



MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Meeting No. 08-25
Monday, March 17, 2025 - 6:30 PM

AGENDA

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1. **Convene - 6:30 PM**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Proclamation and Recognition - NONE**
4. **Agenda Review - 6:35 PM**
5. **City Manager's Report - 6:40 PM**
6. **Boards and Commissions Appointments and Reappointments - 6:45 PM**
7. **Community Forum - 6:50 PM**
8. **Special Presentations - 7:10 PM**
 - A. Compensation and Classification Study Presentation
9. **Consent Agenda - 7:30 PM**
 - A. Approve and authorize the City Manager to Execute State of Maryland Capital Projects Grant Agreements for the David Scull Park Improvements (RA19)
 - B. Adoption of Resolution to Establish Maximum Rate of Rent Increase, as Required by Section 18-194 of the Rockville City Code Entitled "Voluntary Rent Guidelines and Notice Requirements of Rent Increases"
 - C. Approval of Minutes
10. **Public Hearing - 7:35 PM**
 - A. FY 2026 Budget Public Hearing #2
11. **Action Items - 8:05:PM**
 - A. Introduction of an Ordinance to Appropriate Funds and Levy Taxes for Fiscal Year 2026
12. **Worksession - 8:35 PM**

A. FY 2026 Budget Worksession #1 - Strategic Initiatives, Reorganization, and Revenues

13. Mock Agenda - 10:05 PM

A. Mock Agenda

14. Old / New Business - 10:15 PM

15. Adjournment - 10:30 PM



MAYOR AND COUNCIL Meeting Date: March 17, 2025
Agenda Item Type: PRESENTATION
Department: HUMAN RESOURCES
Responsible Staff: SUSAN SELING

Subject

Compensation and Classification Study Presentation

Department

Human Resources

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Mayor & Council receive the Classification and Total Compensation presentation from Bolton Partners, Inc. and Staff.

Discussion

Compensation and Classification Study

A compensation and classification study evaluates positions, pay, and benefits to ensure:

- positions are appropriately grouped by similar skills, responsibilities, and duties – this is the position classification process;
- pay is aligned with pay in the region for similar jobs and is fair and consistent compared to similar positions within the city; and
- benefit offerings are competitive with similar organizations.

Background

In September 2018, the City retained Management Advisory Group, LLC to review our existing classification plan, conduct a salary study, and prepare one or more pay plans to ensure our pay plans were competitive among our peer jurisdictions. Additionally, in 2015, the Mayor and Council adopted the compensation philosophy of ensuring the City's salaries remain competitive and anchored at the 60th percentile of benchmark entities. To ensure the City remains up-to-date and competitive, the staff recommended to the Mayor and Council that a city-wide salary review be conducted every 3-5 years.

The City is now in the fifth year of the adopted classification and compensation structure. Following the recommended 3- 5- year schedule for a comprehensive review, staff budgeted funds for a consultant in FY2024.

FY2024 Compensation and Classification Study

In June 2024, the City retained Bolton Partners, LLC, to complete the study. The goal of the study is to review and recommend changes to the City's current classification and total compensation structure to ensure that all positions within the City of Rockville are internally equitable and externally competitive.

Staff, in conjunction with the consultants, will share a PowerPoint presentation at the meeting.

The city is committed to ensuring that our employees receive fair pay and competitive benefits and that our pay and benefits are competitive within the region. Also, the city follows the best practice of regularly evaluating its internal pay practices and benefit offerings and assessing how it compares to similar organizations within its region.

This is a Special Presentation with no Q&A.

Mayor and Council History

This is the first time this item is being presented.

Next Steps

Human Resources will review and develop policies, practices, and processes to administer new plans, including regular reviews to maintain the City's market competitiveness.

Attachments

ATTACHMENT 1 - Mayor and Council Rockville-Bolton Combined Presentation 3-17-2025,
ATTACHMENT 2 - Bolton Rockville Final Report 3-17-2025



FY2025 Classification & Compensation Study

Mayor and Council Special Presentation

Monday, March 17, 2025



Get Into It

Introduction:

Classification & Compensation Study

The city is committed to ensuring that our employees receive fair pay and competitive benefits and that our pay and benefits are competitive within the region.

The city engages in the best practice of regularly evaluating our internal pay practices and benefit offerings, as well as assessing how we compare to similar organizations within our region.

This practice is commonly referred to as a **classification and compensation study**.



What is a classification and compensation study?

A classification and compensation study evaluates positions, pay and benefits to ensure:

- positions are appropriately grouped by similar skills, responsibilities, and duties – this is the position classification process;
- pay is aligned with the region for similar jobs and is fair and consistent compared to similar positions within the city; and
- our benefit offerings are competitive with similar organizations.



Why do we regularly conduct classification and compensation studies?

Over time, job requirements and the job market change.

Using a structured process, a classification and compensation study offers recommendations focused on:

- ensuring that positions within the city are accurately classified;
- pay and benefits are fair and consistent; and
- the city's pay and benefits remain competitive.

Competitive pay and benefits are critical in our efforts to retain and recruitment employees.



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Our Classification and Compensation Philosophy

Most organizations have a compensation philosophy that informs their pay practices and benefit offerings.

Our compensation philosophy states that the city will:

‘provide a competitive total compensation system of salary and benefits that compete at the 60th percentile of the city’s recognized peers for qualified employees’

Adopted by Mayor and Council in 2015.



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Our Classification and Compensation Philosophy: What does this mean?

The city aims to pay its employees at a level where their salaries are higher than 60% of recognized peers in the market for similar positions.

The city's compensation philosophy is above average by offering *slightly* more competitive salaries than the market median.



Get Into It

FY2025 Classification and Compensation Study

The city engaged Bolton, an experienced firm, to conduct our current study.

Dan Ripberger, President of Bolton Total Rewards practice, will provide an overview of:

- Study objectives;
- Approach;
- Findings and observations; and
- Recommendations.

Bolton

2024-2025 Classification and Total Compensation Review

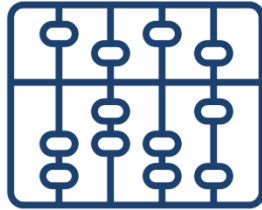
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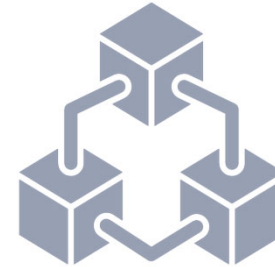
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Study Objectives



Review the classification and total compensation system; recommend changes as needed.

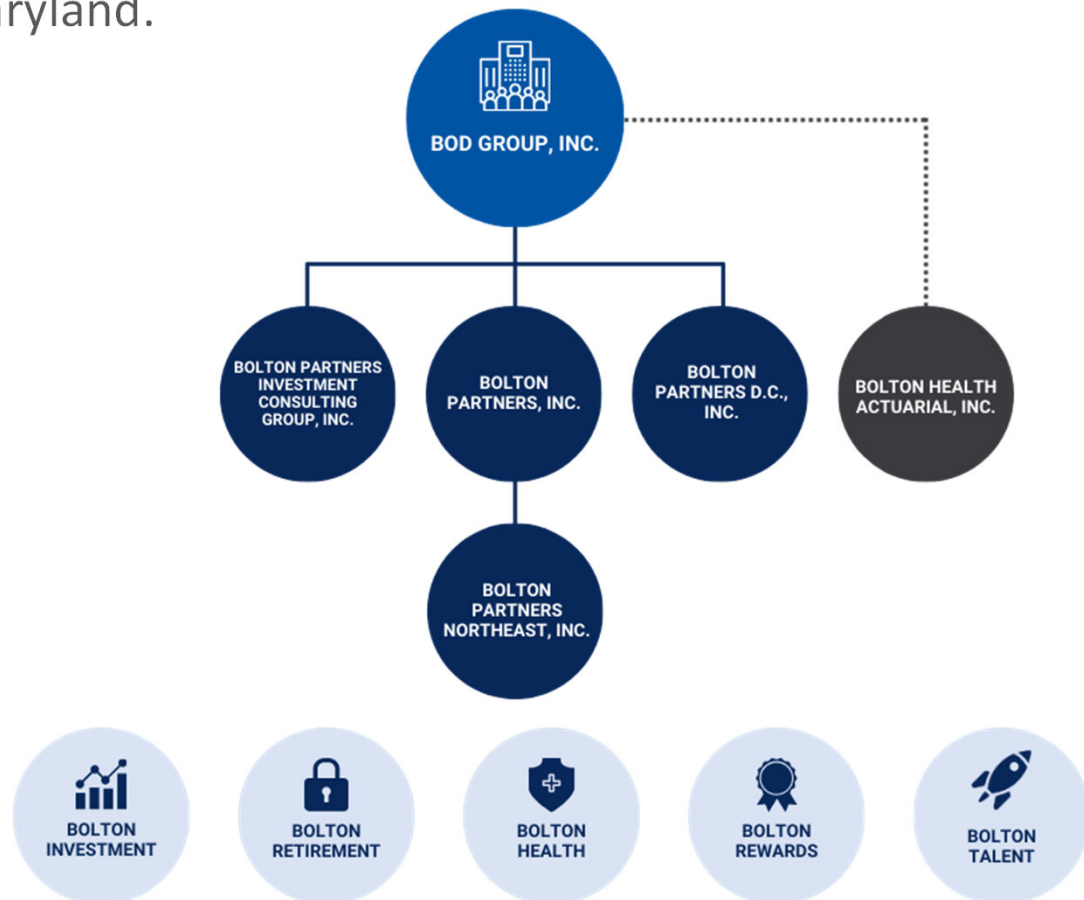


Major program elements:

Compensation philosophy;
Job classification system;
Market total compensation alignment;
Base pay structure(s);
Actual pay analysis; and
Policies and administration.

About Bolton

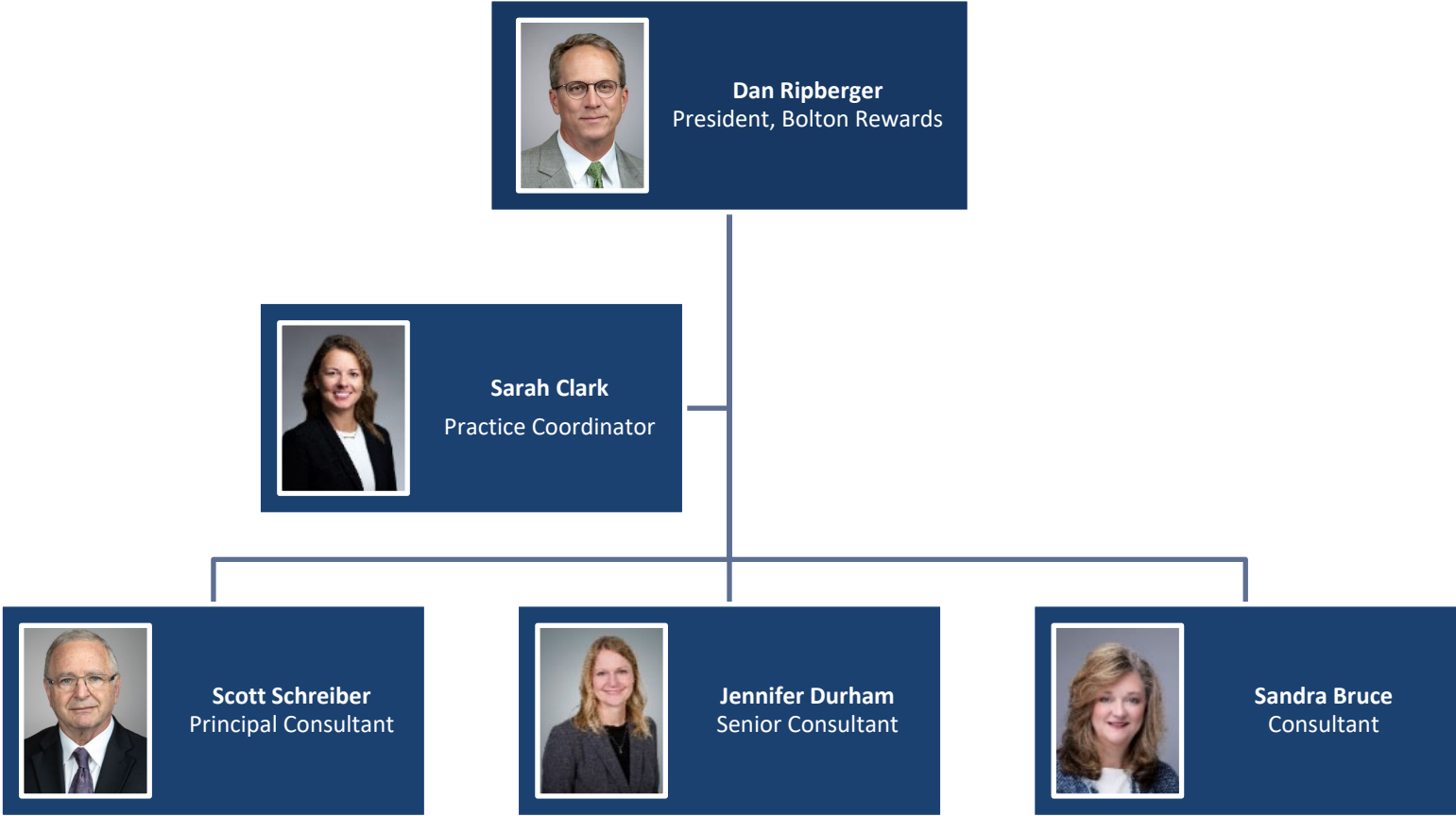
- ❑ National full-service consulting firm with over 40 years of experience providing total compensation consulting services.
- ❑ Headquartered in Towson, Maryland.
- ❑ Consulting Divisions
 - Retirement
 - Investment
 - Health
 - Rewards
 - Talent
- ❑ Current pension consultant for the City.



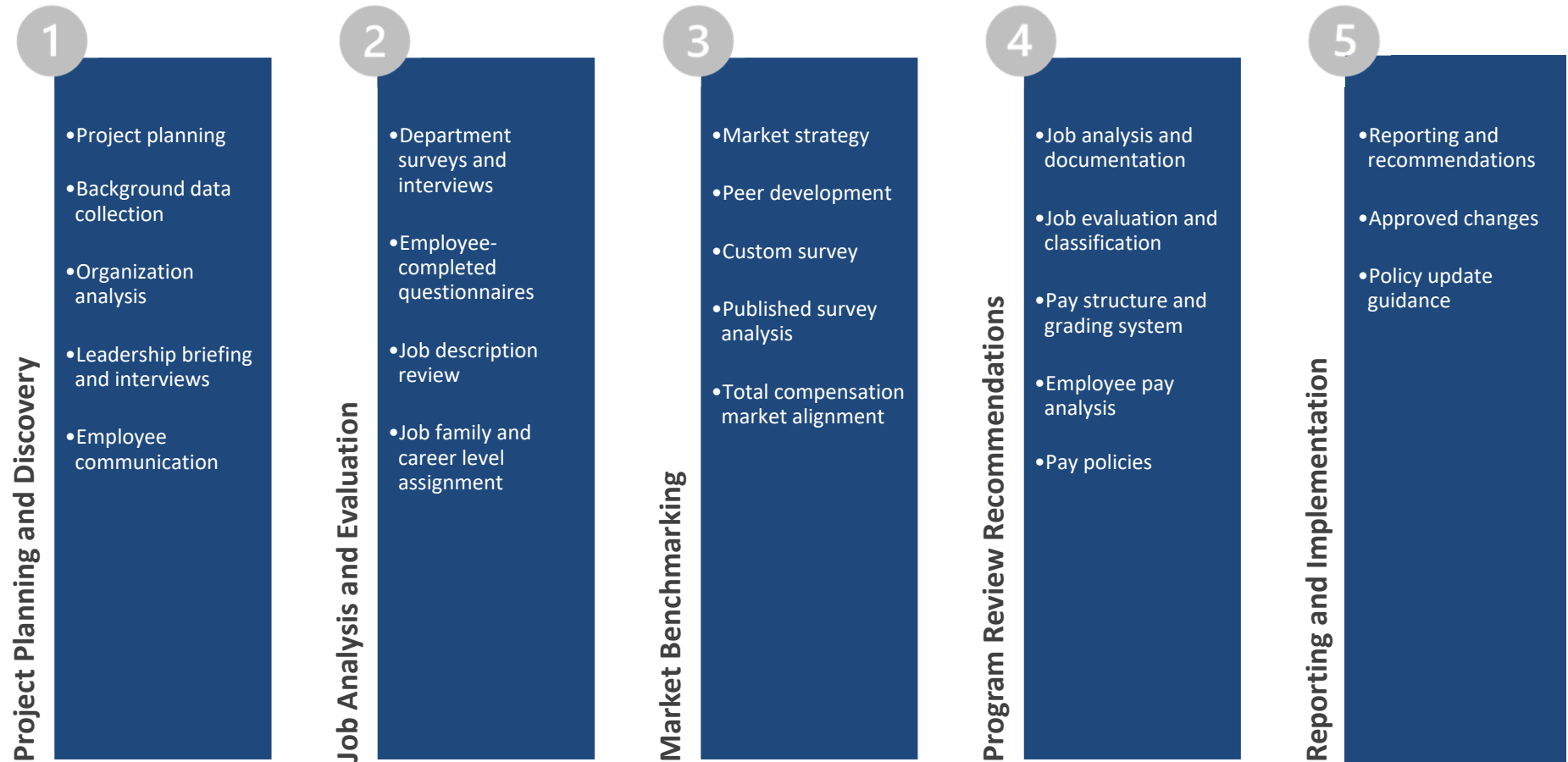
Our Rewards Practice

- ❑ Bolton Rewards is the reward strategy and compensation consulting and services practice of Bolton.
- ❑ Our team maintains specific expertise and resources in:
 - Organization Performance and Design;
 - Employment Value Definition and Communication;
 - Total Reward Strategy;
 - Executive Performance and Compensation;
 - Classification and Compensation;
 - Pay Program Management Co-Sourcing; and
 - Market Surveys and Research.

Our Key Project Team Members



Work Phases and Steps



Methodology

Compensation Philosophy

The Mayor and City Council adopted a 60th percentile market posture for total compensation in 2015.

- 60th percentile targets above the middle of the market to best reflect the unique location, operational excellence, and subsequent job requirements of the City.
- Supports the City's mission and vision to attract and retain a diverse, engaged and highly qualified workforce with the goal of being an employer of choice.







Methodology

Custom Survey

- ❑ Total compensation survey of local government peers – data received from:
 - Arlington County, VA
 - City of College Park, MD
 - City of Falls Church, VA
 - City of Gaithersburg, MD
 - City of Hyattsville, MD
 - City of Manassas, VA
 - City of Takoma Park, MD
 - Loudon County, VA
 - Montgomery County, MD
 - Prince William County, VA
 - Town of Herndon, VA
 - Town of Leesburg, VA
- ❑ Peers supplied unidentified incumbent-level data on over 30,000 employees in over 1,200 different jobs.
- ❑ DOL/FTC price fixing guidelines – we provide data summarized by job in a fashion that will not allow personal or employer identification.

Findings and Observations

Overall Market Alignment

ELEMENT	<u>MARKET ALIGNMENT</u> Below At Above	COMPETITIVE NOTES
Base Pay Ranges		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rockville pay ranges are slightly less than the July 1, 2025 60th percentile market at 96.6% overall.
Health Benefits		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully competitive with many options.
Welfare Benefits		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slightly below due to lower life insurance maximum benefit.
Paid Time Off		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More than competitive due to richer sick time carryover.
Retirement		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans for new hires provide competitive replacement income.
OVERALL		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less than competitive due to pay ranges and retirement.

Findings and Observations

Pay Ranges

- ❑ Our review indicates that Rockville's pay range midpoints (i.e., current market targets) are slightly below the City's 60th percentile target at 96.6%, overall.
- ❑ There is some variance by structure.

Structure	Rockville as % of 60 th Percentile Market
Administrative	96.2%
Union	96.7%
Police	95.3%
Senior Management	91.6%

Findings and Observations

Selected Range Target (Midpoint) Market Comparison Examples

Administrative Structure Examples:

JOB TITLE	NO. OF EES	AVERAGE SERVICE	GRADE	MIDPOINT (\$)	MARKET BASE 60P (\$)	% OF 60P MARKET
Senior Civil Engineer	4	5.2	AD220	107,932	114,275	94.4%
Senior Construction Inspector	6	13.9	AD216	88,796	95,114	93.4%
Water Treatment Plant Operator	5	8.7	AD214	80,541	80,993	99.4%

Police Structure Examples:

JOB TITLE	NO. OF EES	AVERAGE SERVICE	GRADE	MIDPOINT (\$)	MARKET BASE 60P (\$)	% OF 60P MARKET
Police Officer II	3	3.7	PL111	89,411	87,216	102.5%
Police Sergeant	7	18.6	PPL114	107,282	117,441	91.3%

Recommendations and Next Steps

- ❑ We recommend Rockville adopt a plan to align structures with its compensation philosophy – adjust pay structures to align with the 60th percentile over time.
- ❑ We also suggest the City address other program enhancements going forward:
 - Communication – expand compensation philosophy to include total rewards and develop employee communications;
 - Job documentation – formalize job documentation approach and continue to update job descriptions;
 - Job classification and grading – adopt Bolton’s classification plan and continue to review job grading for internal equity and market alignment; and
 - Pay policies – revise current policies (e.g., pay increase policy) as needed to align with future program changes.



What does this mean for the FY2026 Budget?

1. The recommended budget includes a 2.5% cost of living adjustment.
2. Those employees who have been identified, via the study, as being under the competitive salary point will also receive an adjustment capped at 7.5%.
3. The estimated total cost for the salary adjustments is approximately \$1,000,000.00 (one million).
4. Finally, as recommended, we will review all salary ranges to ensure that they align with the city's compensation philosophy.



Get Into It

**Thank
you.**

Bolton

2024-2025 Classification and Total Compensation Review

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Senior Consultant



Final Report
March 4, 2025

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I. Introduction

Background

The City of Rockville, MD (Rockville, City) retained Bolton Rewards (Bolton) to review its broad-based pay program and, if needed, recommend changes to enhance the ability to manage pay going forward.

During the conduct of this assignment, Bolton completed the following major tasks:

- ❑ Interviewed leadership to gather information on processes and roles as well as competitive markets;
- ❑ Analyzed existing written job content data (i.e., duties, responsibilities and work requirements) found in existing job descriptions and employee-completed Position Information Forms (PIFs);
- ❑ Conducted a custom total compensation survey of mutually identified peer counties and municipalities;
- ❑ Additionally developed market levels and practices using relevant published surveys;
- ❑ Identified gaps between the Rockville's current compensation levels and practices and the levels and practices that will best align with City people and reward strategies going forward; and
- ❑ Recommended enhancements to close identified gaps in compensation levels and/or compensation practices.

This report provides Bolton's study methodology, market comparisons and program recommendations.

I. Introduction

Assessment Approach and Process

We employed our time-tested and systematic approach to review and recommend changes to Rockville's program.



II. Methodology

Discovery

Bolton collected and reviewed detailed organizational and pay program data. These data included:

- ❑ Organization policy and other budget and financial documentation;
- ❑ Job descriptions;
- ❑ Pay plan and job grading listings; and
- ❑ Detailed electronic employee data.

We also led and participated in background discovery to fully understand the organization, its operations and its people needs.

- ❑ We employed a combination of direct research, discussions with Administration, and interviews with Division management.
- ❑ Our interviews helped define the work of each department, how it is grouped and how it integrates with other departments across the organization as well as provided background as to the pay program's effectiveness.

II. Methodology

Market Data

Bolton consulted with Rockville's management to confirm the desired competitive labor markets for staff pay comparison – Rockville desires to align its compensation with other comparable employers in the state with a particular eye on cities and counties in the local region.

We applied a two-fold approach in gathering market data. We utilized several sources of published data to reflect the City's desired labor markets and conducted a custom survey of peer public sector employers.

The published data sources we consulted included:

- ❑ Mercer, Metropolitan Benchmark Series
- ❑ WTW, Middle Management and Professional Survey
- ❑ DC-SHRM Compensation Survey
- ❑ American Water Works Association Compensation Survey

II. Methodology

We conducted a custom pay survey of 20 local government agencies identified jointly by Bolton and Rockville. The 12 agencies that submitted usable data include:

- ❑ Arlington County, VA
- ❑ City of College Park, MD
- ❑ City of Falls Church, VA
- ❑ City of Gaithersburg, MD
- ❑ City of Hyattsville, MD
- ❑ City of Manassas, VA
- ❑ City of Takoma Park, MD
- ❑ Loudon County, VA
- ❑ Montgomery County, MD
- ❑ Prince William County, VA
- ❑ Town of Herndon, VA
- ❑ Town of Leesburg, VA

Peers supplied unidentified incumbent-level data on over 30,000 employees in over 1,200 different jobs.

- ❑ Bolton calculated summary statistics at the 50th, 60th and 75th percentile levels for each job.
- ❑ We adhere to Department of Labor and Federal Trade Commission safe harbor guidelines on anti-trust and price fixing with respect to salary survey and labor market research. This means that we only provide clients and survey participants with data summarized by job in a fashion that will not allow personal or employer identification.

II. Methodology

We developed market rates on all Rockville jobs.

- ❑ We updated the reported market base salary data to January 1, 2025 to align with the middle of the current pay plan year.
- ❑ We applied a 3.5% annualized adjustment factor to project the market data to this common reporting date.

The definitions of the reported summary statistics presented in our report are as follows:

- ❑ 50P (50th percentile/median): figure above and below which half of all reported figures occur.
- ❑ 60P (60th percentile): figure below which 60% of all reported figures occur.
- ❑ 75P (75th percentile): figure below which 75% of all reported figures occur.

III. Findings and Recommendations

Job Analysis and Documentation

Our review yields that job descriptions are inconsistently written and formatted. Specific areas where we found deficiencies include:

- ❑ They tend to include too much text and stock compensable factor level terms under the Job Summary and Essential Functions.
- ❑ They do not have sign off as an approved classified job with a department head and human resources signature.

We recommend Rockville place a stronger emphasis on consistent and complete job descriptions going forward.

- ❑ Managers should prepare job descriptions and submit to Human Resources for review, classification and approval.
- ❑ Human Resources should review the job description for clarity and the stated minimum requirements for legal compliance and consistency.

III. Findings and Recommendations

Job Evaluation

Job evaluation is a systematic approach to determining job value relative to other jobs for purposes of pay opportunity determination. Effective job evaluation systems:

- ❑ Reflect organizational values;
- ❑ Help rationalize and deliver internal equity;
- ❑ Should be defined by legally-acceptable compensable factors – not competencies or performance-related behaviors; and
- ❑ Align with the organization’s need to recruit and retain qualified staff.

We recommend the City consider an approach to job evaluation by consistently assigning jobs to career levels to better determine job worth and establish pay opportunity. Rockville could adopt our whole-job career levels defined by four primary and legally-defensible compensable factors to help manage employee perception of pay equity.

III. Findings and Recommendations

We recommend Rockville consider adopting a more formal approach to job classification by implementing Bolton’s Career Stream system. Career Stream is a job family and career level matrix to determine job worth and establish pay opportunity.

- ❑ Job Families: Rockville’s jobs have been assigned to Career Stream job families – roughly 65 families would be utilized.
- ❑ Career Levels: Our Career Groups and Career Levels use whole-job definitions defined by four primary and legally-defensible compensable factors.

Level Factor	Definition
Contribution	Degree of organizational scope for which a position is generally accountable and the role the position plays in accomplishing objectives.
Impact	Degree that a position’s work assignments have on the achievement of the overall mission, goals and objectives. This factor measures positive effects rather than adverse impact resulting from failure.
Discretion/Latitude	Degree of judgment, research, analysis and innovative thinking required to perform the work of the position. Consideration is given to policies and procedures which are provided as reference materials and guides to aid incumbents in performing their position work assignments.
Skill/Knowledge	Degree and type of knowledge, skills and abilities required to satisfactorily perform a position whether acquired through education and/or on the job experience. The level/type of knowledge may be impacted by a position’s requirement for a particular skill or job requirement.

III. Findings and Recommendations

Base Pay Structures

Rockville utilizes several base pay structures, all effective July 1, 2024, to manage employee pay.

- ❑ Administrative structure with 29 grades with 65.0% range width from minimum to maximum and 5.0% grade progression (percentage difference between consecutive grades);
- ❑ Senior Management structure with five grades with 65.0% range width from minimum to maximum and midpoint progression of 5.0%;
- ❑ Police Structure with six grades with varying grade progressions and utilizes a step progression of 19 steps with an average width of 72.5%; and
- ❑ Union structure with five grades with a 5.0% grade progression and utilizes a step progression of 19 steps with 61.5% width.

The table below provides commonly-accepted relationships between grade progression and range width.

Grade Progression	Range Width	Common Job Types
5.0%	40.0%	Hourly, Non-Exempt Salaried
10.0%	50.0%	Hourly, Salaried Individual Contributor, Management
15.0%	60.0%	Exempt Individual Contributor, Management
20.0%	70.0%	Executive Management

III. Findings and Recommendations

Base Pay Structure

We recommend Rockville adopt new pay structures to align with the City's compensation philosophy (see Exhibits 1A and 1B).

- ❑ The new structures would be effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
- ❑ We maintained the existing midpoint progression and range spreads for each structure, however we suggest Rockville consider reducing the range spread and increasing the grade progressions to improve hiring rates and manage pay once it increases well above market targets.

We increased each 2025 structure as follows to achieve a 60th percentile target:

- ❑ Administrative Structure – 1.0%
- ❑ Senior Management Structure – 8.4%
- ❑ Police Structure – 4.7%
- ❑ Union Structure – 2.3%

Job Classification and Grading

Under our suggested Career Stream evaluation and classification approach, jobs would be graded through the classification process. A Classification is a specified job family and career level that has been analyzed, evaluated, benchmarked and assigned to the pay structure and grade/level.

III. Findings and Recommendations

Actual Pay Alignment

Rockville’s overall compa-ratio on the recommended structures is 99.3%.

- ❑ This mean that overall base pay trails market targets by 0.7%.
- ❑ There is also variance of actual base pay within pay ranges.

Range Location (Compa-Ratio)	Competitive Posture	Employee Distribution		
		Avg Service	Number	% of Total
Below 80.0%	Less Than	1.4	46	9.0%
80.0% to 89.9%	Low End	4.7	116	22.7%
90.0% to 99.9%	Competitive Range	9.4	102	20.0%
100.0% to 109.9%		14.8	103	20.2%
110.0% to 120.0%	High End	18.0	92	18.0%
Above 120.0%	More than Competitve	25.2	51	10.0%
Total			510	100.0%

**Excludes City Manager, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations, and City Attorney*

III. Findings and Recommendations

Base Pay Delivery

Annual Adjustments

- ❑ We recommend that Rockville continue to grant regular annual adjustments at a common point in time each year as is current practice. The size of the annual regular increase budget, if any, should be based on anticipated market movement and the organization's financial condition.

Starting Rates

We suggest that Rockville refine its policy on determining rates for new hires to best reflect their job experience.

- ❑ Set at minimum or entry if only minimum job requirements are met.
- ❑ If new hires' experience exceed minimum work requirements, pay should be established in line with other employees' pay and experience.

In addition, the City should consider establishing overall guidelines, *for example*:

- ❑ First Tercile: Less than 7 years job experience.
- ❑ Middle Tercile: 7 to 14 years job experience.
- ❑ Third Tercile or above: More than 14 years.

Promotional Increases

- ❑ 50% of difference between current and new grade midpoints. At least to minimum of new range.

III. Findings and Recommendations

Broad-based Benefits

We summarized Peer benefit level and prevalence data and used this information as one input into our assessment of market competitiveness.

Overall, Rockville’s broad-based benefits program is more than competitive when compared to Peers and the general market. Our competitive market assessment is summarized below.

BENEFIT TYPE	<u>MARKET ALIGNMENT</u> Below At Above	COMPETITIVE NOTES
Medical █	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employee premiums, annual deductibles and out of pocket maximums are generally lower than Peers. Many health insurance plans to choose from.
Dental █	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lesser employee cost with comparable benefits levels.
Vision █	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully aligned.
Short-term Disability █	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitive with Peers.
Long-term Disability █	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slightly richer due to higher benefit maximum compared to Peers.
Life & AD&D █	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less than competitive with Peers due to lower benefit maximum.
Paid Time Off █	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More than competitive due to richer sick time carryover.
OVERALL █	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slightly richer than Peers due to medical offerings, dental and sick time carryover.

III. Findings and Recommendations

Retirement

Bolton projected the retirement income that Rockville’s plans will provide after a full 25-year career.

Retirement Plan	Projected Annual Annuity as % of Final Pay		
	Admin	Union	Police
Defined Benefit Plan	27.9%	23.4%	52.8%
Thrift Defined Contribution Plan	8.6%	9.1%	N/A
Total Retirement Benefit	36.5%	32.5%	52.8%

Rockville’s retirement plan is competitive overall when compared with its peers.

- ❑ The Admin and Union groups are more closely aligned with the 50th percentile of the peer market.
- ❑ However, the Police group is more closely aligned with the 75th percentile of the peer market.

Group	Rockville	Projected Annual Annuity as % of Final Pay		
		25P	50P	75P
Admin	36.5%	35.5%	35.9%	41.8%
Union	32.5%	33.5%	35.5%	41.8%
Police	52.8%	36.6%	42.7%	58.2%

IV. Next Steps and Implementation

Next Steps

Finalize pay program design and administrative policies.

Create or revise immediate supporting documents and tools:

- ❑ Job descriptions;
- ❑ Pay structures;
- ❑ Job classification and grading; and
- ❑ Pay policies.

Put the program changes into effect.

- ❑ Create an implementation process and plan;
- ❑ Finalize job grading;
- ❑ Transition program design documents, data and tools from Bolton to the College;
- ❑ Further orient management; and
- ❑ Communicate to employees.

IV. Next Steps and Implementation

Employee-Level Implementation

We recommend Rockville consider one or more increase types to determine any market equity adjustments needed.

- ❑ Across-the-Board: a consistent percentage or dollar value increase provided to all or most employees. This is sometimes referred to as a general increase or cost-of-living adjustment.
- ❑ Experience-based: increase designed to align experience in a specific job with the position in a range someone is paid.

Rockville should develop guidelines for determining experience-based adjustments.

- ❑ We would expect an employee with 9-12 years of job-specific experience to be paid at or close to the Midpoint.
- ❑ The City should also establish a maximum number years of job-specific experience that will be used to help determine increase amount.

Bolton

2024-2025 Classification and Total Compensation Review



Exhibits

GRADE	BASE PAY RANGES (\$)					GRADE PROGRESSION	RANGE SPREAD
	MARKET RANGE						
	ENTRY	MR POINT 1	TARGET	MR POINT 3	MAXIMUM		
Structure: Administrative Scale FY 2026							
AD229	127,632	155,285	169,112	182,939	210,593	5.0%	65.0%
AD228	121,555	147,891	161,060	174,228	200,565	5.0%	65.0%
AD227	115,766	140,849	153,390	165,932	191,014	5.0%	65.0%
AD226	110,254	134,142	146,085	158,030	181,918	5.0%	65.0%
AD225	105,004	127,754	139,130	150,505	173,255	5.0%	65.0%
AD224	100,003	121,670	132,504	143,338	165,005	5.0%	65.0%
AD223	95,241	115,877	126,194	136,512	157,148	5.0%	65.0%
AD222	90,706	110,359	120,185	130,012	149,665	5.0%	65.0%
AD221	86,386	105,103	114,462	123,820	142,537	5.0%	65.0%
AD220	82,273	100,098	109,011	117,924	135,750	5.0%	65.0%
AD219	78,355	95,332	103,820	112,309	129,286	5.0%	65.0%
AD218	74,624	90,792	98,877	106,961	123,129	5.0%	65.0%
AD217	71,071	86,469	94,168	101,868	117,266	5.0%	65.0%
AD216	67,686	82,351	89,684	97,017	111,682	5.0%	65.0%
AD215	64,463	78,430	85,414	92,397	106,364	5.0%	65.0%
AD214	61,393	74,695	81,346	87,997	101,299	5.0%	65.0%
AD213	58,470	71,138	77,472	83,807	96,475	5.0%	65.0%
AD212	55,685	67,750	73,784	79,816	91,881	5.0%	65.0%
AD211	53,034	64,525	70,270	76,015	87,505	5.0%	65.0%
AD210	50,508	61,452	66,924	72,395	83,339	5.0%	65.0%
AD209	48,103	58,525	63,737	68,948	79,370	5.0%	65.0%
AD208	45,813	55,739	60,702	65,664	75,590	5.0%	65.0%
AD207	43,631	53,084	57,811	62,538	71,991	5.0%	65.0%
AD206	41,553	50,557	55,058	59,560	68,563	5.0%	65.0%
AD205	39,575	48,149	52,437	56,724	65,299	5.0%	65.0%
AD204	37,690	45,856	49,939	54,023	62,189	5.0%	65.0%
AD203	35,895	43,673	47,561	51,450	59,227	5.0%	65.0%

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	MARKET RANGE						
	ENTRY	MR POINT 1	TARGET	MR POINT 3	MAXIMUM		
Structure: Senior Management Scale FY 2026							
SR305	161,267	196,272	213,775	231,277	266,282	5.0%	65.1%
SR304	153,587	186,925	203,595	220,264	253,603	5.0%	65.1%
SR303	146,273	178,024	193,899	209,775	241,526	5.0%	65.1%
SR302	139,308	169,547	184,667	199,786	230,025	5.0%	65.1%
SR301	132,674	161,473	175,872	190,273	219,072		

GRADE	ANNUAL PAY STRUCTURE STEPS (\$)																		
	STEP01	STEP 02	STEP 03	STEP 04	STEP 05	STEP 06	STEP 07	STEP 08	STEP 09	STEP 10	STEP 11	STEP 12	STEP 13	STEP 14	STEP 15	STEP 16	STEP 17	STEP 18	STEP 19
Structure: Police Scale FY 2026																			
PL11	111,575	115,124	118,789	122,569	126,471	130,496	134,646	138,936	143,357	147,921	152,631	157,489	162,500	167,773	173,008	178,519	184,201	190,064	196,115
PL11	96,381	99,449	102,614	105,881	109,249	112,727	116,315	120,018	123,837	127,779	131,847	136,043	140,373	144,842	149,451	154,211	159,119	164,183	169,410
PL11	87,421	90,204	93,076	96,039	99,094	102,250	105,502	108,861	112,324	115,901	119,589	123,396	127,323	131,375	135,556	139,874	144,327	148,921	153,661
PL11	78,547	80,876	83,274	85,838	88,286	90,904	93,599	96,373	99,233	102,174	105,204	108,323	111,534	114,841	118,246	121,747	125,355	129,071	132,896
PL11	74,100	76,298	78,560	80,889	83,288	85,757	88,299	90,917	93,613	96,388	99,246	102,189	105,218	108,337	111,548	114,856	118,261	121,767	125,377
PL11	69,906	71,979	74,113	76,311	78,573	80,903	83,301	85,771	88,315	90,934	93,631	96,408	99,265	102,208	105,239	108,361	111,567	114,875	118,281
Structure: Union Scale FY 2026																			
UN2	58,142	59,713	61,325	62,980	64,680	66,426	68,221	70,062	71,954	73,897	75,892	77,941	80,046	82,207	84,427	86,706	89,047	91,451	93,921
UN2	55,373	56,869	58,404	59,981	61,600	63,263	64,972	66,725	68,528	70,377	72,277	74,229	76,234	78,292	80,406	82,577	84,806	87,095	89,447
UN2	52,737	54,160	55,623	57,124	58,667	60,251	61,877	63,548	65,264	67,026	68,836	70,694	72,603	74,563	76,577	78,644	80,767	82,948	85,187
UN2	50,225	51,581	52,974	54,404	55,873	57,381	58,931	60,522	62,156	63,834	65,558	67,328	69,146	71,013	72,930	74,899	76,921	78,998	81,131
UN2	47,833	49,124	50,451	51,813	53,212	54,649	56,125	57,640	59,196	60,795	62,436	64,122	65,853	67,631	69,426	71,333	73,258	75,237	77,267



MAYOR AND COUNCIL Meeting Date: March 17, 2025

Agenda Item Type: CONSENT

Department: RECREATION & PARKS

Responsible Staff: STEVE MADER

Subject

Approve and authorize the City Manager to Execute State of Maryland Capital Projects Grant Agreements for the David Scull Park Improvements (RA19)

Department

Recreation & Parks

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council of Rockville approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the State of Maryland Capital Projects Grant Agreements between the Mayor and Council of Rockville and the State of Maryland in a form acceptable to the City Attorney for capital improvements to David Scull Park Improvement (RA19).

Discussion

The City of Rockville was awarded \$100,000 and \$150,000 via a State of Maryland bond bill in 2024 for capital improvements. This project will allow for various improvement to David Scull Park including a gateway entrance at the intersection of East Gude Drive and Taft Street with signage, demolition of existing 1970s shelter, new pavilion with restroom, walkway connecting East Gude Drive to First Street, various, tree, shrub and perennial planting beds, rain garden and safety improvements to stormwater inlet, and conversion of baseball/softball field to rectangular multi-use athletic field.

The Office of the City Attorney advises that the Mayor and Council of Rockville should consider the long-term risk associated with this State of Maryland bond bill. In both agreements, Section 13: Disposition of Property, requires that the City of Rockville gets written consent from the State of Maryland Board of Public works if it sells, leases, exchanges, gives away, or otherwise transfers or disposes of any interest in real or personal property acquired or improved with grant funds. When consenting to a transfer or disposition, the Board of Public Works may in its sole discretion require the grantee to repay a percentage of the proceeds that are allocable to the grant. There is no sunset clause for this requirement.

Mayor and Council History

This is the first time these specific State of Maryland Capital Projects Grant Agreements have been brought to the Mayor and Council of Rockville. The City of Rockville received several State of Maryland bond bills in the past. Examples of projects include the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre ADA Parking Lot (2015); Rockville Swim and Fitness Center Outdoor Locker Room Renovations (2016); King Farm Farmstead Dairy Barns (2017); Rockville Senior Center ADA Improvements (2018); Lincoln Park Community Center Renovations (2021), and Twinbrook Community Center Annex – Restroom Renovation (RC24).

Fiscal Impact

The \$250,000 in capital grants for the David Scull Park Improvements (RA19) does not require a funding match from the City of Rockville. This grant was recognized on FY 2025 Budget Amendment #2 (October 28, 2024) and has been incorporated into the Capital Improvements Program (CIP). The FY 2025 David Scull Park Improvements (RA19) project page can be found in Attachment 3.

Next Steps

If approved by the Mayor and Council of Rockville, the City Manager will execute the State of Maryland Capital Projects Grant Agreements for the David Scull Park Improvements (RA19) in a form acceptable to the City Attorney. The executed agreements will go before the State of Maryland Board of Public Works as an agenda item for approval.

Attachments

24-518 Grant Agreement Unsigned, 24-635 Grant Agreement Unsigned, DAVID SCULL IMPROVEMENTS RA19

CAPITAL PROJECTS GRANT AGREEMENT

This Agreement (“**Agreement**”) is entered into this ___ day of _____, 20___, by and between the State of Maryland (“**State**”), acting through the Board of Public Works (**BPW**), and Mayor and Council of Rockville (“**Grantee**”), whose federal taxpayer identification number is 52-6001573.

Recitals

- A. Grantee has requested grant assistance from the State and has completed the Capital Projects Grant Application.
- B. The General Assembly has authorized this Grant titled **David Scull Park** provided that Grantee expends the money only for the purposes outlined below.

Therefore, the State and Grantee agree as follows:

1. • Purpose. Grantee may use grant funds for the following purpose only (“**Project**”): for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement and capital equipping of the David Scull Park (Montgomery County). (See **Enabling Act**: DGS Item 518, Chapter 720 of the Laws of Maryland 2024 which is incorporated herein by reference.)
2. Grant. After the BPW approves this Agreement, the State shall periodically provide grant funds (“**Grant**”) to, or on behalf of, Grantee not to exceed: \$ 100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars).
3. Termination or Reduction of Authorization. The BPW, in its sole discretion, may reduce or terminate the authorization to provide the Grant in the event: (a) Grantee fails to provide evidence of the required matching fund by 06/01/2026; or (b) no part of the Project is under contract by 06/01/2031 or (c) the Project is abandoned. The Enabling Act’s authorization automatically terminates for any grant funds that are unexpended or unencumbered by 06/01/2031.
4. Matching Fund. If the Enabling Act requires, Grantee must provide and expend a matching fund. Failure to prove any required matching fund may affect the authorization pursuant to Paragraph 3 of this Agreement.
5. Disbursement of Grant. Subject to the availability of funds, the BPW may periodically authorize payment to, or on behalf of, Grantee funds in an amount not to exceed the Grant amount.
6. Limitations on Use. The BPW or its designee may, in its sole discretion, disapprove requests for disbursement or expenditure of Grant funds that

are not consistent with or are not specifically related to the Project purpose or this Agreement generally.

7. Term. This Agreement terminates if the BPW terminates the grant authorization under Paragraph 3 without issuing bonds. Otherwise, this Agreement is in effect so long as any State general obligation bonds issued, sold, and delivered to provide funds for this Grant, remain outstanding, or for such longer period as the parties may agree.
8. Payment Procedure. Payment procedures contained in the most recent edition of *Maryland Capital Grants Projects: Information for State of Maryland Capital Grant Recipients* [<http://dgs.maryland.gov/Pages/Grants/index.aspx>] are incorporated herein by reference. The State shall make payment to, or on behalf of, Grantee in accordance with those procedures and any other terms and conditions as the BPW, in its sole discretion, may impose.
9. Reports:
 - (a) Section 7-402 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, requires Grantee to submit a verified report that fully and accurately accounts for appropriate Grant expenditures. Requests for payment made in accordance with Paragraph 8 of this Agreement are deemed to comply with Section 7-402.
 - (b) Grantee shall submit other reports or information as the State may periodically require, including project status reports and certified audit reports.
10. Communications. Communications must be addressed as follows:

To the State:

Office of the Comptroller
Capital Grants Program Administrator
80 Calvert Street, Room 215
Annapolis, Maryland 21404-0466

Department of General Services
Capital Grants Program Manager
301 W. Preston Street, Room 703
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

To the Grantee:

11. Default. A default is Grantee's breach of any of the covenants, agreements, or certifications contained in this Agreement.
12. Remedies Upon Default.
 - (a) Upon the occurrence of any default, the State, as the BPW in its sole discretion determines, may do one or more of the following:
 - (i) Require Grantee to repay the Grant, in whole or in part.
 - (ii) Recoup the amount of the Grant already paid from funds due the Grantee from any other current or future State grant or loan or any other funds, otherwise due and owing Grantee.
 - (iii) Withhold further payments under this Agreement.
 - (iv) Terminate this Agreement.
 - (b) In addition to the rights and remedies contained in this agreement, the State may at any time proceed to protect and enforce all rights available to it. All rights and remedies survive the termination of this Agreement.
13. Disposition of Property. Grantee may not sell, lease, exchange, give away, or otherwise transfer or dispose of any interest in real or personal property acquired or improved with Grant funds (“**Grant-Funded Property**”) unless the BPW gives prior written consent. This includes transfer or disposition to a successor or the merger, dissolution, or other termination of the existence of Grantee. Grantee shall give the BPW written notice at least 60 days before any proposed transfer or disposition. When consenting to a transfer or disposition, the Board of Public Works may in its sole discretion require the grantee to repay a percentage of the proceeds that are allocable to the grant.
14. Inspection and Retention of Records. Grantee shall permit any duly authorized representative of the State to inspect and audit all records and documents of Grantee relating to this Grant. Grantee shall retain such records for at least three years after this Agreement terminates.
15. Insurance.
 - (a) For any item of Grant-Funded Property that has an original fair market value of \$5,000 or more, Grantee shall, at its own expense and for the reasonable useful life of that item, obtain and maintain all risk of fire and extended coverage insurance or such similar insurance coverage as may be appropriate for the full value of the item or in amounts as may be commercially reasonable under the circumstances. Grantee’s insurer must be authorized to issue the policy in the State. Each such policy shall by its terms:
 - (i) Name the State as an additional loss payee thereunder.

Name: The State of Maryland
Address: Department of General Services
Capital Grants
301 W. Preston Street, Suite 703
Baltimore, MD 21201

- (ii) Be considered primary and non-contributory with respect to any other insurance, if any, provided by the State.
- (iii) Be cancelable only on at least 30 days written notice to Grantee and to the BPW.

- (b) On request, Grantee shall, provide the BPW or its designee with satisfactory evidence of insurance.
- (c) Proceeds of insurance required by this Paragraph may be applied as the BPW, in its sole discretion, shall determine toward replacement of Grant-Funded Property or toward repayment of the Grant to the State.
- (d) The BPW or its designee in its sole discretion may determine that Grantee may self-insure Grant-Funded Property if Grantee has adequate financial resources.

16. Indemnification. To the extent permitted by law (including Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, §5-301 et seq. the Local Government Tort Claims Act; and Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, §5-509; Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended from time to time), without waiving any defenses or immunities available at law, and subject to the availability of appropriations, Grantee is responsible for, and shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the State, its officers, agents, and employees, whether or not the State be deemed contributorily negligent, from all suits, actions, liability, or claims of liability (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of:

- (a) The Project, including its construction.
- (b) Grantee's use, occupancy, conduct, operation, or management of the Project.
- (c) Any negligent, intentionally tortious, or other act or omission of Grantee or any of its agents, contractors, servants, employees, subtenants, licensees, or invitees in connection with the Project.
- (d) Any injury to or death of any person or damage to any property occurring in, on, or as a direct or indirect result of the Project or any of Grantee's activities in connection therewith.

17. Registration. Grantee is a (charitable ___) (religious ___) organization registered with the Maryland Secretary of State in accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland [Business Regulation Article or Corporations and Association Article]; is in good standing; and has filed all of its required reports with the Maryland Secretary of State.

Check if YES ___

Check if NOT APPLICABLE ___ and explain:

18. Commercial and Employment Nondiscrimination. Grantee shall:
- (a) Not discriminate in the selection, hiring, or treatment of any employee, employment applicant, vendor, supplier, subcontractor, or commercial customer on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, or on the basis of disability or any other unlawful use of characteristics unrelated to performance.
 - (b) Include a clause similar to sub-paragraph (a) in any contract under this Grant.
 - (c) Post, and cause contractors to post, in conspicuous places notices setting forth the nondiscrimination policy.
19. Drug and Alcohol Policy. Grantee certifies that it shall make a good faith effort to eliminate illegal drug use and alcohol and drug abuse from its workplace. Specifically, Grantee shall:
- (a) Prohibit the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of drugs in its workplace.
 - (b) Prohibit its employees from working under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
 - (c) Not hire or assign to work on an activity funded in whole or part with State funds, anyone whom it knows, or in the exercise of due diligence should know, currently abuses alcohol or drugs and is not actively engaged in a bona fide rehabilitation program.
 - (d) Promptly inform the appropriate law enforcement agency of every drug-related crime that occurs in its workplace if it or its employee has observed the violation or otherwise has reliable information that a violation has occurred.
 - (e) Notify employees that drugs and alcohol abuse are banned in the workplace, impose sanctions on employees who abuse drugs and alcohol in the workplace, and institute steps to maintain a drug-free and alcohol-free workplace.
20. Compliance with Applicable Law. Grantee hereby represents and warrants that it:
- (a) Is qualified to do business in the State of Maryland and that it will take such action as, from time to time hereafter, may be necessary to remain so qualified;
 - (b) Is not in arrears with respect to the payment of any monies due and owing the State of Maryland, or any department or unit thereof, including but not limited to the payment of taxes and employee benefits, and that it shall not become so in arrears during the Grant term;
 - (c) Shall comply with all federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances applicable to its activities and obligations under this Grant.
 - (d) Shall obtain, at its expense, all licenses, permits, insurance, and governmental approvals, if any, necessary to the performance of its obligations under this Grant.
21. Non-Debarment. Neither Grantee nor any of its officers, directors, or any of

its employees directly involved in obtaining or performing grants or contracts with public bodies has:

- (a) Been convicted of bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe in violation of any state or federal law.
- (b) Been convicted under any state or federal statute of any offense enumerated in Section 16-203 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.
- (c) Been found civilly liable under any state or federal antitrust statute as provided in Section 16-203 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

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- (a) Agreed, conspired, connived, or colluded to produce a deceptive show of competition in obtaining or performing this Grant.
- (b) In any manner, directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement of any kind to fix the bid price or price proposal of any bidder or offeror or of any competitor, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this Grant.

23. Financial Disclosure. Grantee is aware of, and will comply with, Section 13-221 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, which requires that every business that enters into contracts, leases, or other agreements with the State or its agencies during a calendar year under which the business is to receive in the aggregate \$200,000 or more shall, within 30 days of the time when the aggregate value of the contracts, leases or other agreements reaches \$200,000, file with the Maryland Secretary of State certain specified information to include disclosure of beneficial ownership of the business.

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25. No Contingent Fees. Grantee has not employed or retained any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee or agent working for Grantee, to solicit or secure the Grant. Grantee has not paid or agreed to pay any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee or agent, any fee or any other consideration contingent on the making of the Grant.

26. No Lobbying Fees. In accordance with Section 7-221 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, Grantee certifies that no State money has been paid or promised to any legislative agent, lawyer, or lobbyist for any service to obtain the legislation establishing or appropriating funds for the Grant.

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By their signatures, the parties so agree:

WITNESS:

GRANTEE:



By: _____ (SEAL)

Name: _____

Title: _____



STATE OF MARYLAND
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

By: _____

John Gontrum
Executive Secretary

Approved as to form and legal
sufficiency this _____ day of
_____, 20__

Assistant Attorney General
Board of Public Works

BPW APPROVAL: DGS Item ____-CGL (____/____/20__)

CAPITAL PROJECTS GRANT AGREEMENT
Standard Form

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 - (a) For any item of Grant-Funded Property that has an original fair market value of \$5,000 or more, Grantee shall, at its own expense and for the reasonable useful life of that item, obtain and maintain all risk of fire and extended coverage insurance or such similar insurance coverage as may be appropriate for the full value of the item or in amounts as may be commercially reasonable under the circumstances. Grantee’s insurer must be authorized to issue the policy in the State. Each such policy shall by its terms:
 - (i) Name the State as an additional loss payee thereunder.

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Capital Grants
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Baltimore, MD 21201

- (ii) Be considered primary and non-contributory with respect to any other insurance, if any, provided by the State.
- (iii) Be cancelable only on at least 30 days written notice to Grantee and to the BPW.

- (b) On request, Grantee shall, provide the BPW or its designee with satisfactory evidence of insurance.
- (c) Proceeds of insurance required by this Paragraph may be applied as the BPW, in its sole discretion, shall determine toward replacement of Grant-Funded Property or toward repayment of the Grant to the State.
- (d) The BPW or its designee in its sole discretion may determine that Grantee may self-insure Grant-Funded Property if Grantee has adequate financial resources.

16. Indemnification. To the extent permitted by law (including Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, §5-301 et seq. the Local Government Tort Claims Act; and Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, §5-509; Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended from time to time), without waiving any defenses or immunities available at law, and subject to the availability of appropriations, Grantee is responsible for, and shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the State, its officers, agents, and employees, whether or not the State be deemed contributorily negligent, from all suits, actions, liability, or claims of liability (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of:

- (a) The Project, including its construction.
- (b) Grantee's use, occupancy, conduct, operation, or management of the Project.
- (c) Any negligent, intentionally tortious, or other act or omission of Grantee or any of its agents, contractors, servants, employees, subtenants, licensees, or invitees in connection with the Project.
- (d) Any injury to or death of any person or damage to any property occurring in, on, or as a direct or indirect result of the Project or any of Grantee's activities in connection therewith.

17. Registration. Grantee is a (charitable ___) (religious ___) organization registered with the Maryland Secretary of State in accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland [Business Regulation Article or Corporations and Association Article]; is in good standing; and has filed all of its required reports with the Maryland Secretary of State.

Check if YES ___

Check if NOT APPLICABLE ___ and explain:

18. Commercial and Employment Nondiscrimination. Grantee shall:
- (a) Not discriminate in the selection, hiring, or treatment of any employee, employment applicant, vendor, supplier, subcontractor, or commercial customer on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, or on the basis of disability or any other unlawful use of characteristics unrelated to performance.
 - (b) Include a clause similar to sub-paragraph (a) in any contract under this Grant.
 - (c) Post, and cause contractors to post, in conspicuous places notices setting forth the nondiscrimination policy.
19. Drug and Alcohol Policy. Grantee certifies that it shall make a good faith effort to eliminate illegal drug use and alcohol and drug abuse from its workplace. Specifically, Grantee shall:
- (a) Prohibit the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of drugs in its workplace.
 - (b) Prohibit its employees from working under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
 - (c) Not hire or assign to work on an activity funded in whole or part with State funds, anyone whom it knows, or in the exercise of due diligence should know, currently abuses alcohol or drugs and is not actively engaged in a bona fide rehabilitation program.
 - (d) Promptly inform the appropriate law enforcement agency of every drug-related crime that occurs in its workplace if it or its employee has observed the violation or otherwise has reliable information that a violation has occurred.
 - (e) Notify employees that drugs and alcohol abuse are banned in the workplace, impose sanctions on employees who abuse drugs and alcohol in the workplace, and institute steps to maintain a drug-free and alcohol-free workplace.
20. Compliance with Applicable Law. Grantee hereby represents and warrants that it:
- (a) Is qualified to do business in the State of Maryland and that it will take such action as, from time to time hereafter, may be necessary to remain so qualified;
 - (b) Is not in arrears with respect to the payment of any monies due and owing the State of Maryland, or any department or unit thereof, including but not limited to the payment of taxes and employee benefits, and that it shall not become so in arrears during the Grant term;
 - (c) Shall comply with all federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances applicable to its activities and obligations under this Grant.
 - (d) Shall obtain, at its expense, all licenses, permits, insurance, and governmental approvals, if any, necessary to the performance of its obligations under this Grant.
21. Non-Debarment. Neither Grantee nor any of its officers, directors, or any of

its employees directly involved in obtaining or performing grants or contracts with public bodies has:

- (a) Been convicted of bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe in violation of any state or federal law.
- (b) Been convicted under any state or federal statute of any offense enumerated in Section 16-203 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.
- (c) Been found civilly liable under any state or federal antitrust statute as provided in Section 16-203 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

22. Non-Collusion. Neither Grantee nor any of its officers, directors, or any of its employees directly involved in obtaining or performing grants or contracts with public bodies has:

- (a) Agreed, conspired, connived, or colluded to produce a deceptive show of competition in obtaining or performing this Grant.
- (b) In any manner, directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement of any kind to fix the bid price or price proposal of any bidder or offeror or of any competitor, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this Grant.

23. Financial Disclosure. Grantee is aware of, and will comply with, Section 13-221 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, which requires that every business that enters into contracts, leases, or other agreements with the State or its agencies during a calendar year under which the business is to receive in the aggregate \$200,000 or more shall, within 30 days of the time when the aggregate value of the contracts, leases or other agreements reaches \$200,000, file with the Maryland Secretary of State certain specified information to include disclosure of beneficial ownership of the business.

24. Political Contributions. Grantee is aware of, and will comply with, Election Law Article, Title 14, Annotated Code of Maryland, which requires that every person that enters into contracts, leases, or other agreements with the State, including its agencies or a political subdivision of the State, during a calendar year in which the person receives in the aggregate \$200,000 or more shall file with the State Board of Elections a statement disclosing contributions in excess of \$500 made during the reporting period to a candidate for elective office in any primary or general election.

25. No Contingent Fees. Grantee has not employed or retained any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee or agent working for Grantee, to solicit or secure the Grant. Grantee has not paid or agreed to pay any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee or agent, any fee or any other consideration contingent on the making of the Grant.

26. No Lobbying Fees. In accordance with Section 7-221 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, Grantee certifies that no State money has been paid or promised to any legislative agent, lawyer, or lobbyist for any service to obtain the legislation establishing or appropriating funds for the Grant.

27. Non-hiring of State Employees. No State employee whose duties as such employee include matters relating to or affecting the subject matter of this Grant, shall, while so employed, become or be an employee of Grantee.
28. Amendment. The Agreement may be amended only in a writing signed by the parties.
29. Assignment. Grantee may not assign this Agreement without the prior written approval of the BPW. If the BPW approves an assignment, this Agreement shall bind Grantee's successors and assigns.
30. Entire Agreement. This Agreement represents the complete and final understanding of the parties. No other understanding or representations, oral or written, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement, shall be deemed to exist or to bind the parties at the time the parties sign the Agreement.
31. Maryland Law. Maryland laws govern the interpretation and enforcement of this Agreement.

By their signatures, the parties so agree:

WITNESS:

GRANTEE:



By: _____ (SEAL)

Name: _____

Title: _____

STATE OF MARYLAND
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

By: _____

John Gontrum
Executive Secretary

Approved as to form and legal
sufficiency this _____ day of
_____, 20__

Assistant Attorney General
Board of Public Works

BPW APPROVAL: DGS Item ____ -CGL (____/____/20__)

CAPITAL PROJECTS GRANT AGREEMENT
Standard Form



David Scull Park Improvements (RA19)



Description: This project funds improvements to David Scull Park based on recommendations in the 2015 Southlawn Industrial Area Study and responds to implementation items in the 2007 Lincoln Park Neighborhood Plan, 2004 East Rockville Neighborhood Plan, 2020 Recreation and Parks Strategic Plan, and the Comprehensive Plan. Design will provide a transition between the Southlawn industrial area and adjacent residential neighborhoods with the park as the featured access point.

Changes from Previous Year: None.

Current Project Appropriations

Prior Appropriations:	100,000
Less Expended as of 4/15/24:	-
Total Carryover:	100,000
New Funding:	500,000
Total FY 2025 Appropriations:	600,000

Guiding Principle: Stewardship of the Env. and Infrastructure

Mandate/Plan: 2015 Southlawn Industrial Area Study; 2007 Lincoln Park Neighborhood Plan; 2004 East Rockville Neighborhood Plan; 2020 Recreation & Parks Strategic Plan; Comprehensive Plan

Anticipated Project Outcome: Providing the David Scull and Maryvale neighborhoods with an improved park that serves as a gateway to each community.

Project Timeline and Total Cost by Type: Construction cost increased due to inflation. Project moved forward one year.

Type	Estimated Start		Estimated Completion		Estimated Cost			
	Original	Current	Original	Current	Original	Current	\$ Change	% Change
Planning / Design	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	100,000	100,000	-	-
Construction	FY 2026	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	444,700	500,000	55,300	12%
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Project Total (\$):					544,700	600,000	55,300	10%

Project Funding: This project is fully funded.

Source	Prior	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	Future	Total
Paygo (Cap)	100,000	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	600,000
Total Funded (\$)	100,000	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	600,000
Unfunded (Cap)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total w/Unfunded (\$)	100,000	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	600,000

Operating Cost Impact: Specific ongoing operating cost impacts will be determined during the design phase.

Fund	Prior	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	Future	Total
General	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Project Manager: Charles Reed, Parks Maintenance Manager, 240-314-8711.

Notes: This project first appeared in the FY 2019 CIP. FY 2025 work includes demolition of existing storage shed, ADA access, shade structure, gateway features, enhanced landscaping, and addressing stormwater inlet issues.



Subject

Adoption of Resolution to Establish Maximum Rate of Rent Increase, as Required by Section 18-194 of the Rockville City Code Entitled “Voluntary Rent Guidelines and Notice Requirements of Rent Increases”

Department

Housing and Community Development

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council adopt the resolution.

Change in Law or Policy

This resolution will supersede Resolution 02-24 and establish the 2025 Voluntary Rent Guideline (VRG) at 3.3 percent, which is an increase from the 2024 VRG of 2.6 percent.

Discussion

Per City Code Section 18-194, landlords are encouraged to hold rent increases at the lowest level possible and not more than the percentage established annually by resolution of the Mayor and Council. The Voluntary Rent Guideline (VRG) provides property managers and landlords with a recommended maximum percentage rent increase.

Consistent with previous years, staff has calculated the 2025 VRG based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for market-rate rental housing for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV area. The CPI for market-rate rental housing for the period of January 2024 through December 2024 is 3.3 percent. Accordingly, staff recommends adoption of the attached resolution establishing a 2025 VRG of 3.3 percent with an effective date of March 18, 2025.

Table 1. Calculation for 2025 Voluntary Rent Guideline

CPI January 2024	415.673
CPI December 2024	429.409
Difference	13.736

Change in CPI	3.3%
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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2024 Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, Rent of primary residence in Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV

Mayor and Council History

The Mayor and Council annually adopt a resolution to establish a voluntary maximum rate of rent increases, as required by Sec. 18-194 of the City Code entitled “Voluntary Rent Guidelines and Notice Requirements of Rent Increases.” On March 18, 2024, the Mayor and Council adopted Resolution 02-24, setting the VRG at 2.6 percent.

Next Steps

Upon the Mayor and Council’s approval of the Voluntary Rent Guideline (VRG), staff will notify property managers and owners. By law, landlords must provide a tenant with 90 days of notice before increasing the tenant’s rent and are prohibited from imposing more than one rent increase per unit in any 12-month period if the same tenant continuously rents that unit.

Attachments

Voluntary Rent Guidelines Resolution 2025

Resolution No. _____

RESOLUTION: To Establish Maximum Rate of Rent Increase Required under Chapter 18 of the City Code entitled "Voluntary Rent Guidelines and Notice Requirements of Rent Increases" as Required Under Section 18-194

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desires to encourage landlords to hold rent increases at the lowest level possible; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 18, Section 18-194 of the "Rockville City Code" provides that the Mayor and Council shall adopt a percentage established annually as a maximum rate of rent increase; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, THAT the maximum voluntary percentage rent increase guideline will be 3.3% effective March 18, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this resolution supersedes all previous resolutions establishing the maximum rate of rent increase and specifically resolution 02-24 adopted by the Mayor and Council on March 18, 2024.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council at its meeting of March 17, 2025.

Sara Taylor-Ferrell,
City Clerk/Director of Council Operations



MAYOR AND COUNCIL Meeting Date: March 17, 2025
Agenda Item Type: CONSENT
Department: CITY CLERK/DIRECTOR OF COUNCIL OPERATIONS OFFICE
Responsible Staff: SARA TAYLOR-FERRELL

Subject

Approval of Minutes

Department

City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Office

Recommendation

Staff recommends Mayor and Council approve the following minutes:

February 10, 2025 (Meeting No. 05-25)

February 24, 2025 (Meeting No. 06-25)

March 3, 2025 (Meeting No. 07-25)

Attachments



Subject

FY 2026 Budget Public Hearing #2

Department

Finance

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council conduct the public hearing and keep the record open until April 7, 2025.

Discussion

FY 2026 Operating Budget

The FY 2026 proposed operating budget totals \$174.9 million across 10 funds, a 3.9 percent increase over the current fiscal year. Budget appropriations by Fund are shown below in Table 1 and include a comparison of appropriations in the FY 2025 Adopted Budget to the FY 2026 Proposed Budget.

Table 1 – Proposed FY 2026 and FY 2025 Budget Appropriations

Governmental Funds	Budget Appropriations		
	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Proposed	Change
General	109,081,850	116,614,500	6.9%
Special Activities	2,838,210	1,797,500	-36.7%
CDBG	263,000	263,000	0.0%
Speed Camera	1,305,930	1,377,000	5.4%
Debt Service	4,455,600	3,342,000	-25.0%
Enterprise Funds			
Water	15,827,850	16,299,480	3.0%
Sewer	15,546,630	15,982,230	2.8%
Refuse	8,902,760	8,670,430	-2.6%
SWM	7,319,350	7,657,910	4.6%
Parking	2,791,920	2,926,520	4.8%
Total	\$ 168,333,100	\$ 174,930,570	3.9%

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the city are financed. The acquisition, use, and balance of the city’s expendable financial resources and the related liabilities (except for those accounted for in the enterprise funds) are accounted for through governmental funds. The city’s governmental operating funds are the General Fund, the Special Activities Fund, the Community Development Block Grant Fund, the Speed Camera Fund, and the Debt Service Fund. The taxpayer-supported General Fund is the largest component, constituting 66.7 percent or \$116.6 million of the total budget.

Enterprise funds account for operations financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the cost of expenses, including both operating and capital, are financed or recovered from the users of the services rather than general taxpayers. The city's enterprise funds include the four utility funds, being the Water, Sewer, Refuse, and Stormwater Management funds; and the Parking Fund. The utility funds make up 27.8 percent or \$48.6 million of the total budget.

FY 2026 Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

The FY 2026 proposed CIP budget includes new appropriations of \$33.8 million to address the priorities of the Mayor and Council and residents of Rockville. This new funding combined with prior year carryover funding of \$94.7 million, supports a total of 65 capital projects in FY 2026. The FY 2026 budget includes a new set of recurring five-year projects and allows for the carryover of funding for the closeout of the previous set of five-year projects. CIP appropriations by Program Area are shown below in Table 2 and include a breakout of carryover funding and additional new appropriations.

Table 2 – Proposed FY 2026 CIP Appropriations Summary by Program Area

<u>Program Area</u>	CIP Appropriations		
	Carryover Funding	Additional New Appros.	Total FY 2026 Appros.
Recreation and Parks	21,842,572	2,236,544	24,079,116
Transportation	22,811,817	8,836,200	31,648,017
SWM	17,608,857	2,255,250	19,864,107
Utilities	25,842,014	19,743,500	45,585,514
General Government	6,617,336	682,500	7,299,836
Total	\$ 94,722,596	\$ 33,753,994	\$ 128,476,590

There are six new discrete projects presented in the FY 2026 through FY 2030 capital budget, which are listed here along with a basic description (note: not all new projects are funded or are scheduled for FY 2026).

- **Glenview Mansion Gardens Hardscape Preservation and Repairs (RB26)** – This project funds an assessment of and critical repairs to the retaining walls and paths at the Glenview Mansion.

- **Traffic Signal Upgrades (TF26)** – This project designs and constructs traffic signal upgrades at multiple locations.
- **Lead and Copper Regulatory Compliance (UB26)** – This project aims to ensure compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Lead and Copper Rule, and includes conducting a comprehensive inventory of service lines and addressing any other necessary compliance requirements.
- **Water Distribution System Master Plan (UD26)** – This project develops a comprehensive plan to optimize the performance, reliability, and sustainability of the city's water distribution system. The recommendations will guide capital project decisions to improve fireflow, water quality, and meet future development demands.
- **Core Financial, HR, & Procurement ERP Phase II (GA26)** – This project includes the implementation of additional functionality of the city's core Financial, HR, and Procurement Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system to further support business needs.
- **Rothgeb Drive Maintenance Facility Improvements (GB26)** – This project funds improvements to the Rothgeb Drive Maintenance Facility based on the results of the master plan, which is in development.

The CIP budget is funded by various sources, including paygo, grants, and proceeds from the issuance of loans and general obligation bonds. For FY 2026, staff does not anticipate the issuance of new general obligation bonds. An additional \$2.5 million loan from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) will support Water Main Rehab & Improvement (UE26) and Lead and Copper Regulatory Compliance (UB26) in FY 2026. In addition to loans, the DWSRF program has also provided a grant for a project within a disadvantaged community census tract. Other grants and federal earmarks are reflected in the FY 2026 budget and are detailed on each project sheet. Additional Water and Sewer bonds are planned for FY 2027 based on anticipated capital spending. Each year staff reevaluates the need for issuing bonds with the goal of reducing the reliance on borrowing and increasing the reliance on ongoing resources or paygo support from the General Fund and the enterprise funds.

In addition to the capital funding needed to complete a CIP project, many projects require ongoing funding to operate or maintain the completed project. Ongoing operating cost impacts must be considered when determining if and when to include a particular project in the CIP. For FY 2026, a net total of \$244,470 is added to the operating budget as a result of thirteen current CIP projects.

Mayor and Council History

Date	Action Item
October 28, 2024	Public Hearing #1

Public Notification and Engagement

There is one more public hearing related to the FY 2026 budget (March 24). In addition to public hearings, the public can submit written comments directly to the Mayor and Council via the City Clerk/Director of Council Operations.

The Rockville community is also encouraged to submit an online budget survey to communicate their budget priorities for FY 2026. This form is available in three languages (English, Spanish, and Simplified (Mandarin) Chinese) and will be posted until April 7, 2025. The survey can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/budget.

The FY 2026 budget public record closes on April 7, 2025.

Fiscal Impact

The FY 2026 proposed operating budget appropriation by category and fund can be found in the Financial Summaries section of the budget document. The FY 2026 proposed CIP budget appropriation by fund, program area, and department can be found in the CIP Overview section of the budget document.

Next Steps

Date	Action Item
March 24, 2025	Public Hearing #3 M&C Worksession #2 – Grants, Fund Balance
April 7, 2025	Close of the community budget priorities survey and public record M&C Worksession #3 – CIP, Changes, Final Balancing
May 5, 2025	Budget Adoption

Attachments

AttachA_CommunityBudgetPrioritiesSurveyReport, AttachB_BudgetPublicTestimonySummary, AttachC_BudgetPublicTestimonyExhibits

City of Rockville

FY 2026 Community Budget Priorities Survey

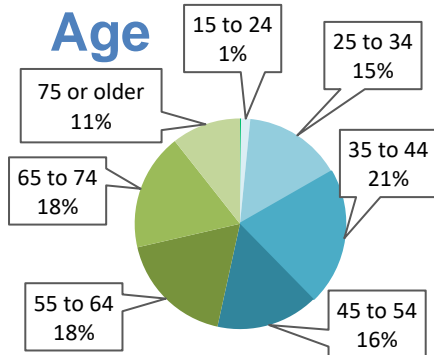
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Interim Report
Data as of February 28, 2025
677 Responses



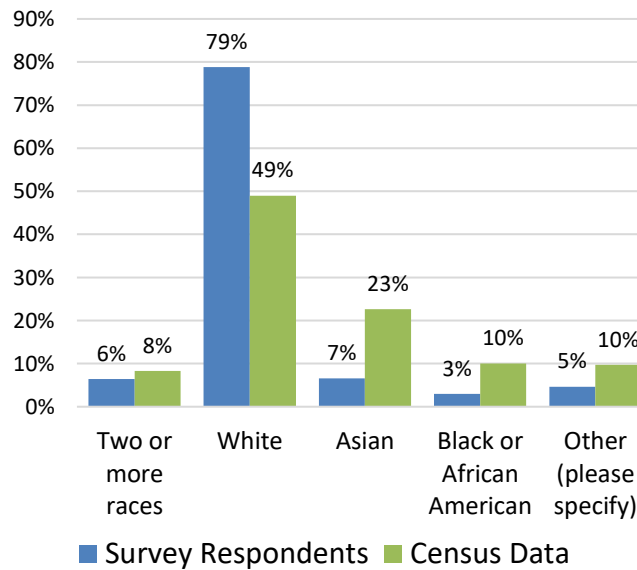
Our Respondents

677 Total Survey Responses as of February 28, 2025



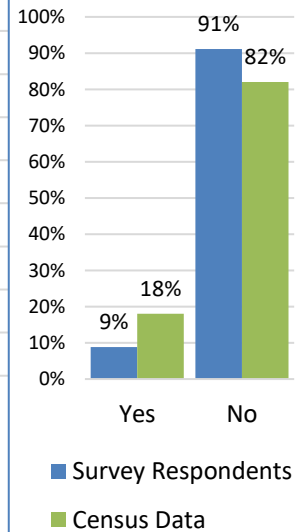
Age: Respondents 35+ are over-represented by 15 percentage points, while those 15 to 34 are under-represented by the same amount.

Racial Identity

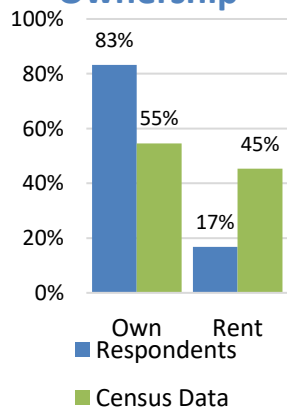


Racial Identity: Respondents identifying as White are over-represented by 30 percentage points. Those who identify as Hispanic or of Latin American identity are under-represented by 9 percentage points.

Hispanic or Latin American Identity

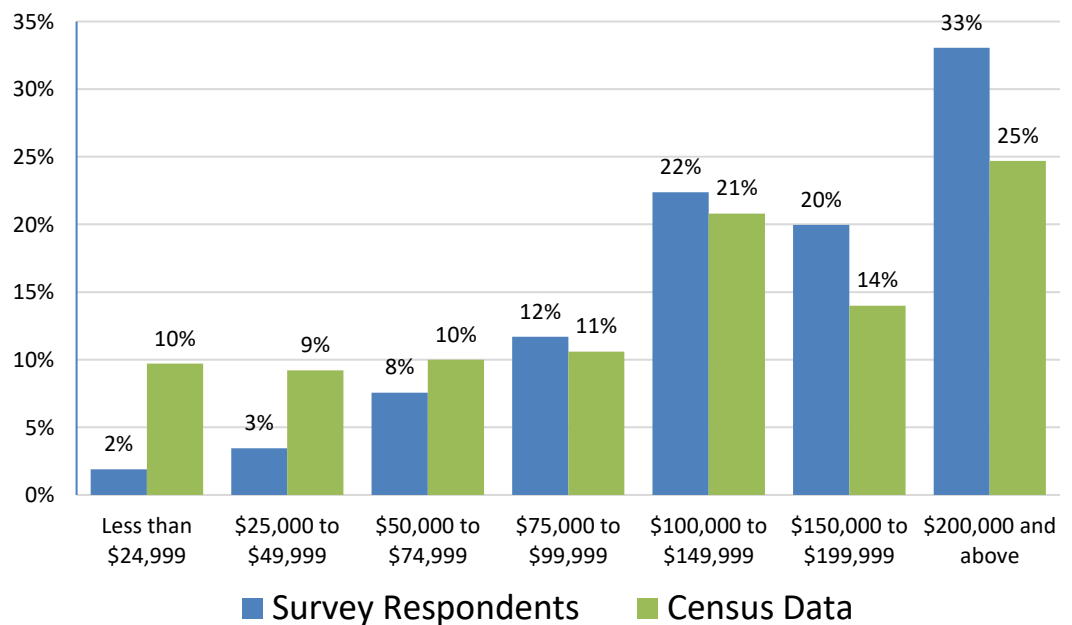


Home Ownership



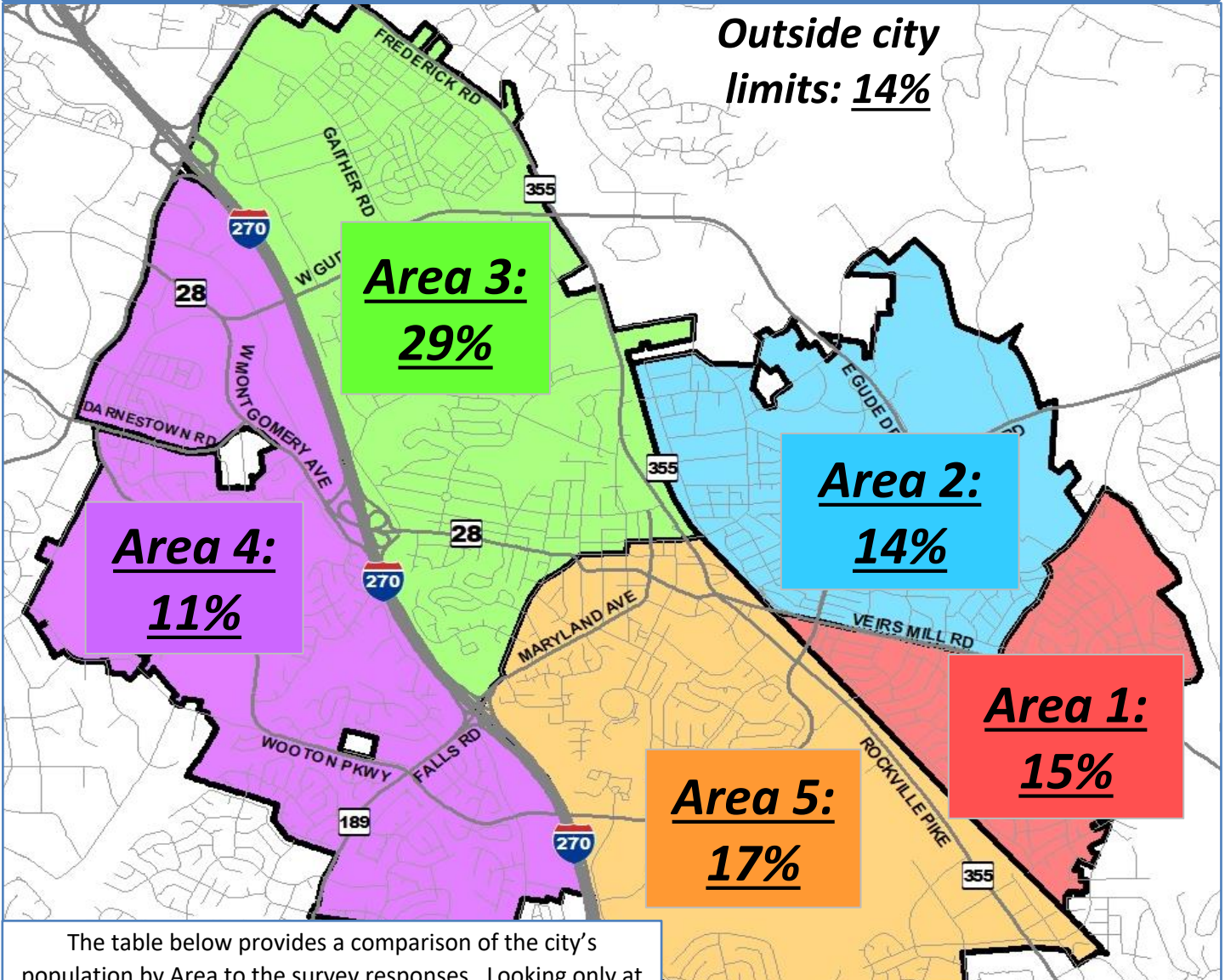
Home Ownership: Respondents who own their home are over-represented by 28 percentage points, while those who rent are under-represented by the same amount.

Income



Income: Respondents making over \$150K are over-represented by 14 percentage points, while those making under \$75K are under-represented by 16 percentage points.

Where our Respondents live



The table below provides a comparison of the city's population by Area to the survey responses. Looking only at survey responses that identified one of the Areas on the map, the survey representation aligns as follows.

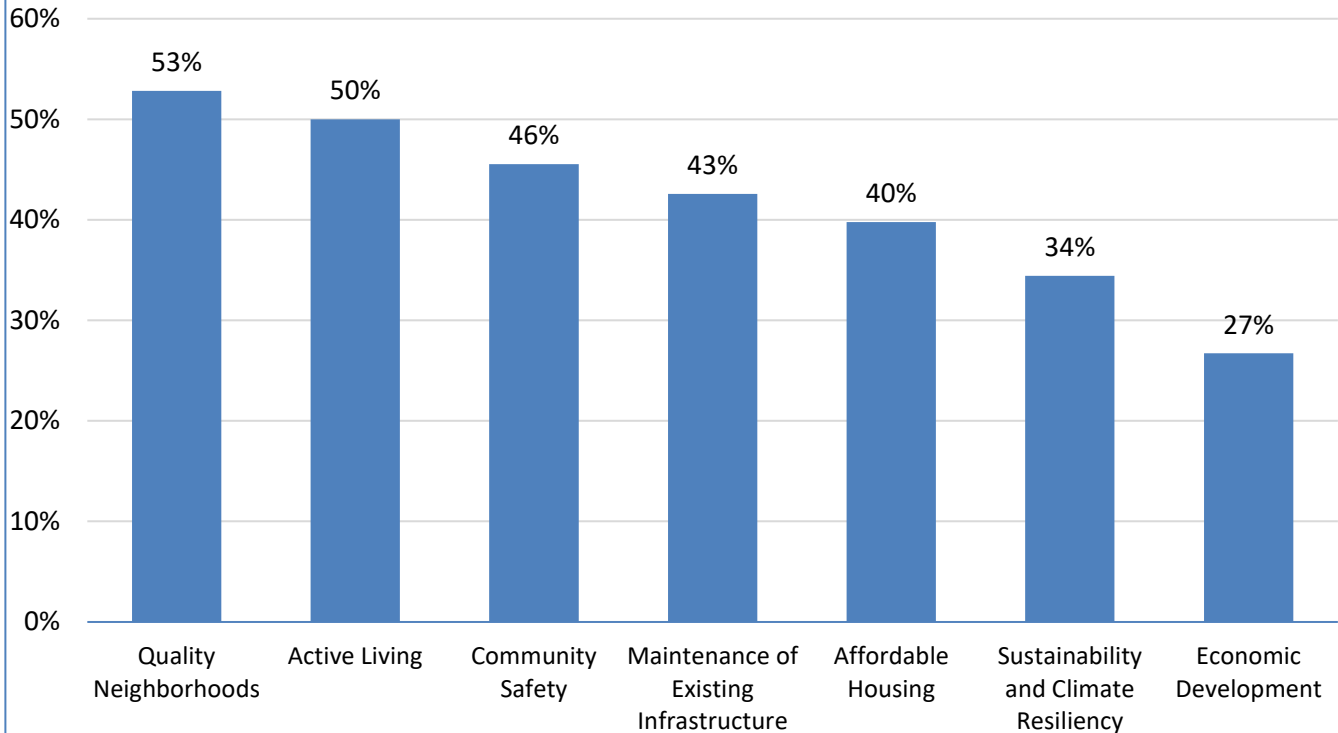
Area	Population	Percentage	as of 2/28
1	7,760	12%	18%
2	8,241	12%	17%
3	18,760	28%	33%
4	12,036	18%	13%
5	20,320	30%	19%

Respondents who live in Areas 1, 2, and 3 are over-represented by 6, 5, and 5 percentage points, respectively.

Respondents who live in Areas 4 and 5 are under-represented by 5 and 11 percentage points, respectively.

Survey Responses

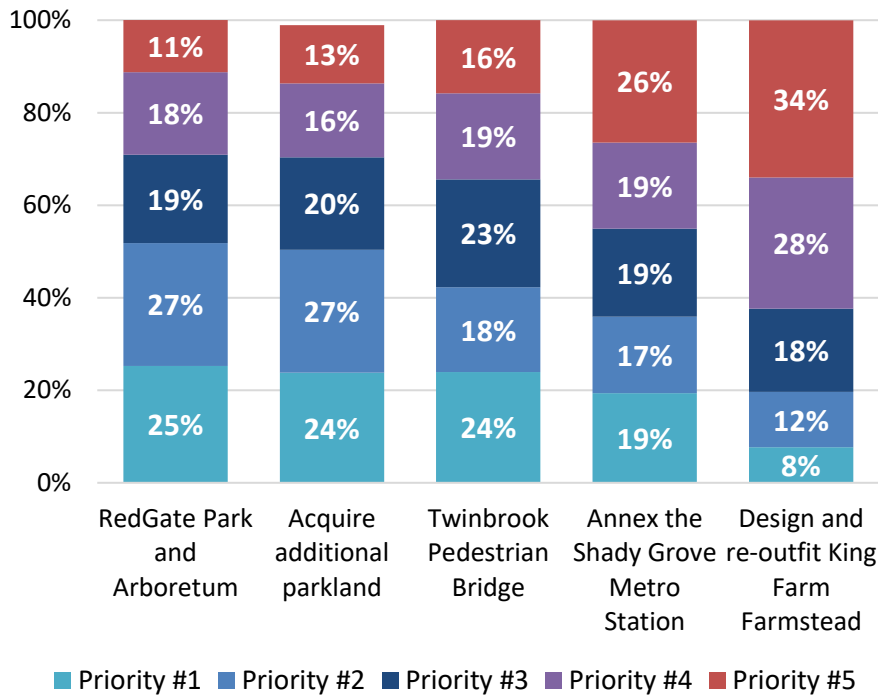
Priority Program Areas



Trends and Analysis

- Age: among respondents aged 15-34, Affordable Housing is the most selected priority program area, selected by 64%, while among those aged 35+, only 36% selected it as a priority program area.
- Home Ownership: among respondents who do not own their home, Affordable Housing is the most selected priority program area, selected by over 69%, while less than 34% of those who own their home selected it as a priority program area.
- Income: among respondents who make less than \$75K, Affordable Housing is the most selected priority program area, selected by over 60%, and Sustainability the second most, selected by over 46%, while Affordable Housing is the least selected by those who make \$200K or more, being selected by less than 29%, and Sustainability the second least, selected by less than 32%.
- Area of Rockville:
 - In Area 1, Affordable Housing is the second most selected area, being selected by 50% of respondents.
 - In Area 2, Community Safety is the second least selected area, being selected by less than 33% of respondent, while Sustainability is selected by over 46%.
 - In Area 4, Maintenance of Existing Infrastructure is the most selected area, being selected by over 57% of respondents, and Economic Development is the fourth most, selected by over 41%, while Active Living is the second least, being selected by less than 30%.
 - In Areas 3 and 5, responses were generally in line with the averages among all respondents.
 - Among respondents who live outside of Rockville, Active Living was selected by over 69%. A possible explanation is that those who come to Rockville do so primarily for outdoor and recreational activities.

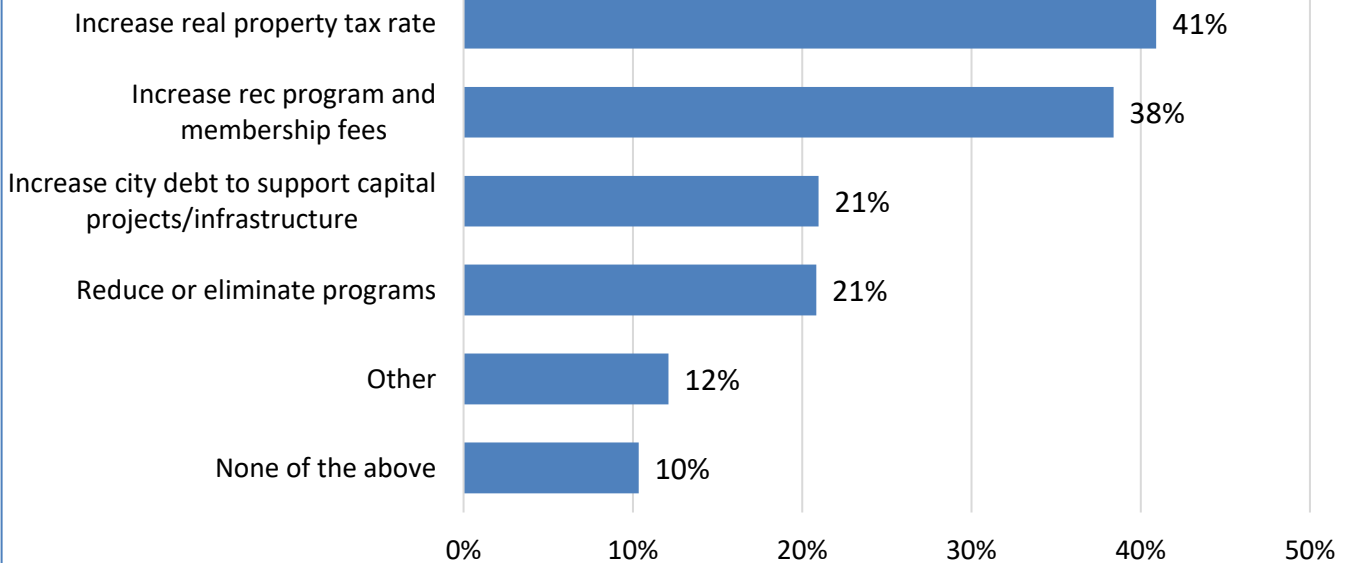
Prioritization of Major Planned Initiatives



Trends and Analysis

- 60% of respondents in Area 1 selected Twinbrook Pedestrian Bridge as their #1 priority, 2.5 times more than the proportion of all respondents.
- 47% of respondents in Areas 3 and 4 selected Annex Shady Grove Metro as their #1 or #2 priority, 11 percentage points more than all respondents.
- Design King Farm Farmstead consistently ranked as the lowest or second lowest priority among all areas.
- 59% of respondents with a household income less than \$75K selected Additional Parkland as their #1 or #2 priority, 10 percentage points more than all respondents.

Options to Maintain a Balanced Budget



Trends and Analysis

- Age: among respondents aged under 35, Increase Recreation Program and Membership Fees is selected by only 25%, while among those aged 45-64, 47% selected this option.
- Home Ownership: Increase Real Property Tax Rate is the most selected option among renters, selected by 56% of renters, and the second most among homeowners, selected by 39% of those who own their home.
- Area: among respondents from Areas 3 and 4, 50% selected Increase Rec Program & Membership Fees and only 36% selected Increase Real Property Tax Rate, while among those from Area 5, only 25% selected Increase Rec Program & Membership Fees and over 46% selected Increase Real Property Tax Rate.



Appendix: Respondent Comments

Please provide any comments you have about your priority program areas:

Respondent ID

114805111027	I am not a fan of the narrow four floor developments; I have doubts about quality. Also, in 2022, the company I and my roommates rented from (Scarborough Square, 548 College Parkway) gave us a unit with a preexisting bed bug infestation and refused to acknowledge or address the issue until we got the city involved, so I am very invested in code enforcement and tenant rights.
114800139594	Pedestrian safety and traffic enforcement on east side of Route 355.
114800050071	Please focus on mixed-use development. People need amenities within walking distance of their homes.
114795171967	So many good programs and very difficult to choose.
114794504392	Studies have shown that green space, parks and trees improve community safety, health, well-being, and economic development.
114793674204	NEED there to be AI wifi Camera Monitors mounted everywhere lights are, with a robot arm to protect the camera attached, I NEED this as a GOV Spending Priority, people dying unknowingly due to lack of Boarder Control since CITIZENSHIP is PURCHASE ABLE will ALLOW PERMEANT HARM.
114793586003	Though safety and infrastructure are concerns of mine, they aren't as much of an immediate issue as the overall quality of our city and neighborhoods. Maintaining development so there is continued focus on climate concerns and keeping a pleasant natural environment for citizens is an immediate issue that should be factored into all programming.
114792775474	Hire more police officers to patrol the city!!
114792732657	None of the above are possible without investment in economic development.
114792360904	Rockville city is in a prime location for accessing many amenities in the DMV, but much of the city is old and rundown so an afterthought when people consider where they want to spend their disposable income and leisure time. Much of Rockville city is an undesirable place to live due to rundown infrastructure, poorly kept residential areas, and boarded up businesses. Rockville city leaders should focus on ways to beautify the business and residential areas and parks through code enforcement, instructors maintenance. Given federal \$\$ for social programs and school supports are ending, Rockville city leaders need to rezone to attract a more self sufficient population. Doing so would also improve the quality of neighborhoods by removing loiters and juveniles delinquents and junk out site. Rockville city leaders should NOT add more subsidized/affordable housing, shelters, halfway houses, mental health facilities, bus parking facilities, services for undocumented, or detention centers. The Rockville tax base can NOT support these high need populations and State and Federal \$\$ for such programs are ending.
114792021241	Pedestrian safety, street signing, traffic lights and traffic signals improvement along Rockville Pike/355 are a priority.
114791929259	Instead of allowing small houses to be torn down for expensive duplexes and apartments, I'd like to see incentives to keep small houses for low income families to buy.
114791792871	Housing is so expensive in Montgomery county. Make it affordable is a top priority. And parks and recreational options are a second top priority.
114791756660	Please pass rent control and stabilization. It is so important and necessary to keep Rockville vibrant and full of culture.

114791534406	Maintenance of infrastructure would be a choice if was allowed 4.
114791307607	Safety a priority for residents and visitors
114791294886	Keep our neighborhood safe.
114791224187	If we don't take focus on climate change nothing else will matter
114791206963	A resilient and green community that welcomes all income groups will generate revenue to fund the other goals.
114791195090	I feel forest preservation is a different category from building codes.
114791141780	Some of the neighborhoods in MoCo are looking poorly maintained and are in need of cleaning up and ongoing code enforcement. Cars on lawns and miscellaneous junk in yards visible to neighbors is unacceptable and needs to be cleaned up. Our property values are connected to how our neighborhoods look and feel. The county needs to play a key role to see that code violations are quickly and addressed and see that remedies are competed timely and completely.
114791075141	I think over all safety is vital.
114791062336	Return Rockville to a high 'quality of life',which hasn't been true for some years now,due to poor prioritization by the city staff, which is focused on rapid housing development over all other priorities.
114791059251	They're all important, and it's difficult when there are many things on the same line. My actual priorities are: 1. Ped & bike infrastructure and safety; 2. Preservation of and access to nature spaces; 3. Maintenance; 4. Sustainability & climate; 5. Other
114791048060	Refund the police. Offer climate by working with citizens to upgrade houses so more climate friendly (I.e. insulate houses, increase water efficiency (I.e. rain barrels instead of watering lawn from tap), etc.
114791032536	Too much new construction of residential and not enough parks/outdoor space.
114790993560	We need to make it legal to build small-lot size dense apartments without parking. Just regular pre-war housing. Five floors of apartments above a hair salon. Why is this illegal? Remove lot size minimums, parking minimums, lot utilization requirements, too-sprawly FAR requirements, home business/ADU bans, height limits that make no sense, setback requirements, detachment requirements. All R-1a zoning is tax-negative and unsustainable economically, ecologically, and socially.
114790987819	1) More trails (away from roads); 2) Move sidewalks away from roads (ie ensure a verge or buffer in between); 3) Less salt on roads in winter; no salt off roads (the salt is killing street trees due to overspray in tree beds); 4) Replace dead trees and preserve tree beds (why are tree beds shrinking (and disappearing altogether in some cases) and not being properly mulched in a "tree city usa"?)
114790985158	All of these programs are very important. As a long-term home owning resident and parent, I believe it is the city management's responsibility to grow and maintain the quality of life within the community. Infrastructure, Active living options (green space, etc.), taking physical care of community neighborhoods - helps lead to the other major programs such as community safety, to sustainability, to affordable housing, leading finally to economic development. Then circles around again. Establishing a strong community of happy and healthy people is the foundation of growth.
114790979640	I personally think Rockville over-extends itself to the point of public harm instead of benefit in most of the unchecked categories. In the checked categories, I've had no qualms. My girlfriend says that the city doesn't take sustainability seriously enough, however.

114790967090	All of these are important in balance with one another and within the budget--if one is ignored (say, infrastructure) it will rapidly become "too expensive" to fix within a given budgetary cycle
114790925022	I have lived in Rockville since 1978. I live in the West End. I am definitely interested in economic development, but I think too often the city has felt pressure from the developers to reduce the number of trees and pocket parks they need to provide in order to make these new communities more livable and friendly. Now that Rockville has become more desirable to developers, as close in space becomes less available, I hope they use their leverage to insist on more green spaces in all new development.
114790912668	We need more police. I called the police once and no one came.
114790903344	It is essential that the tree canopy of the city be expanded to improve the health and sustainability of life under climate change. Protecting and planting trees is the most important thing we can do in the face of climate change. Increase required tree planting and open space in new developments
114790903293	Our roads are in shambles.
114790900877	I think Active Living is linked to Climate Resilience. More green space, please.
114788437804	Make sure there is sufficient infrastructure to support growth. Make sure regulations aren't too onerous to attract new business and jobs. Effectively use the skills of educated retirees so they are encouraged to stay.
114788101712	Community safety and support of our police force should be the top priority.
114784112255	None of the other program areas (housing, econ development, quality of life) succeed without safety so it should be top priority.
114783970113	We don't own a car and would appreciate any initiatives that take pedestrians into account.
114783408764	I support rent stabilization because as a renter, I am concerned about the cost of living in Rockville. If rent increases are not limited per county law, I and many others will be forced to take this into account at the next city election
114782756667	I would have selected 'affordable housing' but really we need more housing, including market rate. The city should be trying to attract high income people (and taxpayers) to Rockville Town Center and Twinbrook Quarter. This will also help attract businesses looking to serve them—and the rest of us. Dwelling on just affordable housing means we sometimes miss opportunities to attract more investment that benefits everyone.
114781984367	Smart policies for mixed use zoning or building use to make offices more attractive to renters ("there's a gym on site!"). Same for transit so the Pike isn't the only hotspot for businesses.
114781103381	What's the delay in revitalizing the town center? At least utilize all those empty spaces somehow. Tree inspections by the city, and maintenance, should be looked at in the West End historic district.
114780726611	Zoning needs to encourage business growth in primarily residential neighborhoods. People should be able to walk to places like grocery stores, cafes/restaurants, doctors office, etc. Please prioritize creating more pedestrian and bicycle connections throughout the city.
114780382524	Open green spaces for citizens for recreational activities and keeping our area balanced between city and nature. Affordable housing to attract people who would like to live and boost the areas revenue and businesses and supporting our first responders to help maintain and keep us safe.

114780075216	Any and all infrastructure should be approached ASAP for pedestrian/cycling safety, especially nearer to the Town Center. There are multiple schools within a mile of Town Center and children are consistently walking through heavily hostile environments to and from school. Maryland Ave between the Town Center and I-270 is a prime example of a space that should be considered for traffic calming, protected bike lanes/sidewalks, and/or additional tree cover or boulevard implementation with a tree-lined median to reduce car speeds and coerce drivers to slow down or take alternate routes through the city.
114778309808	affordable housing and economic development are linked
114776805326	<p>Rockville already offers a generous amount of public infrastructure and programs compared to the other municipalities in the metropolitan area. What we need now is better utilization of the existing infrastructure and programs to make the city more vibrant. Economic development, while it sounds pressing, will most likely come as a result, if we can better utilize what we already have. We have three metro stations, a lot of good restaurants, a strong offering of retail, and we have just put in a lot of biking infrastructure. We need to be proactive about infrastructure and program maintenance, and better market what we have.</p> <p>Relatedly, I recognize that the city has a lot of initiatives and programs, but not all of them make sense together. It may be worthwhile to better plan/reconcile the various programs. (One example is the rains capes program providing generous grants to putting native plants and perennials in, while the city puts in and ripping out annuals every quarter on parkland, and there are large areas of public land on which invasive species grow).</p>
114776527074	Keeping our city and neighborhoods safe, well maintained, and full of economic growth are the most important priorities.
114776129976	PAY YOUR EMPLOYEES
114775262721	With taxes increasing I feel we need to minimize any tax increases as it relates to the above priorities. All the initiatives are great but not at the expense of higher taxes.
114775157091	Look at thriving cities of similar size and use best practices. Attract people by making it livable. Also—crack down on loud cars and speeding.
114775051679	<p>Climate resiliency? This is a a new one. Zero priority for that.</p> <p>Also, please avoid "affordable housing" initiatives. Let the market handle that, please.</p>
114774666816	Speeding, aggressive driving, and red-light-running is out of control!
114774380528	The three I've selected all implicate sustainability and climate resiliency in a big way.
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114772745729	Rent stabilization is something that I feel requires the most attention from elected officials and city management that is not getting enough attention now. Rockville has great amenities, but it is very difficult for residents to be able to afford to live here and for businesses to afford to operate here. Rent stabilization is a critical tool that should be used to keep Rockville more diverse and affordable to all residents.
114767280565	People want a couple more things to do around here, more third spaces. I think a tea house is a great idea. The focus is the open space, atmosphere, and meeting people casually. Also, we have to Maintain our current infrastructure to good health or people will be upset.

114767154167	Pedestrian and bicycle safety is also a crucial matter of infrastructure. Affordable housing goes hand-in-hand with available housing, and the city should follow the lead of the county in promoting both denser, more walkable development, and affordable housing policies (including rent control)
114766886666	I anticipate having to move outside the city within the next five years due to a lack of housing in my price range. We need more homes at all price points, especially affordable housing, and I strongly support policies that would build additional housing of all types inside the city limits. In particular, we need more inexpensive rentals and options for purchase that are sized in between small apartments and large detached houses — more townhomes, duplexes, triplexes, and possibly ADUs would help.
114766502291	Need to have the town square thriving like other mixed use development in the county (pike and rose, downtown crown, etc).
114766310592	Affordable housing and rent control are all 3 of my choices.
114766129977	PASS RENT STABILIZATION!!
114765860198	Limit rent hike
114765032370	As our community continues to grow with the upcoming new developments, there is an increasing demand for essential city services, particularly within the police department. To ensure public safety and maintain efficient operations, I would like to respectfully request that the city consider adding more police personnel, specifically administrative staff such as an additional dispatcher. In light of the growth, it may also be worth exploring the possibility of creating part-time positions to help meet these staffing needs while remaining fiscally responsible. This adjustment would not only improve response times and overall efficiency but also help ensure that our police department can continue to serve the community effectively.
114764284330	I'd like to see thoughtful neighborhood planning rather than building just to build.
114763657824	Providing safe and affordable housing that is highly connected by pedestrian, cycling, and public transit options is one of the best ways the city has to provide a stable and just foundation for all residents. Part and parcel to this effort also has to be a rent stabilization measure that protects the nearly half of Rockville residents who rent against the worst impulses of a rental market controlled by corporate landlords and real estate investment trusts who prioritize the extraction of profit over the stability of our community.
114763161371	Crime is a problem - lack of enforcement and lack of consequences are incredibly frustrating, impacting local businesses and residents alike. Rockville Metro Station frequently smells like marijuana - despite public smoking of it being illegal - making it unpleasant or even unbearable for people who rely on metro or buses to get to and from work or elsewhere. It's disgusting and unhealthy, especially for those with respiratory issues or sensitivities. My health and well-being aren't being protected.
114762574278	Create an Office of Rent Stabilization with two employees to enforce rent stabilization.
114761174310	No more bike lanes/remove underutilized ones. Maintain what we have. Do not keep increasing the need for new taxes by building unnecessary stuff. No trees in medians-need low maintenance options.
114759880939	Affordable, not 800k townhouses crammed together with not enough parking. Reduce crime and drug use. Stop wasting money on arty crap, plant a tree instead.
114759042697	create an Office of Rent Stabilization with two employees to enforce rent stabilization
114752716555	Hillcrest park needs a makeover. It is the only park in the city that doesn't have swings for the kids to play on.

114751920018	All are important, but affordable housing is my top priority. It isn't right that teachers in MoCo can't afford a starter home in Rockville. Anything affecting quality of life for residents comes in second. Community Safety and Quality Neighborhoods were tied for third in my priorities, but I decided on Quality Neighborhoods because thankfully, I live in a safe neighborhood.
114749336071	rent stabilization and inclusive zoning for more housing
114748885752	Sometimes the boring stuff like maintenance is most important!
114748311097	Whenever I ask an elected official how to create more affordable housing, they say "build more housing." Please find another answer. I live in a rental and the more new housing goes up around me, the more my rent increases. That's a fact.
114744654283	Most of the housing being built in Rockville is not really "affordable."
114744588896	Prioritize and rejuvenate Town Center, provide multiple ways for people to connect/socialize, create zoning laws that are uniform
114743740435	We should be encouraging multi modal and active lifestyles. Maintaining parks is pretty important to that and expanding ped/bike networks that are safe/comfortable. Reduce fire risks in buildings.
114743306360	Pedestrian safety: Improve safety at crossings; repair broken/uneven sidewalks. Provide access to Senior Center from Gude Drive.
114738865736	Let's get to net zero energy use.
114737744203	My landlord has increased my rent at least five percent each and every year for the past eight years. My income hasn't done that! There is a severe disconnect here between corporate landlord greed (housing has been a soft target for hedge funds and other national corporate owners) and what is reasonable and affordable.
114737534358	Rockville needs rent stabilization. My household earns enough to not need it, but I do not want to see the city become a playground for rich residents only.
114737528563	Affordable housing is my main priority. If I could also live in Rockville while working here I would. If there was more affordable housing, and rents were capped to 5% increase, more people would move to the city. With the rent cap in effect everywhere else in Montgomery County there is incentive to live elsewhere.
114737506224	My husband and I lived in Rockville from 2016 to 2024, but we were forced to move out of the city due to rising rent and a lack of affordable housing. It was a frustrating and disappointing experience, because we love Rockville and would have stayed if we could afford to.
114736123018	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We should assess the health of the upper watts branch woods as the city's best carbon sink. I'm concerned that the deer are eating the next generation of saplings and the understory is depleted. 2. The city should be actively replacing invasive trees and other species on City property, and encouraging/actively enforcing private property owners to do the same.
114736088196	These should be interrelated with the ones I didn't check.
114734277385	Please hire two full time staff to implement rent control.
114733178791	It would be great if Rockville had something that would attract Bethesda people to visit and spend money here!!

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- 114735484160 The city should take a harder look at the amount of pavement and concrete in the budget and find ways to minimize both the amount of money spent on that and the amount of those materials added within Rockville. Just as we should find ways to increase pedestrian safety through new sidewalks and street crossings, we should also actively look for places to remove unnecessary pavement to reduce stormwater runoff and associated during strong storms/heavy rain events, increase recharge of groundwater, and resiliency of vegetation in the city during droughts, like our current drought. Please consider establishing a net zero increase in paved areas within Rockville and switch to using permeable pavers, low carbon concrete, and/or carbon sequestering concrete for city pavement projects.
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- 114732952963 I love how hard Rockville Mayor And council works to include citizens in their planning and decisions. I love that. I always feel safe In Rockville and put that as my number one priority. I love that we are surrounded by green space and put that as my number two priority. I thought about making climate and sustainability number three but realized if we focus on that, such as electrifying buses, we might run out of money. So I put economic development as my third choice. But the close, which I believe does depend on economic development, is reducing greenhouse gases. This includes continuing our fight against putting a toll road on I 270. It also includes Housing development near the metro stations .
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- 114732743434 I would like to see bus, walking, and cycling options prioritized, particularly so they are more available and safe. One of Rockville's strengths is the density of businesses and communal areas, but they are literally deadly to reach from residential areas without - and with - cars. Buses also do not run frequently enough to de-incentivize locals from driving; for example, Bus 45, which services the metro stations, runs every 35-45 minutes, while the metro runs every 10. Veirs Mill, the Pike, and E. Gude (the Millennial Trail there is just a sidewalk, which is dangerous for both peds and cyclists to share) could stand to go on road diets to allow everyone equitable, safe access to the straightaways.
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- 114730815226 Please stop building. It removes trees and nature space and adds to water run off and heat generation from concrete/black top. Please remove bike lanes on Old Georgetown Road.
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- 114728295263 I support native plant giveaways, more tree giveaways, better publicity for rain barrel incentives and support of installing residential rain gardens. Native demonstration gardens in our parks in general would help toward climate resiliency (e.g., we need more gardens like in Dawson Farm Park). Native plants have deep roots and require much less maintenance than "pretty" annuals or lawn grass. Parks staff should prioritize keeping trees healthy in our green spaces (push back if a resident complains about a tree unless the tree is actually dangerous AND is in a spot where it could be a hazard), planting native trees that require less maintenance, AND keeping those trees free of invasive vines. It often seems that the intention is good with tree planting, but then there's no watering, and the invasive vines are allowed to kill the new trees. And please do something about the seemingly abandoned vine-choked properties owned by the Betty Brown Casey Foundation across from RMHS and the Rockville Metro (Park Rd). Acquire these properties and turn them into functioning forest spaces.
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- 114727886851 Affordable housing is in an issue for the next generation.
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- 114727487804 Please prioritize planting native plants/trees in parks and neighborhoods.
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114728218367	City and county need more jobs. Rockville should lead here, try to attract corporations back to MoCo. Bike infrastructure badly needed along 355 to connect Twinbrook with Town Center area. Bike lanes in Town Center are a mess, made traffic significantly worse. Take away the street parking and add a wider median with dedicated turn lanes at the lights. Neighborhood quality will be improved by upzoning. Public works needs significant shift in priorities. Stop wasteful planting of annuals in medians and small parks. Switch to native plants, and then focus on maintenance of hillsides, former alleys, etc. abutting properties, instead of letting them become overrun with invasives and then de-annexing.
114727381477	I would rate policing as number one. There is increase in crime since the start of the pandemic. Two people stabbed by twinbrook metro, illegal crossings of Viers Mills road that led to a death, constant alcohol consumption in Rockcrest park and along popular park alleys, drunk people passed out or loitering around Twinbrook Library. Increased crime will lead to lower property values and outflow of people especially with kids away from Rockville. This is directly related to 5. Less people and lower home values mean less tax revenue. Vicious cicle that is avoidable by increased enforcement of existing laws and regulations. If we allow laws to not be followed we are slipping into dangerous territory.
114727372002	I would like to see the city prioritize parkland, trees (specifically native tree plantings) in park areas as well as residential and new developments. My neighborhood still has a number of bradford pear trees along the street that we would like to see replaced by native trees and last I checked, the city tree plan still includes many non-native trees which are better than the callery pears but not nearly as beneficial to our birds and other wildlife as native trees.
114727337196	Good longterm mental and physical heath requires focus on a biodiverse, unpolluted environment, improving access to natural areas and safe, quality, affordable housing.
114727207270	Having the areas be more walkable and accessible, which works with sustainability, should be priority. We need less housing and more requirement of the apartment complexes to be utilized
114727184581	It was very difficult to prioritize those program areas. All are important!
114727161508	I disagree that the above are mutually exclusive. Many are intertwined.
114727089922	Recent shootings within Rockville City are absolutely heinous, unsatisfactory, and not excusable. There is gang activity within the city's limits that needs to be investigated and dealt with appropriately. Additionally, the continued lagging economic development in Town Center and elsewhere is absurd. Has Rockville ever considered looking at space within its limits and inviting a manufacturing company here?
114726668458	Adding multifamily housing should be a priority.
114726371963	Sustainability and climate resiliency are redundant. If you prioritize affordable housing, quality neighborhoods, and walkable communities you achieve your resiliency goals.
114725947433	Why is green space lumped in with quality neighborhoods. Same with bicycle saftey in community in saftey
114725503554	I believe in safety first. Next, need economic development for the city to be healthy and grow. Finally Active living parks bring in young families who will stay and get involved.
114725007239	Affordable housing to me means additional housing first and foremost
114723722420	Be more budget conscious concerning expenses where not needed.
114723679326	Economic development specifically of Rockville town center

114723542462	The police need to start prioritize the well being of us taxes paying people. The crime rate is rising. Stores keep getting robbed and the police aren't doing anything.
114722874675	Green spaces--in parks and in neighborhoods/along streets are essential to citizens' mental & physical health and encouraging people to get around other than by car. Green spaces and native trees are also at the heart of sustainability, climate resilience and flood mitigation.
114722705227	The next generation cannot afford to start families in Rockville. New townhome developments starting in the high 800s are not "starter homes," and many want the security of homeownership before having children.
114722533514	All these priorities actually matter.
114722072107	Baltimore Rd from Norbeck to Rockville High School is neglected, barely enough room for 2 buses to cross Rock Creek.
114722020735	The country is way overdue in addressing climate change and providing clean, accessible, and affordable housing for people of all ages, incomes, and ability to function both physically and mentally.
114721967029	The city must pursue economic development through building and enforcing quality housing. Attracting more residents will help broaden the tax base and provide more customers for our activity centers like town center and Rockville Pike and Veirs Mill shopping centers. the city should continue to incentivize the redevelopment of our old auto centric shopping centers. The city should work with REDI and Chamber of Commerce to better promote Rockville to businesses. Lastly, the city should continue to priotize community safety by ensuring our police force is fully staffed.
114721644307	More jobs, less houses, shorter commutes= less traffic
114721171931	Enforcement and safety of existing homes
114721030386	Planning should be consistent. Stop granting waivers just because a developer ask for them. Vibrant, lively neighborhoods have family friendly amenities.
114720881456	All of these things are important. Hard to choose
114720561971	Priorities for municipal government must be basic functions of infrastructure maintenance and public safety that cannot be provided by private sector.
114720526941	There has been an increase in crime and that needs to be addressed. Better code enforcement is also needed.
114720510657	I know little about the needs in Rockville.
114720502501	I would have also chosen Active living
114720366991	We should be a leader in Sustainability and climate resiliency. We know how, but we need to follow through.
114720215797	It was hard to pick just three here. All are impirtant.
114720171414	Maintaining safety and working on quality of life will help develop the other areas.
114720148483	New bike lanes are very useful!
114720109234	Climate resilience is also important to me.
114720104803	Better pedestrian infrastructure is needed, especially around First Street
114720063032	Quality of life should increase value for people living in the area
114720009933	The loss of tree canopy, especially larger trees, is a huge concern and an essential component of sustainability and climate resiliency (e.g. preventing flooding, reducing the heat island effect,
114716660240	Crime is rising, infrastructure is breaking down, and the standards and care of our neighborhoods are eroding due to growth and change. Our government should be using funds and resources to address these issues first.

114716639334	Please worry less about climate resiliency and more about the litter-strewn streets and lawn signs on public spaces. Please don't pay someone to pick them up. Please notify these companies that it's illegal to put them there.
114716603980	After 12 years is time to complete the Rockshire parking lot project before something horrible happens there...people are constantly worried about this place in the center of community.
114713682208	I firmly believe in prioritizing quality neighborhoods, but we'll get those by prioritizing affordability, sustainability, and walkability/public transportation.
114711223341	These go together. Stop prioritizing "historic nature of our [SFH] neighborhoods" and allow duplex, triplex, and quadriplex housing and better bike paths.
114710940867	affordable housing is number 1 than economic development community safety and active living walkable communities
114710853695	Housing affordability is important as well however, current weather disasters have made it clear that climate resiliency is of the utmost importance.
114710044138	Maintenance is always a low priority because it doesn't produce something new. But it should be the highest priority because it keeps existing investments in good operating condition.
114709996203	Need to plan for growth in a way which makes sense - provide adequate parking, ensure schools can handle influx of students, have good bus service and other public accommodations.
114706555741	Affordable new housing is a necessity, especially for first time home buyers
114706495085	The common theme in my answers is addressing climate change. The city absolutely must prioritize climate action, especially harder systemic changes like land use and transportation planning.
114705918530	Upzoning is necessary to create affordable housing. Make sure that's part of the program.
114705867623	I think Rockville has been thrust to the forefront of affordable housing to an unfair degree. However noble the intentions, we have many citizens who work hard, have secured degrees, and are forced to accommodate others who simply play the system and bring violent crime and vandalism into our community, which our police force cannot or will not handle. I live across the street from MPDU apartments. Some of the folks there work hard and are taking advantage of the program as a stepping stone to a better life. Some are flat out criminals and drug addicts who actually started setting up chairs and doing drugs in our private street. They trespass, break the glass in our private street lamps for fun, and the police cannot or will not do much when called. The same people who supposedly cannot afford housing spend money supeing up their cars with performance mufflers that are a nuisance.
114705854354	I would focus on quality of life, for our seniors but also the under-served. And economic development should be the rising tide that lifts all boats.
114702952703	Focus on overall urban planning to move Rockville away from the isolated, car-centric bedroom community that it currently is to a walkable community with public transportation that makes sense.
114702482081	Please put a camera at Wootton and first street where there is now NO left turn. I live right there and everyday people are STILL making the left turn to go to 355. Put cones in right lane - the lines do absolutely nothing
114702464953	I worry about the lack of vibrancy of downtown Rockville and how that contributes to crime. Crime at the Metro is also very real - fights, drug use, loitering, fare jumping etc. Finally, we just bought a house a year ago, but it was difficult to find something affordable and with quality building.

114702455309	If the city prioritizes active living it provides a better quality of life for residence and increase property values.
114702181419	Rockville is not affordable for young people to live in. Need to prioritize affordable and attainable housing - not luxury housing
114702125692	I moved back to Rockville specifically for low-car lifestyle and SAFE access to many family friendly amenities. Rockville has a reputation as a great place to live for families, let's keep enhancing that.
114701874965	We have a lot of parks. I like them and want to keep them but I don't know if we need more
114701414663	No comment.
114701226529	1more cross walks 2 more bike lanes3 more police
114701136234	The other areas all fall by the wayside if you fail to maintain existing infrastructure. Overemphasis on high-\$, single-family homes ensures that average workers will get started on their long commutes ASAP after work, and not linger to shop/recreate in a community they generally resent.
114700979495	ADA regulations should be required by our city for any new development. Government buildings are held to ADA laws, but a citizen has to sue private businesses to correct ADA infractions
114700954954	If we don't focus on sustainability and climate resilience, nothing else will matter
114700722196	Renovate wootton high school
114700577872	Town Center needs to attract and keep retail and restaurants.
114700533662	Affordable housing!
114700528101	Incentivize conversion of empty office buildings into residential, hotel, and mixed use.
114700523302	Please keep my roads in good shape and keep me safe with a fully staffed police force. I'm not really crazy about all the bicycle infrastructure. This isn't California. You can't ride your bike 12 months a year. During parts of December and March, and most all of January, February, it's too cold for most people to ride bikes...and often times, July and August are too hot to ride bikes. I drive through the town center and out Falls Road most every single day. I will have stretches of time where I won't see a bicycler going in either direction for 5 or 6 weeks. At a time. It seems to me that making wholesale changes to roadways to accommodate 1/1000th of the population is not money that is prioritized very well...not to mention that it takes roadway lanes away from cars and public transportation. Cars and buses have no choice but to use roadways. Bicyclers do have choices. They can use shoulders, sidewalks, and all of the extensive parks that run through our neighborhoods that have paved bike paths. Our city and area roadways were designed by experts in their field. They were designed to carry a certain amount of traffic efficiently and when you shrink the roadways to accommodate a few people it has a big effect on the masses.
114700519620	Please improve affordable housing options and make our neighborhoods more resilient through tree maintenance and forest preservation
114700482935	Trees in Rockville town center need trimming! They can be hazard with storms! Update parks and playgrounds!
114700468289	Improving Community Safety is more than more Police. Police is the last resort. More Social Services are needed.
114700447598	Again, PLEASE revitalize the town square: it was the determining factor for us to move to Rockville. Had we known it was going to turn into a dead zone, we'd have made different plans altogether.
114700172106	The vitality of town center is important for the entire community. Keep businesses and grow the town center area, drawing more crowds with better parking.

114698999691	I think that affordable housing and sustainability are closely tied and need to be integrated for each to be successful. Affordable housing must have efficient appliances, heating/cooling, and run on renewable energy as much as possible to keep bills low and protect our most vulnerable residents from the biggest impacts of climate change.
114694573698	MoCo must have housing available with transportation options for everyone.
114694471003	I'm lumping active living and community safety together since being able walk, bike, and otherwise roll safely are very important to me.
114693815427	The walk from Rockville Metro over the bridge and into Town Center needs to be better lit and more welcoming. It currently is derelic and scary - not a way to get more people to come to Rockville Town Center.
114693315971	Safety especially with the rise of fights, robberies in Rockville.
114693259296	Climate resilience includes tree cover
114692434653	We need way more police. I was told only 9 officers work at a time to cover the entire city? I've lived in Rockville the last 7 years and have called the police maybe 3 times and it takes well over 2-3 hours to come. The officers arrive and they are fantastic but always start with an apology saying they are slammed and understaffed.
114691812190	I feel the Community Safety should be a priority because my children go to Meadow Hall ES and Rockville HS and it's not safe for them to cross at their school. I think there should be a police present while before and after school. I also think there should be a crossing guards at Rockville HS since there's none right now.
114691658232	As a part of the younger generation under the age of 30, it is very difficult to afford a house let alone an apartment in this area. A lot of the building, even the older ones, are asking \$1400 a month for just a studio apartment. A single person would have to make at least \$60,000 a year to live pay check with these house prices. To make citizens live more comfortably, there should be more affordable housing and development. Additionally, there should be a tax credit for anyone renovating their house because most of the houses in the Rockville area are from the 50s and are fixer uppers.
114690404145	A healthy economy allows for all other things to be achieved.
114690280972	Need more sustainable initiatives and more focus on low income families. Costs of living are going up, yet wages are not keeping up. Families, including mine, are having trouble keeping their housing in their own neighborhood. We also need a focus on sustainability and climate action. Can we get a city compost program going? Can it be a public drop off station where a public worker vets what is going into the system? Or can we pay for a pickup? Some cities in the US already have compost systems.
114690121084	Rockville Town Square restaurants and businesses seem to have very high turnover. Events in the area are important to their survival.
114690105148	do the basics...
114689840837	Code Enforcement regulations continue to penalize homeowners. It is never a good experience to apply for a building/home improvement project permit. This department is understaffed. Homeowners do not feel welcomed. In fact, I was told when I went to apply for a building permit that IF the Code Enforcement finds I have made improvements to my house without pulling a permit I will be fined. It was as if the Building Permit employee was threatening me.
114689772436	Quality neighborhoods, including forest preservation and green space, actively support environmental and safety goals, while separating both from politics surrounding climate change and policing, respectively.

114689720070	Rockville is in the toilet. I live in college gardens and never go into the city. Head right towards 270 away from the city. Too dangerous to go in gonna hit a person living in poverty. What a mess you have made! 12.9% POVERTY!!! Really!!!!
114689486682	Areas need upkeep.
114689485496	This is all important and I don't see how you can prioritize.
114689480595	Neighborhoods should be more pedestrian-friendly and have more housing options than are presently available.
114689398844	Controlling crime and omission of DEI programs are my main issues. There needs to be consequences of criminal actions, not "restorative justice".
114689375344	the unchecked items (sustainability, active living, affordable housing and quality neighborhoods) are all important -- however, in order to have and enjoy those very important things, we need to maintain what we already have, we need community safety and we need continued economic development to support the important initiatives that make Rockville a nice place to live.
114689374586	City maintenance is poor, crime prevention is lax. These need to be prioritized.
114689325040	Rockville town center is deteriorating into another Rockville Mall.
114689320661	Need to reduce costs in all city department so we can give homeowners a tax break.
114689293341	I live near Dogwood Park and the Hungerford Pond which seem to be totally ignored as far as maintenance. The pond has turned into a swamp with many people I've spoken to avoiding it now due to mosquitoes. My block at the lower end of Cabin John Parkway has become a breeding ground for deer which destroy people's gardens and poop all over the park. The street is also now being used by motorcyclists (crotch rockets) who speed up and down the street without regard to pedestrians or children. I haven't seen a police car in my neighborhood for months.
114688472378	MORE POLICE! clean up blight and graffiti
114687733826	Please focus on pedestrian safety.
114687309246	Greater emphasis on density and pedestrian/bike infrastructure will allow for a larger tax base for the city and lower per person costs for upkeep relative to car-centric development. I and many other people would love to live in Rockville car free but that is just not a possibility with the current city's design. Things like the town square, metro, and bike lanes are going in the right direction but unfortunately basic amenities like grocery stores or hardware stores are not within walking distance for most, even in the most dense parts of the city.
114683321757	Affordable housing does not mean subsidized housing. Follow basic supply and demand economic principles and increase the housing supply. Reduce costs to landlords by expediting evictions, incentivize property improvements that increase tenant satisfaction, safety security etc.
114680620856	Update zoning regulations to encourage small commercial development within residential areas. People should have access to conveniences within walking distance of their homes (grocery stores, restaurants, shops). Also promote higher density residential development while maintaining natural beauty.
114679736859	Consider a new strategy if REDI is ineffective with economic development.
114679684073	Neighborhoods should be rezoned to encourage commercial and residential development together. People are happier when they can walk to amenities that they use regularly, and businesses thrive when they have actual foot-traffic instead of customers having to drive specifically to the business.

Please provide any comments you have about your prioritization of the major planned initiatives:	
114805111027	Would be interested in hearing more about plans for Shady Grove Station
114800139594	More investment in East Rockville specifically Twinbrook. RedGate if you aren't going to cave to the outside interest groups (birders).
114797776559	I highly value sufficient parkspace for Montgomery County residents as a way for communal recreation, exercise, and community connection.
114797099041	Balance QOL (Walkability) w/ development by corporations that are sitting on record amounts of cash. And always seem to find the \$. Thanks.
114794888297	Maintain Redgate Farm. There are plenty of walkers, families and birdwatches to enjoy this area. It would be a shame to lose this valuable part of the environment
114793586003	Balancing the increased development with parks and trees will help counter air pollution and offer natural urban cooling.
114792732657	Please do not acquire more parkland without a sustainable means to maintain.
114792716041	While I have make planned improvements to Redgate- I'm not familiar with what those plans are. Having access to that space for being in nature is very important to me.
114792464379	Visiting RedGate Park today, I liked seeing several dogs with their companions enjoying the dog park. A top sighting last year was a Great Blue Heron fishing in one of the ponds.
114792437228	I have been asking for a path created from Lake Frank to RedGate for some time now and it is falling on deaf ears I feel. This should not cost too much and it will help us walk to RedGate rather than drive the pollution creation, cars.
114792414760	Natural areas within the city limits are undervalued and a huge (often overlooked) commodity. Development and public safety are important too, but attention often is given to these initiatives at the expense or in lieu of preserving or funding parkland. In addition to prioritizing what I ranked as #1 and #2 above, I urge the City to allocate funds to control the invasion of invasive species throughout our City and Parklands.
114792360904	Rockville is congested with many commercial buildings within a small area, yet it's not easy to access these buildings safely as a pedestrian. Rockville city leaders should focus on making it easier and safer for people to access shops and parks with options like pedestrian bridges and more parkland. This is especially important given many kids walk to school, parks, and shops.
114791953565	I'd like to see a pedestrian bridge or tunnel to link the Twinbrook metro station and Congressional Plaza, too. Other metro stations in the area do not require pedestrians to cross Rockville Pike to reach the other side (i.e., North Bethesda, Rockville).
114791881645	Need revenue to for growth and improvements.
114791792871	I live near RedGate Park and walk around it weekly. It is a crown jewel of a nature park in Rockville.
114791756660	Improving the walkability of Rockville improves life for everyone here!
114791656281	NA
114791380157	Redgate is such a treasure in our city. Its beautiful, peaceful and a great place to walk and see nature.
114791307607	Save and design park land
114791306769	Public use greenspaces are good for our communities and our emotional and physical health.
114791294886	Make decisions that brings revenue to the City.
114791224187	Redgate is such an amazing wonderful, pls nurture it!

114791206963	I chose 2 open space initiatives as a way to both protect green spaces as Rockville grows, and to enhance the quality of living. Redgate in particular should remain a green space that eventually is connected to other nearby public parcels. Rockville has plenty of developed park land. This space should be limited to low impact use such a hiking, biking, and wildlife viewing.
114791155166	"Improvements" to RedGate should NOT be development into sports facilities, concert venues, or other construction that damages the natural resources. The city SHOULD connect RedGate to Rock Creek Trail near where it crosses Avery Rd., and add bike/pedestrian safety features to that section of Avery Rd. The city should also connect Rock Creek Trail to the John Hayes Forest Preserve at Baltimore Rd.
114791141780	More project work and funds should be aimed at enhancing opportunities for safe walking and biking in Rockville. Red Gate is a gem and we must continue to maintain and enhance it for use of our citizens. Green space to enjoy is essential to a healthy and vibrant community. We need more green spaces that are well cared for and actively maintained.
114791106755	Maximize local safety & preserve park land & green spaces amid all the development. Preserve RedGate's natural environment to maximum extent feasible.
114791102480	Rockville continues to invest in initiatives that improve quality of life for residents. These priorities continue that strategy.
114791075141	More mass transit options. Free trolley on Rockville Pike from King Farm to Pike and Rose
114791062336	Nature and trails were what the Engage Rockville study on Redgate favored over other changes by a factor of 4:1. The worst problem in Redgate is the rapid expansion of invasive plants and bushes within the park. Eradication thru professional treatments should be a priority before the invasives wipe out much of the native vegetation.
114791059251	Redgate Park is one of the best places to connect to nature, away from the sounds of cars and the city, and it means a lot to develop it in that way. Where people can take walks, sit, and enjoy tranquilly. I'm not sure what improvements are proposed but it's important to keep this mood in sight for any future developments, and avoid any loud permanent usage like athletic fields, which we already have a lot of. Pedestrian, bike, and other personal mobility infrastructure is a high priority to improve the economic future of Rockville and decrease the number of cars in the city. I don't know enough about the other proposals.
114791054019	I fully support the maintenance and improvement of Redgate Park, though no major building or development on the park property. This park offers a beautiful and peaceful place for respite for both humans and wildlife.
114791048060	Keep Redgate as natural as possible. Maybe stock ponds with trout in winter and offer for blind/under 16 age fishing opportunity.
114791037235	Redgate Park is a great resource and should be maintained/enhanced.
114790993560	Fix zoning to allow organic development. Invest in parks and walkable spaces. Fund transit. The Rock Creek Trail should have a spur path the goes to Redgate park.
114790987819	We love seeing the old, historic farm in our city. Disappointed to see the excavation and new houses being built so close to it. There should have been more of a buffer. What remains of the farmstead should be protected and preserved and put to good use. The community gardens in the farm fields are a perfectly fitting and appropriate use.

114790986355	RedGate Park is a gem of the City of Rockville that is increasingly popular, and which holds the possibility of being an incredible destination park. Connecting the park to Rock Creek Park would allow people to access the park by bicycle and on foot.
114790985158	Established residents and improving the quality of our community should take precedence over more development for new residents. Plans should include preserving established natural habitats for wildlife in these areas as well.
114790979640	All the projects make sense to me. 1-3 are exciting, 4&5 just aren't relevant to my life.
114790977405	Considering Rockville's basically urban environment, the City should place a high priority on the acquisition of addition of additional land for parks and recreation.
114790972403	more access for pedestrians would be ideal
114790967090	RE: planned improvements to RedGate, I do not support brightly lit playing fields with artificial turf, etc. I do support a more natural area.
114790962816	Undeveloped green space needs to be protected, especially as climate change grows worse
114790951784	RedGate Park could use some upgrades
114790939885	Rockville is becoming increasingly built up/urbanized. I would like for the Council to be more creative about thinking about development than defaulting to building more buildings.
114790937706	Redgate is such a special place - investing in this park is an amazing opportunity and a gift to our community and the our native flora/fauna.
114790934787	First, take care of the assets you have before acquiring more.
114790928063	Redgate park is a fabulous place to walk and nature watch. A gem of a place. My highest priority.
114790925297	Need green space, nature, dog walking space.. for quality of life and conservation.
114790925022	Especially in these disruptive political times, natural and thereby inherently neutral political spaces are vital for a community. Due to its large acreage, Redgate offers a unique opportunity to create a large and enduring park, rarely available in urban areas. People are increasingly hungry for safe and beautiful outdoor spaces for recreation and peace of mind. I am sure, as it gets more fully built out, it will become a Rockville treasure. I'm sure that future generations of Rockvillians, will be grateful to the current mayor and council for their foresight.
114790920047	Been living in Twinbrook since 1996 and that pedestrian bridge is extremely important! Thanks.
114790912668	Please leave enough forest for the animals.
114790909584	We love Redgate Park. It's a great community resource that brings us to Rockville.
114790910983	I think parkland is important to not only physical, but mental health, and the way the current administration is taking it away quickly, Rockville should have as much parkland as possible. I think traffic is already at a maximum at the Shady Grove Metro, so put that at the bottom; the more homes, the less parkland and the more traffic.
114790908752	Please leave one natural land beauty - we all need it
114790903344	Red Gate Park is the only park that provides a quiet peaceful place. It shelters many bird species and native mammals. In a city that is dominated by development it is crucial to protect Red Gate as a truly unique and special place.
114790903293	Redgate needs an 18 hole DISC GOLF COURSE!!!

114790900877	Need more green space protected and available to the public. Less impervious areas which contribute to flooding during extreme rain events. And safety (pedestrian bridge).
114790899832	I'm nature lover. I often hike and walk with my dog and family and friends. Having more natural space is my priority.
114790893933	Redgate is a wonderful place to walk and is slowly attracting wildlife such as birds. Greenspace is vital in our lives!
114790890685	Once we loose parklands, they are gone forever....acquire additional parkland for future generations and keep Rockville Green.
114788101712	More Annexation of reasonable property is better for the City.
114787845030	RedGate is a beautiful space that provides a safe environment for walking
114784112255	Improvements to RedGate sound expensive. Few people live around the park. Better to improve and expand neighborhood parks, especially in areas of the city underserved by green space.
114782756667	The buildings at King Farm have been an expensive albatross for the city. After 20+ years the city has yet to find a viable use for old farm structures. The city should seek to extract itself from the covenants that saddle it with this collection of non-viable properties. Nostalgia for a time gone by is no justification for continuing to burden Rockville taxpayers.
114780726611	Please prioritize creating connections to RedGate, particularly pedestrian and bicycle paths and entrances TO the park, not just within it. If people can't get there, it doesn't matter how great it is.
114780382524	Bridge connection for Twinbrook would improve walkability in the area and make other businesses and neighborhoods more accessible especially for people who don't own vehicles. Expanding park areas and improving park areas would bring a positive change to the Rockville area as well, getting ahead of the curb and set a good green/city example for the future.
114780075216	Any amount of non-car infrastructure, especially surrounding metro stations, should be prioritized to future-proof the city and its citizens for a transit-oriented future. I would further suggest up-zoning around the Rockville and Shady Grove metro stations, and consider a pedestrian bridge similar to Rockville's across the Pike to King Farm and to the shopping centers near Twinbrook. That, or reconsider having the Pike as a 6-lane highway through the middle of our city and place it on a road diet.
114778819093	Annexing the Shady Grove metro and encouraging more residential/commercial properties nearby should absolutely be the #1 priority. There are too many vacant / surface lots that should be turned into apartments/condos. Something like Pike & Rose should be the goal.
114778795894	None of the choices would be a high priority for me. How about increasing fire and police department services.
114778668343	I support economic development and growth but there is a lack of coordination with other government entities, specifically Montgomery County Public Schools. Any growth in housing should be accounted for with increased capacity at schools. Too many schools are overcrowded and too reliant on trailers to accommodate the overcrowding.
114777946886	Rockville desperately needs more green space but affordable housing is also needed. "development" of more office spaces is NOT needed

114776805326	We need better connectivity of existing public transportation infrastructure, specifically better walking and biking routes to and from the existing metro stations. Currently all three stations in the city are designed for driving. This creates a somewhat large buffer area people arriving by metro would need to walk through to get to what the city has to offer in terms of shopping, dining, or even apartments. Rockville should continue to invest in making the areas immediately adjacent to its metro stations into places of interest.
114776527074	Maintaining our city and beautify our current parks and communities are more important than all these projects, in my opinion.
114776129976	My top pick is important! Also, pay your employees!!! Stop being cheap!
114775262721	Redgate has so much potential and the King Farm Farmstead seems to be wasted sitting doing nothing when it can be a fantastice community center.
114775157091	The City is hamstrung by the historic designation of the Farmstead. Repeal that and then decide how to best use the land. Also in general—plant more trees and restore forested areas that have been decimated by development.
114775141019	The senior center is getting overcrowded.The king farm campus would be a good place to expand community recreation.
114775051679	Leave the King Farm area alone. We do not require "usable purposes" which will only further increase traffic congrestion.
114774759686	More parkland is needed.
114774380528	Inclined to focus on building up assets currently in Rockville before annexing Shady Grove Metro Station. There are already two ways to cross RR tracks in Twinbrook -- Metro station and Twinbrook Rd (does it have sidewalks adjacent? There are many lanes of roadway at the crossing.).
114774169791	Revitalizing downtown Rockville is #1 by far.
114774063101	these do not relate much to me.
114774044302	Redgate could be our local "Central Park" to bring all the community together in nature.
114772745729	I would like to see affordable housing and economic development prioritized in these initiatives.
114771228527	Selfishly I choose interest
114770387642	Is there a projection for what type of economic development could increase revenues for the city around Shady Grove?
114769994439	I focus on general public safety and development that would benefit most people than selected or targeted area.
114769121601	Ninguna
114767280565	I've been around Twinbrook. I just can't think of the need for the bridge so that's why I Put it last. I think it's important that we have space for more community events and increased revenue generation. I think E. Guide Rd. in W. Guide Rd. could use a clear bike lane.
114767154167	I do not feel strongly about my votes above, they are just guesses about what would be best for increasing options for non-car mobility and housing availability/affordability, which are the two biggest issues we face IMO
114766886666	Strongly support additional development around Shady Grove Metro, but unsure how Rockville's annexation of Metro property would contribute to this.
114766617742	Acceptance and equality of treatment regardless of color, ethnicity and religion
114766544493	Please fix the parking situation in rockville town center. The cost is outrageous and is probably contributing to the turnover of businesses there.

114766129977	PASS RENT STABILIZATION NOW!
114764487894	I live in Twinbrook. This would help us a lot!
114764363098	Both King Farmstead, 6 Taft St and Red Gate face demolition by neglect from the City.
114763657824	Housing construction adjacent to public transit (like Shady Grove Metro) and the pedestrian connectivity of communities (as in Eastern Rockville currently isolated by the railroad tracks) should be prioritized. I would also include better cycling infrastructure along side those priorities. The city's Bikeway's Master Plan has languished while progress on cycling infrastructure along 355 and other key cycle routes hasn't meaningfully progressed.
114763161371	Rockville Town Center is STILL struggling - this needs to be fixed before any additional or expansion of "economic development" initiatives.
114762983857	Rockville natural areas is one of its greatest asset. Protecting and improving them is essential, in face of the tempting urbanization and housing development pressure.
114762574278	I strongly prioritize pedestrian safety as a public transit user. Not sure I have ever lived anywhere that had such a jarring combination of good public transit access to services (which I enjoy and value) and unsafe road design. I often feel like I and the pedestrians and transit users around me are in physical danger from cars.
114761658932	I want to see projects that protect parkland and natural spaces
114761516669	Since I live in King Farm, that's where my priorities lie.
114761174310	Reduce congestion from overbuilding by acquiring parkland. Keeping metro a focal point of our community should be paramount. No more bike lanes. Remove underused bike lanes.
114760104175	Get the metro station area. Annex along shady grove road
114759880939	Spend no more on murals and do more to reduce property taxes.
114759858823	The farmstead is a community treasure and could be used for enhancing cultural, educational and recreational purposes in keeping with the city's heritage and traditions and its current diversity. It is place to build community.
114759571371	The farmstead is part of Rockville's history and an asset to the community. The garden that exists allows residents to collaborate and give back to the community through donation of excess produce. The buildings if repaired and repurposed could serve to be as sought after indoor rental space when weather does not allow for outdoor festivities with proceeds supporting maintenance and potentially generating excess funds that could be used towards other projects in Rockville
114759551020	The green woods and parks are what make parts of Rockville desirable. It helps balance against the intense strip malls and car dealerships. As Rockville sells more development, I hope we preserve the remaining woods and old trees and focus on revitalizing industrial or abandoned properties (White Flint and other areas)
114759458566	Greenspace makes for a healthy family
114752643626	The priority for the Farmstead development must be historic preservation and respect for the community garden that's adjacent to it, NOT revenue production.
114751920018	Annexation doesn't seem to have any disadvantages as long as it is revenue generating. The Farmstead can be a value added resource for the City. The tracks separate an entire community from walking or cycling to the future Twinbrook Quarter especially if the Metro is closed. Construct a pedestrian bridge. Parks are always desirable. RedGate is a beautiful property and it is fine as is. As much as I would love to see an Arboretum, it isn't a necessity to still enjoy the park

114749336071	I dont care about any of those initiatives. I want rent stabilization. Housing is a human right
114748906669	Rockville needs as much green space as possible, including walking trails, wetlands and more community gardens.
114748311097	"Useable" purposes for Farmstead could mean a lot of things-don't forget it is a PARK and has historic designation.
114746503241	It's so hard to access the shopping center in twinbrook because of the big street. It feels very unsafe and scary to cross. It deters me from shopping in that area
114746257281	Focus on traffic safety at redland rd and frederick rd intersection. No left turn unless traffic green turn light.
114744654283	Rockville should prioritize environmental issues while there is still a native environment to save.
114744588896	Pedestrian access and usable and more green areas should be prioritized.
114743306360	I have higher priorities, but they are not listed here: (1) Pedestrian safety: Improve safety at crossings; repair broken/uneven sidewalks. (2) Provide access to Senior Center from Gude Drive.
114742603360	Keep Twinbrook "walkable" with strong priority on community natural/park space
114738231645	Red gate park is amazing! Please make it even better!
114737744203	Where is moderate housing and rent stabilization in the priorities? It is number one for me and my family.
114737528563	I consistently use the parks around and near Rockville after work. More parkland would be beneficial to my work life balance.
114737526714	More opportunities for walking safely. Fixing potholes in streets. Prevent speeding. Address increased traffic due to more housing/people.
114737401353	The city needs revenues.
114736987919	There is an increasing amount of new housing in the city, and green space is shrinking. Rockville is a very different place from years ago when I moved here. I'm considering moving to another state.
114736563687	Given that 90 percent of residents have access to a park within a 10-minute walk, it doesn't really make sense to try and acquire additional parkland throughout the city.
114736426789	Prioritize walkability and development. You want more money in future budgets? Expand the tax base by increasing density.
114736123018	We need more greenspace, especially close to Rockville Town center
114736088196	If possible develop planning area 7 as a "collegetown" with housing affordable to those who might be students, college/MCPS employees and small business owners/employees
114736083584	I think we should focus on improving the areas already within city limits like Red Gate, ped bridge, and King Farm, rather than annex additional land that will need a huge investment to improve sufficiently.
114735806619	Less Building, more Parks, and open land
114734554822	Maintaining green space and adding more green space is a priority for me.
114733178791	I love the idea of a thriving Metro station center with stores, restaurants and housing. I hope some will be senior housing.
114732952963	Adding more housing at our metro stations will reduce traffic and greenhouse gases. Making neighborhoods more walkable by connecting people to retail in their neighborhoods, will also reduce traffic. And walking improves our health. And of course we want to preserve green Spaces.

114735484160	We need to support the businesses in the new Twinbrook Quarter and improve connectivity of Twinbrook neighborhoods to the rest of Rockville to improve the equality and safety of access to local goods and services. Without support from all of Rockville's closest residents, there could be much more business volatility and turnover and lack of benefits to Twinbrook residents who supported the development of Twinbrook Quarter. Building the pedestrian bridge across the train tracks would address these issues and could also reduce the city's carbon emissions because more residents would be able to eliminate short car trips with lots of high-emitting idling, and instead complete errands by walking or riding bikes or scooters. We also need to advance the arboretum/park plans at Redgate since they have already been developed and gained public support. The plans to establish an arboretum at Redgate would enhance visitors experiences, enhance the value of the park as wildlife habitat, and increase the park's carbon-sequestering potential. Additional park land could be acquired to increase total green space in the city, preserve vegetated buffers around developments to maintain or improve air quality, sounds barriers, wildlife corridors, recreation and environmental stewardship opportunities, as well as aesthetics within Rockville. Costs of any new developments at Shady Grove and King Farm should be assumed by prospective developers and the city staff should not review their plans until developers can clearly demonstrate that they have met the letter of all applicable laws, regulations/building codes, including environmental protection and restoration standards.
114732667968	A bus route closer to RedGate would make it more accessible, especially for youth activities.
114732545229	Remove homeless and transient from streets and force redevelopment of blight commercial shopping area along Viers Mill Rd.
114732331026	Farmstead Buildings are there. Next to it there is a large community opening soon with over 300 townhouses, condo. Also since this past summer water and sewage access was brought to this campus, should see what can be done with existing buildings. Perhaps use for recreation classes and maybe Rockville Villages and other Rockville non-profits could use the space as well.
114730815226	RedGate land has been part of community for decades. It is a nature preserve. Please save and upgrade the clubhouse so patrons can use it now and future. Tearing clubhouse down will cost more to rebuild and disrupt surrounding space.
114729456875	The "Freedom" bridge was a failure because it connected the East side to a rather barren stretch of 355. Hechingers was happy. The proposed bridge will connect the East side to a wide assortment of retail from Congressional to Wegmans.
114728308843	Improve RedGate park and open it to public access
114728218367	East and west side communities need better walking and biking connections. Hope Twinbrook Bridge will lead to a new bridge across tracks near Rockville metro. Absolutely vital that RedGate park be preserved and NOT developed into more car-dependent housing. City needs to improve its economy and business climate, Annexing Shady Grove will hopefully create desirable commercial space.
114727886851	I don't see the benefit of building a pedestrian bridge in Twinbrook, where there is the metro that provides this pass.
114727487804	Parkland like Redgate bring your Montgomery County neighbors (like me!) to the City of Rockville... when we orient our activities towards Rockville, we also spend money in Rockville shops/businesses. Please prioritize planting native plants/trees in parks and neighborhoods

114728295263	<p>While I believe green space, green infrastructure and parkland are a #1 priority, I'm not sure what "planned improvements to Redgate Park" means, and therefore I hesitate to click on that. Improvements mean different things to different constituencies. I believe most of Redgate Park should be rewilded as a functioning native ecosystem (forest), that incidentally has some lawn areas for cross country and walking paths, maybe a small area of community gardens, maybe a disc golf course. The clubhouse could be improved. Other than that, please NO amphitheater, NO festivals/events. Regarding the refitting buildings within the King Farm campus- should be the policy wherever possible. We do not need to build more buildings, more apartments, etc. We need to use the buildings we already have, particularly where they are standing vacant for years. Retrofit existing buildings so they can be useful and stop eating up green spaces in the name of progress.</p> <p>In general, we need many pedestrian bridges, not just in Twinbrook at the tracks. Crossing 355 and Viers Mill Road can feel like a life-threatening endeavor in several locations, despite the crosswalks. At a minimum, we should have more flashing signs at crosswalks, e.g., at Viers Mill and Dodge.</p>
114727418382	<p>A pedestrian bridge, and indeed any amenities for pedestrian safety and convenience, is helpful. But you can cross the train lines by going through the Twinbrook Metro or on the sidewalk on Twinbrook Parkway. More pressing pedestrian reform in my mind would be installing a sidewalk or walk/bike lane, or at least trimming the overgrown trees/brush to distance pedestrians from cars, on Viers Mill Road between Twinbrook Parkway and the Twinbrook Connector Trail.</p>
114727395704	<p>accessible parks and more trails please!</p>
114727378869	<p>Twinbrook is an amazing neighborhood. Please pay it more attention and give it the care and concern you give to West Rockville.</p>
114727337196	<p>Ideas for Redgate: add a larger nature center at RedGate, with more programming about native plants and/or more native demonstration gardens and giveaways to encourage people to introduce more Maryland natives into their own home landscapes. This would also be an important resource for local and migratory birds and other wildlife, and would attract human visitors too!</p>
114727318520	<p>Please maintain or increase the number of trees in any of the projects.</p>
114727308887	<p>Twinbrook was promised another metro tracks crossing to access the Twinbrook Quarter project on foot/bike and that should be a priority</p>
114727226414	<p>A pedestrian bridge would have a very positive impact on quality of life and walkability in Twinbrook.</p>
114727225535	<p>The Twinbrook bridge would be a huge improvement for everyone, especially with the rezoning.</p>
114727210296	<p>Twinbrook pedestrian is essential as it will connect that neighborhood to rockville. If you can build a bridge that allow cars then even better</p>
114727207270	<p>What does annexing mean in terms of Shady Grove? We can or cannot use that area for development?</p>
114727198577	<p>I live in Twinbrook so I am biased. But continuing development in the city should be the main priority.</p>
114727193261	<p>Redgate is a great location for moving towards native plantings to increase biodiversity, and create habitat. It's a birding hotspot and could even be more so. To have a unique place to walk through native meadows and other habitats, is great for our mental health, too!</p>

114727188958	RedGate is a regional space, an opportunity to provide habitat for wildlife (including birds), an example of native planting for renters and homeowners and a place of tranquility for all. Development in the DMV makes natural areas that support native species more and more rare. The wood thrush, DC's state bird, the red eyed vireo and eastern towhee are declining due to development and climate change. Rockville has an opportunity to play a part in reversing this trend. Water is another vital resource that further planting of native plants at RG could also affect. This will decrease the amount of runoff by replacing existing turf with native grasses which have very deep roots and help water seep into the ground instead of running off. Large shade trees help mitigate warming.
114727184581	I became a certified naturalist through the Audubon Naturalist Society (now Nature Forward) and have read extensively about the importance of access to green spaces for people's well-being.
114727161508	Establishing clear boundaries for development while maintaining natural spaces is essential. We regularly use Rockville parks and businesses and would increase patronage with better resources.
114727146850	I would visit Redwood Park if it were upgraded to include native plants and education about ecosystems and the need to remove non-native invasives and plant natives.
114727089922	I did the best with my options. I don't believe these to be primary priorities for the city to begin with.
114726668458	A bridge for pedestrians and cyclists over the railway is a good idea as long as it is not like the one at Lincoln Park which is not user-friendly.
114726371963	Twinbrook is a disconnected community. By prioritizing a pedestrian bridge, we create deeper connection to Rockville writ large and the incoming business improvements happening in the city of Rockville and on Rockville Pike.
114725947433	The pedestrian bridge seems like a bad idea since the one north of the rockville metro is barely usable. I think a multiuse bridge/tunnel would be a good idea because the gentle slopes let cyclists ride through easily
114725503554	Red Gate provides a great place for people to enjoy nature with their families and friends and meeting new people of all ages. Besides outdoor concerts, the city add craft fairs or fall festivals to bring in money. Even provide workshops for people to learn about bird watching, use a compass, etc. Invite scout troops to help with this to earn badges, and more.
114723820739	I haven't followed the local news enough to make an informed decision about the other items above. Supporting RedGate natural habitat for wildlife & low-impact enjoyment.
114723722420	Free available parking is an issue for Senior Citizens.
114723279804	Pls. consider building a pedestrian bridge from Twinbrook a #1 priority. Thank you.
114722874675	There is excess demand for access to nature programs. RedGate Park has room to satisfy that demand by locating a main, larger nature center where the old clubhouse is. With the trails at RedGate and trail connecting RedGate to the Hays Forest preserve, the city could attract more birdwatchers to spend money in Rockville, and offer more afterschool and summer programming for children. The amphitheater should be deleted from the plan; if one is needed, it should be adjacent to the Fitzgerald Theater--which has power, parking, changing rooms, restrooms.
114722533514	None were really top priority for me. Instead - prefer you prioritize rent stabilization and community engagement and stability.

114722478950	More trees in rockville please!
114722092517	I use RedGate Park every week and want it to continue to have running paths in addition to native trees and shrubs for birdwatching.
114722072107	Keeping RedGate Park and Arboretum a park with walking paths for all.
114722037134	More parkland would beautify Rockville
114722020735	Redgate Park is becoming a premier go-to location for people of all ages. It provides those of all incomes and ethnicities with a place to walk, watch birds and butterflies, and relax. It is an oasis within our city.
114721644307	Red gate- we go there a lot when visiting the farmers market or other things in Rockville we really love the natural setting and quiet. We really don't want an amphitheater built at Red Gate and want it to remain quiet. Maybe make the clubhouse a community/nature center.
114721573346	The more green space we get and preserve the healthier the community we will have for generations to come.
114721472704	Sustainable growth and economic development are key to the city, but if done with a blind eye toward green space we will lose our natural spaces forever. We must prioritize our environment or it will be gone..... and the loss is incalculable.
114721030386	Neighborhoods east of the railroad tracks are not prioritized. We need more pocket parks and passive green spaces.
114721014497	Land that could be developed or set aside as a park will be difficult to find the longer you wait, and one of the best things about Rockville are all the parks in the city!
114720881456	I live close to Rockville but not in the city. I appreciate access to Red Gate Park and support the improvements that are being made to preserve it as open space and natural habitat.
114720789136	Green spaces and the continuing to support the success of Redgate's transformation is a key part of making Rockville a livable and healthy community.
114720581922	Outside spaces in Rockville are important to many. Thank you Rockville for doing a good job at it
114720561971	The antiquated King Farm buildings have been a money pit for years. Find a use or raze them so the land can be utilized and generate taxes.
114720537702	Redgate Park should have a high priority - it is a magnificent park and the Mayor and Council should make every effort to insure that it is well maintained and well publicized throughout the community.
114720526941	We NEED more green space and better parks!
114720510657	Only get more land if keep it green. This wonderful park must be kept in good shape for birding and for people to get away from their troubles by being in nature. If kept "green" it is money well spent. So important.
114720502501	I really didn't care about choosing 5 and wanted to choose my first 2.
114720366991	Add solar panels to City buildings, and solar canopies to parking lots. Add EV chargers throughout the City to encourage residents to drive electric.
114720368043	We need to preserve trees and green space in Rockville.
114720316219	Climate change is our biggest threat. We need more trees and parks to provide cooling and to capture rainwater from severe rainstorms and flooding expected in the future.
114720261346	I have been asking for a path from lake Frank to Redgate for a long time. When will this happen please?

114720260276	For me the most important priority is maintaining the parks and green spaces for us. If you develop everything we suffer in the end. With green spaces the air quality remains better and the mental health of the citizens is improved. If you build up everything we are the losers in the end. So remember to keep the parks and green spaces for us to enjoy forever.
114720215797	In our world today, I am deeply saddened by climate change and the elimination of trees and parkland. Please preserve as much as you can, like preserving Redgate and do not let builders knock down trees just for their own convenience.
114720171414	Preserve the existing natural spaces is essential; develop useful ways for pedestrians and good use of urban spaces also.
114720148483	Keep Redgate as a nature area
114720112032	With the Wegman's nearly open, the pedestrian bridge is more important than ever! Parks are also an important priority for me.
114720110937	RedGate Park is unique in its size and the kinds of habitat it offers to wildlife, and of course the kind of space it offers for recreation to residents. Please prioritize.
114720109234	I love Redgate the way it is currently, not sure what the planned improvements would encompass.
114720100142	Redgate Park and green spaces are vital for the health of our communities.
114720099494	I am all for more green spaces -- especially as housing - retail development seem to be ongoing at a rapid pace in our county. However, I do think there is enormous upside for the Shady Grove Metro station area to be improved for revenue/housing development -- though parkland there would be a major plus as well.
114720098785	This is a unique opportunity to continue making improvements to RedGate Park and the Arboretum. Let's not loose steam here to improve an amazing green parland resource for the community.
114720097719	Nature and outdoor activities are important for mental health and safety.
114720084417	I don't have an opinion about the above other than prioritizing RedGate park and pedestrian safety
114720063032	quality of life important to me
114720009933	Prioritize the Community Gardens and Arboretum at RedGate Park. And keep it a quiet place with no amplified events! Would be amazing to have the building become a nature center to capitalize on the amazing variety of birds and wildlife in the park.
114716639334	These questions were very unclear and very vague.
114715978338	Make Redgate a venue for events and an arboretum.
114713682208	Make sure that "usable purposes" in King Farm include affordable housing for disabled people! That means places without stairs and more financial aid. It's so hard to find ADA compliant housing in the community. We need much more of it!
114712649174	Making Rockville less car-dependent should be the priority. Not just a pedestrian bridge at Twinbrook, but prioritization of pedestrians and cyclists in general. Make RedGate accessible to pedestrians and cyclists. Same for businesses. People shouldn't be reliant on a car to do most of their errands. Re-zone so residential areas can have small businesses, and incentivize those businesses in those areas.
114711223341	At-grades railroad crossings have been a deathtrap forever. Three died at the Montrose one in the summer of 1999.
114710940867	expanding the shady groove metro station should be the number one economic goal of the city , PG just got the FBI campus at greenbelt metro that will bring alot of tax base income to there county and city of green belt that should be our goal

114710853695	Twinbrook deserves to have easier pedestrian access to downtown Rockville.
114709996203	I don't know what the King Farm initiative is, so it's last.
114708579101	N/A
114708570307	Millennium trail needs improving for better surfaces and safety
114708214940	They all seem expensive and mostly they don't help anyone
114706555741	Re-outfit king farm but keep it affordable. Creating new houses that are \$700k up is unrealistic.
114706556714	Lots of young families are looking for opportunities to live and play in Rockville permanently - any opportunities for more housing and family experiences like dining, parks, shopping and living are all welcomed. We want to make it safe, easy to get to and fun!
114705960587	We want to move due to development.
114705918530	Unless the Shady Grove annexation comes with significant upzoning, don't bother.
114705917580	Should start artist in residence in bldg behind clubhouse. Like Glass blowers Metal Artist etc in partnership with Vista arts
114705867623	Important to increase green areas and make improvements to parks in order to match growing population. Do not think we should undertake major construction for crossing over railroad tracks when there are already many ways to cross over railroad tracks, including walking through Metro stations or existing bridges.
114705827893	Number one priority should be replacing all the aging water mains in the city. Not any of these initiatives.
114702464953	There are so many blighted buildings between Gude and Shady Grove that I believe it brings down the property values.
114702455309	Green space and parklands should be a priority for the city. It helps build a stronger city, increases property values and improves the quality of lives for residents.
114702372667	A little vague.
114702125692	The bridge sounds amazing! Right now only a few neighborhoods are safely connected to rockville town center and shopping, and this would increase the range of highly desirable areas for families to live in. Walkability and SAFE biking access matter a lot to families! Until a route is 100% safe, parents will not be able to let their children use them alone, this would be a huge improvement. This would also improve access to Rock Creek trail for all residents.
114701546576	There arent more worthwhile improvements that benefit the community as a whole? If i could choose zero for some of these I would
114701414663	No comment.
114701296747	i dont' see anything about making the montrose park building accessible to the neighborhood. Most disappointing
114701268122	Focus on revenue growth while preserving the unique neighborhood friendly environment Rockville is known for
114701226529	more bridges over roads more cross walks that work more bus
114701136234	A fit person can do many errands on foot withing, say, a 3-mile walk, reducing traffic, but have to circumvent rr tracks, intersection built for cars, and odd rights-of-way is a major deterrent!
114700979495	We need public bathrooms in Town Square.
114700954954	I tried to prioritize based on the impact to the largest number of citizens

114700722196	We have enough parks, need improvement to infrastructure specifically our SCHOOLS.
114700529519	Using land, especially for housing, next to metros is top priority for me. Next is prioritizing people being able to get around without cars.
114700528101	RedGate property should be swapped with MoCo for other properties and/or money. MoCo should add it to abutting regional park. The City should be in the neighborhood park business, not in the regional park business.
114700519620	Please improve pedestrian infrastructure
114700502481	Transit oriented access and development is important to the city and it's residents.
114700482935	None of these initiatives are really vital to Rockville development. Let's update park playgrounds! Let's make more family friendly initiatives. Trees in Rockville town center need trimming! They can be hazard with storms!
114700468289	Parkland with lots of trees is needed to take a break from the very hot summers that we are going to have in the future.
114700447598	You are missing a major one: revitalize the town square and attract new businesses and restaurants; it's a dead zone right now
114700445501	Safe access for Twinbrook is an important equity issue. Given the building and investment in that area, we need to improve pedestrian and bike safety. The entire city should be more walkable and bike-friendly.
114700439367	Revenue generation = more improvements Pedestrian bridge is not a priority unless there have been issues with pedestrians crossing unsafely.
114700172106	Parks are the best thing about Rockville. The more the merrier!
114698999691	Bicycle and pedestrian safety is a huge priority for a functional, sustainable transportation system. To achieve our climate goals, we need to lower our vehicle miles traveled and emphasizing bike and walkability near high-density residential areas with transit is one of the best ways to do so.
114694573698	Safety first, building communities also important. Transportation for everyone, including bikes.
114692434653	We need to connect the neighborhoods. The high line in NYC is a perfect example of what could be done here
114691812190	I feel a pedestrian bridge at Twinbrook will benefit the community to make it safer for everyone to cross Twinbrook safely.
114691658232	As a pedestrian, I feel unsafe when crossing most major roads in the Rockville area including Viersmill, Maryland Avenue, and Gaude Drive. I believe all major traffic lights on roads should have all red phases, no turn on red signs, and red light cameras. This will make it safer for pedestrians and generate revenue for the City. The pedestrian bridge over the Twinbrook metro is the first step in making walking safer in this area.
114690280972	I think you should use the money for things you already own & are responsible for, before adding onto more responsibilities. I do think more green spaces & natural spaces for wildlife are very necessary amidst all of the urban developments going on. Critical for our community and ecosystem.
114690121084	I would like to add the construction of a pedestrian bridge from the Twinbrook metro station across Rockville Pike so that it is safer. Other metro stations in the area (North Bethesda and Rockville stations) do not require pedestrians to cross the busy road (355). It would benefit the community to link the metro station and Twinbrook Quarters area currently under construction with Congressional Plaza on the other side.

114690105148	twinbrook is the largest, most populated section of Rockville and generally gets the least support from city government
114690069586	There should be transportation priorities especially for Hungerford community
114689849164	My first priority would be complete sidewalks and the redevelopment of East Rockville via Stonestreet and the Rockville metro station, but that was not listed.
114689840837	The City of Rockville must do all that it can to protect Open Space within the city proper limits which may overlap with Montgomery County property. The former Red Gate golf course is a perfect example of what will, one day, be developed with densely populated housing without sidewalks. Everyone in government loves to say they care about the environment yet almost never, ever stop residential developers from densely populating former open space. King Farm is an example of this. The more the Mayor and Rockville City Council allow residential developers to develop open space while road ways remain over capacity the more all of us will sit in traffic. Wildlife loses their habitat and get run over of the roads or shot and killed by Maryland Dept of Natural Resources.
114689772436	While I've been a significant advocate for pedestrian access in Rockville (and served for a time on the Environment Commission) and currently live in Twinbrook, increased rail crossings for pedestrians in Twinbrook is of limited value. The corridors between First Street, Edmonston Drive, and Twinbrook Station, the neighborhood's existing crossings) contains very little of interest to pedestrians. Moreover, those of us who use public transit are likely headed to Metrorail or MARC stations anyway. The benefit does not support the cost. Twinbrook would benefit much more from added parks in the neighborhood's interior and from soundwalls for neighbors living near the CSX tracks.
114689737225	Use tax monies for major citizens benefit
114689720070	You keep moving Mass amounts of poor people in and the ones with money are going to leave. That will give you a bigger mess than you ever imagined. PUMP THE BRAKEs! Rockville is Headed right to the toilet! Poverty rate at 12.9%! You should be Ashamed of yourself
114689486682	Bringing high quality hotels, shopping and restaurants to expand Shady Grove Metro like other Town Centers at the ends of rail lines.
114689485496	Every park should have a portapotty or access to a bathroom.
114689480595	Expanding the available housing stock and increasing the pedestrian accessibility of the Pike should be top priorities.
114689416176	Please refocus planning efforts from prioritizing automobiles to prioritizing humans. Require future development to create pedestrian-friendly design.
114689411724	Walkable and rolling walker use
114689387605	We should do all we can to conserve as much green space in Rockville as possible.
114689381249	I would like to see investments in the citys park systems, and parking. I want rockville to preserve its charm as a desirable suburb to live in for families.
114689375344	pedestrian safety, accessibility/fairness to connect Twinbrook community to the rest of Rockville is important. Parkland to preserve nature in our City that contributes to quality of life and balance between City and Nature. Preserve SOME deer habitat (please!) because our neighborhoods are overrun.
114689374586	The Rockville City Center needs to be prioritized for customer access (by vehicle and by foot traffic) and storefront rental charges need to encourage more businesses to move in
114689338895	the pedestrian bridge makes living and shopping without cars more possible. Any development is low on my priority list.

114689336660	New revenue = less increase for retired, fixed income residents
114689325040	King Farm Farmstead is deteriorating because of neglect and lack of vision. Developers are waiting for the sell off. They are also waiting for the sell off of Red Gate.
114689320661	None of the above. Taxes are too high. We need to reprioritize and reduce expenditures and give homeowners a tax reduction. With inflation, cost of living is just too high. I want to see a tax cut for homeowners.
114689308327	Not interested in annexing Shady Grove Metro Sta, at all. We have enough economic development as it is. Let's concentrate and make better what we have.
114689305365	In all cases, reoutfitting and redesigning existing buildings (for retail and housing), should be the preferred approach rather than breaking new ground. We already have a built-out environment, ample vacant office and retail space. These should be redesigned to achieve the city's housing goals.
114689296477	Maximize number of users
114689293341	Rockville needs more parks and walking trails and less development. Traffic is already out of control and the city seems to be oblivious to it. Development seems to be the ONLY priority Rockville officials have.
114687733826	Please prioritize pedestrian safety and projects that bring Rockville together, such as a Twinbrook bridge.
114687309246	All of these are really important, but there are a lot of locations, especially in the town center. I really like the recommended park at Jefferson and Monroe in the town center master plan. Having such a park in the town center would be incredible for quality of life. Annexing the Shady grove metro would be great for the city, and hopefully incentivize more development around that station. Right now the station is designed almost exclusively for cars with very minimal pedestrian and bike connectivity. A pedestrian bridge in twin brook would also be nice, but I am really hesitant to see how it turns out. In most cases because of inconvenient design or lacking upkeep they end up as an expensive passing curiosity rather than a valuable part of our infrastructure. Jane Pontius Unity Bridge on Fredrick ave is an unfortunate example of such an underutilized bridge, with the massive height, an lack of stairs makes what would be a short crossing into a long looping trek. Also the location chosen has very little pedestrian/bike infrastructure availability.
114683321757	The pedestrian bridge is expensive and unnecessary. Pedestrians can just walk through the metro station. If anything, negotiate with metro to improve and keep the thruway open after hours. Annexing Shady Grove metro area will add a SIGNIFICANT burden on the Police department which is overwhelmed as it is. King Farm farmstead: Make the field by Ridgemont and 355 a parking lot. Move the Saturday farmer's market into the barns. Improve parking around Welsh Park and swim center. The sports events in Welsh Park, swim center and rock terrace fields often overwhelm the area parking.
114680620856	An additional crossing over the tracks in Twinbrook would be amazing. Twinbrook can and should be an amazing, walkable neighborhood, but there's such little access to businesses without being able to cross the tracks. Zoning regulations should be updated to encourage more small commercial development alongside residential. People should not be forced to use their car in order to access any business (grocery stores, restaurants, shops, etc.).
114679736859	Consider demo of the buildings at the farmstead to provide parkland and open space if no viable business opportunity is present

114679684073 Add'l parkland is essential to redesigning Rockville into a less car-dependent city. RedGate and King Farm both have the potential to be incredible amenities for their immediate neighborhoods as well as the city as a whole. My understanding is that the Twinbrook pedestrian bridge could receive significant grant funding, and so wouldn't require as much direct funding from the city.

Please provide any comments you have about your options to maintain a balanced budget:

114805111027 I don't know enough about this to have an informed opinion, but I do think increasing costs for recreation would deter participation and I'd like to keep recreation as accessible as possible.

114800139594 Reduction in funding of pet projects. Eliminate REDI. What is the real ROI there? Less focus on Town Center. Stop cutting parks and recreation funding (and pushing increased fees on participants) It's a quality of life issue and one of the main reasons people choose Rockville. Previous Director ran it into the ground, now is not the time to pass the costs onto residents. Rockville isn't a credit union, lets stop the branding initiatives.

114797776559 Passing rent stabilization would decrease the city's spending on emergency rental assistance.

114797099041 Take a hard look at our cost/benefit resourcing to Annapolis. Trim the extent to which we subsidize Baltimore City and PG County. "Equity" cuts both ways.

114795171967 Would follow fellow citizens and leaders suggestions.

114794888297 a lottery specific to Rockville

114794504392 Invite bond funded programs for public parks and playgrounds.

114793674204 Eliminate city recreational and focus all of it on building ecovillages instead, Ecovillages is where everyone's effort directly strengthens utility maintenance and input were available and effective, it was needed for keeping our ecosystem and our lifespan. But if you don't know the system's problem, then the system will use it to envy you entirely alive. I will NEVER forgive GOD for allowing parenting to happen without government issued Liscence, from this day on any child that is not born in a LAB will never be a citizen of united States legally and will be donated to foreign countries to solve the emergency food crisis.

114792775474 Painting bike and bus lanes is a waste of money. I'd rather have a safer city with more police.

114792716041 Identify underused programs and consider elimination them.

114792437228 Any program that is considered overhead should be eliminated.

114792021241 Other: Public Private Parterships, bring private sector for key community development programs to release funding to be use in infrastructure programs.

114792008371 I'm unsure what is best since I don't know the amount of money the city needs for the budget.

114791929259 These all just penalize those of us who live here and make it more expensive to live here. Why not incentivize lower and middle-income residents instead of the uber-rich?

114791798818 Increase sales tax

114791534406 I would not object to the property tax increase except that new assessments are up significantly and Moore is looking for money to close big budget gap.

114791387757 I moved here in October and don't have enough information to judge the above.

114791294886 Don't pay for DEI programs. Focus on good services.

114792360904	<p>Before proposing raising taxes on residents, Rockville city leaders need to communicate what programs these dollars support. For instance, it would not make sense to raise taxes on current home owners to support affordable homes for new residents who can choose to live elsewhere. Most Rockville city residents purchased their homes long ago and are on fixed incomes or are middle class so cannot afford additional taxes.</p> <p>If taxed will be increased, all residents should pay those taxes, not just homeowners. Renters and people in government housing should pay the same \$100/year proposed for homeowners to pay.</p>
	<p>Rockville city needs to conduct program evaluations and cut any programs with a low Return on Investment. There need to be solid metrics tied to each program, and programs not meeting those metrics should be cut.</p> <p>Rockville should cut any programs attracting more residents depended on government help. Most middle class people are struggling to stay afloat so should not be burdened funding low income programs that attract more low income people to the area.</p> <p>The only Rockville program deserving of more funding are the police so we have a great presence in neighborhoods to deter juvenile delinquents and petty criminals.</p>
114791275867	<p>I am not in favor of reducing accessibility of City sponsored programs in order to balance the budget. I would support a reasonable increase in property taxes, especially on commercial property.</p>
114791145439	<p>Enforce parking more. Parking on the street in my neighborhood requires a permit, but I often see cars without permits parked during restricted times. There are also many cars parked along Stonestreet Ave where it's metered but obviously don't pay because they haven't moved in weeks.</p>
114791141780	<p>Become business friendly and work to grow the tax base with addition of interesting and desirable businesses. Stop getting in the way of businesses that want to operate in Moco with long waits for permits and other unacceptable hindrances to progress in this area. You can't tax residents endlessly. Just stop. Get creative and figure out ways to enhance the tax base.</p>
114791102480	<p>Multiple approaches to revenue growth can be applied to these initiatives. Debt financing remains at relatively low rates. Program users should bear some of their costs.</p>
114791075141	<p>not an expert in this field. Not clear how these options help. Are we trying to reduce debt? increase city staff?</p>
114791062336	<p>Eliminate planting of spring bulbs(60-65K) a year and all the repeated labor visits to the same planting sites (up to 4 visits per year, including spring bulbs with annuals. Replace this effort with funds to eliminate invasive plants from Rockville.</p>
114791059251	<p>A difficult choice but probably the most fair option</p>
114791054019	<p>I support conducting studies to determine how extensively and widely public programs and resources are being used to identify those that might be cut with the least adverse consequence.</p>
114791032536	<p>Property tax is already too high!!</p>
114791021824	<p>I think the city needs to attract more development and improve downtown Rockville like Pike and Rose. Downtown Rockville is a missed opportunity.</p>
114790987819	<p>What "new priorities" are we trying to accommodate"? Maybe eliminate those. We can't answer the question appropriately without knowing what costs are increasing or being added.</p>

114790993560	Literally just make is legal to build housing. Organic development pays more property tax than car-dependent suburban development, and it addresses the housing crisis too. It's so astoundingly simple. It is how Rockville grew in the first place. Just make is legal to build small apartment buildings attached to each other like all the nicest neighborhoods in the world. Legalize Georgetown-style development by right all throughout the city and you'll generate 100x more property tax FOR FREE. This just requires fixing the laws. Address/remove lot size minimums, parking minimums, lot utilization requirements, too-sprawly FAR requirements, home business/ADU bans, height limits that make no sense, setback requirements, detachment requirements.
114790985158	Large Employers and anyone making more than double the household median income in Montgomery County, MD, should be subject to a higher tax rate than Small Businesses and lower income individuals.
114790979640	I was a board member in a prevalent Rockville group with a budget of about \$2M. Without naming any names, I'll say that I quit volunteering because I saw that there weren't many productive things happening around the groups efforts. Especially for a price tag of \$2M. In short, I think it would be great to use the current political climate as an opportunity to cut programs and budgets without raising as much of an alarm as it did in the 2010's
114790978176	Create a public bank, along the lines of North Dakota's bank, to support public projects.
114790967090	I would have to know the extent of a shortfall to make a completely informed decision-- I also think its prudent to have a reserve to respond to unforeseeable expenses e.g. natural disaster, infrastructure repairs
114790925022	I am not knowledgeable enough to know the consequences of my choice. Especially with the uncertainty of what is happening with the federal work force, you face a challenging issue.
114790910983	We should be willing to pay a bit more for all the benefits we get from Rockville City.
114790903344	Eliminate REDI and other programs that have not demonstrated a benefit to the city. Require developers to provide for essential amenities, eg parks, tree planting,etc programs as part of the cost of development. Quality of life for present and future residents is more important than the profits of developers. Increase incentives for developers to make this possible.
114790890685	Increase taxes on those making more than 500k...leave middle class alone.
114788437804	Eliminate programs that are not well-run nor cost-effective by evaluating them. (I can't specify).
114784112255	Cut Peerless Rockville grant.
114783949021	Schools receive more than adequate support. Trimming down their budgets would allow for savings that could be used for other purposes.
114783862587	I'd nix peerless Rockville they're essential a city funded anti development advocacy org.
114783408764	I support rent stabilization because as a renter, I am concerned about the cost of living in Rockville. If rent increases are not limited per county law, I and many others will be forced to take this into account at the next city election
114783139975	Reevaluate and reduce programs that are not necessary, for example, DEI-related

114782756667	The city should increase its user fees for the new pool. It was already often overcrowded in the summer, mostly with non-Rockville residents. Higher fees might help curb over-utilization.
114781103381	the MANY halfway and/or rehab houses that are all over the city!! we have more than enough!
114780075216	Any amount of taxation on the wealthier citizens should be prioritized over the cutting of programs or reduction in access to recreation/mentorship. An increase of taxes on a \$1million home by \$100 annually is infinitesimal compared to the vast benefits to our community and our youth that the other programs could provide. Deficit spending should also always be on the table in order to provide citizens with the best possible city resources. Redevelopment of vacant parking lots, particularly around Town Center and metro stations, should be a priority to increase taxable revenue. Finally, a possible road diet to the Pike could help achieve greater taxable income by replacing large-lot shopping centers with more walkable and attractive spaces, inviting more spending and more mixed-use development along the Pike.
114778819093	Reducing city staff should be a top priority, and I'm a bit shocked it was not an option. The upper/middle management should be the target as these staff typically cost the most. As a resident I don't feel like I get better benefits from my city than a Montgomery County resident living outside of Rockville. To be clear, I am a life-long Democrat, but the city bloat has to be addressed first. There have to positions in the city government that could handled partially by Montgomery County staff and/or sub-contracted out to part-time staff on an as-needed basis.
114778795894	R.E. taxes are too high. Definitely no increase in taxes.
114778687630	I am a property owner and can shoulder the slight increase in the property tax rate, which is relatively small. It is a more progressive approach to closing the gap. Increasing fees on programs would hit some of our lowest income residents harder, so I would only do that as a last resort.
114778682888	Could you do a progressive phase in? I live in Area 4. I have a lot of economic opportunity. I'd gladly pay more in property tax to support programs for neighbors who have less. But I don't want an increase in tax to hit older/fixed income/lower income neighbors in a way they cannot afford. I also think some people would be willing to trim programs but without a list of what programs there are, it is difficult to comment on priorities.
114778309808	Does the City analyze which programs have the lowest participation rates? Can some programming be consolidated? Are there opportunities for the City to find an independently owned business who provides similar services and promote them (cool way to connect independent businesses to rec and economic development)?
114776527074	Reduce programs that are not being used and government waste first, then and only then consider tax increases and increasing fees for city recreational programs. These are an important outreach for our community.
114776129976	PAY YOUR EMPLOYEES, WE WILL WORK HARDER AND GO ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR THE COMMUNITY!
114775262721	Assessments have skyrocketed so taxes are going up. I want to see programs that work within the existing budget. No tax increases please. Work with what we have an reduce spending to fit the current revenue stream.

114775157091	Our taxes are WAY too high already and property tax just went up again. Conduct an audit of city spending. How much of the police budget went to high tech tools that are expensive and ineffective?
114775051679	Across the board spending cuts. Also; NO MORE TAX INCREASES.
114774714459	Increase in safe bicycle paths.
114774666816	Please carefully evaluate the need for / performance of third party contractors, especially in the squishy areas of "raising awareness," "sustainability," "equity," etc, or wildly speculative "master plans" for the year 2075. Make Town Square attractive to people with money to spend before directing investible funds into meaningless or unattainable buzzword goals.
114774169791	You can generate higher tax revenue if you revitalize the downtown and have enough parking to support visitors for the surrounding area.
114774063101	reduce property tax rate. taxes too high.
114772745729	I would like to prioritize having higher taxes on the wealthy in order to pay for social services. I hope to see this addressed through a variety of tools in this year's budget, including some form of rent stabilization. It is important that we prioritize programs for the city's working families who already face the effects of a high cost of living.
114769994439	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce school lunch programs 2. Reduce rental assistance programs or made tenants pay an increase rental. 3. Enforce house coding and fine when they violate the housing code in group house or building without permit. 4. To increase pedestrian safety by holding people crossing the street against the traffic lights to pay fine.
114767510204	Provide a subsidy for the increase cost of city programs for those who can't afford it.
114767280565	I think the city should find more ways to increase revenue. Volunteer, donation based fundraisers. Or, a city owned business that generates revenue. I think the city is still growing so I wouldn't reduce programs.
114767154167	I think the city should consider whether introducing costs for parking (either on-street, via meters / permits, or in city-owned / controlled garages) could represent a significant revenue stream -- it would go hand-in-hand with sustainability / climate initiatives.
114766886666	Don't know
114766129977	PASS RENT STABILIZATION!!
114765860198	Control rent increase
114764395286	Reduce police budget and number of officers and use that money to hire two city employees to enforce rent stabilization.
114764363098	Bike lanes, pickle ball, skate park have little real value in a technology society.
114763657824	An honest review should be taken of tax incentives given to large corporations who demand them for activities that would have been profitable for them anyway. These demands are made in bad faith, and are a bluff the city should call more often. Much in the same way that stadiums deals demand public funding without returning the promised benefits, the city (and our elected leaders in particular) need to stand up to these demands which only privatize public funds while imperiling services for the broad community.

114763161371	I can't keep paying more and more for services I don't receive when the cost of living here is so high. We need greater fiscal responsibility - look at what you spend on things like landscaping with annuals that just die each year. Stop wasteful spending first!
114762983857	Keeping city services and recreation program, subsidized and as affordable as possible is what seems the most socially just thing to do. Budget can be increase by city debt and tax increase targeting wealthiest home owners.
114762574278	Passing rent stabilization would decrease the city's spending on emergency rental assistance.
114761978407	Please DO NOT increase property taxes in Rockville. They are already the same amount as a mortgage. It is unsustainable to have affordable housing if we can't afford to pay our taxes! Just because people live in single family homes doesn't mean they are rich.
114761174310	Stop spending on socially conscious events/programs that are not widely attended or supported Climate initiatives- Stick to items that have direct impact like recycling and energy efficiency for public buildings. Charge fees to those who use services.
114759880939	Cut waste. Remember during covid when your rental inspectors took combat pay but were not actually doing on site inspections. Cut fraud. How many assistants does every govt office need. Reduce taxes. I have to live within a budget you should too.
114759858823	Seek grants for recreation, education, culture, environment,etc.
114759795095	Rockville has had success with federal and state grant programs in the past. I'd look to expand these efforts as well as searching for non-profit or other organizations to partner with on specific projects. The Twinbrook pedestrian bridge seems like a perfect project for this. The city also has great recreation programs. One option, instead of charging more for programs, would be to try to expand the marketing of such programs. Could we increase revenue by increasing attendance?
114759458566	Increase the efficiency of delivering services to decrease costs of programs
114759042697	"passing rent stabilization would decrease the city's spending on emergency rental assistance."
114752716555	Make it more affordable for seniors to live in the city.
114751920018	If a person can afford the current outrageously priced homes, I can't understand why they should complain about an increase of \$0.01 per \$100. They spend that much each year on Starbucks coffee and other nonessential items.
114749336071	increase property tax without offloading cost to renters
114748885752	Increasing program fees is the least equitable unfortunately.
114744588175	Reduce MPDU Programs and adopt free market rentals and sales of property. They attract criminal elements and criminal visitors. Theoretically a good thing, but I've seen way too much crime and drug traffic in these communities. Have seen this firsthand in connection while performing volunteer services. The recreational fees are very reasonable, and the staff are, as a whole, great. Would not mind a slight increase - maybe five percent - to keep it that way.
114743740435	There may be ways to combine programs for efficiency and reduce labor costs or waste.
114743306360	Bonds for capital investment projects. Recover from use fees.

114740913260	I do not have enough information about existing programs to identify those where the impact of a reduction would be least damaging to the community as a whole.
114739565363	Reduce property tax
114738865736	I don't know enough to make this decision.
114737534358	This is clearly the best idea. Anyone who owns a home that expensive can pay that tiny increase in order to fund a better city for everyone.
114737401353	I want to avoid debt and cuts to programs.
114736987919	Rockville's already losing residents who moved to other states due to higher taxes, and an increased property tax rate will only worsen the situation.
114736426789	Upzone all of Zones 1 & 2 to allow du- & quad-plexes. If people want big historic homes, they can try to afford the West End.
114735484160	Eliminate fireworks from the city budget. There are plenty of fireworks in local jurisdictions and we can replace 4th of July fireworks with other, much lower carbon-emitting activities such as laser light shows with music. Eliminate paving projects where possible as described above and use construction methods to allow pavement to last longer.
114734554822	I'm not qualified to answer this question.
114732667968	While a ~\$100 increase in property tax for a household might be reasonable considering the collective increase in revenue, a much higher tax increase wouldn't be favorable—this method disproportionately affects families who have a mortgage obligation and leaves renters potentially paying less of their usage-based share for city services and benefits.
114732095330	For the increased fees for recreation and membership, this would only make sense if there will be additional benefits provided from the priority accommodation
114730815226	Please avoid or minimize debt.
114729456875	Decrease Parks and Recreation expenditure. They seems to be a very disproportionate part of the City budget.
114729394923	Reduce costs of mowing by putting native plantings along roads. Or allowing community volunteers and homeowners to do more of it.
114728295263	Cut back on mowing and blowing across the city. Particularly this year when NOTHING is growing due to prolonged drought, the city is still paying contractors to mow and blow (literally just blowing dirt around). Just stop! Mow less frequently! Cut the blowers!
114728218367	Property taxes are high enough. Eliminating Town Center subsidies was a great first step - is there more waste like this? Stop wasteful plantings! The constant swapping out of annuals is appalling. Plant natives, and being a program to cleanup city land that is overgrown.
114727886851	increasing taxes or fees in not a solution as we have faced a big inflation affecting the community, and everyone is struggling the day to day as salaries are not increasing equally.
114727487804	Not sure
114727395704	i am a property owner - higher tax worth it to keep recreation affordable for all

114727381477	What about better law and tax collection enforcement? If five families live in a single family home, shouldn't they pay higher taxes? More noise, more traffic congestion, more garbage. Over the last year there were multiple popup sellers of fruit and toys along Viers Mill corridor. Foos safety anyone? Are we allowing illegal sellers now? I would be curious to see programs the city has. Maybe a follow up survey with details about each program and potential savings?
114727378869	Reduce the excessive barriers to home improvement and building in the City of Rockville. Upgraded homes fetch higher prices and increase value, which naturally increases the tax base.
114727210830	I'm not sure of all the programs that the city offers, but I suggest to reevaluate the effectiveness and cost of the most expensive ones. Also, to save money, can we repurpose the metro tunnel instead of building a new pedestrian bridge? Discuss with WMATA to install a gate near the fare machines to keep the metro secure when the metro is closed. Maybe add some art and extra lighting to make it fun and secure. The bridge will be expensive and we already have a tunnel to take Twinbrook residents to Rockville Pike, so I don't see the need for a new bridge.
114727207270	The fee for unoccupied apartment buildings should be higher to ensure more people get affordable housing, and the fees help fund resources. Also, apartment complexes should pay a certain percentage of profit to city or be required to give back somehow.
114727198577	Reduce money that goes to affordable housing and climate budget. That is something the state and federal government should do. Increasing property tax rate is okay if that money is being spent on improving the city and thus improving quality of life and real estate value.
114727146850	Look for programs that have limited participation and consider eliminating them.
114727089922	Mayor and council should take pay cuts. How much does the city manager make? Any DEI programs should be limited and significantly reduced. Why not consider supporting jobs and good companies coming here. We always focus on ways to expand monetary intake and grow government. This is not a viable option. This town is wealthy, and should really consider cutting programs. Not growing.
114726668458	Increasing fees for users of city programs seems fair. Expenses have gone up everywhere so this should not surprise people. I would pay more to go to the Rockville pool if it were not so crowded so maybe higher fees will help minimize overutilization. Sometimes it's hard to find a chair on summer days.
114726371963	I own a single family home and I support higher property taxes to create a more sustainable and just community.
114725007239	As a new member of the city, I'm not aware of existing programs, but increasing taxes or taking on more debt are both unsustainable options. If there isn't room in the budget for new things then don't do them.
114725006765	Increased fees for contractor licensing, inspections, etc
114723970543	Reduce parking enforcement and eliminate the speed camera budget
114723820739	I cannot answer that.
114723542462	Community mediation
114722874675	Strengthen and ENFORCE requirements for developers to contribute to infrastructure and green space. And stop granting exemptions that undermine tree and green space requirements, which works against encouraging pedestrians and building climate resilience.

114722767837	Require non-Rockville residence to pay higher fees for Rockville sponsored programs.
114722037134	Eliminate debt and reduce taxes
114721729186	No comment
114721644307	No increase in taxes or lessen.
114721030386	Eliminate City funded events to "get people downtown." People will come downtown only if you make it a destination, by having an attraction people want to be part of.
114720881456	I don't live in Rockville so I will leave this to residents.
114720789136	Underperforming or underutilized programs should be reviewed and revamped for savings
114720561971	Eliminate the grant to Peerless Rockville. After 50 years, it should be self-sustaining.
114720510657	I am too uninformed to comment.
114720502501	Not on my radar and don't know enough to give an opinion
114720366991	Reduce waste: city buildings often keep lights on all night, even buildings that are not in use - turn them off! Encourage City staff to shut off engines when not in use - I see code enforcement and maintenance staff sitting in their trucks, often for hours, with engines idling, even when it's nice out. Install solar panels. Yes, they cost \$ upfront, but in the long run they will save the City \$ with reduced electrical bills.
114720260276	I think it would be a good idea to reduce or eliminate some programs and not increase the taxes. The yearly taxes are high enough and people are moving out of this area as a result of the higher taxes. If you reduce and/or eliminate some programs you can keep the taxes even or lower.
114720215797	I think there are programs, like having a city, that do not help Rockville residents at all. All programs should benefit Rockville residents.
114720171414	Work and efforts from every citizen should be encouraged to reduce waste, properly use resources and share good sense actions.
114720148483	Debt sounds expensive
114720114688	I don't know!
114720099494	Add hotel tax for example to be directed specifically toward park and green/sustainability and environmental projects. Add fee-based electric charging spots for example -- perhaps a private-public partnership at major shopping areas?
114720098785	Eliminate planting and watering of annuals, put a hold on new paving projects as many roads get repaved when they remain in good condition, reduce salting of side-streets, reduce the collection of household waste and yard debris from weekly to 2x a month.
114720084417	Prices for swim classes could be increased - it's amazing how accessible and affordable they are but then they're impossible to get because they're so popular
114720063032	Keep quality of life high priority Okay to adjust budget to afford what is essential to people
114720009933	Fewer new sidewalks! In many cases grinding to level is all that is needed. And limit new sidewalks - these create a huge amount of runoff increasing flooding.
114719086233	I would like to know how much REDI does for the city given their budget including salaries that the city gives a grant to.

114718676519	Growth in Town Centet
114717189833	reduce the bike path project. no one uses it and it creates more traffic
114716660240	Stop road modifications for bike riders. Waste of money, disruptive to the majority of commuters and residents.
114716639334	Cut waste and abuse.
114716603980	Increase property tax on wealthy people by a few M and share this money with needy people...
114716602297	Plenty of people in our neighborhood use the street to park their cars. Investigating into paid street parking in the city limit could increase revenue and reduce cars clogging our streets.crabb ave is 2 way but there is only ever room for one way traffic. Alternatively raising tax on empty commercial and or residential real estate.
114716570708	Any program that doesn't put excellence the top priority
114713682208	Specifically, property taxes should be raised on those with higher incomes who can afford to shoulder the burden. Don't make people on the bubble have to choose between paying higher taxes or eating.
114712663238	Property taxes are already far too high.
114711223341	No more property tax hikes between the county and the city, water, sewer, trash, condo fees, we are groaning under increased fees and taxes for years.
114710853695	Increase fees for permits and licenses. Every little bit helps.
114706495085	Income tax would also be okay.
114705930713	NO NEW TAXES
114705867623	Eliminate and/or reduce affordable housing initiatives so that existing MPDU apartments can transition to market rates, and we fill those residences with residents who will pay their share of taxes and revenue for local housing units and businesses.
114705597487	Are there programs that are not being utilized by the community? If so, could those be eliminated to reduce costs?
114702952703	Parks and areas with no humans feature high levels of illumination. Reduce the power bill by putting night lights on electric sensors and timers. Lower night lighting levels overall.
114702482081	The money should come from the county and state and stop already with the increased whatever on the community members.
114702455309	I advised city governments on finance. This is a false choice. Residences do not need to chose one. A hybrid approach of issuing debt and raise either fees or taxes should be considered.
114702181419	Recreation programs should continue to allow reduced cost or free to those with financial difficulties, especially programs for children
114702125692	The recreation fees currently are very reasonable, which I love, but I wouldn't notice a 10% increase. However, please factor in people who do rely on the low fees, I saw you offer free or discounted fees for lower income residents which is great and would want to make sure they are not affected by this. I am very happy to see that these programs are provided at low cost to people who can't afford the fees so that everyone may participate.
114701546576	See number 6
114701226529	i think it is good
114701169720	The unnecessary programs that don't benefit all but a small group of residents
114700979495	Please keep the programs.
114700954954	I'm willing to pay more tax to benefit all. That's my #1 choice

114700939861	whichever are also accessible through MoCo
114700722196	Eliminate all of those 5 things above noted as priorities. Please focus on bettering the buildings our kids go to school in. Also safety is key, thank you to the police, firefighters and emergency services. Rockville should focus on this more.
114700577872	Do we need our own police department when the county already has a police force?
114700528101	Increase tax base through aggressive redevelopment of empty office buildings into housing, hotel, and mixed use.
114700525545	Would need to see a comprehensive list of programs and utilization and /or impact report to be able to recommend which programs might be appropriate to sunset in order to make financial and resource room for new initiatives.
114700482935	Reduce initiatives above such as pedestrian bridge and acquiring additional parkland let's improve/update what we already have in place before acquiring new land and projects!
114700447598	get rid of the pedestrian/bicycle program: have you looked at how many (or rather how few!) people actually use that?
114700447638	The city should examine ALL duplicate programs with the county and eliminate them. There are way too many duplicate programs and residents pay for both.
114700447534	Stop subsidizing Peerless Rockville; grow the tax base by allowing more housing to be built by upzoning
114700445501	Annex Shady Grove metro station
114700439367	Offer discounted lesson rates if people become members of recreational programs. Would increase revenue from memberships and program participation (ie. 10% discount if swim lessons if people join the Rockville swim and fitness club for entire year)
114700172106	Please no real estate property tax increase!
114698999691	Allow more housing development with lowered parking requirements and loosened restrictions on height, but only with higher fees on developers and more requirements for affordable housing and sustainability.
114694142578	Eliminate flex ride on and reduce decoration plant budget.
114693315971	Recreation programs and senior programming could charge a tad more. Especially Fitness Center at the senior center. \$95 a year is very low, not even a dollar month.
114692810836	Potentially increase business taxes for companies valued over certain threshold. Or consider ways for businesses to reinvest locally in the community.
114692434653	The city needs more housing both high income and affordable.
114691812190	Having speeding cameras and red light cameras in busy roads and streets areas and at school zones too and issue tickets. I don't want pay high taxes.
114691658232	I believe that taxes should not increase, especially during this time of recession. It would be better to reduce/eliminate certain programs. This can include development projects, since there is enough economic support from businesses. Another possibility is to raise income taxes in richer neighborhoods, like Potomic or Kingfarm. Adding red light cameras to every intersection, full red phases, and no turn on red sign/signals will generate revenue while keeping pedestrians safe.
114690888785	See initiatives ranked 3, 4, and 5, in question 2.

114690404145	Recover funding back that we gave to Dawson Market. We should not be giving money to private entities. We should also have an efficiency board and slash all government positions that are not a net gain for the city.
114690280972	If raising property tax will increase rent for folks in apartments, then I would choose the increase in recreation programs instead.
114690121084	Hold events or other fundraisers to support existing programs. For example, a small admission fee could be added for Hometown Holidays or local restaurants and businesses could donate gift certificates for a raffle.
114690105148	stop the programs that are designed to offer more affordable housing! The primary goal should be to RAISE THE TAX BASE! New development should ALWAYS favor higher home value
114690069586	City should seek to be more supportive of lower income people, especially immigrants.
114689849164	Can we end the tax breaks given to country clubs- that would bring in much more money!! Don't know why the richest get a tax break anyway. According to the National Golf Foundation, 25.6 million people played on a golf course last year. That's less than 8 percent of the country's population and is fewer than half the number of people who bowl annually. In fact, it's only about 20 percent of the people who play miniature golf each year. Although about 6 million people under 35 visited courses last year, golf is mostly played by just who you imagine: Older, well-to-do men and some women looking to spend a sunny afternoon in beautiful surroundings, cut a few business deals, and get a little exercise (800-1,300 calories burned per round). The average American golfer is 54 and earns substantially more than the average income of most Americans. https://marylandmatters.org/2021/03/09/delegate-seeks-to-eliminate-property-tax-breaks-for-country-clubs/
114689840837	Increase payment for garbage collectors, especially the garbage collectors who have to empty the black plastic barrels containing water and dozens and dozens of bagged dog feces.
114689772436	Simplify the process and significantly reduce cycle time for permits, inspections, and related activities for new businesses, enabling shorter time to open new businesses. Offer a significantly accelerated path to occupancy for developers and builders who significantly exceed baseline green building standards.
114689769071	State and federal grants
114689720070	No increase on property tax! You are driving the middle class out!!!
114689485496	I don't know how the city budget works and if it's possible to get state and federal grants to cover certain program costs. These choices seem bleak. Is that it?
114689416176	Please manage current levels of spending better.
114689411724	Thanks
114689398844	Cut programs and budgets on DEI and restorative justice. DEI is racist and discriminatory.
114689387605	Install solar panels to offset energy costs moving forward
114689381249	I think non-resident fees should be increased. Also for programming the fees for non residents should be increased (such as swim lessons etc). Take a look at low/ non participation programs and reduce. Then last step increase debt.
114689374586	Spending needs to focus on core services. Residents cannot continue to be increasingly taxed on pet and ideological projects.
114689342530	Reduce taxes - everyone is struggling so please stop increasing real estate taxes. Hire more cops! We need to feel safe.

114689375344	I have lived here 22 years (homeowner with a mortgage). The cost of living is increasing more rapidly than my ability to make up for it. Any increase in taxes is not able to be borne by many of us. Sounds nice, but no. We can't. I like living here and always envisioned living my entire life here.... I am not quite retirement age but within kissing distance. I want to be able to live here as long as I am physically able.... I don't want to be taxed out of my home! I hate to see ANY increases. Sad to say, I'd rather cut some programs or cut back on some of the nice things like beautiful landscaping... go more minimal (but still keep it up). Green initiatives, while important and nice.... should take a back seat to helping existing residents stay in the community. Many of us are struggling who never did before. Now is not a time to expand or take on more debt. It is a time to tighten belts, stick to what is most important: community safety, maintaining existing infrastructure, finding inexpensive ways to do what we previously spent more liberally on. Hopefully the economy turns around and we can increase spending in the future. Now is not the time. Yes, I know that there are some residents who are making decent salaries who can still afford to live high on the Maslow Hierarchy, but that is not true of many..... let's hope for better days in the future.
114689338895	increasing fees for those of us outside of city limits makes sense although I know I already choose not to use the Rockville pool for instance because of the cost
114689325040	Eliminate virtue signaling programs (tree city, bike city, etc)
114689320661	How about a 1% reduction in all areas so we can give homeowners a break. With insurance costs, taxes, and water/sewer costs skyrocketing, people cannot afford to live in their homes. You will start seeing foreclosures if nothing is done. Please cut costs so we can give homeowners a tax cut.
114689316595	Police Department
114689305365	For starters, discard ridiculous plans for amphitheater at Redgate. It is unnecessary and unwanted and would spend valuable funds on a frivolous venue not easily accessible by public transportation.
114689295204	Speed cameras and road enforcement. Increase income tax in the high tax brackets.
114689293341	Increase taxes/fees on developers.
114689292143	New senior housing!!
114687733826	Please reduce the number of city staff.
114687309246	I would rather see property tax and utility price hikes before reductions to any programs
114683321757	You could probably sell a few large parcels within Redgate for development for a few million plus additional tax revenue.
114680620856	It's amazing, bordering on unbelievable, that it would only take an increase of \$100 on the taxes of a \$1M home to generate \$1.6M in revenue for the city.
114679684073	Increasing property taxes is the only one of the above options that makes sense. Increasing program/membership fees would place the burden on the most vulnerable populations, while increasing property taxes equitably spreads the financial responsibility of living in such a fantastic city.

Respondent ID Rockville's greatest resource is you! Please share any innovative ideas you want the city to consider:

114805758900	Add sidewalks to streets that need them the most.
114805111027	I'd love if Rockville Pike was easier to drive through or walk around, there are many wonderful stores that are pretty hard to get to. We have some defunct malls, I hope we have some plans for them that help the community.
114799702243	RedGate Park is a very unique part of Rockville's semi-urban landscape. Please give priority to preserving the natural areas.
114797776559	I support rent stabilization because I am concerned about my family's ability to live in Rockville, and we can do better than simply asking for "gold stars" for rental spaces.
114797099041	Become intolerant of litter and graffiti. No outside entity invests in anything that tolerates these. MoCo and MD in general has become way too tolerant of same over past 3 decades; it shows. It's not a good look. It holds us back. It doesn't need to; it's self-inflicted by selfish, aberrant people.
114794504392	Implement green energy programs and energy saving programs for government buildings.
114793674204	I plan to start a nonprofit that sell shares of ecovillages house by size to fund building plastic bricks inside sealed containers by a robot, after that a website that give you biochemical supplements to prevent toxins by putting a cell sample online. It was ecovillages and toxic biochem prevention, where both can start by making birth control products by testing the human egg with chemicals and make birth control products. Ecovillages are only build for stabilize America's homeless population for making products above. I am working on the steps, Gmail toxicbiochemprevention@gmail.com for more step by step insight
114793586003	I'm sending some ideas in a separate email to mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov
114792464379	An innovation the City is already doing is the planting of trees at Red Gate. Find ways to expand this tree planting elsewhere in the City is one suggest.
114792437228	Plant more trees, increase more green areas, do not cut down or level green areas to build a concrete jungle. Give respect to the environment and preserve it and respect nature and understand that we must cut emission and decrease the destruction that climate change is causing. Have educational program in schools and in the county to educate people about climate change and what they can do to slow it down.
114792414760	Save money by planting native perenials in medians, rather than planting annuals and non-native plants.
114792360904	Rockville's greatest resource are is ots Patks and Recreation programming. Parks like Redgate Park and the many neighborhood parks and playgrounds provide affordable ways for families to enjoy themselves and connect with others. They also support healthy living. The affordable recreational programming helps children and families to stay healthy and strong mentally and physically.
114792021241	Public Priva Partneships, bring private sector co-funding for key community development, community safety programs, releasing funding to invest in infrastructure and other key programs.

114791953565 See #3 above about building a place to cross Rockville Pike in the Twinbrook area.

114791929259 Increase public garbage cans on major roads. Stop allowing mega-mansions and huge apartment buildings in older neighborhoods. Promote small house ownership, not apartment renting. Help low income families in small houses increase energy efficiency. Help low income families afford their small houses by NOT increasing property taxes and by NOT ruining their neighborhoods with expensive apartments and triplexes with high rent and temporary high income residences who don't have a stake in the neighborhood.

The city should place limits on how long commercial entities can own vacant residential properties and should place taxes on those who hold them for too long.

114791914723 The city should also prioritize making wildlife corridors a community and residential project as highlighted in this article: <https://marylandmatters.org/2023/03/20/building-a-maryland-wildlife-corridor-by-the-yard/>

114791881645 More Outdoor concerts, farmer markets, craft fairs, etc. (family events) at Red Gate and other areas of the city which will bring more revenue.

114791798818 Would love to see the Rockville Farmers Market relocated to Red Gate Park where residents can shop the farmers market and enjoy the trails or nature at the park and be more of a community gathering point that just in a parking lot.

114791792871 Can't think of anything else. Thank you

114791756660 Please explore socialized housing & city owned grocery stores. Removing the profit motive from housing and food will make Rockville a much safer place to live.

114791534406 City is doing a good job. Living here 41 years.

114791387757 I live in the Preserve at Tower Oaks. I would like to have more trees planted, and for it to be more walkable.

114791307607 Safe public transportation

114791306769 All the ethnic eateries and food shops, education, arts & entertainment. The many communities coming together in vibrant, shared settings. Outdoor activities for all ages.

114791294886 Keep taxes down.

114791278670 Red Park is a city treasure, and should be promoted for health recreation and environment education

114791206963 It's time to fix Town Center. The empty large anchor restaurant spaces should be reimagined, with an eye towards public space. Perhaps a concert hall or other public performance space could occupy one.

114791177628 Please consider regulations / uniformity in the appearance of buildings on Rockville Pike. The Pike has some extremely unattractive (new) buildings that do not fit the aesthetic style of other buildings on the Pike.

114791155166	Institute a significant two-tiered residential property tax. Residential property that is a verifiable primary home residence and long-term rental properties would be taxed at a lower rate. Second homes, investment properties, and short term rental properties would be taxed at a substantially higher rate.
114791145439	Consider charging for parking for Hometown Holidays, something small like \$5
114791102480	Thank you for your continued stewardship that supports quality of life for area residents.
114791075141	Continue to support the Village concept and add more art to our cultural landscapes.
114791062336	Restrict housing development to a point at which well-paying jobs are available in or around the city. In 30 years of employment, my shortest trip (car only option) was 15 miles;my longest was 44 miles (each way, twice a day)
114791059251	Embrace free / decentralized social media like Mastodon and Pixelfed as equal to Twitter / Bluesky / Instagram to make it easier to connect to the city (and less reliant on corporate-control of communication.) See for example the Mayor of Boston is on https://mastodon.boston/ . A good home for Rockville could be https://dmv.community/ , and you could always move to another server and keep your followers if you someday prefer a different choice.
114791033352	The City has world class recreation activities which should be kept. The facilities and maintenance are also exceptional and should be maintained.
114791032536	Redgate should be reconsidered to be planned like Laytonia Park. There are not enough playing fields - especially 60/90 baseball fields since Montgomery College's baseball field was removed.
114790993560	Literally just make is legal to build housing. Organic development pays more property tax than car-dependent suburban development, and it addresses the housing crisis too. It's so astoundingly simple. It is how Rockville grew in the first place. Just make is legal to build small apartment buildings attached to each other like all the nicest neighborhoods in the world. Legalize Georgetown-style development by right all throughout the city and you'll generate 100x more property tax FOR FREE. This just requires fixing the laws. Address/remove lot size minimums, parking minimums, lot utilization requirements, too-sprawly FAR requirements, home business/ADU bans, height limits that make no sense, setback requirements, detachment requirements.
114790987819	Why are there donut holes in the map of Rockville (included in this survey above)? Maybe close those.
114790986355	Many of us who heavily interact with the City of Rockville but reside outside of its limits are sometimes unable to access its services. For example, if we live right near a City of Rockville dog park, we're greeted by a sign that says the dog park is only open to city residents. We are unable to get our dog licensed by the city based on our address, but we're subject to a heavy fine if we try to use the dog park. Either let dog parks be open to all, or let anyone pay a modest fee for annual use, or make a donation to support the maintenance of the park. Thanks.

114790985158	Create non-tax cutting incentives for large employers and high earning individuals to contribute to the building and maintenance of quality the residential communities. Such as, employee residential rental discounts to incentivize those who work in Rockville, to also live in Rockville. "Live, work, play". Another idea is to incentivize small, local businesses (such as restaurants, markets) over franchises and chain stores.
114790979640	I think Rockville is great. I hope overtime that the Pike can be modernized, but it seems that it is happening little by little every year. One thing I've thought is that one great big park on the Pike somewhere south of Town Center but North of twinbrook would be great. BF Saul's development has a little park on the north side of the development that i really like. That is what inspired the thought
114790977405	Periodic family campouts at Redgate Park !!
114790978176	As mentioned in #5, create a public bank at the city, county, and state levels.
114790967090	I think tax credits should be applied judiciously to both residential and business customers regarding green space (e.g. hardscape landscaping, tree canopy, green rooftops) to combat climate change
114790939885	Partner with private developers to turn some of the empty office buldings into affordable housing (like the old FDA building on Fisher Lane)
114790934787	Connect Redgate to adjacent parks thereby providing ways to access parks on bike that don't require cycling on Route 28 which has no bike lanes.
114790925022	I love Rockville. It is a save and peaceful place to live. And while there can always be more, I appreciate the attempt to make the city visually appealing thru planting trees, flowers, etc. throughout the city where possible. It makes a huge difference.
114790924662	Cross Walk Flashing Lights on Veirs Mill where many RM High Schoolers cross in the morning
114790920999	Clean up all the roadside trash!
114790908643	I am a senior citizen so please think about us
114790903344	Trees, trees and more trees. Everyone in City government- elected and staff- should read 'The Hidden Life of Trees' by Peter Wohlleben. It's time for people to really begin to grasp how interconnected and essential trees are to the well being of humans and life in general.
114790903293	PLEASE put an 18 hole DISC GOLF COURSE in Redgate Park.
114790900877	Needs to be safe (crime) and pedestrian-friendly. Crime is a huge problem and concern.
114790899832	Convert any unused buildings and damaged lands in usable parking space. Convert open fields and unused farm space to parks.
114785797468	Please include a cost-of-living adjustment for city retirees.

114784112255 The city should discontinue its reliance on DEI-based policymaking and eliminate the DEI position. Clearly the culture is turned off by the relentless emphasis in all spheres on identities and "communities" variously oppressed or marginalized. Empty overtures like "Latinx" repel even the populations who are supposed to be made to feel included. The City of Rockville recently sent a needs assessment survey that had more than a half dozen options for gender. Two spirits? Too much. Backlash to this cultural haughtiness has now produced a national election result truly detrimental to the progressive ideals to which Rockville aspires. Mayor and Council should definitely strive to improve the condition of all its residents, especially those who need government the most, but without an overreliance on DEI principles that exalt group identity.

114783862587 Pursuing high density residential development in the town center should be a key goal. Als land use in East Rockville should be changed. Auto centric detached singel family homes aren't the best use for that area.

114783462070 Not terribly innovative, but I would really like protected bike lanes through my area.

114783408764 I support rent stabilization because as a renter, I am concerned about the cost of living in Rockville. If rent increases are not limited per county law, I and many others will be forced to take this into account at the next city election

114783368308 Enhance traffic enforcement to provide a safer walking experience for pedestrians.

114782870533 Stop milling and paving so much!

114782756667 Eliminate the grant to Peerless Rockville. It is a member organization that should be self-sustaining. If the city needs to pay for contract research services to support preservation planning, let Peerless bid on that. A grant is inappropriate for an advocacy group.

114781103381 If the town center can't find companies to fill all those vacant spaces (that have been empty for years), please think outside of the box to utilize them somehow, what a waste of space and potential good for (whatever).

114780726611 Rockville is such a great place to live and raise a family, but it could be even better if the City focused on interconnections and moving away from being a car-based suburban area.

Community gardens that are run by volunteers and provide vegetables for lower income families or for educational purposes for children and adults in each section of the city. Giving our youth fun activities while learning how to grow plants/food.

114780382524 Twinbrook Metro station only has 1 escalator to get to the platform, it would benefit from having another one to get down for individuals who have walking disabilities.

Green roof spaces would reduce energy usage and give the city of Rockville a lead in net zero goals for the future.

114780075216	<p>Please shut down and retrofit any and all intersections with slip lanes (continuous right turn lanes at stop signs). These are highly dangerous for drivers AND for pedestrians, and offer only a means for the fastest possible through-way for cars. There is no reason for a real city in 2025 to maintain such dangerous infrastructure, PARTICULARLY NEAR SCHOOLS. Indeed, Town Center is awash in these awful slip lanes, and the slip lane near Julius West Middle School and at the intersection of Maryland and Fleet Street are particularly egregious for the mixing of minor pedestrians with high-speed car traffic. These should be immediately done away with via planters (see: Gibbs St in Town Center) before fully repaving the intersections in the future.</p>
114778819093	<p>We need to re-imagine transportation in the city and move from having a solely car-centric city to instead facilitate realistic bike- and walk-friendly options. The additions of some bike lanes downtown was a great start but paltry in comparison to what is needed. For example there should be direct and safe biking/walking paths from every neighborhood to downtown, and interconnecting every neighborhood. From my neighborhood in King Farm, it takes 20 minutes and a 4 mile-maze to bike downtown, whereas the direct route via car is 2 miles. And it's impossible to bike to Twinbrook from King Farm safely. This is unacceptable. I understand that adding safe bike lanes may come at the expense of narrowing roadways and removing parking, but many cities have shown that once cars are removed and people realistically feel safe to bike and walk (especially with the emergence of e-bikes), then they choose that option en masse.</p>
114778682888	<p>Perhaps consider less frequent yard waste collection? Would it be a savings to collect every other week rather than every week? We are lucky to have it at all, people might not feel like they were losing much. another option: increase parking fees/decrease the number of hours until paid parking kicks in at rockville town center.</p>
114778309808	<p>Let's embrace the Montgomery College campus and create a college-campus feeling by redeveloping the underutilized parking adjacent to the campus into a walkable extension to the campus with a park, some retail, and housing.</p> <p>A marketing initiative - inventory Rockville's parks and cultural resources and identify any that could be candidates for investment to use as public venues, conference and event spaces, etc that aren't already in use. Invest in infrastructure as needed and then charge rental and usage fees.</p>
114776805326	<p>I recommend working with Capital Bikeshare to install additional stations along the newly added bike lanes to benefit places of interest such as the post office, the recreation center, and maryvale park.</p>
114776129976	<p>Well.....PAY YOUR EMPLOYEES! PASS THE COMP AND CLASS....MOVE EVERYONE UO WITHIN THEIR CURRENT SCALE....PEOPLE ARE LEAVING BECAUSE THERE ARE BETTER JOBS OUT THAT PAY MORE MONEY (Starting....and top end)</p>
114775262721	<p>Keep costs low. We should not increase taxes to support optional programs. Maintenance of current infrastructure should be key and other priorities limited to current revenue.</p>
114775157091	<p>Read Richard Florida's books "who's your city" and "bowling alone." Make it easier for residents to engage in meaningful service projects!</p>

114775141019	Rockville public transit should be free to low income people,
114775051679	My innovative idea is to reduce the footprint of the government in Rockville's daily life.
114774666816	I much preferred Hometown Holidays downtown rather than at RedGate. Anything that can be done to entice people to Town Square is worth doing, and RedGate is such a treasure for reasons having nothing to do with food trucks and live music. And I hope you're thinking ahead about the parking situation at what will be a Trader Joe's. It was bad enough in the Dawson's days.
114774169791	Revitalize the downtown and create a parking structure to support the amount of visitors that would patron the businesses. Otherwise everyone will go to Pike and Rose instead.
114774063101	reduce property taxes.
114774044302	Provide recreational and educational programs at Redgate park helping to build resilience, collaboration, and community in our diverse area.
114772745729	Please consider rent stabilization and greater corporate accountability as tools that must be utilized. Also, please take racial equity and social justice initiatives more important. This needs to be a priority of all decisions made by the Mayor and Council. Thank you.
114771148369	Please implement rent control...Montgomery county has rent control laws so we should too!
114770387642	Not sure but thanks for this survey and all your work!
114769994439	Enforce the existence law in traffic, parking, housing. Create an atmosphere for people to volunteer in school or government.
114769121601	Bajar las rentas de inquilinato a los arrendatarios
114767510204	It's vital to preserve open and undeveloped green space.
114767280565	There are many homeless people in town. Could more be done to help them find a next place? Many are released from the courts and wander Rockville streets. I talk to many of them and sometimes not much can be done, but some of them don't know how to get a job or directions to the metro which seems basic.
114766617742	Although I have no children in MCPS, I believe that it is in the best interest that MCPS put its resources in obtaining teachers and staff. At the same time, there should be more assistance that is affordable for baby boomers. Our best investment is our people.
114766577713	education on how to alleviate climate change
114766544493	Please work on affordable housing and fix the parking situation in rockville town center.
114766502291	Would be great if city could offer food recycling at homes that wish to participate rather than the current two drop off locations.

114766129977	PASS RENT STABILIZATION. PLEASE STOP CONTINUALLY WHITE WASHING THE CITY OF ROCKVILLE AND MAKING IT ONLY FOR THE ELITE. ROCKVILLE IS RACIST AND BIASED.
114765860198	Affordable apartments and houses
114764577731	more safety-less crime, more help for seniors.
114764487894	I live in Twinbrook, help Twinbrook! Keep making our communities safe! Widen the roads in Twinbrook, they are too small.
114764363098	Promote Rockville as the most important city in Montgomery County. We are the "capital" of Montgomery County.
114763708502	More bus lanes! More bike lanes!
114763161371	Walk in our shoes. Take public transportation. Look at sidewalks and intersections where people's landscaping grows into public pathways and reduces visibility for traffic at corners. Consider becoming a dark sky city. Thank you!
114762983857	<p>Spending a large budget on non priority project such as the senior center parking connection to gude dr. Seems like a poor strategy of budget allocation.</p> <p>In the other hand, the filling points should be a focus on future budget spending:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing services to low and middle income household (housing support, affordable children's care and recreation programs, school support, at home senior support), • increasing recreation capacity for children (some programs offered are constantly full and are in high demand, eg. Swimming and summer camps), • improving schools meals quality • increasing, promoting use/installation of renewable energy equipment for public and private building.
114762574278	I work and rent in Rockville. I think it's anti-democratic to run a city at the direction of a few powerful landlords who are willing to invest heavily in anti-rent stabilization policy for their own gain, instead of hearing the voice of renters all over the city who demand rent stabilization as a necessary step for a dignified, safe, and economically viable place to live.
114761174310	Rockville should prioritize its residents by implementing practical solutions. This is not meant to be a political statement but Rockville should not be a sanctuary city. It is overburdening schools and services. Love the diversity in Rockville but we have to have limits.
114759880939	Cut spending.
114759858823	Add botanical/agricultural , fine art, music, educational, seasonal events or ongoing to the farmstead.
114759551020	I love the composting drop off option and have been using is. But I would really love to see composting pickup offered by the city to encourage people to reduce their organic waste and use it toward nurturing plants. I think that is one indicator of a truly great-place-to-live type city that prioritizes reducing waste

114759484912	more affordable exercise for disabled and elderly
114759042697	pass rent stabilization
114758919559	Replace the James Pontius Unity Bridge and develop Lincoln Park community.
114752716555	More free parking in town center would bring more people to shop there.
114752643626	Improve the walkability to Shady Grove Metro, especially from the west. The I'll-maintained and narrow sidewalks and the lack of easy pedestrian passage through the parking lot discouraged use of Metro
114748906669	I have witnessed A LOT of unneeded landscaping in my area, paths that don't need repaving, grass that doesn't need cutting (sometimes there is no grass to cut), needless removal of mature flowering trees and shrubs. As far as I know, the city never asks for the opinions of my neighbors before trees are cut down. Money for these things could be spent in other areas like deer control which is a MAJOR problem in the Hungerford area.
114748885752	Not a budget thing but maybe consider allowing 2 dwelling units by right citywide? I don't live in Rockville but I grew up here and even having a masters degree and making 70k I don't feel my own hometown is affordable to me. Something has to give.
114748884433	Ineffective/non-productive employees retained in all areas. Blue collar employees not able to report ineffective employees due to retaliation. Perhaps oversight by one or two levels up - rid of ineffective employees and those retained due to favoritism.
114746503241	Improve water infrastructure and systems to improve long term cost and decrease to consumer (monthly water bill decrease)
114746257281	Adding turn light or making it no turn intersection on redland rd and Frederick rd
114744654283	Move the nature center to RedGate Park and incorporate programs as the park develops.
114744593155	Keeping part of restate as a 9 hole golf course with an all grass putt putt course and getting innovative with the rest of the land. Possibly a concert shell with a restaurant or brewery on site. So many other municipalities have innovatively repurposed city owned golf courses all over the country. It would be nice to explore some options that have worked successfully in other cities.
114744588175	Increase police presence and pursue low level criminals when possible. Lived in NY when the increase of low level crime enforcement helped reduce and deter more serious criminal activity since it was often perpetuated by many of the same people. Was affiliated with NYPD and FDNY when living there.
114743740435	Do not rely on regressive policies only.
114743731288	This document is hard to read because of the blue font. Please consider making it easier. Thanks

114743306360	As proposed by a citizens task force years ago, make access to Rockville city center attractive by providing rapid last mile transit services - connect from Metro station and bus stops on trunk lines, using automated vehicles - ensuring safety through a combination of dedicated lanes, priority at traffic lights, etc.
114742603360	Maintain focus on diversity, community and natural areas. Strong community supporting schools, smart planning (public transport and climate focus) and accessible parks
114737534358	Rent stabilization please
114737528563	I think the city should prioritize rent stabilization. The people who are unable to afford rent increases will leave the city, decreasing the amount of tax payers in the region and lowering revenue.
114737506224	Stabilize rent in Rockville. My neighbors in my apartment complex were forced to move because their rent jumped 50% when they tried to renew their lease, and this was perfectly legal and fine for the renting company to do. Please keep this from happening to Rockville renters.
114737401353	Talk to state about improving traffic flow on 355 through Gude Dr intersection. Terrible jam at rush hours.
114736987919	Have you thought about ways to save money?
114736123018	I would love to see city property showcase native plants, including eliminating as much lawn as possible. People plant what they see in their neighbours yards, so normalizing native plants is key to widespread adoption (in addition to the benefits of native plants in their own right). 2. Use perennials for the horticultural plantings on the meridians so that they don't have to get replaced three times a season. Even just use a meridian as a trial.
114736088196	Any housing-economic-business-school integrated plan where you can live near your work - no need for cars.
114736087815	Mental health mobile crisis unit and outreach expansion, welcoming immigrants by supporting them in the difficult years ahead w resources, legal support, and ensuring rockville is a welcome safe place
114735560976	Aggressively pursue mixed use development, walkable areas, and denser housing
114735484160	Maximize telework for city employees to save money on unneeded office space and improve employee moral, work-life balance, and productivity. Support state initiatives to protect our environment, including protecting rare, threatened, and endangered species, non-native invasive species control measures, and banning sale of more NNI plants, since we aren't likely to get support for any environmental protection measures in the next administration and that administration seems to support states' power.
114733178791	We do not have any type of theater that compares with Round House, Olney has Black Rock, Kentlands has the Arts Barn. Our theaters are not very professional and do not appeal for a date night for a young couple or for seniors.

114732952963	Please add some benches to Wootton Mill Park near its entrances: 1. Greenplace Terrace at Fallsmead Elementary School 2. The parking lot off Hurley where the fitness channel begins 3. The Entrance off of Watts Branch Parkway. 4. At the bottom of the walking path into the park from Paulsboro Drive. This would give older people or less robust people a place to rest as they walk through the park. But it also gives a person a place to sit if they're waiting for a friend to meet them at the park to go walking. Thank you!!!
114732743434	Extend the bike lane along Veirs Mill from the Twinbrook Connector Trail to the Veirs Mill/Twinbrook Parkway intersection. Cyclists and peds using the Rock Creek Trail otherwise have to take circuitous routes to get to the main intersection, which is home to many businesses and residences. More safety measures are needed at the crosswalk at Grandin Ave/First St. This crosswalk is close to another main intersection (Veirs Mill/First), so cars are usually speeding across all *four* lanes to clear the light and don't want to stop; often, they will attempt to go around stopped cars if they cannot see the pedestrians crossing. It is part of the direct route connecting Twinbrook to Rockville Town Center - Grandin has signage for the bike route - but it is a dangerous crossing. Flashing lights, a stoplight (like the one at Twinbrook Pkwy/Vandegrift), and/or a raised and colored walkway could go a long way for safety and accessibility.
114732667968	I love services and events that my child and I can safely walk or take the bus to. I chose to buy a home in Twinbrook 10 years ago because of the neighborhood's affordability and walkability. However, the shopping options and public spaces (e.g. the walking trail) off of Veirs Mill road are in decline. They also feel less safe for pedestrians.
114730815226	Please keep RedGate parkland as nature preserve.
114729456875	Coordinate with the State of MD to better time the traffic lights to stop idling at traffic lights and thereby reduce emissions by 30%. Currently, neither direction in any stretch allows clear egress. If Elon can land a spent booster on a floating barge, then the very capable employees of the City can accomplish controlled vehicle speeds, greatly reduced emissions, and more timely journeys with only 1 innovation.
114729394923	Have neighbor hood volunteers adopt areas in our community where we could replace mowed grass areas with native plants ...with an agreement for us to manage these
114728561487	Make (a part of) Red Gate Park a 'recreation' area. Look into adding Pickle Ball Courts; miniature golf courses (& charging a per person fee).
114728295263	PLEASE consider incentives to ensure Rockville city and county buildings put lights out after business hours. The number of office spaces burning the lights all night long is appalling. These are not only dangerous for migrating birds, they contribute to light pollution and just are a waste of fossil fuels. It's so easy to put motion sensors in buildings, or just turn the lights out to save money!
114727886851	-One way to collect money would be to ask for artist to donate their time and charge for entrance and this money can be used as donation. -Ask for donations. -Do a race/walk where each participant can pay a fee to participate.

114727487804	Please prioritize planting native plants/trees in parks and neighborhoods and eliminating harmful invasives like Callary ear and Tree of Heaven (host plant to invasive spotted lanternflies). Native plants are critical to local wildlife, which are also struggling with effects of climate change, light pollution, pesticides, etc. Our parks should be a safe haven for wildlife as well as humans
114727431564	Splash park At Twinbrook Rec
114727418382	There is a gap in pedestrian/bile access on Viers Mill Road which greatly reduces accessibility. Please install sidewalk or walk/bike lane, or at least trim the overgrown trees/brush to distance pedestrians from cars, on Viers Mill Road between Twinbrook Parkway and the Twinbrook Connector Trail.
114727395704	more farmers markets festivals events clothing and food drives multiple times a year not just christmas
114727378869	Please reduce the extreme barriers to home improvement you've placed. If Twinbrook homes could be renovated or rebuilt easier, investors would flock here to improve the neighborhood, which would raise values and your tax base. For example, refusing to condemn a property that had no water, gas, or power for years and a massive hole to the crawl space is ridiculous. And now it was finally demolished, after you made it go through a 6 month process to determine if it was historic. And now we have a ditch in the ground for almost a year. Get your building and permit house in order! You don't need to raise taxes or reduce programs; just reduce the excessive burden and much of this will resolve in its own.
114727337196	Reach out to groups like WildOnes and Maryland Native Plant Society for ideas and volunteers!
114727318520	Make Route 355 safer for pedestrians.
114727218495	Please put a crosswalk light on first street at Grandin road. I've almost died there like 5 times.
114727207270	Composting made easier so we can throw less trash.
114727184581	Encourage local high schools to provide community service hours for students. They could help maintain park trails, learn to ID and remove non-native invasive plants, and plant native trees, wildflowers, and shrubs.
114727146850	Major focus on our environment. Educate residents about non-native invasive plants and the need to remove them on their property and plants native plants, not non-native plants and not cultivars, unless necessary.
114727146261	Silver Spring
114727089922	I know the speed cameras on west Montgomery Avenue are not operational. Why does the city have them out if that is the case? I find that wasteful & arrogant.
114726668458	Can we please work with MCPS to do something about the ocean of unused surface parking at Carver? It is such a waste of space on a busy thoroughfare. There must be a better use.
114726371963	Let's be a national leader in creating walkable neighborhoods that serve not just the most economically advantaged, but provide prosperity opportunities for those who are most disadvantaged.

114725503554	Is there a website where people can volunteer time or stuff that other people may need? If so, where is this advertised.
114723820739	Rockville's diversity rocks! Keep it affordable for us working folks and families.
114723679326	Rockville crime rate is worrisome eg recent shots fired in Welsch Park. This is my #1 issue.
114722874675	RedGate is already a magnet for birders and families. By emphasizing nature and expanding programming with the nature center (and maybe Rockville Science Center) the city could better monetize birders, and better serve families.
114722712478	Keep Rockville residents' kids in Rockville schools, don't send to Gaithersburg.
114722513759	Please build a covered shelter in Wootton Mills Park.
114722092517	Invest in RedGate Park with native plants.
114722072107	It is important to me to keep our natural resources and we have thoroughly enjoyed RedGate. Having Rock Creek in our area has kept us in Maryland.
114722020735	May I get back to you on this? It requires some thought.
	I would love it if I could bike with my family along the Rockville Pike/355 to all of the shopping and activities. Currently it is not safe to do. Developing protected bike lanes would be a great addition to our community. The Twinbrook pedestrian bridge would be a good start.
114721729186	Enhance the historic value of downtown Rockville with more 'Main Street' style shops (small storefronts, non-chain stores instead of modern chain restaurants and stores and outdated storefronts like those on North Washington Street, Maryland Ave, and Courthouse Sq.) to the streets surrounding the main square, thereby expanding the shopping/dining/entertainment experience beyond the square. Create more 'squares' social areas with events and activities. Consider adding playground components near downtown to make visiting more desirable to families.
114721463677	Please remove 90% of Rockville's public art and start over.
114721030386	Rockville needs an attraction that is unique to bring vitality to its soulless center. Deck over 355 near the Metro and build a Ferris wheel, market building, and make it a destination.
114720881456	no comment
114720789136	A focus on recreational or job training programming that integrates people of all abilities and backgrounds is an amazing way of building healthy and resilient communities. There are many great organizations within the community doing this work already. Continue to seek out partnerships to champion and support this work. This engages and uplifts citizens by recognizing and empowering homegrown initiatives that are already making a difference every day.

114720581922 Fill vacant space before building new buildings. Free parking at town center to make it vibrant. There are so many nice town centers and areas around.Ours in inconvenient and cumbersome to park. Free parking would drawl people there.

114720561971 Cut down the trees in the Town Square. They have grown too big and obscure the storefronts. They amplify the already claustrophobic feel of the space.

114720510657 Congratulations on keeping the park as "green" and wonderful for birds and plants as it is.

114720502501 I am so grateful for RedGate Park. I visit at least 5 times a week for my walk. Only want it maintained and not changed

114720451514 charge for parking at Hometown Holidays

114720366991 Let's go green! Installing solar panels, turning off lights in empty buildings, and asking City staff not to idle their engines, will save the City \$ while helping to combat climate change. Maybe even conduct a city-wide energy audit, to find other areas where waste can be reduced.

114720368043 We need to clean up the Food Scrap collection site at Rothgeb. The collection cans are disgusting. I don't know what Gaithersburg does at their collection site at Casey Community Center, but they are not covered with maggots. I would love to see more recycling opportunities. Single stream recycling is wasteful. Currently, I take my paper recycling to the Shady Grove Transfer Station.

114720316219 I don't like shooting and killing deer along the Rock Creek trail. Please find another way to keep the deer population manageable without resorting to murdering them.

114720261346 Please build a pathway from Lake Frank to Tedgate please.

114720260276 In the past year(s) I have seen so many cats (and dogs) out and about without a leash or a collar or an owner. I would like to see the fines increased for allowing your cat (and or dog) to run around the neighborhood chasing/killing other animals. Many owners feel that the current laws do not apply to them or their pet and if they are caught nothing is done. There is no follow up by animal control to see if anything has been done or fixed. There need to be more animal control officers and higher fines for violations. It is very frustrating to report something to Animal Control and then the next month the same thing happens again and again. The Animal Control officers need to follow up on complaints and fine individuals as appropriate. It seems like anything goes in Rockville and there are no fines or punishment for the violaters. Many dog owners do not pick up after their dog and there is no animal control enforcement. If the fines were higher and the penalties higher we would see the dog/cat owners pay more attention to what is going on with their pet. And last but not least there are many stray cats in our neighborhood and nothing is done to help them.... We report them but nothing is done..... A very sad situation for the stray animals. Anyways I truly hope that the current situation improves.

114720215797 I am very concerned that Rockville is getting more and more congested and green areas are being paved over. What solutions is the Rockville government working on to improve the dreadful congestion we now have. Does our city have any influence on Montgomery County government?

114720171414	Lower air conditioning and heating system use, switch off public lighting when not in use (like on stadium at night), develop the awareness about proper use of resources. This would help.
114720148483	Expand compost program?
114720112032	I love our parks, playgrounds and rec programs. Anything to fully fund or increase the budget to that department is greatly appreciated!
114720109234	I find the pet licensing process too expensive and complicated. Having to renew yearly when my dog's rabies vaccine lasts 3 years is very frustrating. Unnecessary waste of resources are spent on enforcement.
114720099494	Keep Rockville Green. On affordable housing - require developers to put aside a percentage of all new townhouse/apartment dwellings for working/low income professions. Raise the level of what is consider working/low income.
114720098785	Consider a volunteer program for composting household food (not meat) waste. This is environmentally and cost-effective way to reduce the costs of waste collection in MC.
114720097719	Solar energy
114720063032	Please support law enforcement to keep area safe for residents and visitors Thanks
114720009933	Please consider planting street trees that are native to the Rockville area to support our local ecosystems. Each year there are fewer butterflies and bees, and insects in general. Insects and seeds feed our birds and wildlife and our community is greatly diminished as these disappear.
114716756338	355 is very congested. I sometimes wish there was a light-rail style transportation to supplement the metro with stops that help transport people from neighborhoods to commerce centers.
114716639334	Hiring based on merit.
114716603980	Take care of I-270 infrastructure.
114715978338	Improve town center with stores that people want to shop at. A small Target or any other mainstream store might help.
114715895599	City of Rockville Residents should not have to pay Montgomery County taxes for services that we pay the city of Rockville for. The city of Rockville should petition that the county credit city residents for these redundant taxes.
114713682208	Explicitly prioritize the needs and voices of the disability community! We are a wide, diverse, growing population. If the city isn't inclusive of us, then that's to everyone else's detriment too. Remember, everyone ages, so everyone will be disabled in some way eventually. Lost eyesight, lost hearing, less mobility, etc. Wouldn't you want to be able to thrive in your community when it's your turn to experience those things? Why wait until it impacts you directly? Do the responsible thing now, and reap the dividends for years to come!
114712663238	Invest in hub and spoke models of economic development (i.e. community-centered planning). Having stores, cafes etc better integrated into existing communities will improve quality of life and drive economic growth, especially for small businesses. We can't keep building houses without supporting infrastructure.

114711945496	I would like to see a public running track with lights added to the city's recreational infrastructure. All running tracks in the city are associated with MCPS or MCC, and are subject to availability of those schools. Rockville has a large running community and this would be a tremendous resource to promote active living among all age groups.
114711223341	Stop the stranglehold of suburban sprawl and single-family-house zoning. How horrifying (not) to have attractive duplex, triplex, quadriplex, and small apartment and co-op housing and the transit infrastructure to support it. I mean, it really *isn't* innovative -- but it would be in certain neighborhoods that are loathe to consider this.
114710940867	bring the life sciences industry to Rockville we need another industry since the government workforce is remote now and AAA corporate business are remote as well
114710853695	Place noise monitoring cameras along the length of West and East Gude Drive as well as Rockville Pike. Fine people who use Jake brakes, excessively speed, and roar by at all hours with manipulated engines and mufflers. The City makes money and residents can go back to living without noise pollution in our own homes. Win-win.
114710721616	Implement humane deer control
114710712046	Please replace traffic lights in Rockville with adaptive traffic lights to reduce unnecessary idling. Sitting at useless red lights with no cross traffic is so 20th Century. Please also install bicycle ramps on both staircases of the Metro pedestrian skybridge across 355 in town. Such a simple, passive help will encourage multimodal commuting and fewer car commutes.
114710044138	Stop spending money on outside contractors to perform studies and change management activities. If our existing city staff can't do these things, get them the training they need. If they still can't do them, replace them.
114708570307	Connect out bike trail to the Rock Creek Park; not that hard! Thank in advance.
114706555741	Too many leaving or empty businesses. Provide cheaper rent options for businesses to have a chance to survive
114706495085	The city should implement a tree replacement program so that any trees that are cut down for safety are immediately replaced. In fact, it would be ideal to plant the next generation of trees before the big ones have to come down, but I don't know if that is feasible. We have terrible light pollution where I live in East Rockville. Ordinances restricting excessive light at night would be most welcome.
114705918530	Upzoning. Increase the allowed residential density, particularly along corridors (Rockville Pike, Viers Mill, Gude, etc.) but also within SF neighborhoods, particular those near metro, Town Center, and First/Norbeck.
114705917580	Start a tree carving project in city park instead of removing old trees. Add art and would draw more usage
114705867623	I think the Rockville Police force needs to be systematically increased and the city systematically patrolled. Would also like to see them equipped with drones.
114702952703	The Friends of the Library has a great bookstore. Could this be brought into downtown Rockville? Could it be combined with the library? Could there be a reading area outside the library on the plaza?

114702482081	More lighted pedestrian cross walks in the entire city. / Town Center have roller skating /disco in the summer where the ice skating is in the winter. Or some other area.
114702455309	Trees and parks. This city is beautiful because of the green spaces and the tree lined streets. I would prioritize investing in maintaining and upgrading parks.
114702372667	Pedestrian Access stairs to the rt270 overpass closer to Rockshire.
114702125692	<p>LOVE all the new protected bike lanes. I frequently use the ones near town center with my elementary school children - I would feel much less safe without them. Having a safe bikeable connection to Twinbrook and Flower Valley neighborhoods from Rockville Town Center would be extremely valuable.</p> <p>Please focus on reducing intersections when designing bike paths (these are the most dangerous parts, biking along East Gude on the millenium trail is a bit scary with kids as we must come to a complete stop at each of the many crossings for safety). Would also like to see more separated bike paths through Lincoln Park area, Dover lane is marked as a bike route but it is not a good road to bike on, it is only one lane each way with no shoulder, and many small roads and driveway entrances. An off-road bike path there would be very nice (similar to on Horners lane) to safely connect that neighborhood by bike to the town center.</p> <p>Overall connecting SAFE child friendly separated bike paths is my highest priority.</p>
114701908599	Would love to see Town Center have more restaurant and shops open!!! Maybe a hardware store. There aren't any in the city!!! An indoor kids play place for families.
114701881876	Continue supporting pedestrian access, safety programs paying attention to enforcing codes such as keeping bicycles of sidewalks . . .
114701546576	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This mayor and council were elected with Rockville Town Center in mind, why is that not a priority? 2. Transportation...bolstering mass transit, reliable bus service, supportive commuting benefits, etc etc 3. Homeless - while it doesn't seem to be a widespread problem yet, its going to be. <p>We dont need affordable housing in 5-7 years, we need it now. Lets start getting innovative. Hmm...there are these large vacant buildings that have multiple rooms. Wouldn't it be beneficial to retrofit these buildings into I dunno affordable apartments? I feel as though that could provide even an interim solution on affordable housing while the city waits for developers to delay delay delay and only have 1Br/1ba apartments for \$2600 p/month</p>
114701482117	Clean up lake frank
114701226529	more bike lanes more safety programs
114701169720	Reduce taxes billed to me per year. Reduce the employee level to one we can afford .

114701136234	Redesign strip mall entrances and exits to improve line of sight for both drivers and walkers, to boost pedestrian safety. Right now, shrubs and signage block views and encourage drivers never to expect any pedestrians, but just to focus on speeding toward their shopping experiences. Some entrances compel pedestrians to either walk an enormously long way around, or break openings in hedges to get a safe view of drivers who are completely distracted by their phones, music, shopping schedule, etc. Similar problem for drivers trying to avoid pedestrians who are fully engaged with phones and not aware of their surroundings. Both groups end up angry and aggressive.
114700979495	Please maintain your sidewalks and correct driveway aprons.
114700954954	Develop the Stonestreet corridor around Rockville metro station. Keep up the great work. I've lived in Rockville for 31 years and can't imagine living elsewhere.
114700722196	Please renovate wootton high school. It has been waiting for many many years.
114700593637	add benches in parks in areas where people walk
114700552723	Please prioritize BRT and pedestrian safety along Rockville Pike. The key issues in the Rockville 2040 Comprehensive Plan in Planning Area 9 are a great example of something that I would like to be brought to the forefront(p. 348-353). I think that it would make Rockville feel like a more cohesive community.
114700529519	Cement barrier Protected bike lines throughout the city please!
114700528101	Decrease focus on Planning and REDI on "placemaking" and micro-regulation; increase focus on economic development and deal-making.
114700523302	I would consider doing something really innovative with the red gate golf course property. there are mini golf course properties around the United States bankrupt and have reinvented themselves. Some have built some apartment buildings and high-rise, senior, living places on part of the property and then kept nine holes of the golf course... And include an all grass putt putt course. Some of them have included a nice restaurant and outdoor music venue, which can be used for all kinds of arts and entertainment.
114700522867	Fewer bike lanes!
114700519620	Please work on improving climate resiliency
114700502481	Reopen and Extend Seven Locks Road north from Wootton Parkway and integrate into Falls Road/I-270 Interchange. Annex NE corner of SGR & Montrose, & SW corner of 355 & Shady Grove Road, as well as other lands adjacent to Rockville as possible. Extend East Jefferson St. south to Wootton Pkwy.
114700482935	Please trim the trees in Rockville town center and get better lighting it's dark at night and especially with winter coming
114700452856	Please work to reduce rent for businesses! Especially in Rockville Town Square. We should be competitive with Pike and Rose... we have so much to offer!! This many chronically empty storefronts is a very bad look for our community.

114700172106	Please focus on economic growth and development within town center. There is so much potential- we need the city to focus efforts there so that we can be the next Pike and Rose.
114698999691	A youth learn-to-ride / bicycle safety program through either the after-school activity program or a summer camp run by the Parks and Recreation Department would be a great addition to its current offerings.
114696695883	Build a velodrome at RedGate Park.
114694471003	In the realm of affordable housing, following the County's lead on allowing more housing in single family zoned land based on their distance from transit stations and growth zones would be a boon to the city and cost burdened young families.
114694142578	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) spray mosquito repellent near sidewalks, benches, and bus stops 2) add benches to all bus stops 3) Increased rat extermination 4) increase teen focused programs in Town Square 5) repair all broken crosswalk buttons
114693315971	Maintaining safety in our neighborhoods. Additional police officers
114693259296	We need street trees in our neighborhood
114692870164	Clean up park areas and remove invasive vines
114692810836	Reinvestment in schools and areas that are not as high income.
114691812190	Give tax incentives for homeowners to make their house greener examples: replacing gutters, replacing windows and doors, etc. And also need more police presence in the shopping plazas examples: Twinbrook Center and Market place. There's been a lot of activity at those two shopping plazas.
114691658232	I believe there should be more programs and tax breaks to those in the lower - middle class bracket. Right now, it is very difficult for a family of four with an income of about 90,000 a year to live comfortably in this area. It is even more difficult for a single person to afford a studio apartment without assistance. For infrastructure, pedestrian safety, roads, and bus stops should be top priority. Building a pedestrian bridge in Twinbrook is a start, but red light cameras and red light phase would be most beneficial to pedestrians and City revenue.
114690404145	We should somehow expand town center. Build up from the epicenter to increase housing. It would allow to maintain and sustain our green space. Rockville has too many town houses.
114690280972	I would like to see a city compost program. Would also love to see more parks acquired and more community garden plots set up. I currently have one at Wootons Mill and my family cherishes it. I would also love to see more pedestrian and bike accessibility throughout the city.
114690243732	I love the programs for the children

	Create a senior corps of stipended senior citizens to provide services to vulnerable residents. Promote intergenerational activities, perhaps n town square space.
114690069586	Seek more partnerships with nonprofit groups to address residents needs. lower recreation fees for lower income children and youth hire more seriously disabled people to work for City government. partner with MCPS for reuse of MCPS facilities and properties in city
114689849164	City should start a lending library like Seattle and other cities have, to allow citizens to lend tools, electronics, sports equipment, etc.
114689840837	Stop commercial development where we tax payers and shoppers have to pay higher prices when commercial real estate companies are left with large empty spaces they cannot rent to a tenant because of the HIGH OVERHEAD RENT. In the Towncenter, the commercial property at the intersection of East Middle Lane and North Washington Street is a perfect example. This space has remained vacant for at least FOUR years.
114689720070	You are driving the middle class out!!!?
114689486682	Offer all Rockville citizens gym membership access to health and fitness options, through sponsorship and deals with industry.
114689485496	Form focus groups to figure this out together. Too much for just one brain. B
114689480595	Increase the pedestrian accessibility of the Pike by widening sidewalks (or creating a shared use / traffic-calming median) and adding a BRT lane.
114689416176	Reorient planning to leverage existing public transportation resources and create a walkable community. Rockville neighborhoods should be linked to commercial areas and metro to reduce suburban sprawl and traffic and encourage walking.
114689411724	Allow more open space to simply relax with no sound other than through play or conversations.... Or QUIET live music.
114689400396	keep fees low for senior citizens
114689398844	Cut programs and budgets on DEI and restorative justice. DEI is racist and discriminatory. Replace DA and judges who will not punish criminals. Increase budgets of police by eliminating DEI program funding.
114689387605	Solar canopies should be installed in all outdoor parking lots. The courthouse windows should have solar. Any opportunity to decrease our carbon footprint and show that Rockville can be a leader in mitigating climate change should be prioritized.
114689381249	I'd like to see the recreation like rockville pool increase fees for non residents of rockville city, and also the lessons offered should be offered to residents to sign up for the first week, then non residents.
114689375344	Please do whatever you can to increase the economic development, support small businesses, find a balance of businesses and restaurants that attract a wide variety of consumers.... more revenue to businesses makes this a more attractive area, brings in more revenue.... we have been shooting ourselves in the foot. We need a grocery store back where Dawson's was -- or something. vacancies filled by Vis-Arts are better than a vacant space, but we need a better retail mix and a better balance of restaurants (overbalanced with Asian right now -- wonderful places, but not balanced).

114689374586	Focus on basic city services and maintenance. Try to make government more cost effective. (It isn't)
114689342530	Give police higher salaries and hire more cops!
114689338895	Having the new bike lane (on Middle lane, N Washington and in process on Beall) and decreased space for driving actually sends more potential people away from the city. Many people I know will not frequent town center because of the traffic and difficulty parking. The lot A in town center that now has a large unusable space because it's being leased is a problem
114689325040	Figure out how to blend with the County programs and take charge of the county seat.
114689320661	Homeowners need a break. It is too expensive to live here. We need a tax cut.
114689317136	More work on parks and unused land and commercial buildings to increase usage, avoid unused space.
114689305365	Reduce contracted mowing and lawn maintenance frequency. E.g., we are in a drought and the grass is not actively growing. Regardless, last week there were 3 (!) guys with LOUD gas-powered leaf blowers blowing around the dust and about 5 leaves on Courthouse Sq. What an appalling waste of money and gas while decreasing air quality. There has to be a way to not do this.
114689297338	Eco Dev: Attract Java Nation to former Eko House location in Town Square. Brand Gude area tile/cabinet/carpet/remodeling shops as a "design district", grow related tenants, and market broadly. Invest in a mid-size live music venue near Metro to bring smaller touring acts to Rockville. Ensure Rockville Regal remains an operational movie theatre.
114689296477	Greatest value to least well-off residents
114689295204	Build a sound barrier for the metro and train. More Pike and Rose style development, improve the twin Brook neighborhood by the metro. More walking options, less cars.
114689293341	Focus and spend more on the needs of current residents rather than creating more development that only increases density, traffic and stress.
114689293540	We should have a tool library for homeowners to borrow.
114689292143	Increase availability of one-level senior housing or first floor primary suites in two-level houses.
114689244645	Thank you for the city support of the village organizations. The programs are out growing the requirements for sustainability. Please increase the budget for staff.
114688472378	cut waste. go back to the basics, safety, clean streets
114687767672	Some sort of community center in West Rockville so people could meet in the winter, have book clubs, meetings, cards, etc
114687733826	Rockville needs to do a better job of connecting its trails with The County. Specifically, please consider connecting civic center trails with Rock Creek. Community trails exist but it is dangerous to cross Baltimore road there or swim Rock Creek. Also, please consider connecting Redgate park down to the Rock Creek trail. A bridge is needed to cross Rock Creek so that the dangerous Avery road can be avoided.

114687309246 While far fetched, I would love to see Rockville take over some of the state roads going through the city. the SHA has been the biggest impediment to comprehensive infrastructure updates and if a budget would allow for it taking some roads into the city's ownership would allow for better upkeep and development. Personally I would recommend Jefferson street and w Montgomery ave. These are locations within a dense part of Rockville that are especially problematic but could be made significantly better under the city's ownership.

114683321757 The N. Washington and vicinity bike lanes are a mess and don't get used enough to justify the mess.

114680620856 Encourage more mixed commercial-residential development! Completely residential neighborhoods with no walkability to businesses are financial unsustainable, bad for quality of life, and a holdover from a more racist, segregationist period of history.

114679684073 Stop building strip malls with massive parking lots in the middle and businesses all disconnected. Encourage development of walkable, mixed commercial/residential areas instead of necessitating people to drive to a single business and then leave. Also, develop community food forests with volunteers to help maintain them.

Summary of Oral Testimony for the FY 2026 Budget Process

As of 3/4/2025

Date	Speaker	Individual/Organization	Comment/Request
10/28/24	Jake Jakubek	Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee (RBAC)	Advocating for (1) the continued expansion of Capital Bikeshare stations, (2) additional feasibility studies for Complete Streets projects, and (3) funding for youth cycling education
10/28/24	Mary van Balgooy	Twinbrook Community Association (TCA)	Advocating for (1) the construction of the Twinbrook Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge, and the allocation of funding for (2) feasible improvements identified in the Twinbrook Safe Routes to School and Transit Accessibility Study, (3) Twinbrook neighborhood welcome signs, and (4) a Twinbrook neighborhood splash pad
10/28/24	Margaret Magner	West End Civic Association (WECA)	Advocating for the development and implementation of a humane deer population management program
10/28/24	Shiela	Individual	Advocating for the following uses of the King Farm Farmstead buildings: an indoor swimming pool, fitness center, and/or social gathering space

Summary of Written Testimony for the FY 2026 Budget Process

As of 3/4/2025

Exhibit	Name	Individual/ Organization	Issue(s)
1	Adam Long	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Wild/Native Plantings on City Curbs and Sidewalk Buffers
2	Chris Nelsen	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Marcia & Linthicum Green Infrastructure
3	Kevin Gabrielson	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Add Bridge Connecting Croydon Creek Trails to Rock Creek Trail
4	Stephen Chite	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Stop sign and crosswalk at Nelson and Kent
5	Clara Ni	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Speed bumps on Broadwood Drive
6	Robert Jones	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Sidewalk completion on Darnestown Road
7	Robert Jones	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Darnestown - Oak Knoll Crosswalk
8	Robert Jones	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Crosswalk improvement - Wootton Pkwy and Fallsmead Way
9	Michael Herndon	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Bicycle Path To Rockville Metro
10	Timothy Wojan	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: West End Capital Bikeshare Docking Station
11	Rick Bradley	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Pickleball Courts
12	Luci Roberts	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Crossing College Parkway safely
13	Art Stigile	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Fence Surrounding Restoration Area in Dawson Park
14	Gary Damone	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Establishment of a Pedestrian Bridge Between Tower Oaks and Park Potomac
15	Janice Dunlap	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Beautification of Rockville
16	Faisal Khan	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Connecting Preserve Parkway with the Park Potomac neighborhood
17	Kevin Mc Nerney	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Pedestrian/Biker Bridge from Preserve Parkway to Park Potomac
18	Susan Schindler	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Pedestrian Bridge
19	Jill Gould	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: pedestrian/biker bridge to connect Preserve Parkway with the Park Potomac neighborhood
20	Ilya Albert	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: traffic calming devices to improve public safety
21	Sebastian Kierschner	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Pedestrian Bridge between Tower Oaks/Preserve Parkway and Park Potomac
22	Jason Manijak	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Disc golf course
23	Andrew Chang	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Hungerfordtowne Traffic Calming
24	Jackie Gonzalez	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Establishment of a Pedestrian Bridge Between Tower Oaks and Park Potomac
25	Jasna Rodulfa-Blemborg	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Make access to Redgate Park more walkable
26	Ravi Gupta	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Utilizing unused land for Pickleball courts
27	Emily Lincoln	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Dog Park at Elwood Smith Park
28	Emily Lincoln	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Traffic Improvements at Mt. Vernon Pl
29	Melissa Bourne	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Bridge in Glenora park
30	Christina Berube	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Improved crosswalk signage/lights at Route 28 and Grandin
31	Sam Darko	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Inline hockey rink
32	Georgina Roth	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Restrooms at playparks
33	yajie li	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: outdoor gym
34	yajie li	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: outdoor gym

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Exhibit	Name	Individual/ Organization	Issue(s)
35	Yvan Charpentier	Lincoln Park Civic Association (LPCA)	Propose-a-Project Submission: Soccer goals for Isreal Park
36	Stuart Fribush	North Farm Citizens' Association (NFCA)	Propose-a-Project Submission: Sidewalk Remediation in North Farm
37	Anonymous	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Security Improvements at City Hall
38	David Brewster	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Request for a sidewalk on Tall Grass Court in Rockville
39	Dominique Lorang	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Community composting site
40	Olga Benseghir	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Public Bathroom for Montrose Park
41	Linda Brennan	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Sidewalk Extension- Shady Grove Road
42	Tiffany Wheeler	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Digital/Electronic Community Bulletin Boards
43	Chris Nelsen	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Twinbrook Parkway Bike Lane
44	Jean Ekman	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Proposal for establishing mandates for Trimming or removing large trees in West End Neighborhoods
45	Emily Mitchell	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Special waste collections
46	Megan Clare Craig-Kuhn	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Traffic Improvement on W Edmonston Dr
47	Elaine Gebell	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Pave the 700 block of Carr Ave
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49	Erin Mahony	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Install walkway in historic alley parallel to West Montgomery ave
50	David Fuller	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Remove Bike Lanes in Rockville Town Center
51	Margaret W Blair	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Make Twinbrook Parkway Safer
52	Mary A. van Balgooy, President	Twinbrook Community Association	Propose-a-Project Submission: Splash Pad
53	Mary A. van Balgooy, President	Twinbrook Community Association	Propose-a-Project Submission: "Welcome to Twinbrook" Signage
54	Andria Apostolou	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Install stools for children to wash hands in public places like the Rockville city swimming pool, libraries and other public buildings
55	David Stinchcomb	Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee (RPAC) and Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee (RBAC)	Propose-a-Project Submission: Lakewood Elementary School Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge Access
56	Doris Schraft and Jeffrey Hudgens	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Install flashing devices in center island and along crosswalks on Beall Avenue at Gibbs Street and at Maryland Avenue
57	Margaret Magner	West End Civic Association	Propose-a-Project Submission: Deer Population Management
58	Patricia G Tice	Ingleside at King Farm Green Team, Rockville MD	Propose-a-Project Submission: Rockville Retention Ponds Invasive Vine Removal
59	Mary van Balgooy	Individual	Commenting on the community budget survey and its usefulness
60	Sarah Looney Oldmixon	Individual	Opposing the use of city funding to cull the deer population in the West End neighborhood
61	Bruce Plunkett	Individual	Advocating for a deer population management program
62	Jeanna Omeara	Individual	Advocating for a deer population management program
63	Mary van Balgooy	Twinbrook Community Association	Advocating for (1) the construction of the Twinbrook Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge, and the allocation of funding for (2) feasible improvements identified in the Twinbrook Safe Routes to School and Transit Accessibility Study, (3) Twinbrook neighborhood welcome signs, and (4) a Twinbrook neighborhood splash pad

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Propose a Project - Submission #90061

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

Proposal Title*

Wild/Native Plantings on City Curbs and Sidewalk Buffers

Proposal Location*

City Neighborhoods

Describe Your Proposal*

Replace the tree and grass-only plantings existing between sidewalks and streets in neighborhoods throughout Rockville, e.g. College Gardens, Woodley Gardens, Linkin Park, West End, etc.

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

Greening Rockville with wildlife-friendly native plants, which encourages biodiversity and rewilding; promoting diversity of species, and to prevent the continuing losses of life due to development and human impact.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

All citizens of Rockville would benefit from the beauty and from the natural impacts

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 - all of the 'islands' are cite-maintained and currently planted with trees and grass in many instances - grass serves no purpose and requires constant maintenance; natural and native perennials do not require the same labor, do not require machines to mow and pollute, and make a better environment for wildlife.

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.)*

Uncertain.

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

Proposal Title*

Marcia & Linthicum Green Infrastructure

Proposal Location*

Corner of Marcia Lane & Linthicum St

Describe Your Proposal*

Create natural drainage pathway with green infrastructure to improve drain, reduce ponded water, and prevent pollution of Rock Creek by installing green infrastructure solution at corner of Marcia & Linthicum

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

Ponding water, mosquitoes, native plants, improve community aesthetics, improve water quality

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Many - all users of Rock Creek that enter thr park at this corner and all residents of the 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, I think it is all public/park 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.)*

Unknown

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Propose a Project - Submission #90088

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

Proposal Title*

Add Bridge Connecting Croydon Creek Trails to Rock Creek Trail

Proposal Location*

Croydon Creek Park & Rock Creek Trail

Describe Your Proposal*

Croydon Creek Park has a trail that approaches the Rock Creek Trail but stops short by about 100 yards and would need to cross the Rock Creek. These trails should be linked. It would provide better access to both and would be a relatively inexpensive.

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

It makes Rockville easier to traverse while walking. It connects these 2 trails, eliminating a much longer route that goes along roadways. It also provides better access to Redgate park via the connector trail through Croydon Creek Park - currently there is no access to Redgate Park from the Rock Creek Trail, as Avery Road has no sidewalks between the two. Overall, it would bring more people to the Croydon Creek Park and Redgate Parks.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

100s

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 - it is all government owned land. It may be some combination of Rockville/county/state/federal land where the creek crossing occurs.

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 #90095

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

Proposal Title*

Stop sign and crosswalk at Nelson and Kent

Proposal Location*

Intersection of Nelson St. and Kent St.

Describe Your Proposal*

Many cars, particularly those coming down the hill west on Nelson St from Mannakee toward College Pkwy drive quite fast with nothing slowing them down between those two intersections. This includes many large vehicles (e.g., Senior Center and MC buses). There are no crosswalks along Nelson St between Mannakee and College Pkwy, leaving many walkers jaywalking to cross Nelson St. This includes many families with young children and elderly neighbors who do not move as quickly.

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

Provide residents with safer means of crossing the street, and slow down car traffic on Nelson St.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Numerous -- Nelson St. is a very popular through street for both car and foot traffic.

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?***

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.)*

unsure

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Propose a Project - Submission #90128

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

Proposal Title*

Speed bumps on Broadwood Drive

Proposal Location*

Broadwood Drive between Veirs Mill and Baltimore Rd

Describe Your Proposal*

Speed bumps on Broadwood Drive

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

Speeding from through traffic and many of these vehicles do not stop or even slow down at the stop signs

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

The 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.)*

Unsure

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Propose a Project - Submission #90129

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

Proposal Title*

Sidewalk completion

Proposal Location*

Darnestown Road between Dav Road and W. Montgomery Ave

Describe Your Proposal*

There's a sidewalk along most of the southside of Darnestown Road except for a portion between Dav Rd. and W. Montgomery Ave. My son's bus stop is oddly located at the intersection of Hi Wood Dr and Darnestown Rd, but he has no easy way of reaching the bus stop as there's no sidewalk there.

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

Pedestrians on Darnestown Road have no viable way to proceed between Dav Rd and W. Montgomery Ave. Most either walk on Darnestown Road which is unsafe due to the speed of vehicles, or they cross Darnestown to the opposite side, but there's no cross walk until you reach the intersection of Darnestown and W. Montgomery. So pedestrians are forced to play frogger to get to the other side. A sidewalk connecting the existing sidewalk which ends at Dav Rd to the intersection of Darnestown and W. Montgomery Ave solves this problem.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

100-150

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.)*

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Propose a Project - Submission #90130

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

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

Proposal Title*

Darnestown - Oak Knoll Crosswalk

Proposal Location*

Intersection of Darnestown Rd and Oak Knoll / Glenora Ln.

Describe Your Proposal*

Recommend installing a broad crosswalk with island and/or employing crosswalk art (which is proven to be much safer than traditional crosswalks) at the intersection of Darnestown Road and Oak Knoll / Glenora Ln.

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

There are no crosswalks on Darnestown Rd between Glen Mill Rd. and W. Montgomery Ave, a distance of approximately 1.1 km. I've witnessed numerous pedestrians crossing Darnestown at this intersection as there's a concrete island already present to prevent traffic exiting Oak Knoll from turning left onto Darnestown due to the dangerousness of the intersection. It appears pedestrians are typically trying to access the Carl Henn Millennium trail which is immediately opposite Glenora Ln. Pedestrians risk dodging traffic because the nearest crosswalks are over half a km in either direction. This could also help calm traffic speeds on this section of road. Current speed limit is 40 mph, but as usual vehicles usually exceed that.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Est. 1500 (both neighborhoods on each side of the Darnestown intersection at this location).

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 #90131

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

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

Proposal Title*

Crosswalk improvement - Wootton Pkwy and Fallsmead Way

Proposal Location*

Intersection of Wootton Pkwy and Fallsmead Way

Describe Your Proposal*

Use crosswalk art to enlarge and paint the broader intersection at Wootton Pkwy and Fallsmeade Way. There is a crosswalk with three signs in both directions informing drivers to yield to pedestrians using the crosswalk, but drivers rarely yield and are routinely distracted and driving above the posted speed limit (35 mph).

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

Intersection / Crosswalk art has been proven to be significantly more effective than traditional crosswalk indicators (stripe paint pattern and signs) at alerting drivers to a caution area and having them obey. An additional improvement could be to extend the 25 mph zone past this intersection as it begins just to the west of the identified location.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

500 (both neighborhoods on each side of the intersection.)

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 #90159

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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*

Bicycle Path To Rockville Metro

Proposal Location*

W. Montgomery Ave from Adclare to Rockville Metro

Describe Your Proposal*

To improve bicycle rider access from the west side of Rockville to the Rockville Metro station, a bike lane should be completed from Adclare Road to the station.

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

Currently, the bike trail crosses I-270, but then ends at Adclare. From there, it's a dangerous ride along W. Montgomery Ave, then either walking the bike over the bridge over Rockville Pike, or riding along E. Middle Lane. This extension of the current bike path would make getting from the west side, over 270, then to Rockville Town Center and Metro much safe and faster. It would encourage bike use, visits to Town Center, and address climate action, community connections, and healthy behaviors.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

All the residents and businesses who live and work west of I-270.

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 if use of the streets is utilized.

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.)*

Possibly TD21. But I'm not sure what projects are within that.

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

Proposal Title*

West End Capital Bikeshare Docking Station

Proposal Location*

Peg Sante Park

Describe Your Proposal*

A Capital Bikeshare docking station in a residential neighborhood might not have been a priority but it is now the next logical step for making Rockville a more bike-centric community. Peg Sante Park as the location for such a station would provide a community focal point making it a notable neighborhood asset in contrast to a docking station on some random street corner. In addition to use for commuting to the Rockville Metro Station or to the Key West Ave. area CaBi clusters, the station would also promote more biking into Town Center for dining, shopping, or community events. Particularly as housing prices continue to rise and more households try to economize by eliminating their second car, a community asset enabling those strategies could be particularly appealing to potential residents. A Peg Sante Park docking station would provide an iconic symbol of Rockville's commitment to a more sustainable future and provide a pilot for testing a residential neighborhood bike sharing model.

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

The proposed project would provide very low-cost transit options for community residents that are environmentally friendly and can contribute to public health. These options could in turn reduce the need for a second car for some households. The iconic nature of the project would address Rockville's interest as projecting itself as a community committed to a sustainable future. Rockville Town Center was described by the New York Times real estate section as a "Piazza for a Maryland Suburb." The town could now start working on the "A Bit of the Netherlands in the DMV" moniker.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

In addition to the more than 500 households within a 5-6 minute walk to Peg Sante Park, the docking station would also serve those going to the Unitarian Universalist or Seventh Day Adventist Church, and Beall Elementary School.

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 direct impact. It may have some indirect effect on neighborhood housing values as a community asset that lowers monthly transportation expenses.

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 complements the current bicycle/pedestrian-related CIP projects.

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Propose a Project - Submission #90164

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Group



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

Pickleball community

Proposal Title*

Pickleball Courts

Proposal Location*

City wide

Describe Your Proposal*

I propose budgeting funds to support the fastest growing sport in the country... Pickleball! Thousands of Rockville citizens are playing Pickleball now and have to wait to play because they are so few Pickleball courts in the city. I propose constructing dedicated Pickleball courts for the Rockville city residence as well as other county residence. They return on investment is huge! One comparison... \$.8 million spent for a skateboard park that maybe serves 100 kids... Wow thousands of adults as well as youth are waiting for courts to play Pickleball. If we want healthier communities, this is one way of getting them! My proposal is to convert existing tennis courts. There are under utilized into dedicated Pickleball courts . This will be a win-win situation for all!

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

The problem is there are a very few dedicated Pickleball courts in the city of Rockville. The solution would be to convert and utilize tennis courts into dedicated Pickleball courts to serve Rockville residents as well as county residents. It's simple!

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Literally 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?

The Pickleball community is 100% backing this proposal!

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 sure

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Propose a Project - Submission #90177

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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***

Crossing College Parkway safely

Proposal Location*

College Parkway at College Plaza

Describe Your Proposal*

Place a crosswalk and pedestrian warning signs across College Parkway near College Plaza.

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

Residents of the multi-family housing near College Plaza cross College Parkway just anywhere to reach the shopping center. There isn't a place to cross near the shopping center. There should be a safe place to cross along the walking route between Scarborough Square and the shopping center. I'm afraid someone will get hit.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Everyone who needs to walk across College Parkway to walk to the shopping center

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. Crosswalks fit everywhere there are pedestrians.

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Propose a Project - Submission #90203

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Self

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

Art Stigile

Proposal Title*

Fence Surrounding Restoration Area in Dawson Park

Proposal Location*

Dawson

Describe Your Proposal*

Either replace the home-made fence surrounding the restoration are with a real fence or remove the existing fence. Personally, it seems the area has been restored, so I'm not sure why a fence continues to be needed, but if it is, let's install an attractive fence.

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

The current fence is an ugly, hand-constructed fence using a variety of cheap materials, including bamboo, plastic fencing, and old logs positioned along the entire perimeter to keep out deer. The area has been fenced this way for at least 3 years. That seems a long enough time to have restored the area to natural vegetation, so I would think that the fence should be removed. But if there is an ongoing need for a fence, it shouldn't be an eye-sore as the current fence is.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

The entire neighborhood (Hungerford)

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.)*

I couldn't find one in the Parks and Recreation section

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Propose a Project - Submission #90229

Date Submitted: 5/6/2024

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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*

Establishment of a Pedestrian Bridge Between Tower Oaks and Park Potomac

Proposal Location*

Over 270 Freeway Between Tower Oaks and Seven Locks (Park Potomac Shopping Area)

Describe Your Proposal*

I propose the City of Rockville build a pedestrian / bicycle bridge that goes over the 270 Freeway and is located halfway between the existing traffic bridges that are already located on Montrose Road and Wooten Parkway.

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

The establishment of a pedestrian bridge in this area will connect the existing/planned communities, restaurants, shops and offices located on Tower Oaks and Preserve Parkway with the existing/planned communities, restaurants, shops and offices in the Potomac Park area. By establishing this pedestrian bridge, the city will greatly promote increased foot, bike and paw traffic between these two growing areas. This pedestrian bridge will allow all of these residents, shoppers and resident employees to forego their vehicles, while traversing between these thriving areas in a safe and environmentally friendly manner. This bridge will also allow increased usage of the new dog park the city just established on Preserve Parkway. The high-volume and fast-moving traffic found on Montrose Road and Wooten Parkway really discourages pedestrian traffic between the existing / planned communities, restaurants, shops and offices located on both sides of the freeway.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

While I am not aware of the exact number of residents in these locations, nor am I aware of the exact number of people that use these restaurants or shops on a daily basis, I suspect we are talking about several thousand residents, consumers and employees that could directly and repeatedly benefit from this pedestrian bridge.

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 believe the area where a pedestrian bridge can be erected is already City or County owned.

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 do not believe this proposal currently falls within any existing City or County project.

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Propose a Project - Submission #90234

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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*

Rockville

Proposal Location*

MD

Describe Your Proposal*

Beautification of our city. Two passes (or bridge supports) under the train tracks have dire need for repairs and painting: (1) the underpass on Park Road/East Middle Lane, and (2) the train/bridge underpass on First Street, just off of Rockville Pike. I propose that an art competition be held for ideas for some type of mural/painting of the walls under the train tracks. This project could be a point project with the owners of the bridge. This beautification project could be an example to be emulated by other cities that have unsightly train track under bridges.

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

Visual and beautifying need. Pedestrians walking under the bridge on Park Road/East Middle Lane towards the Rockville City Center are subjected to an ugly area. Certainly there must be some way to paint bold murals on both sides of the underpass, which could deter graffiti. Even walls full of colorful graffiti would be better than the ugly walls that currently exist. The same goes for the train underpass on First Street, which is full of rust, cracks, and ugly cement. Surely a great city like Rockville deserves such a beautification project. While on this subject, why do we not have a city of Rockville banner that would hang from the lamp posts along the Pike, and/or in the City Center? You could hold a banner art competition for that as well.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

All who drive and sit in traffic on First Street and the Park Road/East Middle Lane train underpasses, plus all the pedestrians who walk under the bridges and are subjected to the ugliness around them.

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 #90245

Date Submitted: 5/7/2024

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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)

Tower Oaks Community

Proposal Title*

Connecting Preserve Parkway with the Park Potomac neighborhood

Proposal Location*

Preserve Parkway and Tower Oaks Blvd

Describe Your Proposal*

Requesting a pedestrian/biker bridge to connect Preserve Parkway with the Park Potomac neighborhood that will greatly benefit all residents of our neighborhood (Tower Oaks), especially a significant population that are seniors. It will also make it easier for Park Potomac neighborhood residents to cross over easier and much more safely to Rockville. It will also help ease the congestion at Park Potomac that is caused by the need for everyone to get their using motor vehicles.

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

Easier and safer commute to access groceries, food, pharmacy and other daily needs.

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?

This request is made on behalf of self, but after informal discussions and encouragement by other neighbors who also are very much in favor.

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

Tower Oaks Community is mostly private properties and I am sure it benefits and many will be in favor.

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 #90247

Date Submitted: 5/7/2024

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

Group



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

Proposal Title*

Pedestrian/Biker Bridge from Preserve Parkway to Park Potomac

Proposal Location*

Preserve Parkway to Park Potomac

Describe Your Proposal*

Many Rockville residents would love to have a pedestrian/biker bridge over 270, from Preserve Parkway to Park Potomac.

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

A pedestrian bridge would enable residents from the Tower Oaks, Park Potomac, Seven Locks, and Montrose areas to avoid traffic on Montrose Road and Wooten Parkway when patronizing the restaurants, shops, businesses, market and dog park, all in an environmentally friendly way.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

at least 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?*

No, it doesn't impact private property. However, I believe that all residents near the area are in support of the bridge project.

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 think this project fits in an existing CIP project.

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Propose a Project - Submission #90256

Date Submitted: 5/7/2024

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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*

Pedestrian Bridge

Proposal Location*

tbd

Describe Your Proposal*

Bridge to connect Tower Oaks to Park Potomac area

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

traffic and safety

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

1000

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.)*

I don't know

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Propose a Project - Submission #90442

Date Submitted: 5/13/2024

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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*

pedestrian/biker bridge to connect Preserve Parkway with the Park Potomac neighborhood

Proposal Location*

preserve parkway to park potomac neighborhood

Describe Your Proposal*

Many around Tower Oaks often want to go to support the businesses in Park Potomac. A pedestrian bridge would enable residents from the Tower Oaks, Park Potomac, Seven Locks, and Montrose areas to avoid traffic on Montrose Road and Wooten Parkway when patronizing the restaurants, shops, businesses, market and dog park, all in an environmentally friendly way.

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

The area is growing, and it would become more attractive if the residents of the Tower Oaks, Park Potomac, Seven Locks, and Montrose areas could avoid the traffic on Montrose Road and Wooten Parkway to patronize the restaurants, shops, businesses and parks.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

At least 1000+

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 plenty of public owned property to make the connection on.

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'm not sure

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Propose a Project - Submission #90557

Date Submitted: 5/16/2024

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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*

traffic calming devices to improve public safety

Proposal Location*

East Rockville

Describe Your Proposal*

I propose to add speed bumps throughout the East Rockville neighborhood on residential streets to slow down local and commuter traffic. In particular, adding the speedbumps at the intersection between Crabb Ave and North Horners Lane.

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

The East Rockville area population has increased over time, including the use of automobiles, which are all parked on the narrow residential streets of East Rockville, causing at times bottlenecks of vehicles. Additionally, commuters and locals are speeding quickly through our streets in these narrow streets, where pedestrians regularly walk. By adding speedbumps to East Rockville, in particular, Crabb and North Horners (I live at 403 Crabb Ave), speeding drivers will be forced to decrease and maintain speed, which will alleviate potential vehicular accidents (a car crashing into another car, house, or potentially a pedestrian, such as children and elderly citizens). On my own street, at 403 Crabb Ave, I have already taken note of drivers using excessive speeds or reckless and negligent driving, on our street. At times, I believe drivers believe the residential streets permit speeds that of a highway, which of course is not the case. Recently, a yellow Honda S2000 performed donuts in the middle of our street, almost hitting a house and car. Signs or cameras will not resolve the speeding issues. By adding speed bumps, drivers will be forced to control their speeds in our neighborhood, creating a safer environment for the East Rockville residents. Please, please, consider adding speed bumps to our neighborhood, at the very least near my home, where drivers are regularly speeding down narrow streets.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Entire population of East Rockville \ or near my home where traffic is busy and quick.

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, this doesn't 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.)*

Yes. adding speed bumps will help Rockville's goals heading toward zero traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2030.

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Propose a Project - Submission #90994

Date Submitted: 5/30/2024

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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)

SEBASTIAN KIERSCHNER

Proposal Title*

Pedestrian Bridge between TowerOaks/Preserve Parkway and Park Potomac

Proposal Location*

Accross 270

Describe Your Proposal*

Pedestrian/biker bridge to connect Preserve Parkway with the Park Potomac neighborhood.

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

A pedestrian bridge would enable residents from the Tower Oaks, Park Potomac, Seven Locks, and Montrose areas to avoid traffic on Montrose Road and Wooten Parkway when patronizing the restaurants, shops, businesses, market and dog park, all in an environmentally friendly way.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

All Residents of North Farm, Tower Oaks, Souther Rockville Area also Dogwood Park 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?*

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.)*

unknown

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Propose a Project - Submission #91026

Date Submitted: 5/31/2024

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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*

Disc golf course

Proposal Location*

Red gate

Describe Your Proposal*

I would like a other disc golf course in the area. The only one is in Seneca Creek park. Red gate Park would be a great location to put a course, and would add an additional draw to the new plans for red gate Park.

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

Outdoor activities

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.)*

Red gate park

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Propose a Project - Submission #91089

Date Submitted: 6/2/2024

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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*

Hungerfordtowne Traffic Calming

Proposal Location*

Hardy Pl and W Edmonston Dr

Describe Your Proposal*

Increased traffic calming measures to slow down speeds and prevention of stop sign intersection running.

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

With the Elementary School and speed camera on W Edmonston Dr, speeding traffic has moved to other side streets. There are people driving at excessive speeds on these side streets, in addition to running stop signs at intersections. Proposal to introduce traffic calming measures to slow down speed.

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 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.)*

vision zero

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Propose a Project - Submission #91110

Date Submitted: 6/3/2024

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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*

Establishment of a Pedestrian Bridge Between Tower Oaks and Park Potomac

Proposal Location*

Over 270 Freeway Between Tower Oaks and Seven Locks (Park Potomac Shopping Area)

Describe Your Proposal*

I propose the City of Rockville build a pedestrian / bicycle bridge that goes over the 270 Freeway and is located halfway between the existing traffic bridges that are already located on Montrose Road and Wooten Parkway.

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

The establishment of a pedestrian bridge in this area will connect the existing/planned communities, restaurants, shops and offices located on Tower Oaks and Preserve Parkway with the existing/planned communities, restaurants, shops and offices in the Potomac Park area. By establishing this pedestrian bridge, the city will greatly promote increased foot, bike and paw traffic between these two growing areas. This pedestrian bridge will allow all of these residents, shoppers and resident employees to forego their vehicles, while traversing between these thriving areas in a safe and environmentally friendly manner. This bridge will also allow increased usage of the new dog park the city just established on Preserve Parkway. The high-volume and fast-moving traffic found on Montrose Road and Wooten Parkway really discourages pedestrian traffic between the existing / planned communities, restaurants, shops and offices located on both sides of the freeway.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

While I am not aware of the exact number of residents in these locations, nor am I aware of the exact number of people that use these restaurants or shops on a daily basis, I suspect we are talking about several thousand residents, consumers and employees that could directly and repeatedly benefit from this pedestrian bridge.

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 believe the area where a pedestrian bridge can be erected is already City or County owned.

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 do not believe this proposal currently falls within any existing City or County project.

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Propose a Project - Submission #91753

Date Submitted: 6/23/2024

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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*

Make access to Redgate Park more walkable

Proposal Location*

E Gude Dr by Redgate Park

Describe Your Proposal*

Currently Redgate Park's only official entrance is by Avery Rd. Pedestrians need to cross the busy and dangerous intersection of E Gude and Norbeck Rd, go along the sidewalk by the busy, loud, and car exhaust polluted Norbeck Rd, then cross to the other side of Avery Rd, then go down Avery Rd, and carefully cross Avery Rd again to go to the car lane of Redgate Park. It would be great if there were more sidewalk along E Gude Dr that directly connected the area along the E Gude Dr Service Rd and the corner to Norbeck Rd, and along that sidewalk have a pedestrian-friendly entrance to Redgate Park. This is near a bus stop that currently has very little safe space for a pedestrian to wait. I would even say, don't add a car entrance as that would complicate traffic. It would further be nice to have a crosswalk or pedestrian bridge that crossed E Gude Dr in this area. It may also be nice to further develop the area across Norbeck Rd where there is a bus stop and almost no room for people to safely and comfortably wait.

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

Pedestrian and bus rider safety along E Gude Dr and Norbeck Rd, make Redgate Park more accessible and pedestrian friendly. Make this area a little more attractive to visit -- there are some strip mall businesses and offices here that could benefit from this accessibility as well.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Perhaps hundreds or thousands -- for residents, workers, and commuters in the 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?

N/A

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

I am not aware of any private property being impacted.

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 no idea. I am trying to find existing CIP projects on the website but am having trouble. Please link them to this form for people to easily check. I also recommend providing that link higher up on the form so people don't duplicate work if it's not necessary.

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Propose a Project - Submission #91825

Date Submitted: 6/25/2024

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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*

Rockville

Proposal Location*

MD

Describe Your Proposal*

This proposal aims to utilize unused land or abandoned sports courts to create additional pickleball courts in Rockville, MD. Pickleball is rapidly growing in popularity, and providing more courts will encourage physical activity, community engagement, and recreational opportunities for residents of all ages. This aligns with the city's commitment to enhancing recreational facilities and promoting active lifestyles.

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

The proposal addresses the lack of sufficient pickleball courts to meet the growing demand in the community. By repurposing unused land and abandoned courts, we can create spaces that promote healthy living, social interaction, and outdoor activity, addressing both physical and mental health needs. This also supports the city's goals of maintaining and enhancing public infrastructure as outlined in the Capital Improvements Program (CIP).

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Considering Rockville's population of approximately 67,000, and assuming that approximately 5% of the population might be interested in using the pickleball courts, this proposal has the potential to benefit over 3,000 residents. This estimate is based on the growing popularity of pickleball and the inclusive nature of the sport, which appeals to a wide range of age groups and fitness levels.

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, this proposal has not been discussed and agreed upon by the local neighborhood association yet.

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

No, this project will utilize public lands and abandoned public sports courts, ensuring that no private property is impacted.

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, this proposal aligns with the city's existing CIP project focused on enhancing recreational facilities and promoting active lifestyles among residents. Specifically, it complements initiatives such as the Outdoor Recreation Pool Renovation and the Lincoln Park Community Center Improvements by providing additional recreational opportunities.

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Propose a Project - Submission #91930

Date Submitted: 6/27/2024

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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)

Emily Lincoln

Proposal Title*

Dog Park at Elwood Smith Park

Proposal Location*

Elwood Smith Park - Field next to playground

Describe Your Proposal*

There is a rectangle of minimally utilized grass at Elwood Smith Park surrounded by the creek, Lynnfield St, the playground, and the community center. It tends to get very buggy and wet because of complicated water drainage problems that were discovered during the playground renovation. Therefore, it's minimally used especially in the summer. I propose that this plot be enhanced in a way to make it less swampy and perhaps turned into a dog park or half dog park, half basic sports field. It doesn't have to be complicated, just a place for people to let their dogs come and play together off leash.

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

Renovating under utilized space, removing standing water contributing to bug problem, bringing neighbors together, more eyes and ears in area recently suffered from gun violence.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Hundreds

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, it's already property of Rockville City

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 #91931

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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)

Emily Lincoln

Proposal Title*

Traffic Improvements at Mt. Vernon PI

Proposal Location*

Rockville Pike @ Mt Vernon PI

Describe Your Proposal*

This is a very dangerous intersection because people coming out of the parking lot that is shared by Patient First/Roy Rogers often ignore right of way laws to turn left SB on Rockville Pike. There are also people U-Turning to go SB, not realizing that they must technically yield to people turning Right from Mt Vernon PI to SB Rockville Pike. There was also a pedestrian incident in the past few years within a block of here. PLEASE put some kind of turning restriction or stop light at this intersection before there is an accident. You may not have enough data to justify this, but anecdotally I have observed many near misses. Someone is going to get hurt

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

Serious auto accidents

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.)*

don't know.

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Propose a Project - Submission #92005

Date Submitted: 7/1/2024

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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*

Bridge in Glenora park

Proposal Location*

Glenora park

Describe Your Proposal*

Glenora Park is somewhat divided by a creek and forest. Half of the park is on Dundee rd and other half is Wootton parkway and McCormick. The part on Dundee has the playground, basketball and by Guy court is the tennis courts. The other part has the baseball field and volleyball court. There is no connection between the two areas except to walk all the way around. And there is no parking in the McCormick area- just residential. We need a bridge that crosses the creek and connects not only the park areas but the communities too. I think you need to see the area to understand the problem.

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

1. Connecting the two park areas 2. Parking access to the baseball field 3. Connecting the areas and easier access to the tennis courts

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Too many to count

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'm not sure

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Propose a Project - Submission #92511

Date Submitted: 7/18/2024

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

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

Empty text input field

Proposal Title*

Improved crosswalk signage/lights at Route 28 and Grandin

Proposal Location*

at Route 28 and Grandin

Describe Your Proposal*

I propose a flashing light crosswalk sign, similar to those in the town center crosswalks, to be placed at Route 28 and Grandin.

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

The crosswalk at Route 28 and Grandin is unsafe. No one stops for pedestrians, who are often stranded in the median. When cars do stop, since it is a double lane road, it creates unsafe conditions as cars coming from behind speed AROUND the correctly stopped car, putting drivers and pedestrians at risk. I have actually accidentally caused a car crash here, when a car didn't see me crossing in front of a stopped car, then saw me last minute, slammed on their brakes, and caused the car behind them to rear end them. Another time, cars were stopped to let me go, and a dump truck didn't anticipate that, and ended up driving up OVER the curb onto the sidewalk to avoid hitting the car in front of them. Someone could have been killed. A flashing light would alert drivers that someone is crossing, and that other cars may be stopped. The city actively promotes this route with green biking waysigns. So please do more to make it safe for us!

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Perhaps you could count the number of people crossing 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.)*

Do not know.

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Propose a Project - Submission #92531

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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*

Inline hockey rink

Proposal Location*

Elwood Smith Park

Describe Your Proposal*

An inline hockey rink similar to the one located at Dewey Local Park in Kensington.

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

Ice hockey is an expensive sport, but an outdoor inline rink could serve a wider population and make hockey more accessible for everyone in the community.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Hundreds

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

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Propose a Project - Submission #92611

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

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

Proposal Title*

Restrooms at playparks

Proposal Location*

Elwood Smith playpark

Describe Your Proposal*

I would like to propose a public restroom at Elwood Smith playpark.

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

Every time one of my children needs the restroom we have to walk/ride home for 15 minutes and then back again. They need the restroom every single time we go to the playpark. I'm so fed up with this.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

100 kids

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

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Propose a Project - Submission #92625

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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)**

yajie li

Proposal Title*

outdoor gym

Proposal Location*

Dawson family park, Elwood smith park or Dogwood park

Describe Your Proposal*

We would like kids and adults to be able to do outdoor gym such as parallel bars, Pullup Bar, leg or arm presses

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

there's no outdoor gym for adults or kids in the neighborhood-- parents can work on exercise while their kids play and kids can try basic gym outdoors.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

everyone age 5-80yo

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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 sure but I know Dewey Local Park has an outdoor gym, though missing the parallel bars.

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Propose a Project - Submission #92625

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Print**Propose a Project - Submission #93255****Date Submitted: 8/12/2024**

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

Group

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

Lincoln Park Civic Association (LPCA)

Proposal Title*

Soccer goals for Isreal Park

Proposal Location*

Isreal Park grass field

Describe Your Proposal*

Equip Isreal Park with two (2) soccer goals and net for Youth soccer. The dimensions requested are: 6.5' High x 18.5' Wide x 6.5' Deep.

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

The addition of the equipment would give the opportunity for community members of all ages to play soccer at Isreal Park. This would complement the current sport offering of the park (tennis, baseball and baseball). We are proposing the procurement of goals of 'Medium' size to better serve our community youth. The goals will have multiple purposes: 1. Allow community members to have a safe public space to engage in this healthy recreational activity. Identical initiatives were successfully implemented at Maryvale and College Gardens Parks. 2. Enhance the experience of the already existing soccer programs for the Lincoln Park Community kids. The soccer program at the Lincoln Park Community Center has operated without goals for many years. 3. Extend the offering of sports for summer camps run from the Lincoln Park Community Center Here is an example of goals with wheels: <https://kwikgoal.com/product/deluxe-european-club-soccer-goal/>, model 2B3004. We also recommend getting two anchor bags for safety purposes. Estimated cost: \$4,876.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

It will serve the 300+ residents of Lincoln Park. It is likely to also attract residents from close by neighborhoods, such as East 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?

The proposal has the support of the Lincoln Park community, via the Lincoln Park Civic Association (documented in the July 2024 meeting minutes).

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. The recent extension of the parking lot size of the Lincoln Park Community Center will adequately accommodate the additional car traffic, if any.

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: Rockville 2040 Comprehensive Plan: plan that establishes policies to guide the city's growth, development, and quality of life, including in the areas of land use, recreation and parks.

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Propose a Project - Submission #93486

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

Group



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

North Farm Citizens' Association (NFCA)

Proposal Title*

Sidewalk Remediation in North Farm

Proposal Location*

North Farm

Describe Your Proposal*

There are approximately 2.5 miles of roadway in North Farm and there are concrete sidewalks on both sides of the roads. There are many places where roots from City-owned trees have caused elevation changes, gaps, unevenness, or other problems making North Farm sidewalks unsafe. Our sidewalks are regularly used by walkers, joggers, and pet owners -- young and old. Some choose to walk or jog in the streets due to sidewalk unevenness, creating a different set of safety issues. This includes some disabled residents who choose to walk in the streets due to sidewalk safety hazards. There are some temporary repairs in need of more permanent remedy and some unaddressed problems in need of repair (see <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1xNJalIZTmsq-QMHRhWtOAc37U6H5sB9s>). This proposed project is aimed at bringing North Farm sidewalks up to current safety standards, including ADA compliance.

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

This proposal seeks to eliminate safety hazards on North Farm sidewalks and reduce the need for people to walk or jog in the streets. For example, Farm Haven Drive is configured as a circle approximately one mile in circumference and many people walk or jog laps in the street because the sidewalks are hazardous in spots. Farm Haven Drive is also heavily traveled by personal and commercial vehicles entering or leaving North Farm, some of which travel at speeds well beyond the speed limit. The combination of speeding vehicles and pedestrians walking or jogging in the streets is obviously a significant safety risk.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

North Farm is a community of 262 single family homes located just north of Montrose Road and just east of I-270. Assuming an average of three occupants/household, this proposal would serve approximately 800 residents plus visitors. That results in a rough estimate of 1000 people.

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. The NFCA Board voted unanimously to submit this proposal at its 8/12/24 regular meeting. The minutes of the 8/12/24 meeting will reflect that.

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

No private property is affected.

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. Concrete Repair & Replacement. "This sustainable program repairs and replaces concrete street components such as curbs and gutters, sidewalks, and driveway aprons; miscellaneous infrastructure items such as drainage structures, guiderails, retaining walls, and brick paving; and small sidewalk additions. Specific areas for repair and replacement are selected through staff's annual evaluation based on ADA compliance, research, and generally accepted industry standards."

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Propose a Project - Submission #93515

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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*

Security Improvements at City Hall

Proposal Location*

Rockville City Hall

Describe Your Proposal*

The City should proceed with investing in security improvements at City Hall to include visitor screening and management. Due to its proximity to local courthouses and mass transit, City Hall employees face risks related to serving our constituents and others.

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

Safety of City employees and the public at City Hall

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

70,000

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?*

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 #93763

Date Submitted: 8/30/2024

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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)

David Brewster

Proposal Title*

Request for a sidewalk on Tall Grass Court in Rockville

Proposal Location*

Tall Grass Court

Describe Your Proposal*

This request is for a sidewalk to be placed alongside Bullards Park (west side) of Tall Grass Court. This new sidewalk would connect with the sidewalk at the corner of Autumn Wind Way and the sidewalk on the east side of Tall Grass Court. I have lived on the street for 7 years and these are my observations: This is a heavily used cul-de-sac by pedestrians and cars alike. Many of the pedestrians heading towards the park, sometimes with their dogs or children, will not bother to use the sidewalk, on the opposite side of the street. They would rather take their chances to get to the park before a possible arriving vehicle is an issue. Some relevant information of Bullards Park: A field of Bamboo has been removed from along Tall Grass CT with the intention that it would eventually be replanted with typical grass. The bamboo used to block half the street after winter storms. I am guessing that's why it was removed. There was a split-rail fence that allowed a single entrance into the park from Tall Grass CT. The fence was removed at the same time as the bamboo. The entrance path is still established and maintained with wood shavings being placed there. Unfortunately, new residents are not aware of the old entrance and often park in front of this path. A new ramp in the curb is has been constructed and this may help to re-establish the entrance location. There are several challenges to a putting a sidewalk on the west side of Tall Grass CT. A guardrail at the south end, a fire hydrant at the north end, and many trees between are quite a bit of those challenges. One suggestion was to narrow the street so a new sidewalk would take up that space and avoid all the extra work to remove trees and relocate. I believe that the neighbors might not like that option as the street is often used for a lot of car parking. One option may be, since this is a park, maybe the pathway could wind through the trees in the park rather than be restricted to a parallel path to the street? The only challenge with this option would be the guardrail, which is a challenge with any option. Another thing to note is that the playground is up for an overhaul or replacement. It would be helpful if there was a pathway connected to the playground from Tall Grass Court as it is from Calvert Road at the west end. Another option is if the pathway need to be parallel with Tall Grass Court could it made next to curb? This may save most of the trees from root damage.

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

Reduction of pedestrian and vehicles interaction on Tall Grass Court.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Hundreds per years

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?

I can provide a petition or traffic survey. General discussion with neighbors has shown all agree with this need.

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

No impact with 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.)*

Yes. There is a proposal for a nearby playground upgrade. This could be incorporated with that project.

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Propose a Project - Submission #93793

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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)

Dominique Lorang

Proposal Title*

Community composting site

Proposal Location*

Along Wootton Parkway

Describe Your Proposal*

This designated composting site (there may be multiple sites in Rockville) would use new critter proof and smell proof compost bins to allow trained community members to compost food scraps with garden waste their home to responsibly create high quality compost. Each site should be able to handle up to 1/2 to 1 ton of material a month. To join each member must take an hour training and be able to help process the compost 1-hour a month. This can be similar to the Washington DC Community Compost Cooperative Network at <https://dpr.dc.gov/page/community-compost-cooperative-network>.

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

Composting locally at the neighborhood or community-level will divert significant quantities of organic materials from landfill disposal. In other words, waste is reduced: food scraps and other organic materials are diverted from disposal and composted. It also yields many other community benefits: social education, inclusion and empowerment, greener neighborhoods, improved local soils, less truck traffic hauling garbage, more local jobs, and increased composting know-how and skills within the local workforce. It has been demonstrated that community-scale operations can move from concept to operation in a relatively short time frame. And community composting can build critical support for and participation in future citywide food scrap recovery programs. Community composting programs have been successful in many parts of the world, including the US.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

It could be introduced to all Rockville residential neighborhoods.

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 composting sites could be placed in a community park, by community garden plots, along certain roads like Wootton Parkway, Montrose Road, Georgia Avenue, etc.

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 could fall under Recreation & Parks CIP or under a Refuse CIP project to lower amount of refuse that will be trucked in the form of organic matter to the transfer station....will lower gas used to truck refuse and decrease Rockville carbon footprint.

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Propose a Project - Submission #93817

Date Submitted: 8/31/2024

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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*

Public Bathroom for Montrose Park

Proposal Location*

451 Congressional Ln, Rockville, MD 20852

Describe Your Proposal*

I would like to ask the city to install public bathroom facility at the Montrose Park. This park is always busy with children.

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

It will help to keep this park clean. People (particularly children) use surrounding bushes and trees as the bathroom.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Large community, over 200 people a 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?*

NA

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 #93828

Date Submitted: 9/1/2024

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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*

Sidewalk Extension- Shady Grove Road

Proposal Location*

Shady Grove Road Between Gudelsky Way and Darnestown Road

Describe Your Proposal*

Complete the sidewalk between the Shady Grove entrance to the Universities at Shady Grove and Darnestown Road. The side walks come to an abrupt end, leaving pedestrians to walk in the street.

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

Improve pedestrian Safeway; advance Vision Zero Project for Rockville.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

I do not know.

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 do not 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.)*

Related to Pedestrian Master Plan; I don't see funding in the CIP section of the city budget.

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Propose a Project - Submission #93840

Date Submitted: 9/1/2024

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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*

Digital/Electronic Community Bulletin Boards

Proposal Location*

City of Rockville Parks

Describe Your Proposal*

These bulletin boards would be located at City of Rockville Parks so people could easily see upcoming events and activities that may be of interest to them. It would avoid wasting paper like for traditional flyers. Community members/groups/and perhaps local businesses could submit their events, activities, etc. for review to ensure appropriate and the manager of the digital boards could push the messages/flyers out to the boards. Alternatively QR code signs (that point to a community event website) could be placed in parks. And people interested in submitting events for posting could submit to the site manager for review and posting.

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

Helping build more community and keeping people aware in a more succinct, efficient way.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

All Rockville community members.

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 upgrades at recreational facilities/parks.

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Propose a Project - Submission #93849

Date Submitted: 9/2/2024

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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*

Twinbrook Parkway Bike Lane

Proposal Location*

Twinbrook Parkway

Describe Your Proposal*

Expanded sidewalks with dedicated bike lanes to promote biking to Twinbrook Metro Station

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

Reduces car traffic; reduces carbon emissions; promotes active lifestyles; separates cars, bikes, & pedestrians.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

1000

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, public/DOT ROW

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.)*

TBD

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Propose a Project - Submission #93868

Date Submitted: 9/2/2024

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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*

Proposal for establishing mandates for Trimming or removing large trees in West End Neighborhoods

Proposal Location*

West End area of Rockville

Describe Your Proposal*

I propose that Historic West End establish regulations for the allowed size of large trees in the West End neighborhoods. There are many very large tree in this area. Most people have never trimmed their trees due to expense. It is a serious problem not only because of expense but also confronting residents to maintain their tree to a certain size. No one will want to tend to this matter unless regulations are put in place. This ought to have been established many years ago. It is now a serious problem when storms or lightening are around, or as trees age. These large trees or limbs from the trees can fall on residents, cars, or resident homes. Restrictions need to be put in place, inspections done, along with incentive to trim or remove a tree that is oversized for the neighborhood. Money for this serious problem ought to be allocated as it would provide safety for residents, cars and homes.

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

Neighborhood safety to residents, cars and resident homes.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

population of West End of Rockville. Don't know exact number.

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 project would impact private property because the large trees are mostly on private property. I doubt many home owners would support this plan due to expense. That is why I propose establishing regularionts that would require adherence to this matter. West End is historic. Along with historic areas, there are restrictions and guidelines. This would become one of the guidelines for living in this area. When buying a house in this area, it would be explained to the prospective buyer.

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 #93923

Date Submitted: 9/3/2024

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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*

Special waste collections

Proposal Location*

Rockville

Describe Your Proposal*

The proposal is to implement a regular (monthly, bi-monthly, or quarterly) curbside collection service for special waste products such as batteries, metals, and plastic film. This program would provide residents with a convenient way to dispose of these materials by offering curbside pickup on designated days. Residents would receive special waste boxes or bins for these items, which they can place at the curb for collection on the designated day. The program would cover all residential areas within the city that are currently serviced by the garbage and recycling pickup

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

Currently, the only option for disposing of special waste products like batteries, metals, and plastic bags and film is to take them to the city's waste facility (or a participating grocery store drop-off for plastic bags and film). This is inconvenient for many residents, likely leading to improper disposal and potential environmental contamination. By offering curbside collection, this proposal addresses the need for a more accessible and convenient disposal method, which will increase participation in proper waste disposal, reduce the environmental impact of hazardous materials entering the regular waste stream, and foster a culture of sustainability in the community. Given that the city already provides occasional special pickups for items like Christmas trees and fall leaf pickup, this proposed service could build on that model to address other critical waste disposal needs.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Population of Rockville (67,000+ residents)

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 #94020

Date Submitted: 9/7/2024

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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*

Traffic Improvement on W Edmonston Dr

Proposal Location*

West Edmonston Drive between Rockville Pike and Wootton Parkway

Describe Your Proposal*

Improve traffic patterns in this section of W Edmonston Dr.

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

Traffic travelling east on this section back up on to Wootton Parkway. Traffic exiting Wintergreen Plaza has difficulty merging. There is also a pedestrian crossing at the Wintergreen Plaza exit. Traffic in this area can be dangerous when people are trying to merge in heavy and backed-up traffic.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Thousands who commute here daily and those who live nearby

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 #94035

Date Submitted: 9/8/2024

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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*

Pave the 700 block of Carr Ave

Proposal Location*

700 block of Carr

Describe Your Proposal*

Just need the 700 block repaved. Thank you for your consideration.

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

The road is a high traffic road from 270 to Beall Elementary school.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Unknown

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 #94045

Date Submitted: 9/8/2024

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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*

Monument Park Tennis/Pickleball Court

Proposal Location*

Monument Park

Describe Your Proposal*

Above the playground at Monument Park is an open grass area that would be ideal for 1 (maybe 2) tennis/pickleball courts. That area currently has the playground and basketball court.

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

There are no public tennis courts on this side of West End.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

The 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?*

The location would be in the park. There are 1-2 house that are adjacent to the park. Not sure how impacted they would be as the court would be closer to MD Avenue.

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.)*

Recreation and Parks?

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Propose a Project - Submission #94085

Date Submitted: 9/9/2024

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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 walkway in historic alley parallel to West Montgomery ave

Proposal Location*

Historic Alley behind West Montgomery Ave between Laird St and Forest Ave

Describe Your Proposal*

The paved alley between Laird St and Forest Ave that runs behind West Montgomery Ave doglegs up to West Montgomery Ave between the 400 and 300 block instead of continuing straight through to Forest Ave. This is City owned property and it would be nice to have a portion of this alley behind the 300 block of West Montgomery Ave paved, connecting the alley to Forest Ave, so that pedestrians and bikers walking/biking through the alley could continue to Forest Ave then to the sidewalk along Harrison on the way to town center instead of having to back up to the extremely busy West Montgomery Ave.

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

It provides a safer route through the neighborhood to town center for pedestrians and bikers while avoiding the extremely stressful sidewalks along West Montgomery Ave

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Dozens a day walk the alley

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?

I am making this request on my own but this proposal has previously been submitted by WECA and has their support as part of their recommendations to the master plan

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

The alley runs along the boundaries of private properties, but the alley itself is owned by the City. It would affect those properties by allowing pedestrians to walk or bike near their houses as they are able to do in the front. But again - the property subject to the proposal is owned by the City of Rockville - this is not a right of way situation.

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 suppose this could fit withing the Sidewalks project

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Propose a Project - Submission #94136

Date Submitted: 9/11/2024

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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)

David Fuller II

Proposal Title*

Remove Bike Lanes in Rockville Town Center

Proposal Location*

Rockville Town Center

Describe Your Proposal*

Remove the underutilized, if at all used, bike lanes in Rockville Town Center, downtown area and replace with an extra car lane to reduce traffic congestion.

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

Reduce traffic congestion

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Thousands, everyone who travels by car through the Rockville Town Center, Rockville downtown 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 private property affected

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. But may reduce some requirements for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety project

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Propose a Project - Submission #94137

Date Submitted: 9/11/2024

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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)

Margaret W Blair

Proposal Title*

Make Twinbrook Parkway Safer

Proposal Location*

Twinbrook Parkway between Viers Mill Road and Rockville Pike

Describe Your Proposal*

When I drive on Twinbrook Parkway from Viers Mills Road toward Rockville Pike, I like to use the right lane so that 1) speeding drivers can pass me and 2) I can turn right into Twinbrook Metro parking lot

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

There are many bumps in the right lane that jar me and hurt my back. Also, when it is nighttime and raining, I cannot see clearly the dividing line between lanes. I would like the bumps to be smoothed over and I would like the lane demarcations to be painted in glow paint or have lit-up dots. It is almost impossible to see where the lanes end (including for oncoming traffic) when it is pouring rain at night. I see that the city of Gaithersburg has done that on Rockville Pike and it is much safer driving there at night.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

the many thousands who drive on Twinbrook Parkway every day. It is a major thoroughfare to Rockville Pike and the Metro

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?*

Probably would be supported positively by people who own property along Twinbrook Parkway, but no adverse effect

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 no idea

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Propose a Project - Submission #94138

Date Submitted: 9/11/2024

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

Group

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

Twinbrook Community Association

Proposal Title*

Splash Pad

Proposal Location*

Rockcrest or Twinbrook Park

Describe Your Proposal*

As the summer heat intensifies, residents of Twinbrook face a growing challenge in finding affordable and accessible ways to cool off. This proposal advocates for the establishment of a splash pad in Twinbrook to address this issue, providing a refreshing and inclusive recreational option for all families in the community.

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

This proposal addresses the following needs: 1. Affordability and Equity. Currently, Twinbrook Pool requires a membership or daily fee to access its facilities. This cost barrier limits many families, particularly those with lower incomes, from enjoying the pool. Given that over 70% of Twinbrook's population consists of families, and that Twinbrook is one of the most affordable housing areas in Rockville, Maryland, it is imperative to offer an alternative that does not impose financial constraints. 2. Demographic and Population Growth. According to 2010 estimates, Twinbrook has a population of 10,000 with this number expected to rise as more individuals seek affordable housing in the area. The increasing population necessitates additional recreational infrastructure to meet the growing demand and ensure that all residents have equitable access to leisure activities. 3. Climate Change Considerations. With the ongoing impacts of climate change, including rising temperatures, the need for accessible cooling options is more urgent than ever. A splash pad provides a climate-appropriate solution, allowing residents to enjoy a water-based recreational activity that helps mitigate heat stress and promotes public health. Benefits of a Splash Pad 1. Inclusive Recreation. A splash pad offers a zero-entry design that accommodates users of all ages and abilities, including young children, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities. This inclusivity ensures that everyone in the community can benefit from a fun and safe way to cool off during hot weather. 2. Cost-Effective Fun. Unlike traditional swimming pools, splash pads do not require a membership or daily fee, making them a cost-effective option for families. The installation of a splash pad provides a free-to-access facility that can be enjoyed by all residents without financial barriers. 3. Community Enhancement. A splash pad serves as a communal gathering space that fosters social interaction and community engagement. By creating a vibrant and accessible recreational spot, the splash pad will enhance the quality of life in Twinbrook, providing a much-needed social and recreational asset. Conclusion The proposed splash pad in Twinbrook is a timely and necessary addition to the community's recreational infrastructure. By addressing affordability issues, catering to the growing and diverse population, and responding to climate change challenges, the splash pad will serve as a valuable resource for families and individuals alike. Investing in this project aligns with Twinbrook's commitment to equity, inclusion, and enhancing the overall well-being of its residents. We urge the consideration and support of this proposal to bring a much-needed splash pad to Twinbrook, ensuring that all members of the community can enjoy a refreshing and accessible recreational experience.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

At least half the population of Twinbrook and surrounding neighborhoods.

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?

Twinbrook Community Association held a community meeting in July asking for suggestions about the needs for Twinbrook. This was one of the top three choices.

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 #94158

Date Submitted: 9/12/2024

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Contact Person*

Mary A. van Balgooy, President

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

Group



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

Proposal Title*

"Welcome to Twinbrook" Signage

Proposal Location*

Edmonston, Ardennes, Broadwood, possibly at Twinbrook Metro exits

Describe Your Proposal*

A welcoming and well-designed entrance sign is a crucial element in establishing a positive identity for a community. This proposal outlines the need for a "Welcome to Twinbrook" sign that will enhance the visual appeal of our neighborhood, foster a sense of pride, and provide a warm greeting to both residents and visitors.

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

Addressing Community Needs 1. Community Identity and Pride. Currently, Twinbrook lacks distinctive entrance signs that reflects the unique character and spirit of our neighborhood developed almost 80 years ago. Well-designed welcome signs would serve as a symbol of community pride, reinforcing Twinbrook's identity and creating a positive first impression for residents and visitors alike. 2. Enhancing Visual Appeal. The visual appeal of Twinbrook can be significantly improved with professionally designed welcome signs. Aesthetic enhancements to entrances north and south of Veirs Mill will contribute to the overall attractiveness of the neighborhood, making it more inviting and visually appealing. Benefits of "Welcome to Twinbrook" Signs 1. Establishing a Strong Community Identity. Welcome signs would serve as a visual representation of Twinbrook's character and values. By incorporating local symbols, colors, or dates, signs will help to establish a distinctive identity for the neighborhood, enhancing its recognition and appeal. 2. Enhancing First Impressions. Welcome signs will make a positive first impression on visitors and prospective residents. It will signal that Twinbrook is a well-maintained and welcoming community, contributing to its overall desirability. 3. Promoting Community Pride. The presence of prominent welcome signs will instill a sense of pride among current residents. It will symbolize the community's commitment to its own image and reputation, encouraging residents to take pride in their neighborhood.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

The residents of Twinbrook as well as outside visitors to 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?

Twinbrook Community Association held a community meeting in July asking for suggestions about the needs for Twinbrook. This was one of the top three choices.

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 #94163

Date Submitted: 9/12/2024

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Contact Person*

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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)

n/a

Proposal Title*

Install stools for children to wash hands in public places like the Rockville city swimming pool, libraries and other public buildings

Proposal Location*

Rockville city swimming pool lockers indoors and outdoors (and other public buildings like libraries, civic center etc)

Describe Your Proposal*

Please consider installing stools for children to be able to easily access faucets to wash hands in restrooms. Similar products to this (Step 'n Wash <https://stepnwash.com/products/step-n-wash-self-retracting-step-stool>) are available at commercial spaces (like Wegmans) and they would greatly assist families with children in all public buildings in Rockville. A space like the swimming pool that is frequented by young children should be children friendly and a parent should not have to pick up their kid to be able to wash their hands. It would keep the place more sanitary. Thank you for the consideration

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

Would assist families with young kids to be able to wash hands properly and keep the public spaces like the swimming pool sanitary.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Based on my estimate at least in the swimming pool it would help approximately 50% of the patrons if not 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?

n/a

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 sure.

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Propose a Project - Submission #94178

Date Submitted: 9/13/2024

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Contact Person*

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

Group

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

Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee (RPAC) and Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee (RBAC)

Proposal Title*

Lakewood Elementary School Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge Access

Proposal Location*

Where the current pedestrian/bicycle bridge to Lakewood Elementary School crosses Wootton Parkway and the Carl Henn Millennium Trail

Describe Your Proposal*

Add an access ramp to connect the Lakewood Elementary School bridge with the Carl Henn Millennium Trail (CHMT). This connection is included in the current Pedestrian Master Plan.

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

Currently, access to the ped/bike bridge is limited to a ramp on Glenmore Terrace; there is no access point from the CHMT. Parents and children who wish to walk or bike to the Lakewood ES using the CHMT must detour into the Glenmore Terrace neighborhood using either Keynes Lane to the north or Dundee Road to the south. Parents who have dropped their children off at school and wish to go for a run or bike ride on the CHMT do not have direct access. Members of the Lakewood ES PTA have mentioned the need for this connection in the meetings with bike/ped advocates. In addition, residents of the Lindsay Terrace neighborhood must cross Wootton Parkway at street level to access the CHMT.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

There are over 400 students at Lakewood ES. Those living on the east side of Wootton would have more options to access the bridge. Parents of all students who wish to use the CHMT after dropping off their children would have much better access. Residents in the McComack Road neighborhood (about 60 households) would have better access to Lakewood ES. Residents of the Glenmore Terrace neighborhood (about 35 households) would have more direct access to the CHMT. Residents of the Lindsay Terrace neighborhood (about 25 households) would have access to the CHMT without crossing Wootton Parkway at street level.

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?

This proposal was discussed and agreed on at the RPAC meeting on 9/12/2024 and the RBAC meeting on 9/4/2024. Meeting minutes will be available.

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

No, the existing public right-of-way and easement should be adequate for construction of a new access ramp.

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.

Thank you for submitting a proposal for the FY 2026 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 2026 budget public record beginning with the first Budget Public Hearing in Fall 2024. To follow the FY 2026 budget process, please 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 #94188

Date Submitted: 9/13/2024

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Contact Person*

Doris Schraft and Jeffrey Hudgens

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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 flashing devices in center island and along crosswalks on Beall Avenue at Gibbs Street and at Maryland Avenue

Proposal Location*

Beall Avenue at Gibbs Street and at Maryland Avenue

Describe Your Proposal*

There are currently pedestrian-activated flashing devices at the Beall Avenue crosswalks at Gibbs Street and at Maryland Avenue. These flashing lights are at the sidewalks, where pedestrians activate them; but drivers, who are often passing closer to the center island than to the sidewalk, do not always notice the lights in their peripheral vision as pedestrians start crossing. The drivers' views of pedestrians are also often obscured by utility and delivery trucks—particularly during the outsets of street crossings. The risks of auto-pedestrian collisions and injuries would be reduced by the placement of corresponding flashing lights at the center island, closer to drivers in the left lane, and flashing lights that outline the entirety of walking lanes.

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

Pedestrian safety is currently compromised by crosswalk lights situated at the periphery of drivers' field of vision.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

Pedestrians and drivers along busy Beall Avenue between N Washington St and Hungerford Drive

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.)*

Probably the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety element

Thank you for submitting a proposal for the FY 2026 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 2026 budget public record beginning with the first Budget Public Hearing in Fall 2024. To follow the FY 2026 budget process, please 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 #94203

Date Submitted: 9/13/2024

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Contact Person*

Margaret Wagner

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

Group

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

West End Civic Association

Proposal Title*

Deer Population Management

Proposal Location*

All of Rockville

Describe Your Proposal*

Research and carry out an organized program of humane deer population management across Rockville.

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

The deer issues in our city have gone beyond the nuisance level. The problem is now a public health issue. Deer population in the city has reached unprecedented numbers and, according to Rockville Animal Control, the problem affects every area within the city, including Town Center. Rockville's White-Tailed Deer Management Plan from 2012 identifies that the primary concerns of an increasing white-tailed deer population are issues related to public safety and health. These safety concerns include deer vehicle collisions and Lyme disease. Although deer are not the only carriers of the black-legged tick that is the source of the disease, the close proximity of large numbers of deer to humans in Rockville neighborhoods, where they no longer fear people and come close to homes, increases this public health concern. Ecological and biological impacts, as well as negative impacts to residential landscaping are other major concerns highlighted in the document. In the 14 years since this plan was written, the deer population in Rockville has grown even denser. Residents are concerned about feeling they need to request exceptions for 10-foot high fences to help minimize ecological and biological impacts of the deer near homes. We don't want Rockville to become a city of fences. We propose humane deer population management.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

All Rockville residents potentially impacted by vehicle collisions, disease, ecological and biological impacts of the deer overpopulation.

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, the proposal has been discussed and agreed on by our group. Concerns about deer have been raised by residents at nearly every monthly neighborhood meeting (September through May) of our civic association in 2023 and 2024. We invited a guest speaker from the Rockville Neighborhood Services Animal Control team to our September 2024 monthly meeting, and approximately 30 neighborhood residents discussed with him the safety, health and ecological issues of deer overpopulation in our city and within the group about how to work towards a solution. A motion was made at that meeting and unanimously passed by all residents present to propose this CIP project as a neighborhood submission to benefit all in the City impacted by deer overpopulation. The meeting minutes of this September meeting will be approved as official at our October 10, 2024 meeting, but they could be provided in draft form prior to that if that would be helpful.

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

The project does not directly impact a specific private property. Deer population management would provide health and ecological benefits to private property owners concerned about deer impacts.

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.)*

We did not see a deer management project listed in the summary of projects. The project relates to: - Neighborhood Services/Animal Control (reduce cost of their deer-related effort and the hundreds of dead and injured deer they need to manage annually) - Transportation (reduce the rising rates of deer collisions) - Stormwater Management (reduce the ecological impact of loss of vegetation at ground level)

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Propose a Project - Submission #94209

Date Submitted: 9/13/2024

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

Contact Person*

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

Group ▼

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

Ingleside at King Farm Green Team, Rockville MD

Proposal Title*

Rockville Retention Ponds Invasive Vine Removal

Proposal Location*

Watts Branch Watershed, King Farm Boulevard area, Rockville MD

Describe Your Proposal*

I am a resident of the Ingleside King Farm elder community on King Farm Boulevard and Piccard Drive. Ingleside is in the Upper Watts Branch Watershed. Several stormwater retention ponds in our neighborhood occur along two minor tributaries of the watershed. Paved walking/biking paths traverse the stream routes. These areas have vigorous healthy forests with a variety of native trees and shrubs. Ingleside residents regularly enjoy walking along these paths, observing the seasonal changes in the plants and birds which are found there. The area is frequented by local birders and is considered a birding hot spot by the Montgomery Bird Club. Yellow Warblers and Green Herons are among the interesting bird species identified there. One of my favorite trees is the American Persimmon which is locally common. Unfortunately, these urban forests are being overrun by invasive and non-native vine species, among them Multiflora Rose, English Ivy, Porcelain Berry, and Oriental Bittersweet. In some cases the vines have grown to the tops of the trees, smothering and weakening the trees and leading to their deaths. These vines need to be removed.

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

As trees grow larger, they provide important environmental services by cooling our neighborhoods and sequestering increasing amounts of carbon. Removing carbon from the atmosphere is important to counteract global warming. Our urban forest reserves are precious resources which need maintenance from time to time. Removal of these invasive vines is not something which can be accomplished by citizen volunteer Weed Warriors. Over the years the vines form heavy woody stems which require profession equipment to remove. A survey would need to be done to estimate the amount of work needed for this project. That is beyond my abilities. I would be happy to work with the Rockville Forestry Department to identify instances where trees are endangered by these vines. I suggest surveying first along both sides of King Farm Blvd between Gaither Road and Piccard Drive. The Forestry Department would then be able to develop a cost estimate for subsequent activity. Let's start cutting down the invasive vines.

Approximately how many people would your proposal serve?*

500 Ingleside King Farm residents, the greater King Farm neighborhood, Rockville and birders from the DMV area who use the eBird app to log reports of birds observed throughout the region and notify each other of rare and unusual birds seen in the region

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?*

Ingleside King Farm Green Team. Their endorsement will be forwarded to the committee.

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 to my knowledge.

Judy Penny

From: Max van Balgooy <max.vanbalgooy@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2024 8:27 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Comments on FY 2025 Budget and Community Priorities

WARNING - External email. Exercise caution.

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to share my thoughts on the FY 2025 budget, particularly regarding how resident priorities align with the city's planned projects. The recent survey indicates that residents value parks as a top priority. However, initiatives such as RedGate Park and Arboretum and the King Farm Farmstead rank lower on the list. I recommend reframing these projects to emphasize their role as parks that benefit the entire city, which could increase their appeal and potential impact. For example, simplifying the names by focusing on "park" rather than "arboretum" might underscore their accessibility and value to all residents (an arboretum is a place where trees are cultivated for scientific and education purposes--which will not appeal to many residents nor is the intent of RedGate).

It's also worth noting that the survey may not fully represent the entire community's views, given its self-selecting nature; participation wasn't drawn from a scientifically random sample. Additionally, the survey does not capture the perspectives of our local businesses, which play a significant role in economic development, especially in the Town Center Master Plan and related efforts.

That said, the survey does offer useful insights into resident interests and can guide how we approach and communicate these projects to maximize citywide benefit--but it is just a starting point.

Thank you for considering these thoughts as we move forward with the budget and planning processes.

Best regards,

Max A. van Balgooy
313 Twinbrook Parkway
max.vanbalgooy@gmail.com

Judy Penny

From: Sarah Looney Oldmixon <sarah.oldmixon@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2024 8:41 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Opposition to Proposed West End Deer Culling

WARNING - External email. Exercise caution.

I would like to share my opposition to the proposal to direct Rockville budget funds towards culling the deer population in the West End. While there are times that overpopulation makes it absolutely necessary to reduce the deer population in urban areas, I have seen no evidence that the deer in our community have reached anything close to the population levels that would necessitate human intervention.

To be clear: I am not a PETA member or animal rights activist. I am weighing in as a West End resident and carnivore who enjoys an occasional venison sausage.

Deer play an important role in maintaining the ecosystem of our community parks and greenbelts. Our limited budget dollars should be put to better uses.

Sincerely,
Sarah Oldmixon
Dale Drive, Rockville MD

Judy Penny

From: Bruce Plunkett <bplunkett1966@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2024 9:01 AM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Rockville Deer population.

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Members of the council,

I urge you to take the exploding deer population in to account when thinking about the 26 budget! Vehicle accidents, disease born insects, property destruction and public safety all come to mind when I think about how many deer are in our city. Other places have delt with this problem I'm sure we can as well but funds and people that have a plan are needed to put this in motion. Let's please get started on taking care of this problem before someone gets hurt or worse. Thank you for listening.

Bruce Plunkett
419 West Montgomery Ave
Rockville, Md

Judy Penny

From: Jeanne OMeara <jeanne.omeara1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2024 9:25 AM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Deer Management-public hearing

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Mayor & Council,

The unmanaged Deer population has long been a topic placed before the city. The city has chosen to ignore this ever growing issue while surrounding jurisdictions have put measures in place.

Ways to mitigate and manage deer populations has come a long way and there are human and financially responsible ways in which to do this, as i understand Gaithersburg is a city we could potentially learn from with them placing feeding stations with birth control around the city and can uptick or downtick depending on the deer pressure.

We live in one of the most expensive counties in the US and with home prices averaging in the \$700's and upward paired with high property taxes. While the city may think this is just a nuisance, house values have been impacted. 15-20% increase is seen in property/resale value with attractive landscaping. If you live in rockville you have a huge challenge planting the small variety that may not be eaten by the deer.

I won't hammer home the other impacts as you all are very well aware of them but have chosen not to act.

Please assign monies in the 2026 budget to tackle this out of control issue. Additionally, get serious about planning in 2025 and not cave to spam emails that are created by PETA. Listen instead to the residence needs.

Jeanne Omeara
419 W Montgomery Ave
Rockville MD 208450



TCA Testimony on Rockville FY 2026 Budget

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

My name is Mary van Balgooy, and I am the president of the Twinbrook Community Association (TCA). Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Rockville FY 2026 budget on behalf of the Twinbrook neighborhood. Throughout the year, TCA has engaged neighbors through meetings, monthly walk-and-talks, and our annual picnic to discuss community priorities. Based on their feedback and our Executive Committee's discussions, we respectfully request that the following points be added to the record.

First, the construction of a pedestrian and bicycle bridge spanning the railroad tracks in Twinbrook remains our community's highest priority. We are pleased to see that the city received a federal grant to evaluate and design a crossing over the Metrorail and CSX railroad tracks, which would connect Twinbrook to Rockville Pike and vice versa. While this grant is an important step forward, we know much remains to be done before the bridge becomes a reality. We strongly encourage the city to maintain this project as a top priority in the coming years.

Regarding pedestrian safety, we commend the city's commitment to the "Safe Routes to School" initiative, which aims to enhance safety at critical intersections in Twinbrook. This initiative is essential for our residents, particularly children, who will benefit from these improvements. We fully support the current plans and have suggested additional enhancements, which are on record. At this stage, we urge the city to allocate funding in the budget to cover all feasible improvements identified in the Safe Routes to School analysis.

Additionally, TCA submitted two budget requests through a community engagement process, and we'd like to comment on each of these.

1. **Neighborhood Welcome Signs:** Twinbrook currently lacks welcome signs, despite our requests in previous budgets, including FY 23. We strongly encourage the city to prioritize this signage initiative, which aligns with the adopted Comprehensive Plan. Placemaking through neighborhood welcome signs enhances community identity and builds a sense of belonging. These signs not only foster neighborhood pride but also create a positive impression for visitors and prospective residents, signaling that Twinbrook is a well-maintained, welcoming community.
2. **Splash Pad Installation:** TCA advocates for the addition of a splash pad to our community's recreational offerings. A splash pad offers a zero-entry design suitable for all ages and abilities, from young children to seniors and individuals with disabilities, providing an inclusive and safe way to cool off in the summer. Importantly, a splash pad is free to access, ensuring that all residents can enjoy it

without financial barriers, and it addresses climate adaptation needs by offering a water-based recreational activity suited to warmer weather.

In closing, we are grateful for your consideration of these priorities, which we believe will greatly benefit the Twinbrook community. Thank you for your dedication to improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

Mary van Balgooy, President
Twinbrook Community Association



MAYOR AND COUNCIL Meeting Date: March 17, 2025
Agenda Item Type: INTRODUCTION
Department: FINANCE
Responsible Staff: KIM FRANCISCO

Subject

Introduction of an Ordinance to Appropriate Funds and Levy Taxes for Fiscal Year 2026

Department

Finance

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council introduce the Ordinance to Appropriate Funds and Levy Taxes for Fiscal Year 2026.

Change in Law or Policy

Adoption of the operating and capital improvements program (CIP) budgets will require passage of the standard budget ordinance. This budget ordinance is scheduled to be adopted on May 5, 2025.

Discussion

The attached draft ordinance (Attachment 1) is provided for introduction purposes only. As in prior years, this ordinance will undergo changes prior to adoption in May. This ordinance includes proposed real and personal property tax rates, as well as appropriated amounts by fund for the FY 2026 operating budget and CIP. The City Manager's budget transmittal letter (Attachment 2) includes highlights and an overview of strategic initiatives included in the FY 2026 Proposed Budget.

General Fund Tax Rates

The Mayor and Council establish the tax rates each year in order to finance General Fund activities. For FY 2026, the city's real property tax rate is proposed to remain unchanged at \$0.292 per \$100 of assessed value (note: the city has not increased its real property tax rate since 1995). The personal property tax rate is proposed to remain unchanged at \$0.805 for every \$100 of assessed value. In FY 2026, total property taxes are estimated at \$51.6 million, or approximately 44 percent of the General Fund budget.

Parking District Tax Rate

In order to support the debt service costs of the three city-owned garages in Town Square, the Town Center Parking District was formed in 2007. The Parking District is a special taxing district that levies a real property tax on the commercial properties within the Town Square

boundaries. The FY 2026 Parking District tax rate is proposed to remain flat at \$0.33 per \$100 of assessed value.

Mayor and Council History

Date	Action Item
October 28, 2024	Public Hearing #1

Public Notification and Engagement

There is one more public hearing related to the FY 2026 budget (March 24). In addition to public hearings, the public can submit written comments directly to the Mayor and Council via the City Clerk/Director of Council Operations.

The Rockville community is also encouraged to submit an online budget survey to communicate their budget priorities for FY 2026. This form is available in three languages (English, Spanish, and Simplified (Mandarin) Chinese) and will be posted until April 7, 2025. The survey can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/budget.

The FY 2026 budget public record closes on April 7, 2025.

Fiscal Impact

The proposed real and personal property tax rates and the appropriated amounts by fund for the FY 2026 operating budget and CIP are included in the attached ordinance (Attachment 1).

Next Steps

Date	Action Item
March 24, 2025	Public Hearing #3 M&C Worksession #2 – Grants, Fund Balance
April 7, 2025	Close of the community budget priorities survey and public record M&C Worksession #3 – CIP, Changes, Final Balancing
May 5, 2025	Budget Adoption

Attachments

Attach1_BudgetOrdinance_Mar2025, Attach2_FY26Budget_CMLetter

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE: To Appropriate Funds
and Levy Taxes for
Fiscal Year 2026.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE,

MARYLAND as follows:

SECTION I - ANNUAL OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS

There are hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, out of the revenues accruing to the City for the purpose of operations, the several amounts hereinafter listed under the column designated "Amounts Appropriated":

FUNDS	AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED
General Fund	\$116,614,500
Water Fund	\$16,299,480
Sewer Fund	\$15,982,230
Refuse Fund	\$8,670,430
Parking Fund	\$2,926,520
Stormwater Management Fund	\$7,657,910
Special Activities Fund	\$1,797,500
Community Development Block Grant	\$263,000
Speed Camera Fund	\$1,377,000
Debt Service Fund	\$3,342,000
Town Center Management District Fund	\$0

The "Amounts Appropriated" by this section totaling \$174,930,570 shall be for the annual operating expenses of the departments and agencies of the City and shall be disbursed pursuant to the City Charter and the City Code, under the supervision of the City Manager.

SECTION II - CAPITAL PROJECTS APPROPRIATIONS

There is hereby appropriated out of the revenues accruing to the City for the purpose of capital improvements, the several amounts hereinafter listed under the column designated

"Amounts Appropriated":

FUNDS	AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED
Capital Projects Fund	\$61,035,311
Water Fund	\$29,596,420
Sewer Fund	\$15,989,094
Refuse Fund	\$741,022
Stormwater Management Fund	\$19,736,472
Special Activities Fund	\$1,378,271
Speed Camera Fund	\$0

The "Amounts Appropriated" by this section totaling \$128,476,590 shall be for improvement projects and shall be disbursed pursuant to the City Charter and the City Code, under the supervision of the City Manager.

SECTION III - GENERAL LEVY

There is hereby levied against all assessable real property within the corporate limits of the City a tax at the rate of twenty-nine and two-tenths cents (\$0.292) on each \$100 of assessable value of said property. There is also hereby levied, against all assessable personal property within the corporate limits of the City, a tax at the rate of eighty and one-half cents (\$0.805) on each \$100 of assessable value of said property. These taxes are hereby levied in order, together

with other available revenues and funds of the City government, to provide funds for the "Amounts Appropriated" as set forth in the foregoing Section I. The tax levies herein provided in this section shall not apply to property in the City of Rockville to the extent that such property is not subject to taxes as provided in any valid and binding annexation agreement.

SECTION IV – TOWN SQUARE PARKING DISTRICT LEVY

There is hereby levied against all non-exempt real property within the Town Square Parking District a tax at the rate of thirty-three cents (\$0.33) on each \$100 of assessable value of said property. These taxes are hereby levied in order, together with other available revenues and funds of the City government, to provide funds for the "Parking Fund" as listed in the "Amounts Appropriated" in Section I.

SECTION V – TOWN SQUARE STREET AND AREA LIGHTING DISTRICT LEVY

There is hereby levied against all non-exempt real property within the Town Square Street and Area Lighting District a tax at the rate of zero cents (\$0.00) on each \$100 of assessable value of said property. These taxes are hereby levied in order, together with other available revenues and funds of the City government, to provide funds for the "Town Center Management District Fund" as listed in the "Amounts Appropriated" in Section I.

SECTION VI – TOWN SQUARE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT LEVY

There is hereby levied against all commercial real property within the Town

Square Commercial District a tax at the rate of zero cents (\$0.00) on each \$100 of assessable value of said property. These taxes are hereby levied in order, together with other available revenues and funds of the City government, to provide funds for the “Town Center Management District Fund” as listed in the “Amounts Appropriated” in Section I.

SECTION VII – RESERVES

There is hereby committed \$2,080,000 in General Fund unassigned fund balance to support the following operating budget items: \$750,000 for a subsidy to the Housing Opportunities Fund sub-account, \$280,000 for a Green Space Management Plan, \$250,000 for a contribution to the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of a new vehicle, and \$800,000 for a transfer to the Capital Projects Fund to fund the construction of the Senior Center Entrance (TA24) CIP project.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council of Rockville at its meeting of

Sara Taylor-Ferrell, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations

March 7, 2025

Honorable Mayor and Rockville City Council Members, and the Rockville Community:

I am pleased to present the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Proposed Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program (CIP). The budget applies resources in an effective and responsible manner consistent with the policy direction set forth by the Mayor and Council and represents the thoughtful work of dozens of people across all departments. This budget prioritizes the Mayor and Council's focus areas: public safety, economic development, and housing – and places an emphasis on strategic initiatives that will greatly benefit the Rockville community. In all, this budget represents Rockville's response to the current economic conditions and takes into consideration all methods possible to balance cost to residents and quality services.

The FY 2026 proposed operating budget totals \$174.9 million across 10 funds, a 3.9 percent increase over the current fiscal year. Approximately 67 percent of the city's spending occurs in the tax-supported General Fund. The General Fund budget, which is balanced with current resources, equals \$116.6 million, an increase of 6.9 percent over FY 2025. The property tax rates of \$0.292 for real property and \$0.805 for personal property are proposed to remain the same, while noteworthy increases in assessed values will provide significant revenue growth for tax-supported functions. On average, the taxable assessed property values increased by 5.7 percent. For a property owner with a current assessed value of approximately \$700,000 this equates to a property tax increase of \$120 per year, or \$10 per month. Utility rates and user fees are proposed to increase between 2 percent and 6 percent, on average – with some fees and charges being held flat.

While there is revenue growth expected in FY 2026, it remains imperative that the city continue to allocate resources strategically, in alignment with Mayor and Council priorities, and in a manner that will be the most impactful to the Rockville community.

Public Safety

The proposed budget includes investments in public safety, including approximately \$10 million in new appropriations that support Vision Zero and the Pedestrian Master Plan, the introduction of a two-year CCTV modernization initiative, the addition of 2.0 FTE civilian positions in the Rockville City Police Department (RCPD), support for increased officer recruitment incentive programs, funding for the Gun Buyback event, and more than \$1.5 million which will promote the safety and quality of the city's drinking water and the Water Treatment Plant. The proposed budget also recommends a \$250,000 allocation of General Fund reserves to provide a new emergency response vehicle for the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department.

Economic Development

The proposed budget includes a \$1.6 million allocation to Rockville Economic Development, Inc. (REDI) and incorporates the addition of 5.0 FTE positions that support the timely and efficient processing of plan reviews, permits, and inspections within the city, including the reinstatement of expedited building permit review processes. The budget also reserves \$650,000 in General Fund capacity for the prospective Shady

Grove Metro annexation and anticipates several significant milestones which will support economic growth, including but not limited to, the rewritten zoning ordinance. These initiatives will lend themselves to strategic development and redevelopment which will enhance the quality of life, and opportunities for Rockville residents and businesses.

Housing

The proposed budget includes a new \$250,000 General Fund transfer to the Housing Opportunities Fund sub-account, and recommends a \$750,000 allocation of General Fund reserves to the Housing Opportunities Fund sub-account to promote the preservation and addition of affordable units, launch the employee homeownership assistance program, and begin the development of a homeownership downpayment assistance program for the Rockville community. An additional 2.0 FTE positions are proposed within the budget to assist in expanded programmatic efforts to better serve the housing needs of the Rockville community.

Capital Projects Initiatives

The proposed FY 2026 CIP includes new appropriations of \$33.8 million and supports 65 capital projects. The commitment to maintaining and enhancing city infrastructure is reflected in the budget, and there are some notable projects underway which include the construction of the Senior Center Entrance (TA24), and completion of the Maintenance and Emergency Operations Facility (GD19), Lincoln Park Community Center Improvements (RA22), and F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre ADA Improvements (RA20) along with the ongoing maintenance and improvement of the city's paths, roadways, sidewalks, stormwater facilities, and water and sewer infrastructure. The budget includes six new capital projects which focus on the preservation and improvement of city facilities, efficient and effective transportation, water quality and regulatory compliance, and technology advancements.

Although the city's financial outlook is positive, we, along with many other jurisdictions in the Washington DC metro area, remain cautious about changes that might result from the new federal administration. Staff will continue to monitor the local environment and adjust for any factors that might impact the city's key resources like property tax, income tax, hotel tax, or grant funding.

The development of the budget is a complex and time-consuming endeavor. I would like to thank the city's department directors, appointed officials, and their staff for working as a team to prepare this year's budget. I also wish to express my appreciation to the Finance Department staff members, who strive to ensure that all financial and budget information is transparent, understandable, and readily accessible to the public. I am particularly grateful for the leadership and guidance provided by the city's Mayor and Council. We hope this budget document offers you the information needed to make the key decisions that will impact Rockville residents and the city government throughout the next year and into the future. On behalf of our dedicated city staff, we look forward to the many exciting and challenging opportunities that await us in FY 2026.

Very Respectfully,



Jeff Mihelich ICMA-CM
City Manager



MAYOR AND COUNCIL Meeting Date: March 17, 2025
Agenda Item Type: WORKSESSION
Department: FINANCE
Responsible Staff: KIM FRANCISCO

Subject

FY 2026 Budget Worksession #1 – Strategic Initiatives, Reorganization, and Revenues

Department

Finance

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council review the FY 2026 Proposed Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program, and provide direction as needed.

Discussion

This is the Mayor and Council's first budget worksession related to the FY 2026 Proposed Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program. During this worksession, staff would like to cover strategic initiatives included in the FY 2026 operating budget, the reorganization that is reflected in the FY 2026 budget, the operating budget by fund, and proposed fees and revenues. The FY 2026 Proposed Fee Summary (Attachment 1) shows city fees and charges as reflected in the FY 2025 Adopted Budget and fees and charges proposed for FY 2026.

The objective of this worksession is to provide a high-level overview of the FY 2026 operating budget, along with greater insight into the revenues, taxes, and fees that support the strategic initiatives for FY 2026. The budget worksession presentation (Attachment 2) provides a focused discussion on the alignment of the FY 2026 strategic initiatives with the Mayor and Council's guiding principles, and shares budget highlights, along with information on proposed fees.

FY 2026 Strategic Initiatives

This budget prioritizes the Mayor and Council's focus areas: public safety, economic development, and housing – and places an emphasis on strategic initiatives that will greatly benefit the Rockville community.

Public safety is the bedrock of any thriving community. A comprehensive approach to public safety recognizes that prevention, through both social programs and infrastructure improvements, is just as important as response. The FY 2026 proposed budget includes \$525,000 for the first year of a two-year CCTV modernization initiative. This will include deployment of high-resolution smart cameras which will provide improved visibility, enhanced system reliability, and expanded coverage to areas and sites that are currently unmonitored. This initiative will allow for real-time safety

monitoring measures at all city facilities and provide reliable footage to assist with investigations when incidents occur.

Expansions to public safety personnel in the FY 2026 proposed budget include the addition of a 1.0 FTE Police Communications Supervisor and a 1.0 FTE Police Administrative Assistant. While the number of sworn officers in the Rockville City Police Department (RCPD) has grown to address staffing challenges within the Montgomery County Police Department, there have also been growing needs to help manage the increased volume associated with communications operations, warrant management and validation, MPIA requests, redlight camera citation review, and other administrative functions. These positions support the service levels that are expected by the Rockville community and will provide the capacity to serve a growing community. In addition to these new positions, the FY 2026 budget supports funding for increased new hire bonuses for Police Officers, which will enhance ongoing recruitment efforts for the RCPD.

The FY 2026 proposed budget includes ongoing resources for the Gun Buyback event and the police mental health specialist contract and includes an additional \$30,000 in funding for a mental health coordinator contract that will be targeted to disadvantaged adult populations and underserved seniors, a collaborative initiative between the departments of Housing and Community Development and Recreation and Parks. The proposed budget also recommends a \$250,000 allocation of General Fund reserves exceeding the target to provide an emergency response vehicle (paramedic chase unit) to the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department.

Within the city's enterprise funds, a noteworthy public safety initiative planned for FY 2026 includes \$639,000 in equipment replacements and security upgrades at the Water Treatment Plant. This investment will promote the safety and quality of the city's drinking water and funds physical security improvements in accordance with requirements under the Environmental Protection Agency.

Economic Development is the engine that drives growth, creates opportunities, and enhances the overall quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors. Rockville Economic Development, Inc. (REDI) is a public-private partnership formed by the City of Rockville to strengthen and broaden the city's economic base through business entrepreneurship, expansion, retention, and recruitment programs. The FY 2026 budget proposes a total of \$1.6 million to REDI which includes \$100,000 for a new Business Development Associate, \$50,000 for marketing costs associated with the implementation of the new life sciences branding initiative, and an additional \$48,920 for operating expenses.

A critical component of a strong economic development ecosystem is a streamlined and efficient permitting and development review process. The FY 2026 proposed budget includes the addition of 5.0 FTE positions that support the timely and efficient processing of plan reviews, permits, and inspections within the city, including the reinstatement of expedited building permit review processes. These positions include:

- 1.0 FTE Zoning Inspector (CPDS)
- 2.0 FTEs Codes Inspector (CPDS)
- 1.0 FTE Senior Fire Inspector (CPDS), and

- 1.0 FTE Senior Civil Engineer (Public Works)

The FY 2026 proposed budget includes a \$650,000 net addition to reserves in the General Fund which represents budget capacity for the ongoing operational and staffing costs associated with the prospective annexation of the Shady Grove Metro property. This economic development initiative will be presented for Mayor and Council consideration during calendar year 2025, and the proposed budget sets aside resources to ensure that this can proceed, if approved by the Mayor and Council. Other economic development initiatives underway with significant FY 2026 milestones include the adoption of the rewritten zoning ordinance, adoption of the 2024 fire code, implementation of the forest and tree preservation ordinance, and completion of a comprehensive fee study for CPDS and Public Works permits and fees.

The city looks to ensure that its initiatives are aligned with the needs and priorities of the community and places a focus on community engagement. The newly formed Communications and Community Engagement Department will play a key role in collaborating with stakeholders to foster innovation, receive public input, and ensure that the economic development strategies employed by the city result in a more prosperous and equitable community for all. The FY 2026 proposed budget includes funding for a new 1.0 FTE Community Engagement Specialist which will support engagement and outreach efforts citywide, including in the housing focus area where there are ongoing community outreach efforts underway.

Housing programs and policies can build pathways to opportunity, fostering economic stability, and creating vibrant, healthy, and inclusive neighborhoods where everyone can thrive. Responsible growth, equity, and affordability are at the heart of the city's housing strategy. As an established focus area of the Mayor and Council, the FY 2026 proposed budget includes a new General Fund transfer of \$250,000 to the Special Activities Fund Housing Opportunities Fund. The Housing Opportunities Fund was established in 1990 to promote affordable housing within the city, but has not had a consistent revenue source. The proposed budget also recommends a \$750,000 allocation of General Fund reserves exceeding the target to the Housing Opportunities Fund. In total this will provide a \$1 million contribution that will be used to preserve and increase affordable units, launch the employee homeownership assistance program, and begin the development of a homeownership downpayment assistance program for the Rockville community.

The proposed budget includes the addition of 2.0 FTE positions that support the housing focus area. The new 1.0 FTE Collective Impact Manager position will work closely with the housing and neighborhood services team to ensure that there is alignment in strategy, consistency in data collection, continuous communication, and reinforced collaboration with community partners and grant recipients. The new 1.0 FTE Housing Programs Specialist position will promote the effective administration of the homeownership down payment assistance program, provide financial coaching services, and receive cross-training to support the Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit (MPDU) program. This position will also track and report program outcomes and participant progress, which will allow the Department of Housing and Community Development to continually assess and improve programs based on data and feedback.

Other significant initiatives anticipated for FY 2026 include revisions to Chapters 18 and 13.5 of the city code for tenant's rights and moderately priced dwellings, and completion of the housing needs

assessment study. The city also anticipates an expansion of its financial empowerment initiatives and will continue to monitor the inflow of needs and requests made for emergency assistance under the city's Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP).

Other Major Initiatives – The FY 2026 proposed budget includes several other elements which align with strategic initiatives identified by the Mayor and Council.

- In anticipation of the adoption of the Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan, the FY 2026 budget maintains funding for the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (GA23) project and will continue its efforts to plan, permit, and install EV charging stations to support the growing electric fleet maintained by the city, which will be expanded by 10 vehicles in FY 2026 and includes a new EV bus for the Senior Center.
- The FY 2026 proposed budget includes \$80,000 for the development of a Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) strategic plan. This plan will provide a roadmap for the city and provide a strategic framework for making advancements in policy, programming, resource allocations, and development activities which will create a more equitable community.
- The \$800,000 construction of the Senior Center Entrance (TA24) is recommended for General Fund reserves exceeding the target. This project was created in FY 2023 and will provide shorter and easier access to residents on the north and west side of the city. The project will include pedestrian access along the new entrance and will improve intersection safety by enhancing the crosswalks and modifying the signal timing. Pedestrian signals will also be added to the Millenium Trail for its users.
- In anticipation of the compensation and classification study results, the proposed budget includes reserved capacity in all funds with personnel costs to allow capacity for the implementation of the recommendations of the study. This will be a change between the proposed and adopted budget.
- The budget proposes a \$15,000 pilot program to develop standards for the installation of new neighborhood welcome signage within the Twinbrook neighborhood. This initiative was recommended in the Comprehensive Plan and requested through the public Propose-A-Project process and will enhance the appeal of the city and its unique neighborhoods.
- The FY 2026 proposed budget includes a \$280,000 recommended use of General Fund reserves exceeding the target to develop a Green Space Management Plan, a collaborative initiative between the Departments of Public Works and Recreation and Parks. The plan supports the Climate Action Plan, Comprehensive Plan, and the Recreation and Parks Strategic Plan and is needed to create a strategic approach for the effective deployment of resources in city green spaces to mitigate the negative impacts of non-native invasive species and climate change.
- The city anticipates the completion of the King Farm Farmstead Master Plan during FY 2026 which will inform future capital projects that seek to expand the use of the farmstead buildings and open spaces.

City Reorganization

The FY 2026 budget reflects the recent reorganization, which moved two Divisions previously in the City Manager’s Office to stand-alone departments. The new Department of Communications and Community Engagement leads the city’s efforts to communicate and engage with all Rockville community members and stakeholders through accurate, efficient, and transparent communication and engagement strategies tailored to the community’s diverse audiences. The new Department of Procurement provides support to the city by performing the procurement function and materials management operation in a customer-focused, strategic, ethical, and transparent manner while ensuring opportunities to the city’s diverse business community and complying with applicable governing laws and policies. These departments now have separate operating sections within the budget document. As part of this change, FTE’s and budget allocations shifted out of the City Manager’s Office and into the new departments. In addition, the community organization grant process which was previously managed in the City Manager’s Office, will now be centralized in the Department of Housing and Community Development.

FY 2026 Operating Budget

The FY 2026 proposed operating budget totals \$174.9 million across 10 funds, a 3.9 percent increase over the current fiscal year. Budget appropriations by Fund are shown below in Table 1 and include a comparison of appropriations in the FY 2025 Adopted Budget to the FY 2026 Proposed Budget.

Table 1 – Proposed FY 2026 and FY 2025 Budget Appropriations

<u>Governmental Funds</u>	Budget Appropriations		
	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Proposed	Change
General	109,081,850	116,614,500	6.9%
Special Activities	2,838,210	1,797,500	-36.7%
CDBG	263,000	263,000	0.0%
Speed Camera	1,305,930	1,377,000	5.4%
Debt Service	4,455,600	3,342,000	-25.0%
<u>Enterprise Funds</u>			
Water	15,827,850	16,299,480	3.0%
Sewer	15,546,630	15,982,230	2.8%
Refuse	8,902,760	8,670,430	-2.6%
SWM	7,319,350	7,657,910	4.6%
Parking	2,791,920	2,926,520	4.8%
Total	\$ 168,333,100	\$ 174,930,570	3.9%

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the city are financed. The acquisition, use, and balance of the city’s expendable financial resources and the related liabilities (except for those accounted for in the enterprise funds) are accounted for through governmental funds. The city’s governmental operating funds are the General Fund, the Special Activities Fund, the Community Development Block Grant Fund, the Speed Camera Fund, and the

Debt Service Fund. The city has one nonmajor blended component unit, Rockville Economic Development, Inc. (REDI) which is budgeted as a cost center within the General Fund for the city's annual contribution to REDI. The taxpayer-supported General Fund is the largest component, constituting 66.7 percent or \$116.6 million of the total budget.

Enterprise funds account for operations financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the cost of expenses, including both operating and capital, are financed or recovered from the users of the services rather than general taxpayers. The city's enterprise funds include the four utility funds Water, Sewer, Refuse, and Stormwater Management funds; and the Parking Fund. The utility funds make up 27.8 percent or \$48.6 million of the total budget.

Citywide Revenues for FY 2026

Revenues across all funds are proposed to total \$172.6 million in FY 2026. This is an increase of 4.5 percent from FY 2025 Adopted revenues. Revenues by category are shown in Table 2 and provide a comparison of revenues in the FY 2025 Adopted Budget and FY 2026 Proposed Budget. The largest revenues for the city are charges for service, property taxes, revenue from other governments, and transfers.

Table 2 – Citywide Revenues by Category

Category	Revenues		
	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Proposed	Change
Charges for Service	50,859,590	53,742,340	5.7%
Property Taxes	49,170,600	51,720,750	5.2%
From Other Gov't.	36,033,110	37,904,090	5.2%
Transfers	10,955,010	11,075,910	1.1%
Licenses & Permits	5,312,710	5,537,070	4.2%
Other Revenue	5,596,440	4,844,550	-13.4%
Use of Money & Property	3,717,260	4,446,030	19.6%
Fines & Forfeitures	3,459,700	3,284,100	-5.1%
Total	\$ 165,104,420	\$ 172,554,840	4.5%

Charges for Service

The charges for service revenue category includes a range of fees and charges across almost every city fund. This includes revenue sources such as: recreation program fees, recreation center memberships, facility rentals, admission charges, utility fees (Water, Sewer, Refuse, Stormwater Management), parking meter revenue, fire review, and fire safety fees. As a whole, these revenues are projected to increase \$2.9 million, or 5.7 percent. The FY 2026 Proposed Fee Summary (Attachment 1) includes detailed information on current and proposed fees that are included in the charges for service category. Changes in revenue projections reflect the combined impact of proposed fee changes and the anticipated volume of activity for the year.

For FY 2026, the Mayor and Council will need to adopt a new set of Refuse and Stormwater Management rates. Water and Sewer rates covering FY 2025 through FY 2027 were adopted on May 6, 2024 following the last cost of service study.

- All residential properties in the city are proposed to pay the annual refuse and recycling rate of \$565 for FY 2026. The rate represents an increase of 5.6 percent or \$30 over the FY 2025 adopted rate.
- All residential and commercial properties in the city are proposed to pay \$159 per equivalent residential unit (ERU) per year, which is an increase of 4.6 percent or \$7 over the FY 2025 rate.

Property Taxes

The property taxes category includes real property tax, personal property tax, interest on late payments, and includes the city's homeowners' tax credit program. These revenues are projected to increase by \$2.6 million, or 5.2 percent. The largest portion of this category is real property tax. The City of Rockville's real property tax rate is proposed to remain flat at \$0.292 for every \$100 of assessed value. The State of Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) reassesses real property every three years and tax bills are based on those assessments. For homeowners, any increase to assessed value is phased in equally over a three-year period, and the resulting increase in the property tax bill is capped at 10 percent. Any decrease is fully factored into the first full levy year after the assessment. The real taxable assessed value from FY 2025 to FY 2026 increased by approximately 5.7 percent to \$16.8 billion.

While the General Fund is the primary recipient of property tax revenue, the Parking Fund also receives property tax from the commercial properties within the Town Square boundaries. These properties pay this parking district tax in addition to the regular property tax. The parking district tax rate is proposed to remain flat at \$0.33 per \$100 of assessed value. The parking district will generate approximately \$110,750 in special property tax revenue for FY 2026.

Revenues from Other Governments

This category of revenue consists of revenues from the federal government, State of Maryland, and Montgomery County. Nearly all of the revenue in this category comes from income tax, tax duplication, admission and amusement tax, highway user revenue, and a police protection grant.

The income tax estimate for FY 2026 is estimated at \$21.2 million, 4.4 percent higher than the FY 2025 adopted budget of \$20.3 million. In FY 2022 the city realized significant growth in income tax revenues, but this growth slowed in FY 2023 and FY 2024. This revenue source is challenging to predict because it is based on individual income tax returns each year. Factors such as employment rates, capital gains, retirement rates, wage growth, changes in tax laws, and the timeliness of filings all contribute to the amount of annual revenue.

Tax duplication payments are received from Montgomery County as a partial reimbursement for services the County does not provide, but for which the County receives taxes from Rockville properties. The tax duplication estimate of \$8.5 million in the FY 2026 budget is intended to reflect corrections made to the tax duplication revenue calculations. The city will continue to advocate for

reasonable compensation that reflects the cost of providing transportation infrastructure and policing services.

Admissions and amusement tax is a local tax collected by the State of Maryland Comptroller's Office for jurisdictions in Maryland. The tax is imposed on the gross receipts from admissions, the use or rental of recreational or sports equipment, and the sale of merchandise, refreshments, or services at a place where entertainment is provided. Rockville receives the largest amount of this revenue from movie theaters, indoor athletic facilities, and ice skating rinks and is seeing some modest increases in this revenue. The FY 2025 budget assumes revenues of \$1.1 million which is consistent with recent trends.

Highway User Revenue is distributed by the State of Maryland based on a methodology that uses lane miles and vehicle registrations. This revenue source supports the construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of the city's roads and streets. For FY 2026, the city is projected to receive \$4.7 million in highway user, which is more than the FY 2025 adopted budget and FY 2024 actuals. The city receives periodic updates from the Maryland State Highway Administration and anticipates reductions to this revenue source during the forecast period.

The city receives an annual police protection grant from the State of Maryland to assist with policing services. The FY 2026 budget estimates revenues of \$1.1 million for this grant.

Transfers

There are two types of transfer revenues: administrative charges and General Fund transfers which support other programs and activities within the city. The administrative charges represent centrally budgeted administrative or "overhead" costs. Six of the city's operating funds pay for their share of overhead costs through an annual transfer to the General Fund. The Sewer Fund also pays an administrative charge to the Water Fund for the utility billing functions. Transfer revenue from administrative charges totals \$6.0 million in FY 2025.

General Fund transfers are made annually to the Refuse Fund to support refuse services for Rockville Housing Enterprises (RHE) properties, to the Parking Fund to support ongoing debt service associated with the construction of the parking garages, to the Special Activities Fund to support various arts and need-based programs, and to the Debt Service Fund for taxpayer-supported debt payments. While these transfers are expenses to the General Fund, they are revenues to the funds receiving these subsidies. In FY 2026 these transfer revenues total \$5.1 million.

Other Revenue

The other revenue category includes administrative revenues that reflect the latest requirements set by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). These lease amortization revenues and subscription-based IT arrangement (SBITA) revenues are generally non-cash items. Hotel tax is another item included in the other revenue category and consists of the city's share of tax levied on a person who pays for a room or space at a hotel in Rockville. The FY 2026 budget maintains \$1 million for hotel tax which is consistent with pre-pandemic levels.

Licenses and Permits

The licenses and permits category includes building permits, rental licenses, animal licenses, stormwater permits, and other types of licenses. The FY 2026 budget estimates \$5.5 million in licenses and permits revenue, an increase of \$224,360, or 4.2 percent. Several types of licenses and permits are proposed to have inflationary fee increases for FY 2026. More details on these fees can also be seen in the FY 2026 Proposed Fee Summary (Attachment 1).

Use of Money and Property

The use of money and property category includes land and building rentals, cable franchise fees, and interest earnings. The FY 2026 proposed budget includes \$2.3 million in interest earnings revenue, an increase of \$789,200. In November 2023, additional funds were added to the investment portfolio to capitalize on the strong market and the city continues to see strong returns. The FY 2026 estimate more accurately reflects the interest rate environment and factors in the additions to the investment portfolio.

Fines and Forfeitures

While fines and forfeitures is not one of the largest revenue categories citywide, the FY 2026 proposed budget does include modest increases in redlight camera citation revenue. The FY 2026 proposed budget estimates \$2.2 million in redlight camera citation revenue, an increase of \$175,000, or 8.7 percent. The citation revenues for the speed camera program have been trending downwards, and the FY 2026 proposed budget estimates \$600,000, a decrease of \$400,000, or 40.0 percent. As a result of decreased revenues, the Speed Camera Fund is no longer supporting any capital projects.

Mayor and Council Considerations

The revenues proposed in the FY 2026 budget support the planned spending for the upcoming fiscal year. The Mayor and Council are responsible for approving property tax rates, utility rates, and the master fee resolution. Any direction to modify the proposed tax rates, fees, or charges will require that the following worksessions include focused discussions around adjustments to planned spending.

The proposed changes to utility rates, coupled with estimated increases in assessed property values result in an increase of \$206 per year (or approximately \$17 per month) for a single-family homeowner who pays Rockville water and sewer rates.

The Mayor and Council routinely submit questions on the proposed budget document. A listing of questions and staff responses can be found at

<https://rockvillemd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/57771/Mayor-and-Council-FY26-Budget-QA>

Mayor and Council History

Date	Action Item
October 28, 2024	Public Hearing #1

Public Notification and Engagement

There is one more public hearing related to the FY 2026 budget (March 24). In addition to public hearings, the public can submit written comments directly to the Mayor and Council via the City Clerk/Director of Council Operations.

The Rockville community is also encouraged to submit an online budget survey to communicate their budget priorities for FY 2026. This form is available in three languages (English, Spanish, and Simplified (Mandarin) Chinese) and will be posted until April 7, 2025. The survey can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/budget.

The FY 2026 budget public record closes on April 7, 2025.

Fiscal Impact

The FY 2026 proposed operating budget appropriation by category and fund can be found in the Financial Summaries section of the budget document. The FY 2026 proposed CIP budget appropriation by fund, program area, and department can be found in the CIP Overview section of the budget document.

Next Steps

Date	Action Item
March 24, 2025	Public Hearing #3 M&C Worksession #2 – Grants, Fund Balance
April 7, 2025	Close of the community budget priorities survey and public record M&C Worksession #3 – CIP, Changes, Final Balancing
May 5, 2025	Budget Adoption

Attachments

Attach 1 - FY26 COR Proposed Fee Summary, Attach 2 - FY26 Budget WS1 Presentation

CITY OF ROCKVILLE

FY 2026 FEE SUMMARY

PROPOSED
MARCH 7, 2025

City of Rockville
FY 2026 Proposed Fee Summary

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Community Planning and Development Services - Permits and Licenses

Building Permit Fees

Residential - Single Family Detached and Townhouses

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
New Construction	\$0.27 per sq. ft.	\$0.28 per sq. ft.	2025
Alteration	\$0.27 per sq. ft.	\$0.28 per sq. ft.	2025
Filing Fee	\$137.50	\$142	2025
Filing Fee, Single Family Dwelling	\$270.50	\$278.75	2025
Solar Panels	\$115 - \$145	\$120- \$150	2025
Occupancy	\$115.25	\$120	2025

Multi-Family Residential and Non-Residential

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
New Construction	\$0.40 per sq. ft. or 1.50% of total construction costs	\$0.41 per sq. ft. or 1.54% of total construction costs	2025
Alteration	\$0.35 per sq. ft. or 1.45% of total construction costs	\$0.36 per sq. ft. or 1.49% of total construction costs	2025
Fire Code Plan Review	12% of building permit fees	12.3% of building permit fees	2025
Filing Fee	\$165	\$170	2025
Occupancy per 5,000 sq. ft.	\$156	\$165	2025

Miscellaneous Building Fees

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Other Structures	\$0.32 per sq. ft.	\$0.33 per sq. ft.	2025
Fence	\$39	\$40	2024
Swimming Pools (in-ground)	\$575.75	\$590.25	2025
Swimming Pools (above-ground)	\$137.50	\$142	2025
Building Demolition	\$575.75 + \$0.05 per cubic sq. ft.	\$590.25 + \$0.06 per cubic sq. ft.	2025
Foundation-only permit	\$533	\$547	2025
Commercial Quick Start	\$235	\$241	2025
Additional Occupancy Inspection	\$120	\$123	2025
Citation - Occupancy without Permit	\$385 + permit fee	\$395 + permit fee	2025
Automation Fee	10% of all application and permit fees	10.25% of all application and permit fees	2024

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Fire Protection Permit Fees

Fire Protection Systems Fees

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Permit Minimum Fee	\$165	\$169.15	2025
Fire Alarm Devices	\$19.75 per device	\$20.25 per device	2025
Gaseous Extinguishing System	\$1.75 per pound	\$1.79 per pound	2025
Sprinkler, Foam, Combined Standpipe and Water Mist System	\$5.75 per head	\$5.90 per head	2025
New Standpipe	\$230 per riser	\$235.75 per riser	2025
Standpipe Fire Hose Valve	\$57.75 per valve	\$59 per valve	2025
Fire Pump	\$293.30 per pump	\$300 per pump	2025
Smoke Control System	\$575.75 per system	\$590 per system	2025
Special Hazard Fire Suppression System	\$230 per system	\$235.75 per system	2025
Filing Fee	\$165	\$169	2025
Revision Fee	50% of original permit fee, or minimum permit cost, or \$65.50	50% of original permit fee, or minimum permit cost, or \$67	2025

Fire Protection Inspection and Citation Fees

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Family or Group Daycare	\$57.75	\$59	2025
Nursery or Daycare Center	\$115.25	\$118	2025
Board and Care Facility	\$115.25 - \$230	\$118 - \$236	2025
Private Educational Facility	\$230	\$236	2025
Fireworks and Pyrotechnics	\$459 - \$575.75	\$470 - \$590	2025
Other Licenses/Permits	\$115.25	\$118	2025
Reinspection	\$120 per permit	\$123 per permit	2025

Plumbing, Mechanical, and Electrical Fees

Plumbing and Mechanical Licenses and Permit Fees

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Gasfitter's License, 2 year	\$230	\$235.75	2025
Master Plumber's License, 2-year	\$230	\$235.75	2025
Mechanical Permit and Inspection	\$63.50 first unit, and \$17.25 for each add'l	\$65.25 first unit, and \$17.75 for each add'l	2025
Mechanical Permit Fee, Multifamily	\$127 per dwelling unit	\$130.25 per dwelling unit	2025
Plumbing/Gas Permit Fee	\$63.50 first unit, and \$17.25 for each add'l	\$65.25 first unit, and \$17.75 for each add'l	2025
Water/Sewer Replacement Inspection	\$63.50	\$65.25	2025
Water/Sewer Abandonment Inspection	\$63.50	\$65.25	2025
Tap Inspections	\$109.25	\$112	2025

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Plumbing, Mechanical, and Electrical Fees (continued)

Electrical Permits

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Rough Wiring Outlets, 1-20	\$63.50	\$65.25	2025
Rough Wiring Outlets, each addt'l 20	\$17.25	\$17.75	2025
Fixtures, 1-20	\$63.50	\$65.25	2025
Fixtures, each addt'l 20	\$17.25	\$17.75	2025
Low Voltage Units (1-25 units)	\$63.50	\$65.25	2025
Low Voltage Units (each addt'l 25 units)	\$17.25	\$17.75	2025
HVAC, Motors, Furnaces, group of up to 5	\$63.50	\$65.25	2025
HVAC, Motors, Furnaces, each addt'l unit	\$17.25	\$17.75	2025
Service Equipment, up to 1000 amp	\$63.50 - \$127	\$65.25 - \$130.25	2025
Pole Construction	\$63.50	\$65.25	2025
Primary Transformers	\$63.50 - \$98	\$65.25 - \$100.50	2025
Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms	\$1.15 each	\$1.15 each	2024
Sign	\$63.50	\$65.25	2025
EV Charging, per fixture	\$30	\$31	2022
New Construction, Multi-Family	\$201.25 per dwelling	\$206.50 per dwelling	2025
New Construction, Swimming Pool	\$137.50	\$142	2025

Other Fees Applicable to All Permits

Other Fees

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Inspector Call Back / Re-Inspection	\$120	\$123	2025
Overtime Inspections (First 4 Hrs.)	\$252	\$258.50	2025
Citation - working without a permit (Homeowner)	\$192.50	\$197.50	2025
Citation - working without a permit (Contractor)	\$385	\$395	2025
Permit/Plan Revision, Residential	\$88	\$90.25	2025
Permit/Plan Revision, Commercial and Multi-Family	50% of original permit fee (max. \$2,300)	50% of original permit fee (max. \$2,360)	2025
Code Requirement Modification	\$192	\$197	2025
Permit Extension - Unexpired Permit	\$65.50	\$67.25	2025
Permit Extension - Expired Permit	50% of original permit fee (max. \$2,300)	50% of original permit fee (max. \$2,360)	2025

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Miscellaneous Permits and Licenses

Miscellaneous Permits and Licenses

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Sign Permit	\$100	\$103	2024
Pool/Billard Table	\$50 per table/year	\$60 per table/year	2024
Bowling Alley	\$50 per year	\$75 per year	2024
Amusement Machine/Game	\$50 per game/year	\$75 per game/year	2024
Pet Shops and Kennels	\$80	\$100	2024
Event License - Block Party	\$25	\$50	2024
Event License - Parade	\$50	\$75	2024
Event License - Marathon/Race	\$80	\$100	2024
Event License - Carnival	\$175 application + \$100 daily fee	\$175 application + \$100 daily fee	2024
Hawkers and Peddlers	\$200	\$250	2024
Solicitors	\$200	\$250	2024
Pamphlet Distribution	\$50	\$0 (remove)	2024

Community Planning and Development Services - Rental Facilities

Rental Licenses and Fees

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Multi-Family Rental License	\$150 per unit/year	\$154 per unit/year	2025
Single Unit Rental License	\$229 every two years	\$235 every two years	2025
Accessory Dwelling Rental License	\$229 every two years	\$235 every two years	2025
Short Term Rental License	\$468 per unit/year	\$468 per unit/year	2025
Hotel Rental License	\$50 per unit/year	\$51 per unit/year	2025
Reinspection Fee	\$52 - \$75	\$52 - \$75	2025
Late Renewal Fee	\$25 per unit	\$50 per unit	2009
Rental Citations	\$100 - \$200	\$500	prior to 2009

Community Planning and Development Services - Zoning

Zoning, Plans, and Amendments

Zoning Applications and Petitions

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Map Amendment Zoning Application	\$2,250 + \$100 per acre	\$2,300 + \$103 per acre	2025
Text Amendment Application	\$3,075	\$3,150	2022
Zoning Compliance Verification Letter	\$308	\$315	2022

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Zoning, Plans, and Amendments (continued)

Development Review and Subdivision

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Site Plan Application- Level 1	\$2,565 + \$20.50 for each 1,000 sq ft. + \$20.50 for each unit	\$2,630 + \$21 for each 1,000 sq ft. + \$21 for each unit	2022
Site Plan Application - Level 2	\$3,075 + \$20.50 for each 1,000 sq ft. + \$20.50 for each unit	\$3,150 + \$21 for each 1,000 sq ft. + \$21 for each unit	2022
Site Plan - Minor Amendment	\$1,540	\$1,580	2022
Mobile Uses (including renewals)	\$308	\$315	2022
Site Plan - Minor Amendment for Commercial Redevelopment	\$2,565 + \$20.50 for each 1,000 sq ft.	\$2,630 + \$21 for each 1,000 sq ft.	2022
Site Plan - Major Amendment	100% of the initial fee	100% of the initial fee	2012
Project Plan Application	\$10,250 + \$20 for each 1,000 sq ft. + \$20.50 for each unit	\$10,500 + \$20.50 for each 1,000 sq ft. + \$21 for each unit	2022
Pre-Application Meeting	\$513	\$525	2022
Project Plan - Minor Amendment	\$2,255	\$2,311	2022
Project Plan - Major Amendment	100% of the initial fee	100% of the initial fee	2012
Preliminary Plan - All Zones	\$2,255 + \$51.25 per lot	\$2,311 + \$52.50 per lot	2022
Final Plat - Single Detached Residential Lot	\$205	\$210	2022
Final Plat - All Others	\$790 + \$51.50 per lot	\$810 + \$53 per lot	2022
Ownership Plat	\$3,385 + \$113 per lot	\$3,470 + \$116 per lot	2022

Miscellaneous Zoning Applications and Fees

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Variance and Appeals Application - Single Family	\$359	\$368	2022
Variance and Appeals Application - Other Properties	\$2,565	\$2,630	2022
Time Extensions - Residential Unit	\$51.25	\$52.50	2022
Time Extensions - Other Properties	\$308	\$315	2022
Non-Conforming Alteration	\$750 - \$1,500	\$769 - \$1,538	2022
Administrative Adjustment	\$750	\$769	2022
Notification Sign	\$51.25 - \$256	\$52.50 - \$262	2022
Application Resubmission Fee	\$513 - \$2,050	\$525 - \$2,100	2022
Zoning Ordinance Waiver Request	\$513	\$525	2022
Annexation Petition - Single Family Residential	\$1,500	\$1,500	2022
Annexation Petition - All Others	\$10,250 + \$205 per acre	\$10,500 + \$210 per acre	2022
Temporary Permit Fee - 6 months	\$165	\$169	2025
Alternative Compliance (Design Guidelines)	\$300	\$308	2022

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Zoning, Plans, and Amendments (continued)

Special Exception Applications

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Special Exception Application - Tier 1 Other Categories	\$2,500	\$2,563	2022
Special Exception Application - Tier 2 All Categories	\$5,000	\$5,125	2012
Special Exception Application - Tier 3 All Categories	\$5,000	\$5,125	2022
Special Exception Application - Tier 4 All Categories	\$15,375	\$15,750	2022
Special Exception Application - Minor Modification	50% of the initial fee	50% of the initial fee	2012
Special Exception Application - Major Modification	100% of the initial fee	100% of the initial fee	2012

Community Planning and Development Services - Forest and Tree Preservation

Forest and Tree Fees and Permits

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Forest Stand Delineation - Single Family	\$250	\$256	2012
Forest Stand Delineation - All Others	\$1,000 + \$150 per acre	\$1,025 + \$154 per acre	2022
Forest Conservation Plan - Single Family	\$287	\$294	2022
Forest Conservation Plan - All Others	\$2,050 + \$154 per acre	\$2,101 + \$158 per acre	2022
Preliminary Forest Conservation Plan	\$513 - \$1,025	\$525 - \$1,050	2022
Amended Forest Conservation Plan	\$1,025 + \$154 per acre	\$1,050 + \$158 per acre	2022
Resubmittal Fee	\$513	\$525	2022
Site Reinspections	\$256	\$262	2022
Forestry Permit Fee - Single Family	\$256	\$262	2022
Forestry Permit Fee - All Others	\$769 + \$256 per acre	\$788 + \$262 per acre	2022
Tree Removal Permit	\$5 per tree	\$5 per tree	2012

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Police - Animal Licenses

Animal Licenses and Permits

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Pet License, unaltered	\$24 per year	\$24 per year	2016
Pet License, altered	\$6 - \$12 per year	\$6 - \$12 per year	2016
Chicken Permit	\$25 per year	\$25 per year	2016

Police - Parking and Traffic Enforcement

Parking Fees, Fines, and Permits

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Residential Parking Permit	\$5 per year	\$5 per year	2021
Parking Meter Fees	\$0.25 - \$1 per hour	\$0.25 - \$1 per hour	N/A
Parking Meter Violations	\$40	\$40	2003
Other Violations	\$60 - \$250	\$60 - \$250	2021

Traffic Fines and Citations

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Red Light Camera Violation	\$75	\$75	2005
Speed Camera Violation	\$40	\$40	2005

Public Works - Permits and Plan Review Fees

Streets and Public Improvements

Traffic and Transportation Fees

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Comprehensive Transportation Review Scoping Application Fee	\$200	\$200	2019
Comprehensive Transportation Review On Site Analysis Fee	\$1,000	\$1,000	2019
Comprehensive Transportation Review Intersections	\$2,000 - \$20,000	\$2,000 - \$20,000	2019
Street Closing - Residential	\$513	\$513	2019
Street Closing - Other	\$4,610	\$4,610	2019
Engineering Review and Inspection Fees	5% - 10% of project cost	5% - 10% of project cost	2019

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Streets and Public Improvements (continued)

Right-of-Way (ROW) Improvements

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Public Improvement Application and Plan Review Fee	5% of project cost	5% of project cost	2022
Public Improvement Permit	10% of project cost	10% of project cost	2022
Public Improvement Plan and Permit Revision Fee	15% of new project costs	15% of new project costs	2022
Public Improvement Plan Resubmission Review Fee	\$461	\$461	2022
Public Improvement Permit Extension Fee	10% of permit fee	10% of permit fee	2022
Right-of-Way Protection Permit	\$205	\$205	2022

Utility Permits and Fees

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Utility Plan Review and Permit - excavation	\$5.38 per linear ft.	\$5.38 per linear ft.	2022
Utility Plan Review and Permit - boring/drilling	\$5.13 per linear ft.	\$5.13 per linear ft.	2022
Utility Plan Review and Permit - pole replacement/installation	\$103 per pole	\$103 per pole	2022
Utility Plan Review and Permit - overhead wire/cable installation	\$0.092 per ft.	\$0.092 per ft.	2022
Utility Plan Review and Permit - keyhole excavation	\$25.63 per hole	\$25.63 per hole	2022
Utility Permit Extension Fee	10% of permit fee	10% of permit fee	2022
Utility Plan Review and Permit Resubmission Fee	\$461	\$461	2022
Utility Plan Review and Permit - small wireless facilities on existing structures	\$500 for the first five + \$100 for each thereafter	\$500 for the first five + \$100 for each thereafter	2022
Utility Plan Review and Permit - small wireless facilities on a new structure	\$1,000 each	\$1,000 each	2022
Right-of-Way Access and Attachment Fee - small wireless facilities	\$270 per year per facility	\$270 per year per facility	2022

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Public Works - Utility Charges

Water and Sewer Usage Charges

Water Usage Charges

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Water Usage Charges	\$6.68 - \$21.51 per 1,000 gallons	\$7.15 - \$23.02 per 1,000 gallons	2025
Ready to Serve Charge - Single Family	\$24.76 per quarter	\$26.99 per quarter	2025
Ready to Serve Charge - Multi-Family	\$18.30 + \$4.53 per unit per quarter	\$19.95 + \$4.94 per unit per quarter	2025
Ready to Serve Charge - Commercial*	\$34.93 - \$2,815.35 per quarter	\$38.07 - \$3,068.73 per quarter	2025

Sewer Usage Charges

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Sewer Usage Charges	\$11.06 per 1,000 gallons	\$11.23 per 1,000 gallons	2025
Ready to Serve Charge - Single Family	\$18.75 per quarter	\$19.50 per quarter	2025
Ready to Serve Charge - Multi-Family	\$6.12 + \$8.67 per unit per quarter	\$6.36 + \$9.02 per unit per quarter	2025
Ready to Serve Charge - Commercial*	\$38.20 - \$5,359.07 per quarter	\$39.73 - \$5,573.43 per quarter	2025

**Note: Commercial Ready to Serve Charges vary based on the meter size.*

Utility Capital Connection Charges

Water Capital Contribution Charges

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
1" Meter	\$4,100	\$4,100	prior to 2009
1 1/2" Meter	\$8,200	\$8,200	prior to 2009
2" Meter	\$13,200	\$13,200	prior to 2009
3" Meter	\$26,400	\$26,400	prior to 2009
4" Meter	\$41,200	\$41,200	prior to 2009
6" Meter	\$82,400	\$82,400	prior to 2009
8" Meter	\$131,800	\$131,800	prior to 2009
10" Meter	\$189,500	\$189,500	prior to 2009

¹ Fees reflected in the FY 2025 Adopted Budget as of July 1, 2024



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Utility Capital Connection Charges (continued)

Sewer Capital Contribution Charges

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
1" Meter	\$8,050	\$8,050	2025
1 1/2" Meter	\$16,100	\$16,100	2025
2" Meter	\$25,760	\$25,760	2025
3" Meter	\$51,520	\$51,520	2025
4" Meter	\$80,500	\$80,500	2025
6" Meter	\$161,000	\$161,000	2025
8" Meter	\$257,600	\$257,600	2025
10" Meter	\$370,300	\$370,300	2025

Other Utility Fees

Water Meter Fees

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Residential Meter	\$932.61 - \$3,496.94	\$932.61 - \$3,496.94	2022
Commercial Meter	\$3,755.97 - \$6,809.95	\$3,755.97 - \$6,809.95	2022
Fire Line Services Meter	\$8,924.46 - \$16,984.18	\$8,924.46 - \$16,984.18	2022
Remote Meters (inside submeters)	\$515.48 - \$1,861.41	\$515.48 - \$1,861.41	2022

Miscellaneous Utility Fees

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Water and Sewer Authorization Application Fee	\$250	\$250	2019
Water System Hydraulic Analysis Review Fee	\$550	\$550	2019
Sewer System Hydraulic Analysis Review Fee	\$600	\$600	2019
Fire Hydrant Flow Test	\$650	\$650	2024
Water Meter Testing (≤ 1" meter)	\$50	\$50	2006
Water Meter Testing (> 1" meter)	Third-party cost	Third-party cost	2006
Manual Meter Re-reading	\$50	\$50	2019
Meter Disconnect/Reconnect Fee (normal hours)	\$50	\$50	2006
Meter Reconnect Fee (after hours)	\$80	\$80	2006
After-Hours Small Water Connection*	\$100	\$100	2025
After-Hours Large Water Connection*	\$200	\$200	2025
Backflow Assembly Test Fee*	\$42	\$42	2025

*This fee was new for FY 2025.

¹ Fees reflected in the FY 2025 Adopted Budget as of July 1, 2024



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Public Works - Stormwater Management

Stormwater ERU Fee

Stormwater Management ERU Fee

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
SWM Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) Fee	\$152 per year per ERU	\$159 per year per ERU	2025
SWM Waiver Application Fee	\$165	\$165	2025

Stormwater and Sediment Control Fees

Stormwater Management Permits and Fees

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
SWM Concept Pre-Application Fee (up to 5 acres)	\$1,025 - \$2,460	\$1,025 - \$2,460	2022
SWM Concept Pre-Application Fee (over 5 acres)	\$2,460 + \$103 per each addt'l acre over 5	\$2,460 + \$103 per each addt'l acre over 5	2022
SWM Concept Development Fee (up to 5 acres)	\$1,640 - \$3,380	\$1,640 - \$3,380	2022
SWM Concept Development Fee (over 5 acres)	\$3,380 + \$128 per each addt'l acre over 5	\$3,380 + \$128 per each addt'l acre over 5	2022
SWM Application and Plan Review Fee	6% of project cost	6% of project cost	2022
SWM Permit	10% of project cost	10% of project cost	2022
SWM Plan and Permit Revision Fee	16% of new project costs	16% of new project costs	2022
SWM Plan Resubmission Review Fee	\$461	\$461	2022
SWM Permit Extension Fee	10% of permit fee	10% of permit fee	2022

Sediment Control Permits and Fees

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Preliminary Sediment Control Plan Review Fee	\$103	\$103	2022
Sediment Control Application and Plan Review Fee	\$0.031 per sq. ft. of disturbed area	\$0.031 per sq. ft. of disturbed area	2022
Sediment Control Permit	\$0.051 per sq. ft. of disturbed area	\$0.051 per sq. ft. of disturbed area	2022
Sediment Control Plan and Permit Revision Fee	\$436	\$436	2022
Sediment Control Resubmission Review Fee	\$461	\$461	2022
Sediment Control Permit Extension Fee	10% of permit fee	10% of permit fee	2022
Sediment Control Permit/Inspection Fee - Building Construction	\$200 per house/building	\$200 per house/building	2022

¹ Fees reflected in the FY 2025 Adopted Budget as of July 1, 2024



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Other Stormwater Fees (continued)

Floodplain Fees

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Floodplain Study Review Fee	\$1,460	\$1,460	2022
Floodplain Variance Fee	\$615	\$615	2022
Floodplain Variance Extension Fee	\$138	\$138	2022

Stormwater Alternatives

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Channel Protection Volume	\$20,500 per acre	\$20,500 per acre	2022
Water Quality Volume	\$12,300 per acre	\$12,300 per acre	2022
10 Year Quantity Control	\$20,500 per acre	\$20,500 per acre	2022

Public Works - Refuse and Recycling

Refuse and Recycling Charges

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Residential Refuse and Recycling Fee	\$535 per year	\$565 per year	2025
Unreturned Cart Fee	\$38.94 - \$52.01	\$38.94 - \$52.01	2025

Recreation and Parks - Recreation Programming

The City of Rockville offers programs/services funded through various means, including user fees. Recreation programming fees are reviewed annually and adjusted accordingly by one or more of the following methods: annual change in the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Consumer Price Index (CPI), comparison to surrounding jurisdictions, comparison to the private market, general market conditions, industry trends, and/or demand for the program/service. Fees vary based on the type, cost, and length of each program and may adjust mid-year to reflect changing market conditions and program specifications. Financial assistance for classes and programs is available for qualified residents.

Classes and Programs

Sports Programs

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Adult Sports Leagues - Team Registration	\$350 - \$1,085	\$350 - \$1,085	2024
Adult Sports Leagues - Individual Registration	\$45 - \$65	\$45 - \$65	2025
Youth Sports Leagues - Individual Registration	\$75 - \$110	\$75 - \$110	2024
Youth Sports Classes	\$70 - \$120	\$70 - \$120	2025
Youth Ski Club	\$425	\$425	2022
Skate Group Lessons	\$95	\$95	2024
Skate Private Lessons	\$250	\$250	2024

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Classes and Programs (continued)

Adult Programs

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Nature Center Programs	\$5 - \$25	\$5 - \$30	2023
Civic Center Programs and Events	\$4 - \$55	\$5 - \$70	2023
Fitness Classes	\$79 - \$89	\$79 - \$125	2023
Personal Training (hourly)	\$50 - \$65	\$50 - \$65	2012
Adult Classes and Programs	\$50 - \$385	\$50 - \$385	2025
Drop-In Class Fee	\$10 - \$19	\$10 - \$19	2023

Youth and Family Programs

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Nature Center Programs	\$4 - \$15	\$4 - \$20	2022
Community Center Programs	\$5 - \$105	\$5 - \$105	2025
Before and After School Programs	\$170 - \$230	\$170 - \$230	2025
Youth Classes and Programs	\$65 - \$230	\$65 - \$230	2025
Nature Center Outreach Programs	\$150 per visit + \$2-\$5 per student	\$150 per visit + \$2-\$5 per student	2023
Nature Center On-Site School Programs	\$2 - \$5 per student	\$2 - \$5 per student	2023
Nature Center Scout Programs	\$10 - \$12 per scout	\$10 - \$12 per scout	2025
Montrose Discovery Preschool	\$900 - \$1,600 per month	\$910 - \$1,650 per month	2025

Youth Summer Camps

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Summer Camps - Half Day	\$98 - \$175 per week	\$98 - \$175 per week	2025
Summer Camps - Full Day	\$135 - \$339 per week	\$135 - \$339 per week	2025
Specialty Camp Programs	\$230 - \$500 per week	\$230 - \$500 per week	2025
Youth Leadership Development Programs	\$65 - \$275 per session	\$65 - \$275 per session	2024

Senior Programs

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Senior Classes and Programs	\$6 - \$180	\$6 - \$186	2025
Fitness Classes	\$12 - \$119	\$12 - \$125	2024
Support Services Seminars	\$20 - \$70	\$25 - \$70	2023
Computer Classes	\$9 - \$70	\$9 - \$70	2023
Group Trips and Outings	\$15 - \$150	\$15 - \$150	2025
Taxi Coupon Program	\$5 - \$20	\$5 - \$20	2013
Senior Special Events	\$8 - \$30	\$8 - \$30	2025

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Classes and Programs (continued)

Aquatics Programs

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Water Fitness Classes	\$92 - \$176	\$92 - \$176	2024
Land Fitness Classes	\$61 - \$123	\$92 - \$176	2017
Drop-In Class Fee	\$10 - \$19	\$10 - \$19	2023
Learn to Swim Classes	\$79 - \$121	\$79 - \$121	2024
Private Swim Lesson	\$37 - \$63 per lesson	\$37 - \$63 per lesson	2024
Safety Training Classes	\$135 - \$255	\$135 - \$255	2024
Year-round Swim Team	\$585 - \$2,153	\$590 - \$2,176	2025
Summer Swim Team	\$150 - \$300	\$155 - \$315	2024

Recreation and Parks - Membership and Admission Fees

The City of Rockville offers a variety of recreation center memberships for individuals and families. Memberships range in price depending on the facility amenities, membership term, and membership type. Membership fees below are provided for individuals. Financial assistance for memberships is available for qualified residents.

Community Centers

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Community Center Annual Membership	\$30 - \$105	\$35 - \$110	2021
Community Center Annual Membership + Fitness	\$95 - \$350	\$100 - \$355	2021
Community Center Daily Pass	\$5 - \$8	\$6 - \$9	2015

Swim and Fitness Center

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Swim and Fitness Center Annual Pool Membership	\$297 - \$418	\$298 - \$417	2025
Swim and Fitness Center Annual Fitness Membership	\$219 - \$314	\$219 - \$314	2025
Swim and Fitness Center Annual Pool Membership + Fitness	\$357 - \$501	\$357 - \$500	2025
Swim and Fitness Center Daily Pass	\$5.60 - \$9	\$5.60 - \$9	2023

Senior Center

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Senior Center Annual Membership	\$40 - \$135	\$40 - \$135	2011
Senior Center Annual Membership + Fitness	\$135 - \$230	\$135 - \$230	2022

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**City of Rockville
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Recreation and Parks - Rental Fees

The City of Rockville offers rental spaces in multiple facilities. Fees and charges vary based on the peak and non-peak times, resident and non-resident status, and event type. Add on services and equipment options are available at some city facilities.

Civic Center Complex

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Mansion Rental Fees - Receptions and Social Events (6-10 hours)	\$1,200 - \$7,000	\$1,230 - \$7,050	2024
Mansion Rental Fees - Conferences (4-6 hours)	\$320 - \$980	\$320 - \$980	2016
Cottage Rental Fees (3-5 hours)	\$36 - \$385	\$39 - \$390	2025
F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre Rental Fees (hourly)	\$155 - \$480	\$160 - \$485	2024
Social Hall Rental Fees (hourly)	\$75 - \$350	\$75 - \$350	2024

Community Centers

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Room/Gym Rental Fees (hourly)	\$40 - \$270	\$35 - \$270	2025

Croydon Creek Nature Center

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Room Rental Fees (hourly)	\$50 - \$100	\$65 - \$125	2025
Birthday Party Rental + Program	\$250 - \$300	\$275 - \$325	2023

Swim and Fitness Center

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Room Rental Fees (hourly)	\$40 - \$80	\$40 - \$80	2012
Pool Rental Fees (hourly)	\$120 - \$170	\$120 - \$180	2024
Locker Rental (monthly)	\$8 - \$12	\$8 - \$12	2025
Birthday Party Rental + Program	\$310 - \$355	\$310 - \$355	2022

Senior Center

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Room Rental Fees (hourly)	\$35 - \$350	\$45 - \$190	2025
Carnation Room Rental Fees (6 hours)	\$1,000 - \$2,000	\$950 - \$1,750	2025

Other Rental Fees

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Elwood Smith / Pump House Rental Fees (3-5 hours)	\$36 - \$385	\$39 - \$390	2025
Park Pavillion Rental Fees (5 hours)	\$150 - \$250	\$155 - \$405	2018

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Recreation and Parks - Miscellaneous Fees

Miscellaneous Fees

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>FY 2025 Fee¹</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>FY Last Adjusted</u>
Event License Fees	\$450 - \$750	\$500 - \$800	2024
Event Vendor Fees	\$100 - \$350	\$100 - \$350	2024
Event Registration Fees	\$10 - \$40	\$15 - \$45	2020

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FY 2026 Proposed Budget

Worksession #1

Strategic Initiatives, Reorganization, and Revenues

March 17, 2025

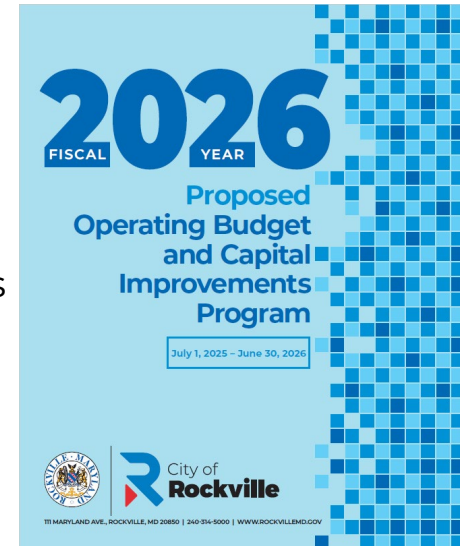
FY 2026 Citywide Budget

The total proposed operating budget for all funds equals **\$174.9 million**

- ▶ 3.9% increase from the FY 2025 adopted budget
- ▶ Flat property tax rate proposed and throughout the forecast
- ▶ Reflects the reorganization and introduces two new departments

The total proposed CIP across all program areas includes new appropriations of **\$33.8 million**

- ▶ Supports 65 capital projects
- ▶ Includes a General Fund transfer of \$9.8 million





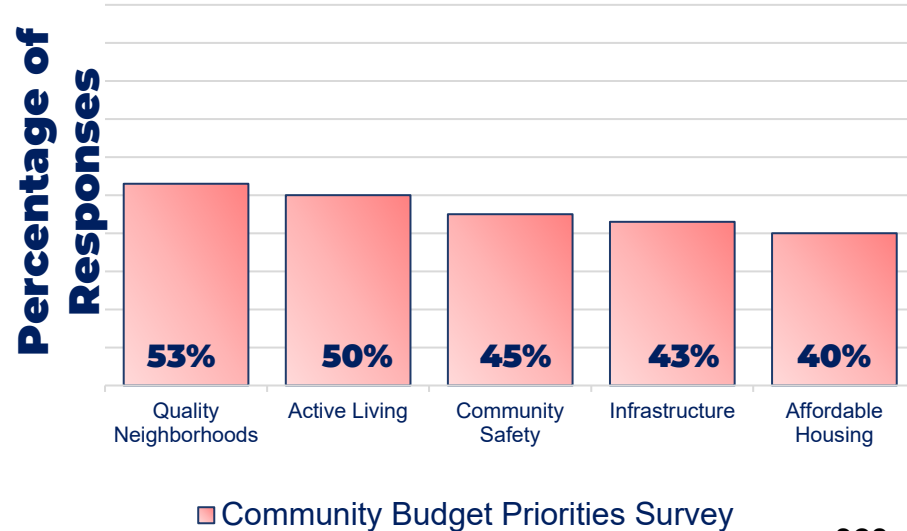
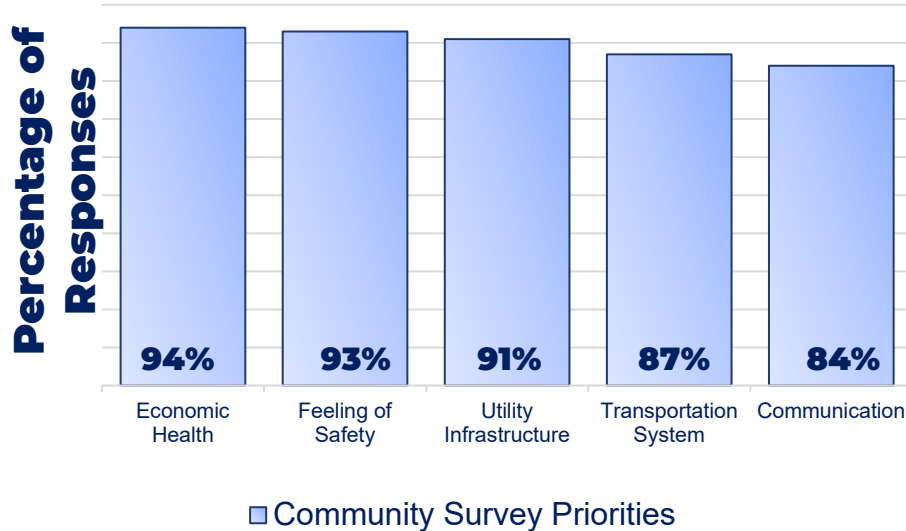
Community Priorities and Survey Results



Community Priorities

The **Community Survey** and the **Community Budget Priorities Survey** provide valuable insight that informs city staff and the elected body about the needs of the community.

The top 5 priorities from each are shown below.



Community Priorities

The **Community Budget Priorities Survey** will be available until April 7th.



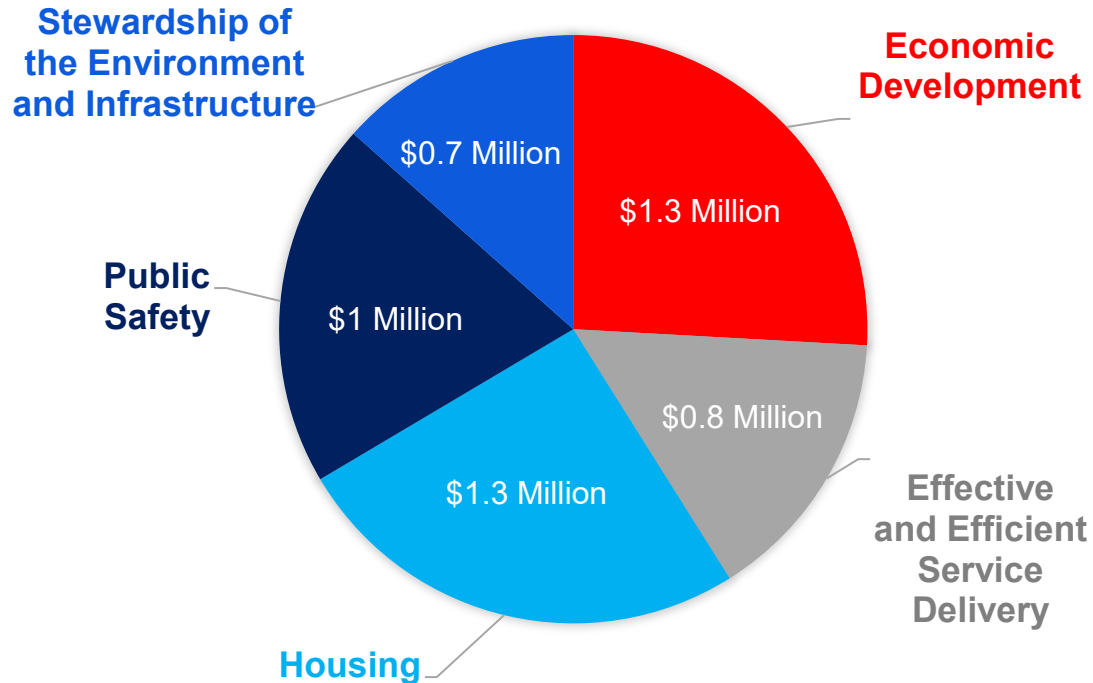
You can also access the survey by visiting www.rockvillemd.gov/budget.





FY 2026 Strategic Initiatives

Guiding Principles

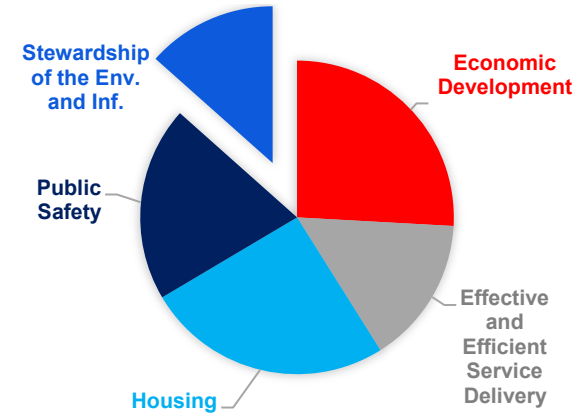


The **General Fund** makes up 67% of the operating budget and includes new funding for a number of initiatives that align with the Mayor and Council's Guiding Principles

Stewardship of the Environment and Infrastructure

The proposed operating budget includes funding for:

- ▶ Vehicle telematics (real-time GPS tracking) for snow and ice operations with a public portal
- ▶ Expanded contractual services to address non-native invasive species
- ▶ Replacement and upgrades to the city's network infrastructure
- ▶ Electric landscaping equipment
- ▶ A new EV bus for the Senior Center

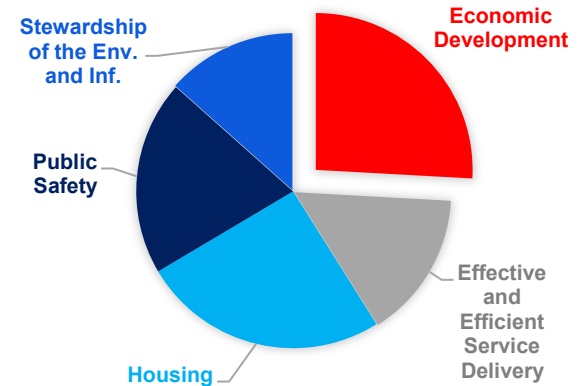


The budget also proposes the use of reserves to fund the development of a [Green Space Management Plan](#)

Economic Development

The proposed operating budget includes funding for:

- ▶ 4.4 FTE positions (5.0 FTEs across all funds)
 - This supports more efficient and timely plan review, and moving from five day to next day inspections
- ▶ Rockville Economic Development, Inc.
 - A new Business Development Associate
 - Life/Bio Sciences marketing expansion
 - Operational increases
- ▶ Budgetary capacity to support the Shady Grove Metro annexation

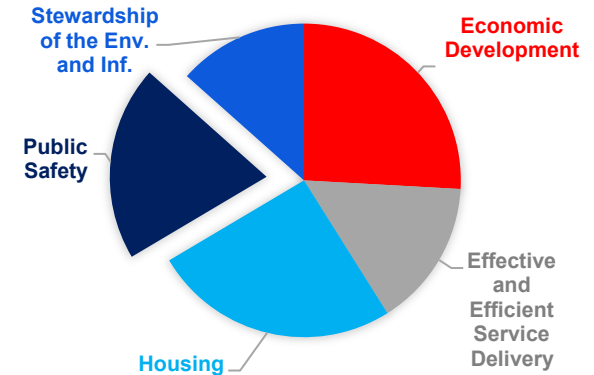


Public Safety

The proposed operating budget includes funding for:

- ▶ 2.0 FTE administrative positions in the RCPD
- ▶ Year one of a two-year CCTV modernization initiative
- ▶ New software that supports policy distribution, credential and certification tracking, accreditation documentation, and field training functions for the RCPD
- ▶ The Gun Buyback event
- ▶ Increased officer recruitment incentives

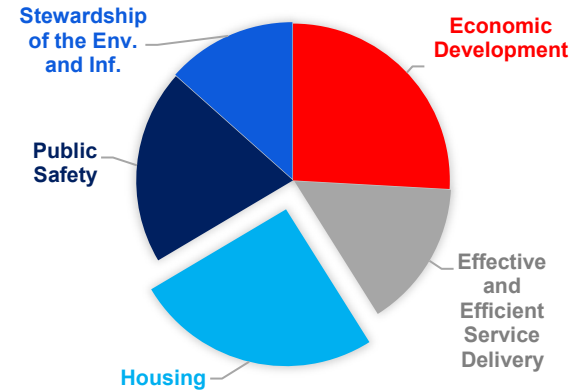
The budget also proposes the use of reserves to fund an emergency vehicle for the [Rockville Volunteer Fire Department](#)



Housing

The proposed operating budget includes funding for:

- ▶ 2.0 FTE positions
 - These positions support housing initiatives, including expanded financial coaching and navigation services
- ▶ The Housing Opportunities Fund (General Fund transfer)
 - Employee Homeownership Assistance Program
 - Homeownership Downpayment Assistance Program
 - Source for retaining and adding affordable units

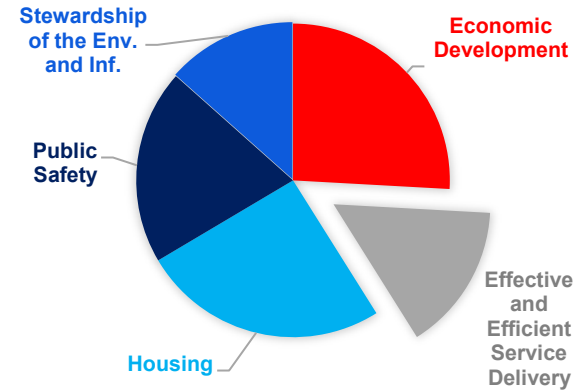


The budget also proposes the use of reserves to fund an additional \$750,000 to the [Housing Opportunities Fund](#) which will bring the FY 2026 revenues up to **\$1 million**

Effective and Efficient Service Delivery

The proposed operating budget includes funding for:

- ▶ 5.0 FTE positions
- ▶ More frequent updates to the published city code
- ▶ Software to support city boards and commissions
- ▶ The development of a JEDI strategic plan
- ▶ Neighborhood signage initiative (Twinbrook for FY 2026)
- ▶ Pilot AI program to explore opportunities for automation
- ▶ Free Nature Center programming and swim lessons for underserved Rockville students
- ▶ Expanded mental health support focused on underserved populations and seniors



Community Support



The proposed budget includes community support in several forms that can assist individuals facing [federal employment disruptions](#):

- ▶ Additional support in HCD to provide navigation services
- ▶ Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP) funding in both the General Fund and Special Activities Fund
- ▶ Community Services and Enrichment grants have increased funding to allow for more need-based service delivery to Rockville residents
- ▶ Rec Fund provides need-based support for youth recreation programming
- ▶ Maintaining reserves above the target allows flexibility in responding to emerging needs (budget amendments will be used to allocate additional resources needed)

The city has also launched a [resources page](#) on the website to direct those impacted



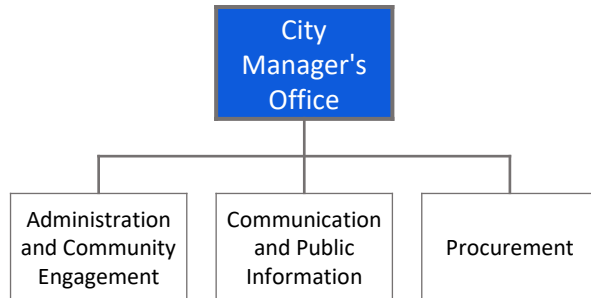
City Reorganization



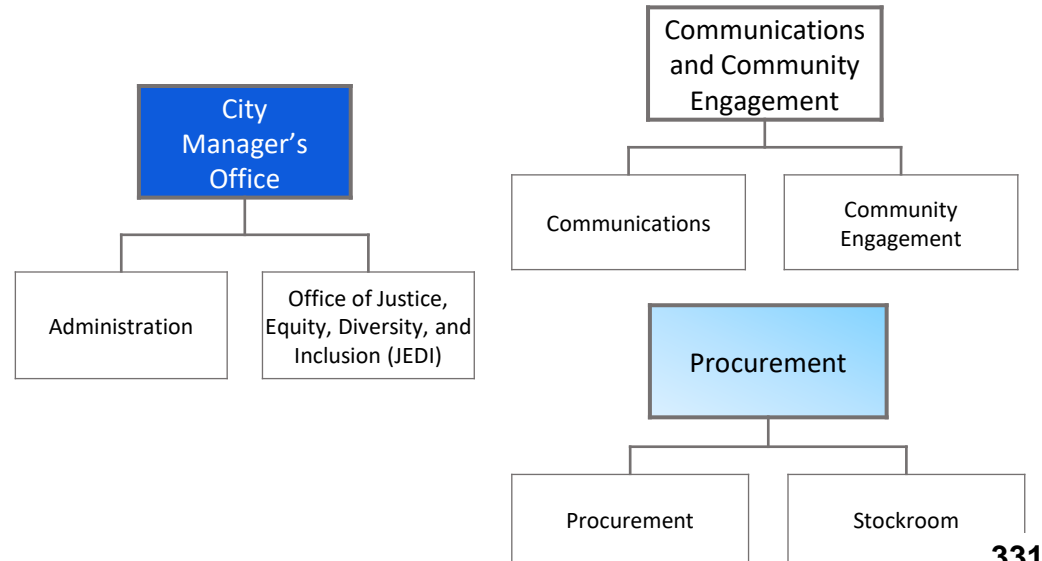
City Manager's Office

The City Manager's Office previously had two divisions which are now stand-alone Departments with new operating sections in the FY 2026 budget.

FY 2025 Structure



FY 2026 Structure

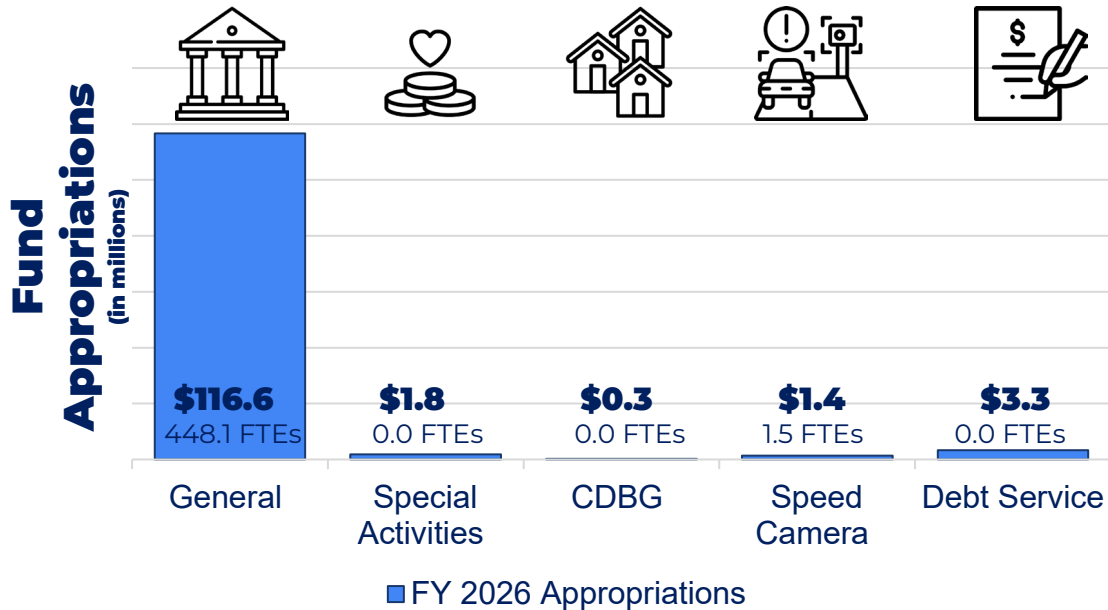




FY 2026 Operating Budget

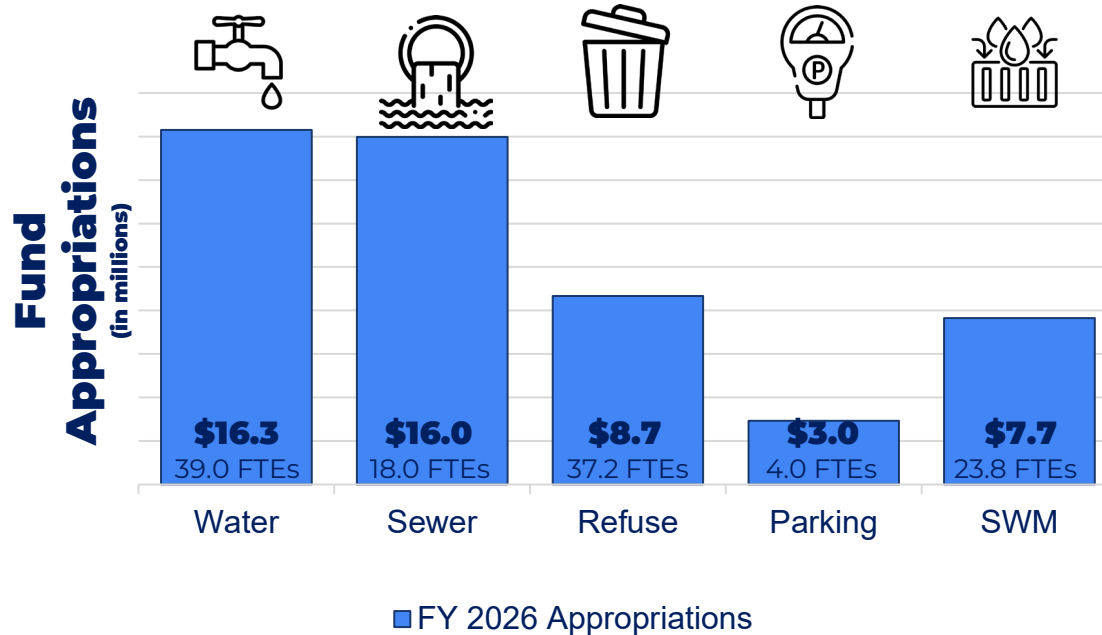
Governmental Funds

The General Fund makes up 94.5% of all Governmental Funds appropriations and 66.7% of appropriations citywide.



Enterprise Funds

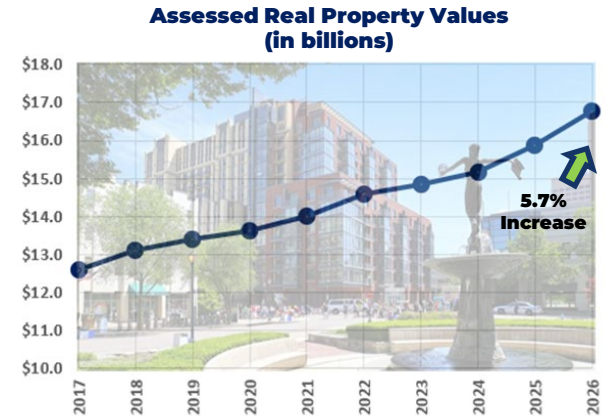
Enterprise Funds operate in a manner similar to private business enterprises where expenses are recovered from user fees, as opposed to tax revenue.



General Fund Revenue Outlook

General Fund revenues increased 6.9% up to \$116.6 Million for FY 2026

- ▶ Property tax revenues increased by 5.2% and make up 44% of General Fund
- ▶ Other notable revenue increases include:
 - Income Tax (4.4% increase)
 - Highway User Revenue (15.1% increase)
 - State Police Protection Grant (28.8% increase)
 - Redlight Camera Citations (8.8% increase)
 - Recreation Program Fees (14.0% increase)
 - Investment Earnings (73.3% increase)



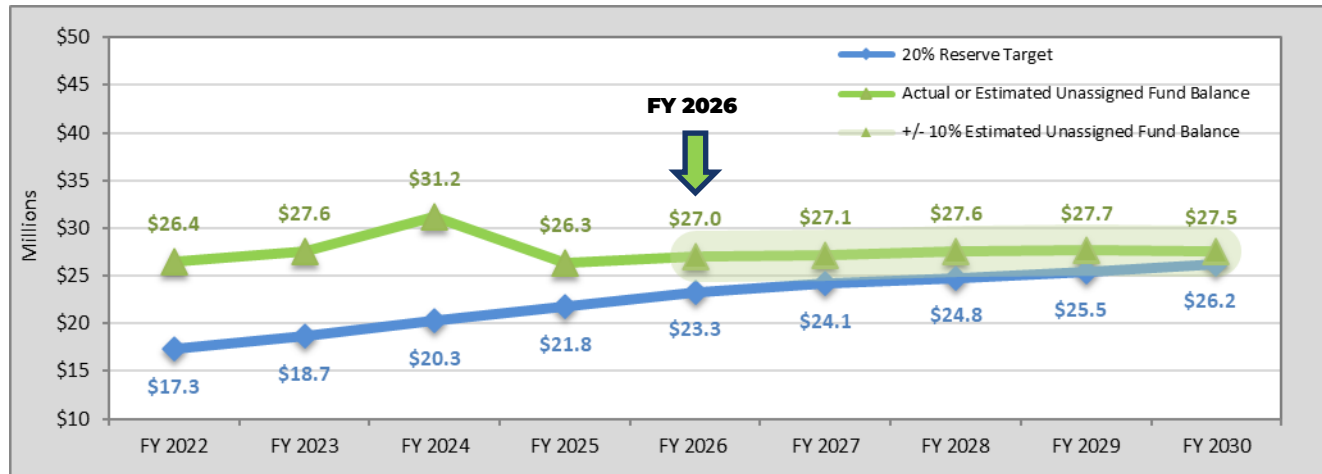
General Fund Expenditure Outlook

- ▶ Personnel expenditures include:
 - 12.4 net FTE additions
 - 2.5% cost of living adjustment (COLA) and merit/step increases
 - Capacity held for compensation and classification adjustments
- ▶ Operating expenditures include:
 - Contractual services, utilities, small equipment, training, and supplies
 - Software subscriptions moved to the “other” category
- ▶ Capital outlay expenditures include:
 - Scheduled equipment and vehicle replacements
- ▶ Other expenditures include:
 - Leases, subscription agreements, and community grants
- ▶ Transfers include CIP, Debt Service, Parking, Refuse, and Special Activities

General Fund Forecast

It is the city's policy to maintain an unassigned fund balance of at least 20% of adopted General Fund revenue.

General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance by Fiscal Year End



Assumes a flat property tax rate throughout the forecast

Proposed Utility Rates

FY 2026 Water and Sewer rates were adopted in May 2024 for FY 2025 – FY 2027 following the last cost of service study. The Mayor and Council will adopt new [Refuse](#) and [Stormwater Management](#) rates for FY 2026.

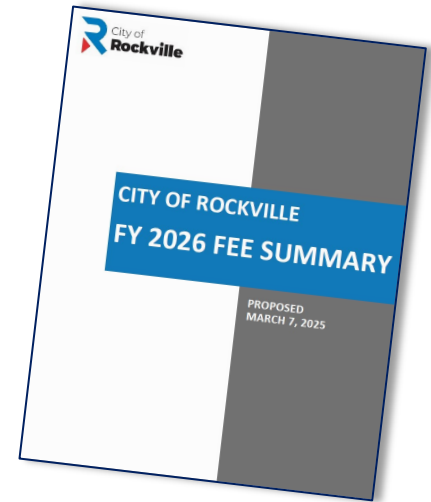
	FY 2025	FY 2026	% Change
Water Usage*	7.96	8.52	7.0%
Water RTS	24.76	26.99	9.0%
Sewer Usage	11.06	11.23	1.5%
Sewer RTS	18.75	19.50	4.0%
Refuse	535.00	565.00	5.6%
Stormwater	152.00	159.00	4.6%

**Average usage rate based on 14,000 gallons of single-family usage per quarter*

Other Fees and Charges

The [FY 2026 Fee Summary](#) document summarizes current and proposed fees across all city departments. This document is organized by major functions in the Licenses and Permits and Charges for Services categories.

Fees and charges are proposed to increase between 2 percent and 6 percent, with some fees and charges being held flat.



Impact to Rockville Residents

The financial impact of the proposed rates, including the impact of estimated increases to assessed values is shown below.



	FY 2025	FY 2026
<u>Annual Property Tax Bill</u>		
Rockville Property Tax	\$ 2,044	\$ 2,161
<i>Est. Assessed Value</i>	<i>700,000</i>	<i>739,900</i>
Rockville Refuse Charge	535	565
Rockville SWM Fee	152	159
TOTAL	\$ 2,731	\$ 2,885
<u>Quarterly Utility Bill*</u>		
Water Usage	\$ 111	\$ 119
Water RTS	25	27
Sewer Usage	155	157
Sewer RTS	19	20
TOTAL	\$ 310	\$ 323

For a single-family homeowner who also pays Rockville water and sewer rates this amounts to **\$206 per year**, or approximately **\$17 per month**.

**Based on 14,000 gallons of usage per quarter for a single-family user*

Next Steps

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Worksession Focus
March 24, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Budget Worksession #2Public Hearing #3	Community Service and Enrichment Grants Fund Balance Forecast Recommendations on Fund Balance Use
April 7, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Budget Worksession #3Close of the community budget priorities survey and public record	CIP Overview Planned Debt Changes from Proposed and Final Balancing
May 5, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Budget Adoption	



MAYOR AND COUNCIL Meeting Date: March 17, 2025
Agenda Item Type: MOCK AGENDAS
Department: CITY CLERK/DIRECTOR OF COUNCIL OPERATIONS OFFICE
Responsible Staff: SARA TAYLOR-FERRELL

Subject

Mock Agenda

Department

City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Office

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Mayor and Council review and provide comments.

Attachments

Mock Agenda 3.24.2025 (Rev. 3)



MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Meeting No. 09-25
Monday, March 24, 2025 - 6:30 PM

MOCK AGENDA

Agenda item times are estimates only. Items may be considered at times other than those indicated.

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Translation Assistance

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Note: In-Person Speakers will be called upon to speak before those who have signed up to speak virtually for Community Forum and Public Hearings.

In-Person Attendance

Community members attending in-person who wish to speak during Community Forum, or a Public Hearing, should sign up using the form at the entrance to the Mayor and Council Chamber. In-person speakers will be called upon in the order they are signed to speak and before virtual speakers.

Viewing Mayor and Council Meetings

The Mayor and Council are conducting hybrid meetings. The virtual meetings can be viewed on Rockville 11, Comcast, Verizon cable channel 11, livestreamed at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11, and available a day after each meeting at www.rockvillemd.gov/videoondemand.

Participating in Community Forum & Public Hearings:

If you wish to submit comments in writing for Community Forum or Public Hearings:

- Please email the comments to mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov no later than 10:00 am on the date of the meeting.

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1. Send your Name, Phone number, For Community Forum and Expected Method of Joining the Meeting (computer or phone) to mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov no later than 10:00 am on the day of the meeting. Each speaker will receive 3 minutes.
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day of the meeting.

3. On the day of the meeting, you will receive a confirmation email with further details, and two Webex invitations: 1) Optional Webex Orientation Question and Answer Session and 2) Mayor & Council Meeting Invitation.
4. Plan to join the meeting no later than approximately 20 minutes before the actual meeting start time.
5. Read for <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/38725/Public-Meetings-on-Webex> meeting tips and instructions on joining a Webex meeting (either by computer or phone).
6. If joining by computer, Conduct a WebEx test: <https://www.webex.com/test-meeting.html> prior to signing up to join the meeting to ensure your equipment will work as expected.

Participating in Mayor and Council Drop-In (Mayor Ashton and Councilmember Myles)

The next scheduled Drop-In Session will be held by phone or in-person on Monday, April 28 from 5:15-6:15 pm with Mayor Ashton and Councilmember Myles. Please sign up by 10 am on the meeting day using the form at: <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/formcenter/city-clerk-11/sign-up-for-dropin-meetings-227>

1. **Convene - 6:30 PM**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Proclamation and Recognition - NONE**
4. **Agenda Review - 6:35 PM**
5. **City Manager's Report - 6:40 PM**
6. **Boards and Commissions Appointments and Reappointments - 6:45 PM**
 - A. Mayor and Council Appointments and Reappointments
7. **Community Forum - 6:55 PM**
8. **Special Presentations - NONE**
9. **Consent Agenda - 7:15 PM**
 - A. Award and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract responsive to IFB #18-24, for construction of the Lincoln Park Community Center Improvements capital improvements program ("CIP") project, to Boulevard Contractors Corp., of Owings Mills, MD, for an amount not-to-exceed \$961,019.00, for a term of 300 calendar days.
 - B. Award and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract responsive to Invitation for Bids (IFB) #32-24, LED Streetlight Conversion Project - Phase 2, to Lighting Maintenance, Inc. of Harmans, Maryland, in an amount not-to-exceed \$742,075.00, for a term of 180 calendar days.
10. **Public Hearing - 7:20 PM**

- A. FY 2026 Budget Public Hearing #3
- B. Public Hearing on Zoning Text Amendment TXT2025-00269, To Implement Certain Zoning Recommendations of the Town Center Master Plan, Including Floating Zones; Mayor and Council of Rockville, Applicants

11. Action Items - 8:50 PM

- A. Introduction and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance to Approve Zoning Text Amendment TXT2025-00269, To Implement Certain Zoning Recommendations of the Town Center Master Plan, Including Floating Zones; Mayor and Council of Rockville, Applicants
- B. Possible Adoption of a Resolution to Approve the Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan

12. Worksession - 9:20 PM

- A. FY 2026 Budget Worksession #2 - Community Grants, REDI, and Fund Balance

13. Mock Agenda - 10:50 PM

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14. Old / New Business - 10:55PM

15. Adjournment - 11:00 PM