed near the playground. It smells bad and is rarely used. Better option if you can renovate and open the bathrooms of the community center bathrooms to the public.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Remove the portable bathroom installed near the playground

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Ten

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?*

Yes, we discussed the proposal orally with the parents who supervise children at the playground.

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No. This is city property.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

No existing CIP.

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Propose a Project - Submission #105532

Date Submitted: 9/8/2025

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Contact Person*

Dara

Contact Email*

[Redacted]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[Redacted]

Proposal Title*

Park Rd Northside Sidewalk Safety and Access Improvement

Proposal Location*

[Redacted]

Park Rd At Rockville Metro

Describe Your Proposal*

Widen and Rehab Sidewalk to 8 feet along Northern side of Park Rd from Hungerford Dr to N Grandin Ave and Make Driveway More ADA friendly and better lighting for safety.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Improve mobility and access and safety for heavily used pedestrian coordinated.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Everyone Who Lives and Walks to The Town Center From The East Rockville Neighborhood.

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

Not sure, but appears enough public row to not need to impact private property.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

not sure

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Propose a Project - Submission #105562

Date Submitted: 9/9/2025

Please submit only one proposal per form. If you have multiple proposals, please submit multiple forms.

Contact Person*

Sunny Gaul

Contact Email*

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Proposal Title*

Expand RideOn Flex Service to Welsh Park and Swim and Fitness Center

Proposal Location*

Welsh Park

Describe Your Proposal*

Would love for the Ride on Flex service for Rockville area to be expanded to cover Welsh Park and the Swim and Fitness Center. Improved accessibility to these resources would be wonderful.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Better access to green space, swim and fitness facilities for local residents.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Unsure

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

Unsure

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Propose a Project - Submission #105626

Date Submitted: 9/11/2025

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Contact Person*

Rose Stahr

Contact Email*

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Proposal Title*

Kinship park renewal

Proposal Location*

Kinship park next to Bealls Grant in town center

Describe Your Proposal*

There is a small park near town center called kinship park. It is very old and run down and badly needs renovation. Our town center has grown in population and I imagine there are lots of families in the nearby apartments and condos who could use a nice play space. It's disappointing to see perfectly serviceable parks in wealthier neighborhoods be replaced while this tiny, dirty and damaged spot is overlooked.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

There is a lot of housing nearby and no park to speak of. The park is decrepit and unsafe as it is.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Hundreds of families near RTC

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

Not to my knowledge.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

Unknown

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Propose a Project - Submission #105634

Date Submitted: 9/11/2025

Please submit only one proposal per form. If you have multiple proposals, please submit multiple forms.

Contact Person*

Maxwell Sanborn

Contact Email*

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Proposal Title*

Ashley Manor Pocket Park

Proposal Location*

The public land along Ashley Manor Dr on the corner of Ashley Manor Dr and Grandin Ave

Describe Your Proposal*

The public land there consists of turf grass and a concrete gutter running thru the center. I propose planting some trees and maybe a garden with a bench.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Who doesn't like another park?

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

352

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?*

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

no

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

idk

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Propose a Project - Submission #105637

Date Submitted: 9/11/2025

Please submit only one proposal per form. If you have multiple proposals, please submit multiple forms.

Contact Person*

John Schwemberger

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self ▼

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Not Applicable

Proposal Title*

Save the Trees from the Vines

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

Wooten's Mill Park

Describe Your Proposal*

Continue to cut down and remove the vines that are climbing on trees and shrubs in Wooten's Mill Park. The vines have been destructive to the trees and shrubbery in the park and remain a constant threat.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

This project will save the existing trees and shrubs in the park.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

3000 people per month, assuming 100 people use the park daily.

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Not Applicable.

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

This proposed project is for a park and does not directly impact any private property.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

This project might be combinable with the Redgate Park and Arboretum Master Plan.

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Propose a Project - Submission #105638

Date Submitted: 9/11/2025

Please submit only one proposal per form. If you have multiple proposals, please submit multiple forms.

Contact Person*

Christie

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

[REDACTED]

Proposal Title*

Connecting

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

Wall St and bike path

Describe Your Proposal*

The south end of Wall St where it meets the bike path is connected by a dangerously unsmooth sewer drain. The proposal request is for a walker, biker, stroller, or other non-motorized traveler to be able to traverse from Wall St to the bike path safely. Currently, the anticipated walking path comprised of asphalt around the sewer drain is very uneven, contains large massive puddles that cannot be traversed without getting wet during or after a rainstorm.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Pedestrian safety along an existing path

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

100

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

potentially Stormwater Management (SWM) Fund because the current sewer drain is not effectively capturing all of the stormwater

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Propose a Project - Submission #105639

Date Submitted: 9/12/2025

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Contact Person*

Abigail Seigneur

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Abigail Seigneur

Proposal Title*

Public Transport for RSFC

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

355 Martins Ln. Rockville, MD 20850

Describe Your Proposal*

Rockville Swim and Fitness Center has no bus stop. Propose to add a bus stop, and/ or include it in the Rockville Ride On Flex zone.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Rockville citizens who lack private transportation are unable to take advantage of this city facility and its programs.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

10,000

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

Does not involve private property.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

I don't believe so.

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Propose a Project - Submission #105640

Date Submitted: 9/12/2025

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Contact Person*

Abigail Seigneur

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self ▼

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Abigail Seigneur

Proposal Title*

Extend Ride On Flex zone

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

MD

Describe Your Proposal*

Extend Ride On Flex zone north to include Rockville Swim and Fitness, Welsh Park, Rockville Post Office and Rockville Giant Food; and South to include Congressional Plaza, Congressional North, and Congressional South.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

There is currently no public transportation to Rockville Swim and Fitness. Additionally, this would allow citizens without private transportation easier access to shopping facilities, including grocery.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

15,000

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?*

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

Unknown

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

No

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Propose a Project - Submission #105641

Date Submitted: 9/12/2025

Please submit only one proposal per form. If you have multiple proposals, please submit multiple forms.

Contact Person*

Abigail Seigneur

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Abigail Seigneur

Proposal Title*

Extend Ride On Flex zone

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

355 from Mannakee to Rollins Ave

Describe Your Proposal*

Extend Ride On Flex zone north to include Rockville Swim and Fitness, Welsh Park, Rockville Post Office and Rockville Giant Food; and South to include Congressional Plaza, Congressional North, and Congressional South.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

There is currently no public transportation to Rockville Swim and Fitness. Additionally, this would allow citizens without private transportation easier access to shopping facilities, including grocery.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

15,000

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

Unknown

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

I don't believe so

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Propose a Project - Submission #105642

Date Submitted: 9/12/2025

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Contact Person*

Abigail Seigneur

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Abigail Seigneur

Proposal Title*

Disabled Access to Rockville Town Square Garage B

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

38 Maryland Ave

Describe Your Proposal*

Equip the door leading from Maryland Ave to Garage B Access for handicapped/ disabled use.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Garage B in Rockville Town Square must be accessed through the lobby of 38 Maryland Ave. The doors leading from Maryland Ave to this lobby lack accessibility. Not only that, these door are very heavy, making access to the garage difficult for an even greater number of people.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

7000

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?*

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

I am not sure how ownership of this space works.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

No

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Propose a Project - Submission #105643

Date Submitted: 9/12/2025

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Contact Person*

Abigail Seigneur

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Abigail Seigneur

Proposal Title*

Extend Ride On Flex zone

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

355 from Mannakee to Rollins Ave

Describe Your Proposal*

Extend Ride On Flex zone north to include Rockville Swim and Fitness, Welsh Park, Rockville Post Office and Rockville Giant Food; and South to include Congressional Plaza, Congressional North, and Congressional South.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

There is currently no public transportation to Rockville Swim and Fitness. Additionally, this would allow citizens without private transportation easier access to shopping facilities, including grocery.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

15,000

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

I don't know

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

No

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Propose a Project - Submission #105644

Date Submitted: 9/12/2025

Please submit only one proposal per form. If you have multiple proposals, please submit multiple forms.

Contact Person*

Susan Bresee

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self ▼

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

N/A

Proposal Title*

Beall Avenue Beautification

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

Beall Ave. and N. Washington St., near Snowden's Funeral Home

Describe Your Proposal*

I propose to relandscape and beautify the two beds with the "West End" sign in the median strip of Beall Ave. near N. Washington Street. At this time, the holly bushes are scraggly, dead or half -dead. The soil is bare and bone dry. The low-growing junipers in the beds are healthy and green but the beds have not had any flowers or pollinator plants in them for years. I feel sad every time I walk by them. I propose the following: Remove the dead holly bushes and prune the half-dead ones to rejuvenate and shape them. Add ten bags of Leaf Gro and topsoil to supplement and build the soil. Plant flowering, mostly native, perennials and annuals. We have evergreen Carex, mountain mint, monarda, anise hyssop, and other plants that I'd like to divide and contribute. I start seedlings of annuals each spring, such as deer resistant marigolds, basil, and alyssum. Mulch the area to conserve moisture and prevent weeds. The Rockville Maintenance Facility has free mulch. The median beds would need about 30 cubic feet/one cubic yard of mulch.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

The proposal improves a sad, neglected eyesore and beautifies our community. The West End sign is the introduction to a large neighborhood. It could be beautiful and exciting. Pollinator flowering plants are good for the environment. They lift the spirits of people walking or driving by the beds each day. Mulching the beds would also improve the health of the two elm trees now planted in the beds.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

The greater Rockville community.

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

N/A

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

The project is in the median strip of Beall Ave., not on private property.

Does your proposal conflict with any existing CIP projects? If so, which one? (Existing CIP projects

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project, if so which one. (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

Not that I know of.

Thank you for submitting a proposal for the FY 2027 budget process. A summary of all proposals submitted will be provided to the Mayor and Council, the city manager, and applicable city department staff. Additionally, your proposal will be included as part of the FY 2027 budget public record beginning with the first budget public hearing in fall 2025. To follow the FY 2027 budget process, check the city's website to find dates of Mayor and Council work sessions and budget public hearings. These dates will be published once set by the Mayor and Council in the fall.

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Propose a Project - Submission #105670

Date Submitted: 9/12/2025

Please submit only one proposal per form. If you have multiple proposals, please submit multiple forms.

Contact Person*

Michelle Schwalbe

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Michelle Schwalbe

Proposal Title*

Sidewalk Maintenance on Montgomery Ave

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

Montgomery Ave between 270 and Great Falls

Describe Your Proposal*

The sidewalk and walkway on Montgomery Ave is in need of maintenance. The sidewalk bricks are dislodged in several areas, making it hard to navigate with a wheelchair or stroller. The bricks need to be reset and the mortar refilled to make the sidewalk more easily traversable. In addition, it would be helpful if the trees could be trimmed to improve head clearance while walking.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

Correcting the ground-level tripping hazards and the head-level clearance would make walking along Montgomery Ave safer and more pleasant.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Hundreds of people who walk on this strip of sidewalk each year

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

I'm not sure about tree ownership.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

No

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Propose a Project - Submission #105671

Date Submitted: 9/12/2025

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Contact Person*

Michelle Schwalbe

Contact Email*

[Redacted]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self v

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Proposal Title*

Traffic light at Montgomery and Mannakee

Proposal Location*

Montgomery Ave and Mannakee St

Describe Your Proposal*

Add a traffic at the intersection of Montgomery Ave and Mannakee St.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

The addition of a traffic light at this intersection would help with (1) the flow of traffic that builds up at that intersection in part due to vehicles to/from Montgomery College and (2) improve pedestrian crossing along a busier road.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Thousands

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

No

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

No

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Propose a Project - Submission #105672

Date Submitted: 9/12/2025

Please submit only one proposal per form. If you have multiple proposals, please submit multiple forms.

Contact Person*

Michelle Schwalbe

Contact Email*

[REDACTED]

Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

Self

Name of Group (if request is on behalf of a group)

Michelle Schwalbe

Proposal Title*

Improve Walking Path Between Brent Rd and Henson Oaks Ln

Proposal Location*

[REDACTED]

Walking Path Between Brent Rd and Henson Oaks Ln

Describe Your Proposal*

This dirt path would benefit from hardscaping to improve its safe use.

What need or problem does this proposal address or solve?*

This dirt path is often used by pedestrians and kids on bikes, but the mud and debris can make it unsafe in inclement weather. Some sort of paving or hardscaping approach would make this very short path more functional.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Dozens

If request is on behalf of a group, has this proposal been discussed and agreed on by your neighborhood group? Could you upload supporting documentation (such as meeting minutes or a signed petition) if requested?

Does this project directly impact any private property? If so, do the owners of those properties support the project?*

I don't think so -- I believe that the path is on city-owned property.

Does your proposal fit within an existing CIP project? If so which one? (Existing CIP projects can be found in the city's budget document on the city's website.)*

No

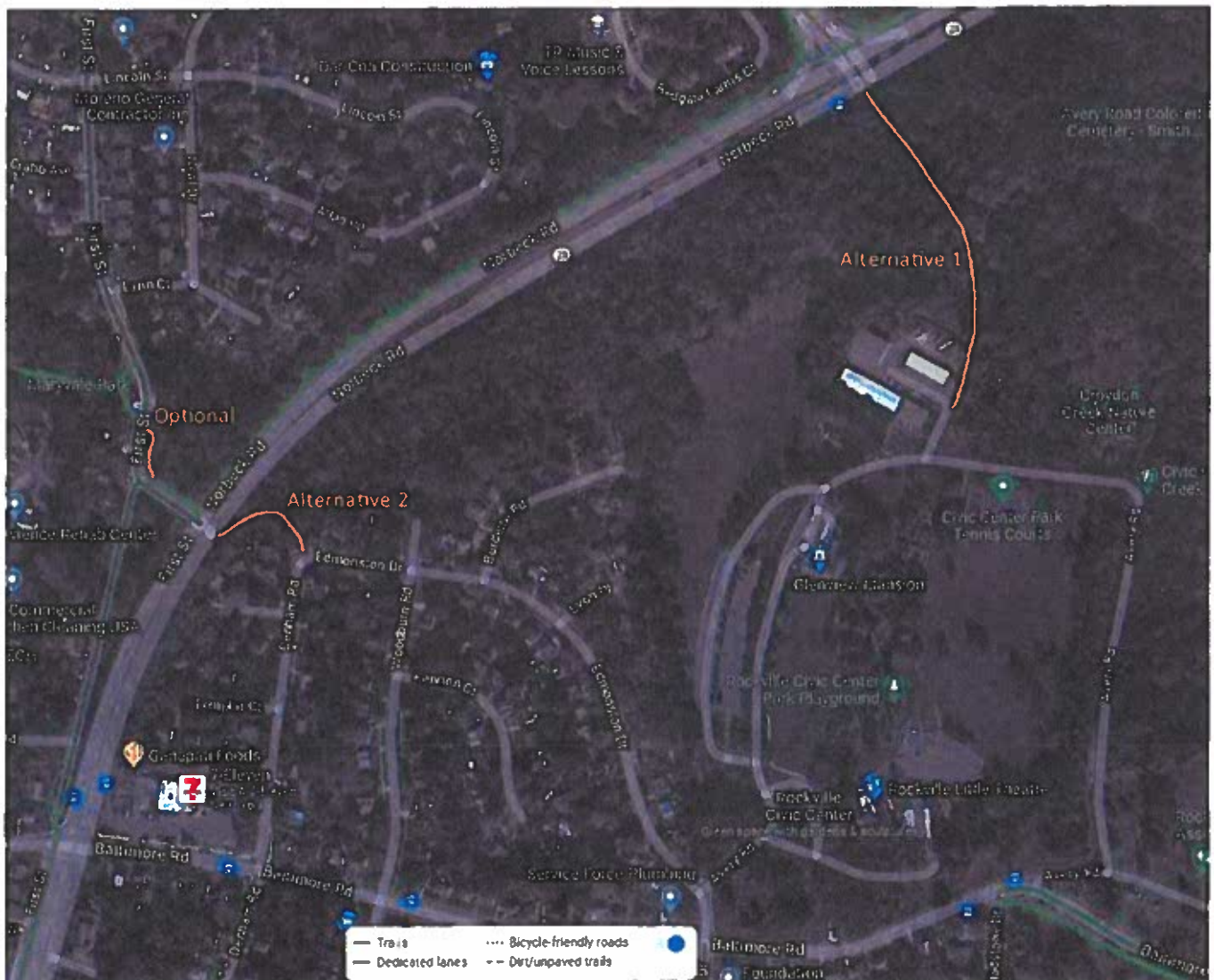
Judy Penny

Subject: FW: East Rockville - Twinbrook Pedestrian Connections

Proposal 1: Civic Center Foot/Bike Route(s)

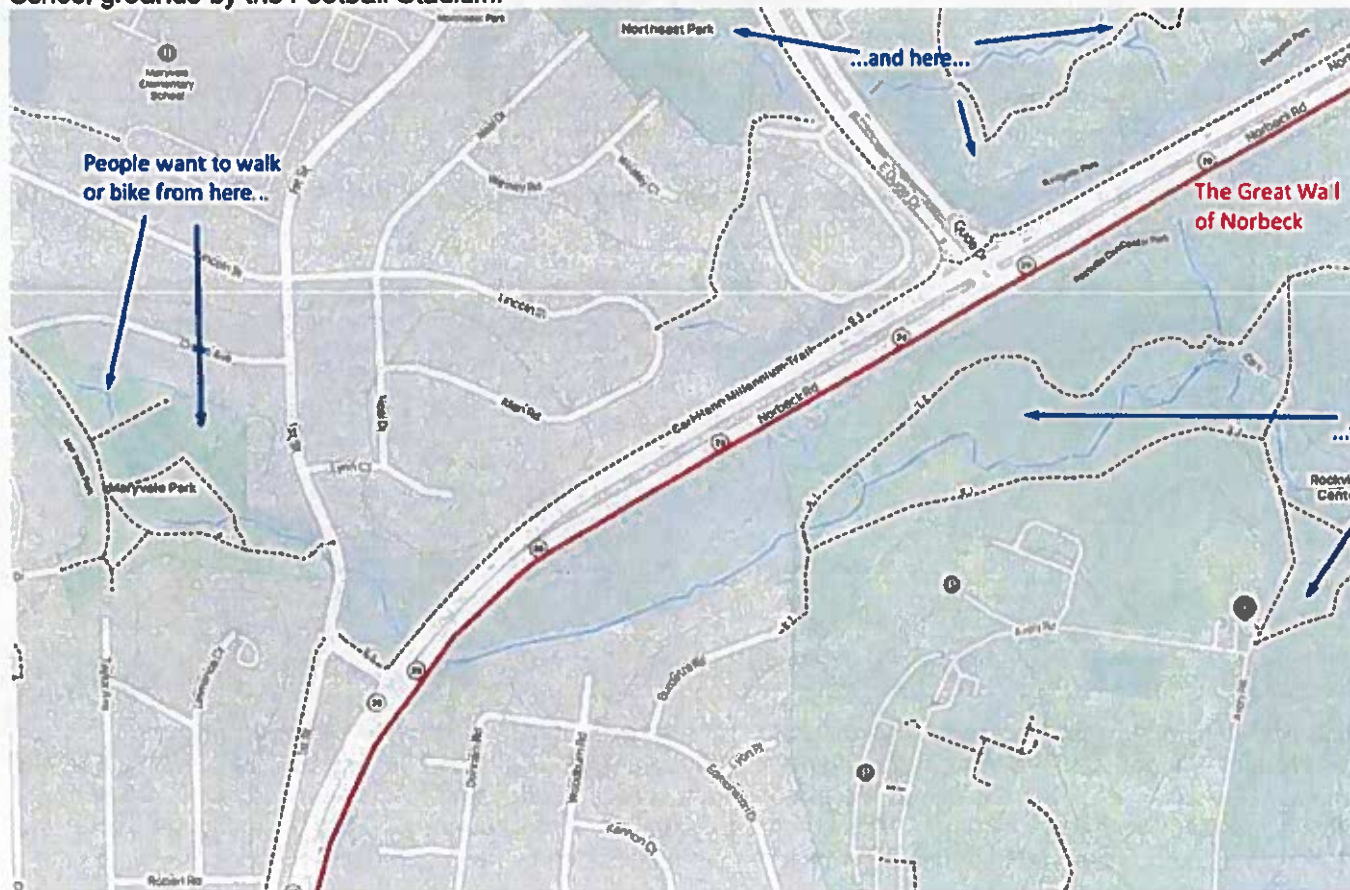
What:

- Add a crosswalk over Norbeck Road at the intersection with Gude Drive, followed by a foot/bike path through the woods to Avery Road, or directly to the Civic Center Croydon Creek Trail
- Alternatively or additionally; add a crosswalk and trail from the First Street intersection to the corner of Edmonston Drive.
- Optionally; extend the Millenium Trail a short way along the east side of First Street and add a crossing, to properly connect it to Maryvale Park.



Why:

The Civic Center area is full of great city resources like the Croydon Creek Nature Center, Tennis Courts, Glenview Mansion, and F.Scott Theater. As the crow flies, East Rockville is really close to the civic center, but there is currently no good pedestrian or bicycle route between them. The current route involves going south to Baltimore Road, which is busy and has incomplete sidewalk coverage. The Millenium Bike Trail is already a great resource, but it would be so much better if it offered a connection between our neighborhood and all of those resources, so we could take better advantage of the facilities our tax dollars are funding. In addition, these routes would provide better options for children to be able to walk/bike to Rockville High School from East Rockville - especially if the Civic Center Croydon Creek trail could be connected to the High School grounds by the Football Stadium.



Proposal 2: Northeast Park Foot/Bike Path

What:

Add an asphalt footpath/bike path to connect First Street, Neal Drive, and Wesley Road to Gude Drive and the existing asphalt path that partially crosses Northeast Park.



Why:

There is an existing, partially overgrown, dirt path that runs between First St., Neal Dr., and Wesley Rd. Residents regularly use this dirt path to get to the bus stops at Taft and First Streets and to get to the retail shops at Gude Dr. and Taft. However, the existing path can get muddy and overgrown and is not usable by bicycles (except maybe dirt bikes). A modest asphalt path, like those currently in Red Gate and Maryvale Parks, would improve pedestrian and bicycle access to the residential neighborhood.

Proposal 3: Maryvale Park Shared-Use Path

What:

Addition of a pathway from Charles/Park to Maryvale Park entrance at Taylor Avenue via the city-owned parcels under which lies the current water line.



Why:

Better connecting residents along Taylor Avenue with Rockville Metro and points west (shaving an estimated 2-4 minutes off walking time) by allowing people to walk via Park and Horners to Rockville Metro Station. Currently, people would need to enter the park and go up the steep hill to McArthur Dr, which is a longer walk and one that is more difficult for older people, those with disabilities, and those on bikes/micro-mobility devices.



February 12, 2026

Paula Hubble, Chair
Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee

Honorable Mayor Monique Ashton and Councilmembers
City of Rockville
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

RE: Fiscal Year 2027 City Budget

Dear Hon. Mayor Ashton and City of Rockville Councilmembers,

The Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee (RPAC) thanks you for your continued support to advance pedestrian safety throughout the City. Increasing safe, direct, and connected pedestrian accessibility is one of the most effective approaches to improving environmental sustainability, equitable communities, and economic resiliency. RPAC supports the City's recent efforts to construct new sidewalks on Crawford Drive, Gail Avenue, Virginia Avenue, and Welsh Park Drive; traffic calming measures at Twinbrook Parkway and Meadow Hall Drive, Wootton Parkway and Longhill Drive, and Mannakee Street and Smallwood Road; and new crosswalks and curb ramps throughout the City, among other improvements.

As the Fiscal Year 2027 budget process continues, RPAC looks forward to the City's ongoing investment in pedestrian accessibility and safety. Furthermore, we recommend the City consider the following projects for the FY 2027 budget.

1. Additional street and sidewalk lighting in City Parks.

Many residents and visitors use shared use paths and sidewalks in City parks for transportation as well as recreation. Providing lighting along these routes will help ensure safer pedestrian transportation throughout the day, which is necessary for people walking and rolling to and from work in the winter when there is less daylight. Specifically, we request the City add lighting on paths in and along Welsh Park and Rockcrest Park.

2. Shared use path connection between the Lakewood Elementary School pedestrian bridge and Carl Henn Millennium Trail.

There is a valuable grade separated pedestrian bridge connecting Lakewood Elementary School and the Glenora Park neighborhood. This bridge also travels over the Carl Henn Millennium Trail, however, there is no direct access from the trail to

the bridge, which are approximately 100 feet apart. Providing this short connection would make it much easier for trail users to cross Wootton Parkway. Also, this connection is included in the 2023 Pedestrian Master Plan.

3. Bus Stop Improvements

Many pedestrians in Rockville are dependent upon public transportation for longer distance travel in the City and region. Providing better facilities at bus stops would make public transit use not only more comfortable, but also more accessible, safe, and dignified. Many transit riders are not able to stand for long periods of time to wait for buses or must wait in adverse weather conditions. Providing seating and shelters at all bus stops in the city would improve the level of service for public transit in Rockville. The City recently completed a project to add to bus shelters and other amenities to some Rockville stops. We encourage the city to continue these efforts. Additionally, the Vision Zero Action Plan includes an Action Item to evaluate transit stop safety. While the City has made efforts to shift the location of bus stops to be closer to marked crosswalks, the City should also consider improving stops themselves.

4. Sidewalks along Viers Mill Road

The sidewalk network between First Street (MD 28) and the Rock Creek Trail/Twinbrook Connector Trail connection is irregular. There are sections with no sidewalk, sections with sidewalks that abruptly end and require pedestrians to cross the service roads mid-block and to use driveways instead of curb ramps. We recommend the city provide funds in the budget to evaluate and improve the sidewalks along Viers Mill Road for improved pedestrian access and safety.

5. Improved Access to Bus Stops

While most bus stops are accessible from existing sidewalks, there are some bus stops where the existing sidewalks are in poor condition, or the stop is otherwise not accessible. We recommend the city to dedicate additional resources to inventory the bus stops that are not accessible and prioritize the construction and maintenance of sidewalk facilities to make these stops accessible.

Safety benefits of benches:

- Reduces street risk: Keeps people, particularly children and the elderly, away from traffic by giving them a designated spot to wait, reducing risks from hit-and-runs or accidents while walking to/from the stop.
- Improves visibility: Makes riders more visible to approaching buses and cars, especially when placed correctly within a clear line of sight.
- Encourages use: Makes stops more accessible and comfortable, encouraging people to wait at the designated, safer area rather than by an unoccupied building or in less visible spots

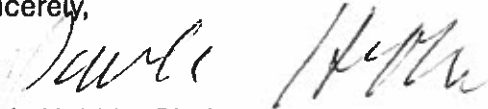
6. Pedestrian Safety Education Materials for Students and Motorists

The City has made excellent progress to expand sidewalks and other multimodal facilities in the City. Additional education would supplement these efforts and help reiterate best practices regarding the new multimodal facilities. Additionally, educational efforts targeted to motorists would be valuable for all roadway users. We recommend the city engage in an outreach campaign specifically for students and for motorists, reminding everyone the responsibility to travel safely.

We thank you for the time and dedication you have already shown to support improving the pedestrian environment and increasing walking and rolling in the City. We ask that you consider the above projects to further pedestrian accessibility and mobility.

We would be happy to discuss these pedestrian priority projects and others and we look forward to our ongoing cooperation with you and City staff to making Rockville better everyday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paula Hubble", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Paula Hubble, Chair
Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee

Judy Penny

Subject: Continued Partner and Sponsorship Opportunities

From: Judith Clark
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2026 4:08 PM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Cc: Sara Taylor-Ferrell <sferrell@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: Continued Partner and Sponsorship Opportunities

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Greetings and Happy New Year. Women Who Care Ministries did not apply for the City's recent grant opportunity, as the structure and new grant process do not align with our one-day empowerment model.

That said, we truly value our long-standing relationship with the City and appreciate the continued support over the years.

As we begin planning for our 19th Annual *Restore the Joy* event, scheduled for November 14, 2026, we would welcome guidance on any steps we should take to be considered for sponsorship opportunities.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to continuing our partnership.

Sincerely,

Judith Clark, CEO

Women Who Care Ministries



March 9, 2026

The Honorable Monique Ashton
Mayor, City of Rockville
111 Maryland Ave
Rockville, MD 20850

RE: MBIA Letter of Concern - FY 2027 Proposed Fee Summary

Dear Mayor Ashton and Councilmembers,

MBIA on behalf of the building and development community, we write to express concern regarding the significant fee increases currently being proposed by the City of Rockville. While we understand the need for municipalities to periodically review and update fee schedules to ensure cost recovery and maintain high-quality services, the magnitude of the proposed increases raises serious concerns about the potential impact on housing production, redevelopment activity, and overall economic growth in the city.

One example of particular concern is the proposed increase to the building permit fee, which would rise from \$0.28 per square foot to \$0.60 per square foot—more than doubling the current rate. Such a substantial increase, particularly when combined with other development-related fees that being increased, could meaningfully raise the cost of construction and further strain the financial feasibility of new residential and commercial projects.

At a time when the region continues to face significant housing supply challenges, policies that increase development costs risk slowing the pace of new housing delivery and redevelopment efforts. Higher fees ultimately translate into higher project costs, which can discourage investment or be passed along in the form of higher housing prices and rents.

We respectfully encourage the City to carefully evaluate the cumulative impact of these proposed increases. Consideration should be given to a phased implementation schedule, additional stakeholder engagement, and transparency regarding the cost basis used to justify the increases. A collaborative approach will help ensure that the City can meet its operational needs while maintaining a development environment that supports housing production and economic vitality.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input on this matter and look forward to continued dialogue with the City as this proposal moves forward.

Judy Penny

From: Griffin Benton <GBenton@marylandbuilders.org>
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 4:17 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Cc: Adam Van Grack
Subject: Proposed Fee Increases FY 27
Attachments: MBIA Letter Proposed FY27 Fees City of Rockvile.pdf

Importance: High

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Good afternoon,

Please see attached, our letter expressing concern regarding the proposed fee increases in FY27.

Thank you,
Griffin Benton

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Please excuse any typos or grammatical errors

Judy Penny

From: Sara Taylor-Ferrell
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 8:21 AM
To: Judy Penny
Subject: Fw: Concerns Regarding Proposed Increases to Permit and License fees
Attachments: M&C.pdf; M&Cpg2.pdf

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From: Marji Graf <marji@rockvillechamber.org>
Sent: Sunday, March 8, 2026 2:30:15 PM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>; Jeff Mihelich <jmihelich@rockvillemd.gov>
Cc: Linda Moran <lmoran@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: Concerns Regarding Proposed Increases to Permit and License fees

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March 9, 2026

RE: Greater Rockville Chamber of Commerce – Concerns Regarding Proposed Increases to Permit and License Fees

Dear Mayor, Members of the City Council, and City Manager,

On behalf of the Greater Rockville Chamber of Commerce and the 400+ businesses we represent, I am writing to express strong concern regarding the proposed increases to permit and license fees, particularly those associated with sign permits.

Rockville’s businesses are already operating in a challenging economic environment. Employers and small business owners are managing rising labor costs, escalating commercial rents, higher insurance premiums, inflation in goods and services, and ongoing regulatory requirements. Additional increases in municipal fees—especially those that directly impact basic business operations—create further financial pressure at a time when many businesses are working simply to maintain stability and remain competitive.

Rockville's economic strength is closely tied to the success of its small and locally owned businesses, which make up most of the the city's commercial community and contribute significantly to local employment, commercial occupancy, and tax revenue. Policies that increase the cost of basic business operations—such as permits and licenses—can have disproportionate impacts on small businesses that operate with tighter margins than larger companies. When regulatory costs rise without corresponding improvements in efficiency or service delivery, businesses may delay investments, reduce improvements such as signage or storefront upgrades, or reconsider expansion within the city. Maintaining a competitive and predictable cost environment is therefore essential not only for supporting existing businesses, but also for attracting new investment and sustaining Rockville's long-term economic vitality.

Signage plays a critical role in the economic success of small businesses. For many retailers, restaurants, and service providers, signage is their primary means of attracting customers and establishing visibility within commercial corridors. When sign permit fees become excessively high, businesses may delay or forgo installing or updating signage, limiting their ability to effectively reach customers and compete in the marketplace. This can have a ripple effect on commercial vitality, as visible and well-maintained storefronts contribute to active, attractive business districts that benefit the entire community. Ensuring that sign permit fees remain reasonable and aligned with those of neighboring jurisdictions is important to maintaining Rockville's reputation as a welcoming and competitive place to start and grow a business.

From a policy perspective, the Chamber is concerned that continued increases in business-related permit and license fees may weaken Rockville's competitive position relative to neighboring jurisdictions in Montgomery County and the broader region. Businesses routinely compare regulatory costs, permit processes, and administrative burdens when deciding where to locate, expand, or reinvest. If the total cost of doing business in Rockville becomes disproportionately higher than nearby communities, it may influence location decisions and long-term investment.

The Greater Rockville Chamber of Commerce respectfully recommends that the City:

- Conduct a benchmarking analysis comparing Rockville's permit and license fees with those of surrounding jurisdictions to ensure the City remains competitive.
- Evaluate the cumulative regulatory cost burden on businesses rather than reviewing individual fees in isolation.
- Engage the business community, including the Chamber, prior to implementing fee increases to ensure policies reflect real operational impacts.
- Pair any future fee adjustments with measurable improvements in permitting efficiency, transparency, and turnaround times.
- Consider phased implementation or small-business considerations to mitigate disproportionate impacts.

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Sincerely,

Marji

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GREATER
ROCKVILLE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Empower
Amplify
Elevate**

March 9, 2026

RE: Greater Rockville Chamber of Commerce – Concerns Regarding Proposed Increases to Permit and License Fees

Dear Mayor, Members of the City Council, and City Manager,

On behalf of the Greater Rockville Chamber of Commerce and the 400+ businesses we represent, I am writing to express strong concern regarding the proposed increases to permit and license fees, particularly those associated with sign permits.

Rockville's businesses are already operating in a challenging economic environment. Employers and small business owners are managing rising labor costs, escalating commercial rents, higher insurance premiums, inflation in goods and services, and ongoing regulatory requirements. Additional increases in municipal fees—especially those that directly impact basic business operations—create further financial pressure at a time when many businesses are working simply to maintain stability and remain competitive.

Rockville's economic strength is closely tied to the success of its small and locally owned businesses, which make up most of the city's commercial community and contribute significantly to local employment, commercial occupancy, and tax revenue. Policies that increase the cost of basic business operations—such as permits and licenses—can have disproportionate impacts on small businesses that operate with tighter margins than larger companies. When regulatory costs rise without corresponding improvements in efficiency or service delivery, businesses may delay investments, reduce improvements such as signage or storefront upgrades, or reconsider expansion within the city. Maintaining a competitive and predictable cost environment is therefore essential not only for supporting existing businesses, but also for attracting new investment and sustaining Rockville's long-term economic vitality.

Signage plays a critical role in the economic success of small businesses. For many retailers, restaurants, and service providers, signage is their primary means of attracting customers and establishing visibility within commercial corridors. When sign permit fees become excessively high, businesses may delay or forgo installing or updating signage, limiting their ability to effectively reach customers and compete in the marketplace. This can have a ripple effect on commercial vitality, as visible and well-maintained storefronts contribute to active, attractive business districts that benefit the entire community. Ensuring that sign permit fees remain

reasonable and aligned with those of neighboring jurisdictions is important to maintaining Rockville's reputation as a welcoming and competitive place to start and grow a business.

From a policy perspective, the Chamber is concerned that continued increases in business-related permit and license fees may weaken Rockville's competitive position relative to neighboring jurisdictions in Montgomery County and the broader region. Businesses routinely compare regulatory costs, permit processes, and administrative burdens when deciding where to locate, expand, or reinvest. If the total cost of doing business in Rockville becomes disproportionately higher than nearby communities, it may influence location decisions and long-term investment.

The Greater Rockville Chamber of Commerce respectfully recommends that the City:

- Conduct a benchmarking analysis comparing Rockville's permit and license fees with those of surrounding jurisdictions to ensure the City remains competitive.
- Evaluate the cumulative regulatory cost burden on businesses rather than reviewing individual fees in isolation.
- Engage the business community, including the Chamber, prior to implementing fee increases to ensure policies reflect real operational impacts.
- Pair any future fee adjustments with measurable improvements in permitting efficiency, transparency, and turnaround times.
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Sincerely,



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Greater Rockville Chamber of Commerce

Judy Penny

From: Jake J [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 6:14 PM
To: Judy Penny
Cc: Sara Taylor-Ferrell
Subject: Re: March 9 Council Meeting

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Judy,

My letter is below:

Dear Madame Mayor and Rockville City Council,

My name is Jake Jakubek and I live at 319 Grandin Ave in Croydon Park. I am the chair of the Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee and am speaking in my official capacity.

Thank you for providing the community with the opportunity to comment on the city's budget every year. As Councilmember Myles stated in the last committee meeting, "it feels like we're always in budget season, coming into the season, or leaving budget season!"

Alas, that is city governance and it is our opportunity to provide direction for our city.

I am here to offer some comments on considerations for the council with respect to the document that has been put forth. RBAC has provided comments on our city's budget over the past 4 years and we feel it is important to weigh in on the committee's priorities.

Today, I wanted to remind the council of some safe streets projects we have coming up that are longer term and will require some planning to be able to execute them when we complete the preliminary work. The city is working on two projects which will certainly be expensive and require significant effort: the Scott Drive and Veirs Drive Shared Use Path and the Fleet and Monroe Streets Complete Streets Project. Both of these projects are important in the city's goals of achieving Vision Zero where we prevent serious or fatal crashes on our roads.

Scott Drive and Veirs Drive will enable safe bicycle access from the western edge of Rockville to the Millenium Trail. This path passes by a elderly living facility, a school, and many homes. It will provide an excellent connection for people walking or cycling.

Being that this will be a shared use path and will likely involve property acquisition, it will be very expensive.

The Fleet and Monroe Streets Complete Streets Project will provide a shared use path for people near Town Center and Richard Montgomery School, access to the Town Center cycletracks, and will be a great connection for people in Rockville to walk or cycle to Town Center from the neighborhoods near the school.

being that this will be a shared use path and a complex project, it will also be very expensive.

I am writing to propose that the city consider these Vision Zero projects down the road in the current budget and plan for these in the future. I ask that the council plan to put money aside to prepare for larger safe streets projects such as these. With both of these projects being in preliminary stages, now is the time to begin planning on how we can pay for them when they are ready to be constructed.

Please begin planning how to pay for these important Vision Zero projects in the current budget.

Thank you for your time.

Mike Jakubek
Chair, Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee

On Mon, Mar 9, 2026 at 12:41 PM Judy Penny <jpenny@rockvillemd.gov> wrote:

Thanks!

Kind regards, and stay safe!



Judy Penny
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**EXHIBIT NO. 072
FY2027
BUDGET PROPOSAL**

From: [Saba Ram](#)
To: [mayorcouncil](#)
Cc: rockville311@rockvillemd.gov; [PIO](#)
Subject: Request for Tree Planting and Green Space Improvements in Farmstead District
Date: Friday, March 20, 2026 11:21:35 PM

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I hope you are doing well.

I am writing to express a concern about the lack of trees, greenery, and natural landscaping in my neighborhood, specifically in the Farmstead District community. As this area was previously a parking lot and has been newly developed, there are currently very few trees, flowers, or green spaces. The neighborhood feels heavily dominated by construction and lacks the natural elements that contribute to a healthy and pleasant living environment.

My address is:

[REDACTED]
Rockville, MD 20850

I would like to request that the City consider adding more trees, plants, and landscaping throughout this community. Increasing green space would not only improve the appearance of the area but also provide environmental benefits such as better air quality, shade, and overall well-being for residents.

If there are any current or planned initiatives for tree planting or beautification in this area, I would greatly appreciate more information. I would also be happy to support or participate in any community efforts related to this.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Saba Ram

Rockville Principals' Roundtable: Summary of Findings

Event Date: March 18, 2026

Participants: Education Commission, Mayor and Council, & School Principals

Topic 1: Mental Health, Safety, and Well-being

I. What We Heard

- **Rising Clinical Needs:** Increase in students with general anxiety, substance abuse (marijuana) and serious mental health concerns.
- **Environmental Stressors:** ICE and "world concerns" present in schools; ongoing food insecurity and pressure to "fit in" (grades, clothes, phones).
- **Targeted Demographics:** Notable needs among Latino/Latine youth and males.
- **Cycles of Stress:** Cyclical "spiraling" during Peak Times (Feb through Spring Break; End of Year; Thanksgiving to Christmas).

II. What Is Working

- **School Culture:** Building a "Culture of Acceptance"; over-communication that is transparent and intentional.
- **Peer & Mentor Programs:** Peer-to-Peer mentoring and Rockville Youth mentoring programs; "Each One Trusts One" (Frost); RMHS mentoring Middle Schoolers.
- **Clinical Partnerships:** Sheppard Pratt (Street Outreach) and Thrive (Meadow Hall) for therapist access.
- **Restorative Community Circles** (Lakewood) and "Wellness Wednesday." (during-school day time for unwinding)
- **Safety Personnel:** Security SSOs connection to elementary schools and increasing numbers and availability of Community Engagement Officers (CEOs).
- **Parenting Tools** (Twinbrook): Providing picture books that model positive behaviors for parents of students with behavioral challenges; identified as a scalable success for other elementary schools.

III. What Is Missing

- **Specialized Staff:** Bilingual Therapists and continuity with CEOs in every school.
- **Overloaded Social Workers;** building trust with families "takes time."
- **Infrastructure:** Cell phone tower requests; Wifi gaps and phone access in emergencies.
- **Resource Navigation:** Lack of trust in services; need for better referrals and summer continuity.
- **Early Intervention:** Expansion of youth mentoring and development programs to the elementary school level to establish support systems before students reach middle school.

Rockville City Resources Provided:

- **Youth Mentoring Programs:**
<https://www.rockvillemd.gov/services/youth-mentoring-programs/>
- **Latino Youth Development Program:**
<https://www.rockvillemd.gov/services/latino-youth-development-program/>
- **Emergency Assistance:**
<https://www.rockvillemd.gov/services/rockville-emergency-assistance-program/>
- **Telehealth Integration:** Exploring virtual medical visits (per CM Dr. Myles) to reduce family travel barriers and minimize student absences for medical or diagnostic appointments.

Topic 2: Community Resources and Recreation

I. What We Heard

- ICE & Security Concerns: ICE is a major concern and "top of mind" for families; high need for fear management and student well-being support.
- The Trust Gap: Significant trust issues; principals noted that siblings are frequently the primary caregivers for younger students.
- Newcomer Integration: Targeted support for Afghan families transitioning to the community; focus on lifestyle adjustment resources and student guidance regarding the care of shared facilities.
- Documentation Fears: Shared housing forms are not being completed due to legal/documentation fears, which blocks families from accessing City perks and resources.
- Access Barriers: Difficulty accessing food and aftercare; transportation/pick-up issues are exacerbated when documentation fears exist.
- Vulnerability: A noticeable decline in participation in community events.
- Street Data: Need to prioritize "Street Data" (qualitative/community-level feedback) when assessing weekly needs.

II. What Is Working

- Relationship Building: High consensus on the value of "Trusted Adults" and relationship-building to connect with families.
- Social Worker Bridge: School Social Workers are the key link for MS/HS students to access more after-school events.
- Engagement: Community breakfasts and targeted outreach efforts to engage schools.
- Food Security: Strong partnership with Manna Food Center

III. What Is Missing

- Language Access: Community resources specifically for families in Pashto (high need); noted lack of support from MCPS for this specific language.
- Health Services: Dedicated support for Vision and Hearing. (Note: Food insecurity is being addressed, but these health gaps remain).
- Systemic Gaps: Perceived lack of support from MCPS central regarding community resource navigation.

IV. Rockville City Resources Provided

- **Housing Stability:** [MPDU Rental Program](#), [Housing & Community Development](#), and [Landlord-Tenant Complaint Forms](#)
- **Financial Assistance:** The [Rockville Emergency Assistance Program \(REAP\)](#) and [Recreation Financial Assistance](#)

What Can the City Do? & Next Steps

I. Strategic Recommendations for City Action

- **Scaling Proven Wins:** Shift from "pockets of success" to City-wide equity. This includes expanding **Peer-to-Peer Mentoring** and the **Latino Youth Development Program** into more schools.
- **Emergency Infrastructure:** Explicit request for Cell Phone Tower and addressing Wifi gaps on campuses to ensure phone access and safety during emergencies. The County says this is a City issue.
- **Specialized Staffing:** A clear call for Bilingual Therapists and Pashto-language resources (noting a current lack of support from MCPS in this area).
- **Direct Access to Health:** Requests for Mobile Clinics / Mobile Med to bring Vision, Hearing, and Dental support directly to schools. Telehealth & Virtual Visits: Per Councilmember Dr. Myles, exploring the integration of virtual medical visits to reduce family travel barriers, minimize student absences, and streamline the diagnostic process for families.
- **Breaking the Trust Barrier:** Address the "Documentation Fear" that prevents families from using existing City housing and recreation subsidies. This requires a shift to "**Presence-to-Partnership**" moving City staff out of City Hall and into school-based events (PTA meetings, Back-to-School nights) to facilitate on-the-spot, trusted enrollment.
- **Closing the Language & Health Gap:** Direct intervention is needed for the underserved Pashto-speaking community and for students lacking access to basic Vision, Hearing, and Dental care through the exploration of mobile clinic partnerships.
- **Operational Support for Schools:** "Offload" the administrative burden of social service navigation from school staff. Consider a City Human Services Liaison who can help schools navigate complex housing, utility, or CPS crises in real-time. They need a navigator who can bypass bureaucracy without triggering family documentation fears.
- **Strategic Timing:** Target opportunities and programs to match "Peak Stress Times" (Feb through Spring Break; End of Year; Thanksgiving to Christmas).

II. Next Steps: FY 2027 Budget Advocacy

The Education Commission will present these findings during the **Monday, March 23, 2026, Budget Hearing.**

- **Scaling Successful Mentoring:**
 - Peer-to-Peer mentoring (RMHS students helping Middle Schoolers) and Rockville Youth mentoring programs were cited as successes. DARE/SADD were identified as successes.
 - We recommend an expansion of the Youth Mentoring, DARE/SADD and the Latino Youth program budgets to ensure these programs are accessible in every school cluster in Rockville.
- **Expanding the "Trusted Adult" Model:**
 - Principals cited "Restorative Community Circles" and "Trusted Adults" as some of the top success stories.
 - We recommend that the new FTE Police Officers and the new CEO be specifically trained in Restorative Justice and Relationship-Building models to scale the successes seen at Lakewood and Frost.
- **Enhancing Outreach:**

- Findings show families are "doubling up" and skipping services due to "Documentation Fears."
- We recommend that City outreach (REAP, Housing, Rec Vouchers) implement a "Presence-to-Partnership" model- funding "Pop-Up" resource desks at school events to facilitate trusted, on-site enrollment, presence at high school sports events and community events.
- We recommend dedicated resources for Afghan family integration, specifically focused on community navigators and "orientation" resources for utilizing City facilities.

Appendix I: Principals Roundtable Feedback 3/20/26

Participants reported high value in the networking opportunities and the practical City resources distributed throughout the event.

I. Main Themes

Strategic Collaboration: The consensus centered on the importance of peer-to-peer connection and shared leadership strategies.

- Collaborative Breakouts: High consensus on the value of sharing cross-school experiences and peer-led problem-solving.
- Connection & Alignment: Networking with City leadership and Commission members provided clarity on broader municipal goals.
- Event Logistics: High value placed on the professional yet inclusive atmosphere, including the quality of hospitality.

II. Helpful Resources

Resource Awareness: Several specific City initiatives were identified as high-impact for school communities.

- Financial & Clinical Support: High interest in REAP, mental health partnerships, and housing programs tailored for educators.
- Community Navigation: Recognition of "Main Street" services for adult learners and essential public safety protocols.
- Informational Infrastructure: Abundance of materials provided in the resource folders cited as a key takeaway.

III. Suggestions and Follow-up

Future Considerations: The following areas were identified for continued partnership and growth.

- Digital Integration: Requests for electronic toolkits to facilitate easier dissemination of City resources to families.
- Targeted Information: Need for deeper dives into specific crises, such as ongoing food insecurity.

- **Strategic Inclusivity:** Appreciation for the representation of diverse school models, including private institutions.
- **Operational Continuity:** Desire to maintain the current roundtable format and high standard of logistics.

Appendix II: Summary of Principals Roundtable Pre-Meeting RSVP Survey Submissions

City Resource Interests

- **Community & Social Services:** There is widespread interest in emergency rental assistance, food and utility support, and Latino youth development programs.
- **Mental Health Support:** School-based counseling and expanded therapeutic services are the most frequently requested resources to support student well-being.
- **Recreation & Youth Programming:** Continued partnership in providing affordable summer camps, youth sports, and subsidized after-school programs is highly valued.
- **Housing & Public Safety:** Leadership is interested in hearing more about affordable housing initiatives, landlord-tenant support, and collaborative public safety efforts.

Successes

- **Academic Excellence & Growth:** Schools report significant improvements in math and literacy scores, high state rankings, and increased student participation in advanced high school-level coursework.
- **Strengthened Community Ties:** There is a strong trend of increased family engagement, active PTA involvement, and the development of meaningful community partnerships that foster a sense of belonging.
- **Improved Student Support:** Successes include the implementation of new mental health partnerships, the introduction of safety programs like DARE, and improved attendance.
- **Staff Stability & Culture:** Many schools highlighted high teacher retention rates and a collaborative, supportive staff climate as key drivers of their success this year.

Challenges

- **Safety & Security Concerns:** Leaders expressed difficulties with maintaining traffic safety during arrival/dismissal and managing the impact of external community incidents.
- **Mental Health & Behavioral Needs:** A critical challenge is the high demand for therapeutic services, social skills groups, and behavioral support that exceeds current school capacities.
- **Socio-Economic & External Pressures:** Chronic absenteeism remains an issue, often linked to food insecurity, housing instability, and anxieties within the immigrant community.
- **Operational Hurdles:** Navigating facility maintenance issues (aging infrastructure), funding shifts due to loss of Title 1 status, and uncertainties regarding leases.

03/23/2026

Topic of Public Hearing

Council Budget Meeting - ATMTC Wintergreen Studios

Method of Participating in the Public Hearing

Submit written testimony

Written Testimony for the Public Hearing

My name is Monica Conti, and I am a parent of three children who have greatly benefited from the programs offered by Adventure Theatre and ATMTC Academy. I am writing to respectfully urge you to pledge additional funding in support of Adventure Theatre and ATMTC Academy's continued presence at Wintergreen Plaza.

Two of my children are currently enrolled in the pre-professional program at ATMTC, which meets every Saturday and several Sundays at the Wintergreen Plaza location. For 3-5 hours per week, they are receiving high-quality instruction in musical theatre, voice, and dance, and learning how to prepare for real world auditions. They have also participated in three student productions with weekly rehearsals at Wintergreen Plaza. These programs have been transformative - not only for my children, but for many others in our community. Adventure Theatre and ATMTC provide rare and invaluable opportunities for children to pursue musical theatre at any level, whether as a hobby, a passion, or a future career path.

There is truly no other program in the area that offers the same combination of high-quality training, professional-level student productions, and a nurturing, welcoming, and inclusive environment. My children have the chance to learn from experienced, dedicated instructors while performing in beloved productions such as Frozen, The Wizard of Oz, and Willy Wonka. These experiences build confidence, discipline, creativity, and collaboration skills that extend far beyond the stage. The life skills they take home from these opportunities translate directly to real-world situations and any future professional endeavors - both on and off stage.

Introducing children to musical theatre at a young age is incredibly important. Musical theatre fosters self-expression, strengthens communication skills, provides a meaningful creative outlet, especially in an increasingly digital world. ATMTC Academy brings children together who may share similar interests and a love of theatre and provides them with an uplifting, encouraging, supportive, and collaborative community of peers and teachers. The programs that ATMTC offer give children a sense of belonging and purpose, helping them grow into confident and empathetic individuals.

The Wintergreen Plaza location is essential to making these opportunities accessible to families in our community. Without it, many children would lose access to a program that is not only unique, but truly life-changing. I respectfully ask that you consider increasing funding to ensure that Adventure Theatre and ATMTC Academy can continue to serve families in the area with much-needed, high-quality musical theatre programming.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Monica Conti

Judy Penny

From: Richard [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2026 12:41 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Support for Peerless Rockville

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my strong support for continued—and sustained—funding for Peerless Rockville in the City of Rockville's budget.

I am the newest member of the Peerless board, and already I have seen the dedication of the Board and staff to the mission of promoting civic engagement and an appreciation for Rockville's unique and special heritage.

At a time when communities across the country are working to strengthen civic engagement and preserve their unique character, reducing funding for Peerless Rockville would have a disproportionate impact. Such a reduction would not only limit access to educational programs and historical resources, but also undermine the organization's ability to maintain critical preservation efforts and public programming that benefit residents of all ages.

From what I have seen, Peerless Rockville plays a vital role in Rockville in the way it supports tourism, enhances quality of life, and contributes to the economic and cultural vitality. Its work aligns closely with the City's goals of community engagement, education, and preservation.

I would respectfully urge the Mayor and Council to maintain, and if possible, increase funding for Peerless Rockville to ensure that it can continue to serve residents effectively and preserve the history that defines our community.

Thank you for your continued leadership and your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Richard Dine
Board Member, Peerless Rockville

Folks;

I just want to submit my "two cents" about the current City budget where Peerless Rockville is apparently facing a significant cut.

Peerless' contribution to the Rockville community over the years has been, for lack of a better term, historic.

The special events they have hosted, buildings that they have helped preserve along with the Glenview Manion lecture series have all

added to the enjoyment, cultural enrichment and education of ALL City residents.

The conservancy of our fair city's history requires funds so that our descendants may better understand where Rockville "came from"

and help guide them toward a more prosperous future.

Thank you for your time

~~~~~  
Chas Hausheer [REDACTED]  
"Think globally, act locally"  
~~~~~

Judy Penny

From: Eric Bernard <ebernard@rvfd.org>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2026 2:35 PM
To: cityclerk; mayorcouncil
Subject: Request to Testify on FY27 Budget - Rockville Volunteer Fire Department

Categories: FY27 BUDGET

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Good afternoon,

On behalf of the offices and members of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, I respectfully request an opportunity to discuss our budget requests at the March 23, 2026 meeting of the Council and Mayor.

Sincerely,

Eric

Eric N. Bernard
President

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Good evening, Madam Mayor and Council members. I am Nancy Pickard, Executive Director of Peerless Rockville. I am here tonight to make an appeal to you for increased funding for our community grant. I would like to begin by thanking all of you for your past support and by recognizing the long-standing, mutually beneficial partnership between our organization and the City of Rockville. This relationship has allowed us to serve as the steward and storyteller of the city's memory for over 50 years.

The current proposed grant of \$50,000 - is a dramatic funding loss that came as a surprise to the organization and is simply put, unsustainable for our operations.

I am looking to you tonight – to be a champion for Peerless, for History, for diverse voices, for art, for Culture and the humanities – all stated City values. Please voice your support for the value of our work! Because each dollar that is invested in Peerless Rockville is a dollar invested in the past, present, and future of Rockville. To better enhance your understanding of our value and what we do – we have a line-up of speakers tonight to speak more directly to our work and achievements.

We know some have questions about why the City invests in Peerless Rockville, and we hope to address some of those tonight. You already heard from Jacky Shin, who is working to uncover and share AAPI stories. Following me this evening, AND on April 13, additional Board members, staff, and volunteers will share how they are a part of the Peerless Umbrella and what about our work they most value. We are prepared to show you how every dollar of this grant is maximized to protect Rockville's heritage, AND we are confident you will see that our services are not just beneficial, but irreplaceable.

WE not only amplify 50 years of research, collections, and community relationships to deliver place-based heritage services that celebrate Rockville's journey to today's diverse modern City. - BUT we do it with a lean staff and conservative fiscal management that keeps overhead low and multiplies the City's dollars.

Peerless Rockville is navigating a challenging national landscape where federal support for accurate, inclusive history has disappeared, increasing competition for private funding. Without operational funds that can pay staff, cover rent, printing, and special program development we fear we must trim or eliminate essential services.

Funding at 2026 levels (\$100K in FY 27 dollars) is a vital investment in Rockville's cultural infrastructure. We seek a champion who understands that 'inclusive history' is more than a phrase—it is our shared reality.

Rockville Budget 2026-27 Testimony for Mayor and Council

From Dick Stoner, Peerless Rockville Board Member

March 23, 2026

Hello Madam Mayor and Councilmembers;

I'm Dick Stoner, a 40+ year resident of Rockville. I've served in a volunteer capacity for Economic Development (now REDI) and Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation, as well as other fun things like the Memorial Day parade, in which we once entered an award winning " kids sports float". I have served on the Peerless Board, as a member and the President.

I'm here to bring attention to historic preservation in our City. While not a basic human service, preservation serves an important role for all residents in terms of displaying positive values and the interesting physical characteristics of the stories that have shaped our local landscape. Here is a personal example of a Peerless success story that helps preserve Rockville, as a notable place for medical and scientific endeavors, while costing the City nothing.

In 2008, I was fortunate (in retrospect) to have been laid off from a professional position, and I was able to volunteer time with Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation, which was in the throws of trying to save parts of the Chestnut Lodge property. As you know, the Lodge, an 1880's Hotel, was lost to fire, but that was after Peerless worked with the developer to be sure two of the homes built during the early 20th century were preserved. The prominent white cape cod home which can now be seen by all from West Montgomery avenue, was empty, unused but intact with it's 1937 components in 2008. Peerless was able to convince the developer to donate Frieda's Cottage, and the first \$ 100,000 to it's restoration rather than have it torn down. Another \$ 100,000 and more was negotiated by Peerless through the Maryland historical trust's preservation loan fund. Under Peerless' leadership a wide group of community volunteers helped with cleaning, exterior clearing and painting as part of the restoration. Frieda's Cottage is now a National Historic Landmark, as you know, for it's connection to Dr. Frieda Fromm-Reichmann, a woman who came to Chestnut Lodge to escape Nazi Germany and became a world-recognized leader and innovator in the treatment of people with mental disorders.

This home is now rented at an affordable price, and can be enjoyed on the outside by all who visit the Chestnut Lodge grounds park. Grants secured by Peerless and rental income

provide all the resources required to preserve the property. Without Peerless the property would fall into disrepair and abandonment and become a burden to the city.

I am here tonight to bring attention to the good work of Peerless Rockville, which has restored, renovated and preserved buildings like Frieda's Cottage for all residents to enjoy, at NO COST TO THE CITY, other than the annual grant which supports the administrative function and an office in the historic Red Brick Courthouse. I ask that you consider maintaining previous funding levels for Peerless Rockville, and not accept the budget proposal's large cut to Peerless Rockville in the City's proposed budget.

As you know, Peerless also runs programs at Glenview Mansion, in Town Center, and online for residents to learn about the City's expansive history going back to the early 1800's and before, when it was simply known as Hungerford's Tavern, and then Montgomery Courthouse before incorporation. Peerless provides important services for all residents and works closely with the City's preservation planner to be sure our City's historic resources are recognized and respected as we all move forward.

Respectfully submitted;

Dick Stoner

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Margaret Magner – Testimony about Oral History Work
Rockville FY27 Budget Public Hearing, 23 March 2026

My name is Margaret Magner, and I live in Rockville. I'm here tonight to talk about work I'm currently doing as a volunteer for Peerless Rockville: digitizing, transcribing and cataloguing oral histories about Rockville in the time immediately following the Brown v. Board of Education decision in 1954.

The Peerless Rockville collection includes dozens of oral history interviews of Rockville residents through the years. Within that collection are a set of interviews that were taped in 2004 to honor the 50th anniversary of the Brown decision. In these tapes, African American residents who were young students, or teachers, or a school administrator in the 1950s, recall their lived experiences as some of the first people to integrate schools in Rockville in that interim period following the Brown decision.

Hearing these stories teaches you about important experience in the history of this area that I didn't know about and was never taught in school. As these brave individuals share their oral histories, the listener hears about a time, for example, when the courthouse in Rockville had water fountains and bathrooms labeled "Whites Only". When the buzz was all over town about a new restaurant called the Hi-Boy that opened on N. Washington Street, but a Black child and his family who went there to try it were told they could not come in; it took sit-ins at the restaurant to change that. And you can hear the courage it must have taken in 1957 for a young child to leave the school friends and teachers they knew, to become one of the few people who looked like them in a sea of white students and teachers at Broome, or Julius West, or Richard Montgomery.

These voices deserve to be preserved, to be heard, and to be made accessible to the public, to scholars, and Rockville residents. Peerless Rockville's small staff makes this possible by providing the archival materials, coordination and framework for this effort – and making use of volunteers like me to stretch every dollar they receive. I volunteer because I feel passionate about preserving these tangible, first person stories, that let you feel the experience and the resilience of people who changed our community for the better. This work is done out of love for our community, and I'm grateful that Peerless provides an umbrella to house and make these important stories available to everyone. Please fund Peerless to the greatest extent possible in the FY27 budget.

Good evening. I am Eileen McGuckian, a long-time supporter and member of Peerless Rockville.

Previous Mayors and Councilmembers have understood the value of Peerless Rockville. In the 1970s they cheered when Peerless led the fight to save the Rockville Railroad Station. In the 1980s they arranged for Peerless to take off the City's hands a little farmhouse once owned by the Dawson family; Peerless found new owners who were willing to repair and restore it, and everyone rejoiced when all loans were repaid and the house lived in again. In the 1990s, Peerless again stepped forward to purchase and save a beloved Rockville landmark -- Wire Hardware Store, near the Metro station. At that time of high interest rates and economic uncertainty, a deadbeat Montrose School tenant drained all resources and the City offered a loan to keep Peerless afloat. That loan was converted into the initial grant in recognition of Peerless Rockville's great value to the City.

Today we are at a similar juncture, of Peerless needing adequate support from the City. Only in 2026, Peerless Rockville's value to Rockville has been proven over a span of more than 50 years.

Why should the City continue to invest in Peerless Rockville?

- * Peerless is a resource for Rockville citizens, nonprofits, students, businesses, and City staff.**
- * Peerless maintains a Rockville visitors center in the handsome Red Brick Courthouse. This service is free and open to the public, with maps, brochures, information, exhibits, and more.**

*** Peerless maintains a Rockville History Museum, Reference Library, and Archives, also at no charge. In addition to the finest staff one can imagine, these two large rooms have files upon files of information about Rockville neighborhoods, events, buildings, churches & synagogues, families, cemeteries, and any Rockville-related topic you can imagine. Thousands of photographs and documents round out the collections that are used by all ages. I hope you will take an hour to visit and look up your neighborhood history or any topic that interests you.**

*** Peerless Rockville provides exemplary programming, virtually and in person. This includes the popular Glenview series, where a huge crowd recently enjoyed a Rockville citizen speak about baseball in Rockville. Programming for this Semiquincentennial year features themes that relate to 1776 (when we became known as Montgomery Courthouse) through the next 250 years. And of course they give great tours.**

*** Peerless Rockville maintains three historic properties in Rockville: a 19th century cemetery, the only historic elementary school still standing, and Rockville's only National Historic Landmark, Frieda's Cottage. Peerless is also a guardian of Montgomery County's 1891 Red Brick Courthouse.**

To drastically cut funding now -- in the middle of both special programming and a construction project during an uncertain economic time, and to deprive Rockville of using the past to understand the present and help to guide our future -- would cause major damage all around.

Our history and the physical evidence of that history are major elements of Rockville's arts and culture. The benefits of today must be allowed sufficient City support to continue into the future.



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**Testimony in Support of FY27 Grant Funding for Main Street
Presented by: Tara Owens, Executive Director, Main Street**

Date: March 23, 2026

Good evening, Mayor and Councilmembers,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight. My name is Tara Owens, and I serve as the Executive Director of Main Street. I'm honored to speak in strong support of our FY27 funding request through the Community Services and Enrichment Grant Program.

Main Street is an inclusive community model that was launched in 2020 in response to the lack of housing and social opportunities for community members, which has since become a vibrant hub in Rockville.

As many of you know, Main Street is three things:

- **An accessible apartment building with 70 units—75% affordable, with 25% of those reserved for adults with disabilities.**
- **A community of over 280 members of all abilities**
- **An inclusive employer**

The grant request before you supports one of the most essential aspects of our mission: our **Social Mainstays**—a series of weekly, staff and community facilitated programs that offer safe, affordable, and inclusive social opportunities for adults with all abilities. These programs help participants build relationships, engage with their community, and grow in confidence and independence.

Our Social Mainstays include:

- **Community partnerships with many local Rockville organizations.**
- **Facilitated discussion on civic engagement, health and community issues.**
- **Structured engagement focused on relationship building and guided conversation.**
- **Themed community engagement incorporating arts, culture, music and collaborative activities.**



- Eating out at local Rockville restaurants which has direct economic benefits providing consistent business to restaurants in the City of Rockville, while bringing in members who might not otherwise visit the area are now dining and shopping locally and regularly.

These programs fill a major gap for adults with disabilities. After leaving the school system, many lose access to regular social opportunities. Social Mainstays bring that connection back.

We requested \$28,214 in FY27 grant funding and were recommended for an award of \$25,000, and we are incredibly grateful.

The best way to understand what this funding makes possible is to hear directly from the people it serves.

Jesse a recent Main Street member, captures the spirit of what we have built and states "There's no judgment here. Everyone's welcome, and it helped me feel open to being myself."

A father of another member commented that after his son joined as a member this past year, Main Street has been a foundation of his son's community engagement in Rockville Town Center.

Many community members often refer to Main Street as the HUB for community engagement in the City of Rockville. Bringing the community together is what we are all about.

Thank you all for your time, your support, and your commitment to a more connected Rockville.