

Summary of Oral Testimony for the FY 2026 Budget Process

As of Close of Public Record (04/07/2025)

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
3/17/25	Barbara Haupt	Individual	Advocating for a COLA for Rockville retirees
3/17/25	Jody Tick	Sunflower Bakers	Advocating for continued funding to Sunflower Bakers
3/17/25	Karen Askin	Cultural Arts Commission	Advocating for the development of a comprehensive plan for Arts in Rockville
3/17/25	David Hill	Rockville Sister Cities	Advocating for continued funding of the Rockville Sister Cities grant request, shifting funding from a rescheduled visit from the Mayor of Yilan to the Rockville Lantern Festival
3/17/25	Tricia Tice	Individual	Advocating for improving urban forests and removing non-native species from King Farm watershed
3/17/25	Robert Wright	Individual	Advocating for the construction of a covered park shelter in Woottons Mill park
3/17/25	Jeffrey	Individual	Advocating against bike lanes on Congressional Lane
3/17/25	Beryl Feinberg	Individual	advocating for continued funding of Sunflower Bakers
3/17/25	Angus Chen	Rockville Swim and Fitness Center Advisory Board	Advocating fo continued support to the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center
3/17/25	Eric Bernard	Rockville Volunteer Fire Dept	Advocating for continued funding of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department
3/17/25	Drew Powell	Rockville Sister Cities	Advocating for continued support of Rockville Sister Cities
3/17/25	Jacob Goodman	Individual	Advocating for accessible, multimodal transportation
3/17/25	Thomas Kim	Individual	Advocating for humane deer population management
3/24/25	Jake Jakubek	Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee	Advocating for (1) a 0.5 FTE position for Bicycle Programs [cycling event/race, feasibility studies, etc.], (2) Complete Streets and Bicycle Safety Infrastructure, and (3) Bicycle Education programs
3/24/25	Christoper C. Cano	SEIU Local 500	Advocating for rent stabilization in line with Montgomery County
3/24/25	Andrea Kempner Wink	Community Reach of Rockville	Advocating for continued funding of Community Reach, specifically for home care services for seniors
3/24/25	Cecilia Rojas	Community Reach of Rockville	Advocating for continued funding of Community Reach, specifically for English-language classes for students and adults
3/24/25	Ali Robinson	Community Reach of Rockville	Advocating for continued funding of Community Reach, specifically for homeless services at the Rockland House and Jefferson House shelters.
3/24/25	Odeth Berlin	Community Reach of Rockville	Advocating for continued funding of Community Reach, specifically for their management of the Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP) for rental, utilities, and medical cost assistance.
3/24/25	Carmen Lezama	Community Reach of Rockville	Advocating for continued funding of Community Reach, specifically for health services through the Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic.
3/24/25	Jessica Jackson	Meadow Hall Elementary School	Advocating for continued funding of Community Reach, specifically for English-language classes for students and adults
3/24/25	Jack Thirolf	Recreation and Parks Advisory Board	Advocating for increased support services for those facing hardship due to federal layoffs and economic uncertainty, and for greater long-term planning
3/24/25	Cristina Rechy	Meadow Hall Elementary School	Advocating for continued funding of Community Reach, specifically for English-language classes for students and adults
3/24/25	Shannon Brescher Shea	Individual	Advocating for funding for bicycle infrastructure and education
3/24/25	Miriam Bunow	Peerless Rockville	Advocating for continued funding of Peerless Rockville at the full amount of their grant request
3/24/25	Katherine Rogers	Peerless Rockville	Advocating for continued funding of Peerless Rockville at the full amount of their grant request
3/24/25	Nancy Pickard	Peerless Rockville	Advocating for continued funding of Peerless Rockville at the full amount of their grant request
3/24/25	Ulysses Santa Maria	Rockville Science Center	Advocating for continued funding of Rockville Science Center and Rockville Science Day
3/24/25	Tara Owens	Main Street Connect	Advocating for full funding of Main Street Connect
3/24/25	Mary Grace Sabol	Individual	Advocating for full funding of Peerless Rockville and Main Street Connect
3/24/25	Grant Sams	Individual	Advocating for rent stabilization in line with Montgomery County

Summary of Written Testimony for the FY 2026 Budget Process

As of Close of Public Record (04/07/2025)

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	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 McNerney	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	Potomac
25	Jasna Rodulfa-Blemberg	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	Repeat of #33	Repeat of #33	Repeat of #33
35	Yvan Charpentier	Lincoln Park Civic Association	Propose-a-Project Submission: Soccer goals for Isreal Park
36	Stuart Fribush	North Farm Citizens' Association	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
48	Karen Anselmo	Individual	Propose-a-Project Submission: Monument Park Tennis/Pickleball Court
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	Twinbrook Community Association	Propose-a-Project Submission: Splash Pad
53	Mary A. van Balgooy	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 and Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee	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

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57	Margaret Magner	West End Civic Association	Propose-a-Project Submission: Deer Population Management
58	Patricia G Tice	Ingleside at King Farm Green	
59	Mary van Balgooy	Team, Rockville MD	Propose-a-Project Submission: Rockville Retention Ponds Invasive Vine Removal
60	Sarah Looney	Individual	Commenting on the community budget survey and its usefulness
61	Bruce Plunkett	Individual	Opposing the use of city funding to cull the deer population in the West End neighborhood
62	Jeanne 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 splash pad
64	Tricia Tice	Individual	Advocating for improving urban forests and removing non-native species from King Farm watershed
65	Robert Wright	Individual	Advocating for the construction of a covered park shelter with utility services in Woottons Mill park
66	Robert Wright	Individual	Advocating for the construction of a covered park shelter with utility services in Woottons Mill park
67	Karen Buglass	Individual	Advocating for fully funding Peerless Rockville's grant request
68	Mark Pierzchala	Individual	Advocating for responsible budgeting in the face of economic and regional uncertainty
69	Camille Battle	Individual	Advocating for fully funding Peerless Rockville's grant request
70	Theresa E. Maciejewski	Individual	Advocating for continued programming
71	Angus Chen	Rockville Swim and Fitness Center Advisory Board	Advocating for continued support to the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center
72	Gary Funkhauser	Individual	Advocating for fully funding Peerless Rockville's grant request
73	David Hill	Rockville Sister Cities	Advocating for continued support of Rockville Sister Cities
74	Repeat of #73	Repeat of #73	Repeat of #73
75	Alison Van Dyke	Individual	Advocating for rent stabilization
76	Kari Barrett	Individual	Advocating for the development of community gardens at RedGate Park
77	Error	Error	Error - part of #78
78	David Martinsen	Ingleside at King Farm - Green Team, Rockville MD	Advocating for improving urban forests and removing non-native species from King Farm watershed
79	Error	Error	Error - part of #80
80	Antonia Schierling	Resident Council of Ingleside at King Farm	Advocating for improving urban forests and removing non-native species from King Farm watershed
81	Tricia Tice	Ingleside at King Farm - Green Team, Rockville MD	Advocating for improving urban forests and removing non-native species from King Farm watershed
82	Error	Error	Error - part of #81
83	Odeth Berlin	Community Reach	Advocating for continued funding and support to the Rockville Emergency Assistance Program
84	Cecilia Rojas	Community Reach	Advocating for continued funding and support to the Language Outreach Program of Community Reach
85	Ricky Mui	Human Services Advisory Commission	Advocating for continued community support and aid
86	Carol Hannaford	Individual	Advocating for prioritization of housing needs and community support and aid
87	Deborah Moore	Individual	Advocating for funding to caregiver agencies
88	Lucinda Hall	Individual	Advocating for increasing the budget for the Rockville Senior Center
89	Tara Owens	Main Street	Advocating for continued full funding of Main Street's grant request
90	Andrea Kempner-Wink	Community Reach	Advocating for continued funding and support of Community Reach
91	Tom Gibney	The Gibney Alliance LLC	Proposal for redevelopment of the King Farm Farmstead
92	Gerald Cichy	Individual	Advocating for fully funding Peerless Rockville's grant request
93	Cecilia Rojas	Community Reach	Advocating for continued funding and support to the Language Outreach Program of Community Reach
94	Sandy Watson	Woodley Gardens Civic Association	Advocating for the addition of funds for a noise abatement study along Gude Drive
95	Jeanine Gould-Kostka	Individual	Advocating for the addition of funds for a noise abatement study along Gude Drive
96	Paul Gatons	Montgomery County Department of Transportation	Advocating for funding for the Rockville Bike Hub
97	Christine King	New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance	Advocating for funding for the Rockville Bike Hub
98	Maritza De La Vega	Montgomery County Commuter Services	Advocating for funding for the Rockville Bike Hub
99	Linda Brenner	Individual	Advocating for the addition of funds for a noise abatement study along Gude Drive
100	Eileen McGuckian	Individual	Advocating for fully funding Peerless Rockville's grant request
101	Repeat of #100	Repeat of #100	Repeat of #100
102	Repeat of #95	Repeat of #95	Repeat of #95
103	Kathleen Cene	Individual	Advocating for rent stabilization
104	Karen Davis	Individual	Advocating for the addition of funds for a noise abatement study along Gude Drive
105	Kristen Konopka	Individual	Advocating for the addition of funds for a noise abatement study along Gude Drive
106	Martha S. Lo	Individual	Advocating for fully funding Peerless Rockville's grant request
107	Marcia Bond	Individual	Advocating for fully funding Peerless Rockville's grant request
108	Jim Reschovsky	Individual	Advocating for the addition of funds for a noise abatement study along Gude Drive
109	Steven Pazan	Individual	Advocating for the addition of funds for a noise abatement study along Gude Drive
110	Nick Durham	Individual	Advocating for the addition of funds for a noise abatement study along Gude Drive

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		Woodley Gardens Civic	
111	Rachael Plett	Association	Advocating for the addition of funds for a noise abatement study along Gude Drive
112	Carolyn Inoa-Monje	Individual	Advocating for the addition of funds for a noise abatement study along Gude Drive
113	Karen Friend	Individual	Advocating for the addition of funds for a noise abatement study along Gude Drive
114	Terri Martinez	Individual	Advocating for the addition of funds for a noise abatement study along Gude Drive, and a dog park at the Senior Center or Woodley Park area
115	Amy McLaughlin	Individual	Advocating for the addition of funds for a noise abatement study along Gude Drive
116	Judith Cline	Individual	Advocating for the addition of funds for a noise abatement study along Gude Drive
117	Audrey Moog	Individual	Advocating for the addition of funds for a noise abatement study along Gude Drive
118	Elizabeth Perkins	Individual	Advocating for the addition of funds for a noise abatement study along Gude Drive
119	Margaret Magner	Individual	Advocating for fully funding Peerless Rockville's grant request
120	Anne-Marie Coakley	Individual	Advocating for the addition of funds for a noise abatement study along Gude Drive
121	Bette Gould	Individual	Advocating for the addition of funds for a noise abatement study along Gude Drive
		Recreation and Parks Advisory	
122	Jack Thirolf	Board	Advocating for the city to focus on fiscal sustainability as well as providing aid to people in the region affected by federal reduction in force and economic uncertainty
123	Nancy Pickard	Peerless Rockville	Advocating for continued support and fully funding the grant application of Peerless Rockville

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Propose a Project - Submission #90061

Date Submitted: 5/1/2024

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?*

Self



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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Propose a Project - Submission #90082

Date Submitted: 5/1/2024

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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*

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

Date Submitted: 5/1/2024

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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*

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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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*

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

Self

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

Proposal Title*

Speed bumps on 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.)*

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Propose a Project - Submission #90129

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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 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

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Not to my knowledge.

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

Unknown.

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Propose a Project - Submission #90130

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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*

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?*

Self



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.)*

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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 safer 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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Propose a Project - Submission #90161

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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*

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

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 they're a very few dedicated Pickleball courts in the city of Rockville. The solution would be convert under utilize tennis courts into dedicated Pickleball courts to serve Rockville residence as well as county residence. 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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Are you making this request on behalf of a group or yourself?*

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

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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

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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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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

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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

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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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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 seats 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 popualtion 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?*

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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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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.

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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

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*

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?*

Self

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

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

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 #92611

Date Submitted: 7/23/2024

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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*

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

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 #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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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

Date Submitted: 8/20/2024

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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)

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/1xNJallZTmsq-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

Date Submitted: 8/21/2024

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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*

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 has been constructed and this may help to re-establish the entrance location. There are several challenges to 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 be made next to the 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 year

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

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

Date Submitted: 8/30/2024

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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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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

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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

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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.

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Propose a Project - Submission #94188

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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

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Propose a Project - Submission #94203

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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

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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.

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.

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

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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

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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



Twinbrook Community Association

P.O. Box 834
Rockville, MD 20848-0834

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

Judy Penny

Subject: FW: Rockville Retention Ponds Invasive Vine Removal, #94209
Attachments: Important to remove vines from trees.docx; Trees combat global warming.docx; Weed Warrior Work.pdf

From: Tricia Tice <ptice17@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 9:53 AM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Cc: cityclerk <cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov>; citymanager <citymanager@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: Rockville Retention Ponds Invasive Vine Removal, #94209

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Dear Mayor and Council.

I am a resident of the Ingleside King Farm elder community on King Farm Blvd and Piccard Drive. Last September, I submitted a Capital Improvement Project to Rockville: *Rockville Retention Ponds Invasive Vine Removal*, #94209. I've already submitted a packet of documentation in support of the project.

Here are a few more files to add to my packet. Please note the photo of work the Weed Warriors have already done along King Farm Blvd, and the photo of vines festooned from telephone lines on Redland Blvd.

Patricia (Tricia) Tice

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1615-C Piccard Drive
Apt 1425
Rockville, MD 20850

Making the transition to a plant-based diet may be the most effective way an individual can stop climate change. Thich Nhat Hanh

A Breath of Fresh Air: How Trees Help Mitigate Climate Change

Humans have increased the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere by 47 percent since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution. As a result, our average annual global temperature has risen by 2 degrees, which has, in turn, driven temperature extremes, decreased snow and sea ice cover, intensifying natural disasters, and changing habitat ranges for plants and animals.

There is a simple solution – and it's one of our most powerful weapons in the fight against climate change - trees.

Carbon sequestration:

Carbon dioxide absorbs and radiates heat. Trees help combat global warming because they absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere through photosynthesis, effectively acting as a carbon sink by storing this carbon in their trunks, roots, and leaves, thus reducing the amount of greenhouse gases contributing to climate change.

Photosynthesis:

Woods and forests absorb atmospheric carbon and lock it up for centuries. They do this through photosynthesis. This is the primary mechanism through which trees absorb carbon dioxide, using sunlight, water, and carbon dioxide to produce oxygen and energy for the tree.

Forest ecosystems as carbon sinks:

Forests, with their large tree populations, act as significant carbon sinks, absorbing large amounts of carbon from the atmosphere.

Trees Make Rain:

Forests have a big influence on rainfall patterns, water and soil quality and flood prevention too. All that water vapor rising from the forest feeds moisture-laden clouds while also causing convection. Together, these effects accelerate the formation of rain, which falls to the soil and gets taken up all over again. This cycle of absorption, evaporation, and rain happens everywhere there are plants.

Trees are the ultimate carbon capture and storage machines:

Just like humans, trees breathe. But, while humans inhale oxygen and exhale carbon dioxide, trees do the opposite: their leaves pull in carbon dioxide, water, and energy from the sun to turn into sugars that feed the tree. This process, known as photosynthesis, emits oxygen. So, through photosynthesis, trees remove climate-warming carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and help us mitigate the effects of climate change., forests in the U.S. offset about 16 percent—or three decades worth—of greenhouse gas emissions emitted from cars, trucks, power plants, and other sources in country. In fact, forest ecosystems are the largest land-based carbon sink on Earth.

So next time you take a deep breath of air give credit to a tree or hug a tree in thanks for what it gives us – the very air we breathe.

It's Important to Remove Vines from Your Trees

Vines can harm trees by competing for resources like sunlight, water, and nutrients, and by adding weight that can damage branches or even the entire tree structure. Here's a more detailed explanation of how vines can negatively impact trees:

Resource Competition:

- **Sunlight:** Vines grow rapidly and cover the tree's canopy, blocking sunlight needed for photosynthesis, which is essential for the tree's growth and survival.
- **Water and Nutrients:** Vines compete with the tree for water and nutrients in the soil, weakening the tree and making it more susceptible to disease and pests.
- **Space:** Vines can also take up space on the tree, hindering its natural growth and development.

Structural Damage:

- **Weight:** As vines grow larger and heavier, they add significant weight to the tree's branches and trunk, potentially causing them to break or even collapse.
- **Girdling:** Some vines wrap tightly around the tree's trunk or branches, constricting the flow of nutrients and water, effectively "strangling" the tree and leading to its death.
- **Moisture Retention:** Vines trap moisture against the tree's bark, creating an environment conducive to fungal and bacterial growth, which can lead to disease and decay.

Other Negative Impacts:

- **Bark Damage:** When vines are removed from a tree, their rootlets damage the bark, leaving the tree vulnerable to pests and diseases.
- **Hiding Structural Problems:** Vines can mask underlying problems with the tree's structure, making it difficult to identify and address potential issues before they become severe.
- **Invasive Species:** Many vines, are invasive and take over landscapes, outcompeting native plants and harming ecosystems.



Weed Warrior Work, King Farm Blvd.

Rockville Capital Improvement Project #94209



Vines on Redland Road, Summer View

pgt, 03/13/2025

TESTIMONY OF ROBERT WRIGHT
CITY OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
FY 2026 BUDGET HEARING
MARCH 17, 2025

Exhibit No. 65
FY 2026
Budget Proposal

I am Robert Wright residing at 209 Watts Branch Parkway. I and my neighbors in Rockshire, Watts Branch Meadows, Cambridge Heights, Fallsmead, Glenora Hills and Carter Hill ask you to include a covered shelter with services in Wootton's Mill Park in the FY 2026 budget. This is not the first time this request has been made. I re-submit my testimony presented in November, 2023, to include a covered shelter with services in the FY 2025 budget.

Given the many users of Wootton's Mill Park, gardeners, tennis court players, parents of children using the playground, walkers, fitness trail users, village event participants, and joggers, this is a well-used park. Many of the other covered shelters in the city are isolated. A covered shelter with services in Wootton's Mill Park would be part of a very vibrant publicly used park.

In previous fiscal years staff, including the Director of Parks and Recreation, led me to believe that upcoming budgets would include this project in Wootton's Mill Park. Yet, the proposed FY 2026 Operating Budget and CIP has no mention of a covered shelter with services in Wootton's Mill Park.

I hope the Mayor and Council will direct city staff to work with the communities surrounding Wootton's Mill Park to develop an aggressive timeline to make this project a reality. Let's begin by including a scoping study for the project in the FY 2026 budget.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Wright". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'R' and 'W'.

I am Robert Wright residing at 209 Watts Branch Parkway. I ask you to include a covered shelter with utilities in Wootton's Mill Park in the Capital Improvements Program for FY 2026. The covered shelter would be like the covered shelters in other Rockville Parks, e.g., Calvin Park and Maryvale Park. Locating the covered shelter in the vicinity of the large number of community gardens, the tennis courts, and the existing parking lot would be ideal. This area of Wootton's Mill Park fronts Hurley Avenue meaning the entire area is City property—no land acquisition is required. It would be relatively easy to provide utilities—electricity, water and sewer.

In addition to existing users of the area—gardeners, pickleballers and tennis enthusiasts—the walkers, joggers, and families on the way to the playground would seek shelter during inclement weather. As a participant in the Wootton's Mill Village, the Village would have a neighborhood location for our social events and meetings. There are numerous residents in surrounding communities, including but not limited to, Rockshire, Watts Branch Meadows, Cambridge Heights, Fallsmead, Glenora Hills and Carter Hill that would enjoy use of the covered shelter.

I look forward to your inclusion of this covered shelter project in Wootton's Mill Park in the FY 2026 Capital Improvements Program. Please contact me if you require additional information or want to discuss.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Wright". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Judy Penny

**Exhibit No. 67
FY 2026
Budget Proposal**

From: Karen Buglass <kzbuglass@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 5:52 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Peerless Rockville deserves your full support

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Dear Mayor and Council,

We are asking you to fully support Peerless Rockville's Community Grant. Peerless Rockville makes it possible for all Rockville residents to learn about our City's diverse and unique history through lectures, tours, exhibits, publications, and their community archive. It brings in others outside of our community to take advantage of those very same things—even teeing up additional revenues through restaurant visits and parking fees.

Highlights include Black History, Women's History, and help Rockville residents, visitors, and business understand Rockville's development and modern identity.

Fully fund Peerless Rockville's community grant to guarantee the continued availability of quality educational programming and the curation of 1000s of historical photographs and documents of Rockville's history.

Thank you,
Karen and Ralph Buglass
Rockville MD

Judy Penny

**Exhibit No. 68
FY 2026
Budget Proposal**

Subject: FW: Follow-up - What now - budgets for FY 26

From: Mark Pierzchala

Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 12:26 PM

To: Marc.Erich@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.stewart@montgomerycountymd.gov

Cc: councilmember.friedson@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.albornoz@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.balcombe@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.fani-gonzalez@montgomerycountymd.gov; Evan.Glass@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.jawando@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.katz@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.Luedtke@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.mink@montgomerycountymd.gov; councilmember.Sayles@montgomerycountymd.gov; Monique Ashton <mashton@rockvillemd.gov>; mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov; cityhall@gaitthersburgmd.gov; Richard.Madaleno@montgomerycountymd.gov; bill@thinkmoco.com; newman1259@live.com; Laurie Boyer Babb <laurie@thinkmoco.com>; Lynne Benzion <Lynne@thinkmoco.com>; 'Cindy Rivarde'; Rockville Chamber of Commerce <marji@rockvillechamber.org>; Anthony Featherstone <afeatherstone@worksourcemontgomery.com>; boe@mcpsmd.org; Thomas W Taylor@mcpsmd.org; Ivon Alfonso-Windsor@mcpsmd.org; Montgomery College Board Of Trustees <trustees@montgomerycollege.edu>; Jermaine F. Williams, President, Montgomery College <President@montgomerycollege.edu>; Budget Office <Budget@montgomerycollege.edu>

Subject: Follow-up - What now - budgets for FY 26

February 24, 2025

To: Montgomery County and Municipal Leaders, previously emailed.
Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich,
Montgomery County Council President Kate Stewart
Montgomery County Council Members
City of Rockville Mayor and Council and Appointed Officials
City of Gaithersburg Mayor and Council and Appointed Officials
Richard Madaleno, Montgomery County Chief Administrative Officer
Bill Tompkins, President and CEO, MCEDC
Laurie Boyer Babb and Lynne Stein Benzion, Directors of Economic Development, MCEDC
Cindy Rivarde, Rockville REDI
Paul Newman, former board member of Rockville REDI
Marji Graf, Rockville Chamber of Commerce
Anthony Featherstone, Executive Director, Workforce Montgomery

Added for this Email: (See the note at the end of this email.)

MCPS Board of Education general email, MCPS Superintendent Thomas W Taylor, MCPS Acting Financial Office Mrs. Ivon Alfonso – Windsor, Trustees Montgomery College, President Jermaine F Williams, Montgomery College, Budget Office Montgomery College

From: Mark Pierzchala, former Rockville Councilmember

Subject: FY 26 and Beyond – Budgeting

Why this email now: I see very little coming from County or Municipal Elected on economic or budgeting issues. Additionally, I see FY 26 as the beginning of a new economic era for this area. And now is budget season.

Again – there are no blind ccs on this email, but the audience is broader to include MCPS and MC leaders.

This email follows 3 emails sent to the first group of addressees above. These were sent on November 14, 2024, August 8, 2024, and July 1, 2024. In those emails I warned that a new Republican administration would move quickly to slice federal workers and contracts (including contractor employees). I even mentioned that such an administration would resort to ‘extra-legal’ actions. Now, we are starting to see this unfold daily. If I missed anything it was (1) a compliant Congress, and (2) DOGE actions.

I am not privy to your behind-the-scenes discussions and preparations, and while I don’t see communication to the public from you all about these matters, I do realize that nothing I write below is new to you. But maybe this provides an overview in one place. What is clear to me is that the cuts are severe, and that these will be long-lasting. There is a new normal.

You all should be communicating this to your constituents now and that you all will have to be making some painful decisions and that you must prepare not only for FY 26, but for the longer term.

As of this writing, I see no slowdowns in these actions to cut Federal spending slashes in Federal Workforce and contracts. Even if courts overturn some of the Administration’s actions, they will be enacted, if necessary, by Congress, and probably within their first year. Additionally, there may yet be decisions to move some or many agencies out of the DC area. (Note: In my career, I have seen this in some Western European countries.) So far, there are few if any Federal Departments or Agencies that will not see cuts.

What does this mean for budgeting at the County and Municipal levels? Here are the economic – budgeting, and population shifts that I wonder about:

Economic and Budgeting Shifts

I don’t know magnitudes or severity. The length of impact is bound to be indefinite. There may be turmoil for 2 or 3 years then a steadier path. You cannot operate on previous economic assumptions or previous long-range plans.

- Short term: Reduced income tax revenues
- Short term: Inflation not receding? Construction costs continuing to rise?
- Longer term – within 2 to 3 years: (1) Property Tax Revenues no longer increasing and perhaps decreasing; (2) non-payments and appeals rising
- Reduced aid from the State
- Reduced aid from the Federal Government
- Private sector hesitation and shelving of development and investment plans
- General population caution on discretionary spending, even for those not directly impacted by cuts.
 - Downstream impact on retailers and service providers.

Population Shifts

I base this on what I saw as a Councilmember during the Great Recession. I ask questions then provide my prediction.

- Will private school students move into public schools in numbers big enough to matter? Likely, so increased enrollment.
 - On the other hand, it may not be as difficult to fill teaching positions and substitute teacher positions. How about school bus driver positions?
- Will parents of college Freshman and Sophomores decide that these students should start off at Montgomery College instead of starting immediately at 4-year institutions? Likely, so increased MC enrollment.
 - MC is a great investment anyway.
 - Universities at Shady Grove would also be a lower-cost alternative for Juniors and Seniors.
- Population levels: Will the County continue to see increases in population size? Not likely, and if so, not at the high incomes we're used to.
- Is it possible MoCo will see population decreases? Possible.
 - **Young adults:** These people and their children are the most impacted for the Federal Budget cuts due to the way cuts are being implemented. Some may have to move out of the area.
 - **Seniors:** Speaking for my own family, we're trapped into our low-monthly-mortgage and see no possibility of moving in the short term. We're not planning to move anyway, but I think those with mortgages on lower-priced homes at much lower rates don't have the possibility of moving out.
- Food aid: Will we see a return to food lines we had during the pandemic? Not likely, but maybe.
 - Increases for our food-providing private agencies. Likely.
- I wonder if we will have a housing crisis 3 years from now.
- I wonder if we will have a school capacity shortage 3 years from now.

Budgeting

I'm not on the hot seat anymore, but if I were, here are the things that I would be wondering about:

Revenue

- Property tax revenue predictions: It's time to start asking harder questions of staff about these predictions. Some of the revenue predictions are based on property tax levels established before the new Administration.
- Income tax predictions: Staffs probably have not had enough time yet to factor in job losses. This includes for contractors as well as Federal employees.
- Income from higher levels of government: The State budget is in tatters and the Federal Government is cutting. It's fortunate that these are not the largest sources of income for the County and Municipal leaders on this email.

Demands on Budgets

As the pain increases, the more demand there will be for services.

- Direct aid to businesses and residents will be asked or demanded. This is more for the County Government, but all levels of government will be impacted.

Budgeting Posture

- No tax increases. For those facing income loss, this would be a piling on.
- No new positions. Even as an extremely talented new pool of former Federal Government Employees become available for local government jobs, now is not the time to add new positions.
- Filling existing position vacancies. Only on an as-needed basis.
- Do not expand programs. Your existing direct aid programs will be stressed anyway.
- Do not expand or create programs where you must forecast demand. I would not expand tax credit programs, for example. The take-up may be more than you can deal with.

- Homeowners: Especially for those who have owned homes for some time. They have equity in their homes. They should draw on that before they draw on County resources that will be stretched anyway.
- The situation is far more complex for homeowners who may be under water on their more recently purchased homes.
- Capital spending: Only essential capital spending should be considered. Nice-to-have projects should be shelved.
 - If I were the County Executive or on the County Council, I would deny additional funding for new BOE school space until the Board of Education redraws cluster and catchment boundaries to maximize the use of existing unused school capacity space. This should be for school year 2025-2026. It can be done.
 - The final school boundary analysis was released in May 2021. There were 5 plans studied. I would go with the one that maximizes the use of existing school space. (I know there will be pitchforks on this.)
 - Even in the best of economic times, there has never been enough budget capacity to meet school expansion needs, and at the same time, adequately maintain existing building stock. Don't get me started on building roofs and failing A/C systems. There are schools that wait far too long to be renovated while new school capacity is built and while existing capacity is not utilized. So, redraw those lines now, while your constituents can see the need for you all to take action now.
- For the County and municipal budgets, do what it takes to maintain your Triple-A bond ratings. The ways these ratings are set is somewhat obscure, but I wonder if these rating agencies will be watching to see how your levels of government adjust budgeting and spending in reaction to these cuts.

Economic Development Agencies

I'm not sure what to say here. I am thinking of applying to Rockville's REDI board, but the soonest onboarding for that would be October 2025. I was on the REDI board from 2009 to 2013 as the Rockville elected representative, and I keep in close contact with REDI.

I have no idea what the County Economic Development Agencies are up to, how well they work with each other, or how well they work with the County elected. We have empty office buildings and empty lab spaces. We have many talented, recently made redundant, people with skills. Can the County react quickly to get some investment here?

- We have talent! We have space!
 - Expand in Montgomery County and we will (1) provide fitting out design costs, (2) super quick permitting, and (3) fitting out costs.
 - You can be up and running in your MoCo Office Building / Lab Space within 4 months! (How quick can MoCo be?)

Are any of the private companies in this area working to take advantage of this economic calamity?

- Research for You!
 - We can build your on-line research team within a week!
 - Montgomery County has the nations largest pool of on-line talent that can do your research now!

I know that there has been movement to provide resume reviews and interviewing practice. While not for everyone:

- Here is how you can start your own business!
 - I had to do this in 2010. It's a huge learning curve.

I moved from Federal Government to private industry in 1996 (it's why we moved from Arlington to Rockville then). It's a tough move.

- Here is how private companies differ from Federal Government employment: A seminar.
 - Performance incentives are different, private companies hang onto their trade secrets and best practices, while Federal Government researchers are free and are encouraged to share their findings.
 - If you don't win the bids and re-bids, or satisfy your market, you can lose your job.

Disclosures

- My wife works as a media assistant at an MCPS elementary school.
- I took 3 classes at MC in 2024 and am taking one now. My 2 daughters had brief stays at MC.

Note to New Email Recipients

For MCPS Board of Education and Montgomery College. If you wish to see the 3 previously emails to the County and Municipal leaders, let me know where to send them.

Contact

Mark@MMPLive.com: I check this email 3 or 4 times per day.

I will be reaching out to some of the addresses on this email to try to arrange meetings to get a better idea of what you all are thinking.

Mark Pierzchala, former Rockville Councilmember

Judy Penny

Subject: FW: Peerless Rockville's Community Grant

From: Camille Battle <cc.battle@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2025 2:15 PM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: Peerless Rockville's Community Grant

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Honorable Mayor and Council,

I am a supporter of Peerless Rockville as well as a native of Rockville, MD. I am requesting that you fully fund Peerless Rockville's community grant to continue to guarantee quality educational programming and the curation of 1000s of historical photographs and documents of Rockville's history.

Rockville has a rich and interesting history, not always positive for us who were black, but it was where I lived and prospered on Great Falls Road from the ages of 2 to 18 and went off to college and a career.

My late mother, Mrs. Nina Nina H. Clarke, an educator, historian and author, was a very active member of Peerless Rockville.

Many stories remain to be told to bless, encourage and/or entertain, especially to those who are students of history as I am.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Camille Clarke Battle
2405 Fairlawn Street
Temple Hills, MD 20748

Judy Penny

**Exhibit No.70
FY 2026
Budget Proposal**

From: THERESA MACIEJEWSKI <tempura8@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2025 9:01 AM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Support for Programs

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All the programs are useful.

Theresa E. Maciejewski

Judy Penny

**Exhibit No. 71
FY 2026
Budget Proposal**

From: Angus Chen <chentail@protonmail.ch>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 8:30 AM
To: Judy Penny
Cc: cityclerk
Subject: RE: The Community Forum/Budget Public Hearing

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Good morning,

My name is Angus Chen, and I am the Chairperson of the Advisory Board at Rockville Fitness and Swim Center. The Advisory Board would like to submit the following statement for the FY26 Budget Hearing.

Could you please let me know whether I should submit it to the Community Forum or the Budget Public Hearing? Would you accept this email as a submission?

The Statement from Rockville Fitness and Swim Center Advisory Board

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center is one of the most visited city recreation facilities. It generates over 2 million dollars, over 350k + customer visits annually that include membership visits, daily admissions, program attendance, etc., and 900 Rockville-Montgomery Swim Club registrations (It includes the Rockville Rays roster) annually. The Swim Center is open 362 days a year.

I am here on behalf of the RSFC Advisory Board to express our sincere gratitude for your recent efforts in reviewing the total Capital Improvement Program (CIP) needs and for approving the necessity of additional funds for the Recreation Pool project. The transformative outdoor recreation pool will become an iconic feature that Rockville will be known for decades and one that residents will love.

In addition, we have been hearing members of our community are being impacted by Reductions in Force (RIF), given our proximity to affected federal government agencies etc. During such challenging times, the Swim Center serves as more than just a fitness facility. It is a space where our community can maintain a healthy lifestyle, find support, and come together.

We are thankful for your commitment to improving our community and for acknowledging the vital role that the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center plays in meeting the diverse needs and desires of Rockville's residents. The current facilities work well and do so much good because of the amazing staff, user community, and support from the city—let's treasure it and not take it for granted. We are confident that, with your continued support, The Swim and Fitness Center can continue to serve the needs of all community members.

Thank you again for your dedication and hard work.

Sincerely,

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center Advisory Committee

v/r,

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Judy Penny

**Exhibit No. 72
FY 2026
Budget Proposal**

Subject: FW: Full Funding for Peerless Rockville

From: Gary Funkhouser <funkgaryd@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 1:08 PM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: Full Funding for Peerless Rockville

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Dear Mayor and Council,

We are asking you to fully support Peerless Rockville's Community Grant. Peerless Rockville makes it possible for all Rockville residents to learn about our City's diverse and unique history through lectures, tours, exhibits, publications, and their community archive.

Over the years Peerless Rockville has led the effort to save a number of historically significant buildings in Rockville including the Red Brick Courthouse, the B&O train station, Wire Hardware, and Frida's Cottage that otherwise would have been lost forever.

They highlight Black History, Women's History, and help Rockville residents, visitors, and business understand Rockville's development and modern identity.

With its many educational programs and displays, Peerless is one of the City of Rockville's best ambassadors in showing the rich quality of life that our community provides.

Please fully fund Peerless Rockville's community grant to guarantee the continued availability of quality educational programming and the curation of 1000s of historical photographs and documents of Rockville's history.

Sincerely,

Claire and Gary Funkhouser
1037 Carnation Drive
Rockville, MD 20850

Hello, I am David Hill, the President of Rockville Sister Cities Corp., and representing that organization to explain our Community Org. grant submission for FY2026.

First explaining our FY25 grant usage, we asked for and were allocated \$15000 for the current fiscal year. This was an 11% increase over the prior year because we included some City support for a new Rockville student exchange in 2025 (about 10% of net costs), and asked for a COLA adjustment to support for the Bubble Tea Festival in Rockville event, which BTW, was the best attended single day event in Town Center in 2025. In the end, we will leave \$2500+ of our FY25 grant in City coffers due to the inability to use Fitzgerald Theater this Feb. as in-kind facility usage. Meaning our actual grant impact will be less than the prior FY by 7%, notwithstanding a fulsome year of RSCC activity. That means the City supported 15% of RSCC costs in FY25, without monetizing our extensive volunteer labor into our budget total. That remains a good deal for the City, if you value our activity.

Moving onto FY26 and the current grant ask. Please note that six months after the Oct. grant submission, the precision of what anticipated in FY26 is moving around a bit. I note that RSCC practice, indeed what the grant process asks us to do, is identify grant costs by particular activities. That is particularly challenging for a sister city program that mostly operates with our sister cities about six months ahead. Meanwhile, the grant submission this cycle came up to 21 months ahead by the calendar. Things change in that time period. For instance, we still do not know all the detail of the trip plan, some of M&C will take to Pinneberg, Germany in early Sept. for their 150th anniversary, that could lead to costs that must be covered.

Our FY26 grant submission has the following components,

\$7000 for the 2026 Bubble Tea Festival (roughly a third of the cost of this event and same since FY25)

\$6000 in-kind facility usages, for two major facility rentals and some small park and community center uses throughout the year. (same since FY2025)

\$2000 Rockville student exchange support (also same since 2025)

\$1000 for support of mentioned official M&C trip to Pinneberg for such as city-to-city gifts or relevant arrangements (not including travel or lodging). (this expense is new for FY26)

These mentioned items wind-up being only \$1000 over the prior FY asked grant. (7%)

Then one further line-item was a big ask (on our scale) for \$10,000 to support the official visit of the Mayor of Yilan City and delegation under consideration for early Sept. (so in FY26). We asked the City for this support because 1) this will be a City-to-City official visitation, and 2) we bear a reciprocal expectation for hospitality based on that given to the Rockville official delegation that visited Yilan City in 2023 led by Mayor Newton. It is our turn to host well. However, we can now say that this visit will not happen officially in 2025 due to circumstances in Yilan City. We are still pursuing whether Mayor Chen might visit personally, not officially, later in the year. Yet as not an official City activity, RSCC then becomes the major host, not the City of Rockville.

In the meantime, we have a smaller replacement ask, only apparent since the grant request deadline (15 months prior to the timing of the relevant event). This is for the City to contribute some of the costs of the Rockville Lantern Festival event. In FY25 grant funding, we will not utilize \$2500 of our grant that was in-kind to rent the Fitzgerald Theater in Feb. of this year, because that theater was closed. So we could not follow-through on this in-kind City facility usage, leaving RSCC holding a significant cost not budgeted. We got the event into another area facility (the TECRO Cultural Center, some of you attended, thank you), and had a grown attendance occasion with about 500 attendees. Frankly, this is a bigger number than Fitzgerald Theater can hold. If we are to continue to build this event year-

on-year, we are facing again having to absorb an external facility event cost and ask if the City will support some of that cost and event to the tune of \$3000. Another way to look at this is let us shift a \$2500 in-kind ask to a \$3000 cash equivalent ask, as we will not use both, and which we do remains to be determined nearly a year ahead of time.

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[The following italic text was not delivered verbally in testimony, having run out of time. While submitted here in writing.]

Therefore, we withdraw the \$10,000 ask for official City visit support, and replace it with a \$3000 ask for Lantern Festival support. With the potential of leaving \$2500 in-kind costs unused. Also, after holding two student exchanges in 2025, we may not have a 2026 exchange leaving that portion of our grant ask in City coffers too. That would leave us costing the City \$500 less in FY26 than FY25 funding level.

In summary, our current grant ask as modified goes to \$19000, with the expectation we will not use it all. In the City Mgr. draft budget, we received notice of \$15000 grant funding—without detail on what portion of our original \$16000 ask would be shed.

We need some flexibility to accomplish our mission in these budget cycles. We do not ask the City for a single cash grant payout as some orgs. do. Since we are a collaborating organization conducting the City's Sister City program. We could really use some flexibility for unknowns and changes with the more than year ahead FY grant cycle. Our current submission is likely to adjust downward in expense, I suggest that's the reasonable position to be in, given the considerations.

Thank you for supporting RSCC for 68 years and considering our grant submission for FY26.

EXHIBIT NO. 74 NOT USED
DUPLICATE OF EXHIBIT NO. 73
NEXT EXHIBIT IS NO. 75

Sara Taylor-Ferrell

**Exhibit No. 75
FY 2026
Budget Proposal**

From: Alison Van Dyke <alisonlenvandyke@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 8:40 AM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: in support of Rockville rent stabilization

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Dear Mayor Ashton and City Councilmembers,

I have called Rockville home since 2017. Last year, I was notified that my monthly rent and fees would be raised by 40% (\$1,000) on lease renewal. Such a massive increase in an already high cost of living would not have been sustainable financially. Thankfully, that was for a 12-month lease. On changing to a 13-month lease, the increase in monthly rent and fees was 12% (\$300). This high cost of living is making saving for both retirement and a downpayment on a home challenging.

I respectfully ask you to support rent stabilization, especially in this time of financial uncertainty given potential job instability for many who call Rockville home. Moving forward, I will only vote for candidates who support mandatory rent hike caps. Thank you for reading about my concerns.

Alison

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Alison Van Dyke, MD, PhD

Judy Penny

**EXHIBIT NO. 76
FY2026
BUDGET PROPOSAL**

From: Kari Barrett <kpbrtt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 10:03 AM
To: Tim Chesnutt
Cc: mayorcouncil; Sara Taylor-Ferrell; Steve Mader
Subject: Re: Support for Community Garden Lots at Redgate Park

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Hi there - it's been a little while. Any status update on the development of a Redgate Park community garden?
Thanks,
Kari

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 24, 2023, at 3:33 PM, Kari Barrett <kpbrtt@gmail.com> wrote:

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> I really appreciate you all being so responsive and your thoughts on timeline. It does help.

> Kari

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> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On May 24, 2023, at 2:57 PM, Tim Chesnutt <tchesnutt@rockvillemd.gov> wrote:

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>> Kari, what we have is progress, but it is not definitive quite yet. The community gardens are part of the Mayor and Council adopted plan for the park, and design of the park and all of its amenities will begin in FY24 (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024). For a project of the scope and scale of RedGate Park, design will likely take most of the year. Once the design is completed, the initial phase of implementation/construction would likely include the community gardens, as they are relatively "low-hanging fruit". That being said, parking, grading and preparing the area for gardening, as well as getting water to the site are some of the initial challenges beyond simply designating the space. My hope would still be that this could be accomplished very early in the plan implementation, so we are probably looking at Spring of 2025 being the first full growing season (with the best-case possibility of Fall of 2024 if literally everything goes well). Hope that helps.

Thanks-

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>> Tim

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>> Timothy J. Chesnutt

>> Director of Recreation and Parks

>> 111 Maryland Avenue

>> Rockville, MD 20850

>> 240-314-8602

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: kpbrtt@gmail.com <kpbrtt@gmail.com>

>> Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 8:28 PM

>> To: Tim Chesnutt <tchesnutt@rockvillemd.gov>

>> Cc: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>; Sara Taylor-Ferrell <sferrell@rockvillemd.gov>

>> Subject: RE: Support for Community Garden Lots at Redgate Park

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>> Hi Tim - Any update on community garden at Redgate? Thanks, Kari

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Tim Chesnutt <tchesnutt@rockvillemd.gov>

>> Sent: Monday, December 12, 2022 10:22 AM

>> To: Kari Barrett <kpbrtt@gmail.com>

>> Cc: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>; Sara Taylor-Ferrell <sferrell@rockvillemd.gov>

>> Subject: RE: Support for Community Garden Lots at Redgate Park

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>> We are actually in the midst of the FY24 (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024) budget development. Once that process is completed (targeted for May 2023), we will know which year the community gardens will be funded. The limited design involved, and the subsequent construction should be a relatively quick process, probably able to be completed within the same calendar year. Hopefully we will have the definitive answer in May. Hope that helps. Thanks-

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>> Tim

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>> Timothy J. Chesnutt

>> Director of Recreation and Parks

>> 111 Maryland Avenue

>> Rockville, MD 20850

>> 240-314-8602

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Kari Barrett <kpbrtt@gmail.com>

>> Sent: Monday, December 12, 2022 10:12 AM

>> To: Tim Chesnutt <tchesnutt@rockvillemd.gov>

>> Cc: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>; Sara Taylor-Ferrell <sferrell@rockvillemd.gov>

>> Subject: Re: Support for Community Garden Lots at Redgate Park

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>> Thanks Tim! That's great news. I'm near the park but just outside the city boundary at Bauer and Norbeck. One last question, do you have a target year/date for the garden lots to be available? I know it's early on but I wasn't sure if you were looking at 2024 or later.

>> Best,

>> Kari

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>> Sent from my iPhone

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>>>> On Dec 12, 2022, at 9:17 AM, Tim Chesnutt <tchesnutt@rockvillemd.gov> wrote:

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>>> Ms. Barrett,

>>> Thanks for your inquiry about the future community garden plots at RedGate Park. None of our other community gardens are restricted to City residents, so even though we have not gotten to that level of detail yet, I would imagine that we will follow our current policies and practices of having these open to everyone. For further information, please click on this link: <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/653/Garden-Plots>. As we proceed with the RedGate Park gardens, the policies and practices will be available at this site as well. Thanks-

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>>> Tim

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>>> Timothy J. Chesnutt
>>> Director of Recreation and Parks
>>> 111 Maryland Avenue
>>> Rockville, MD 20850
>>> 240-314-8602
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>>> -----Original Message-----
>>> From: Robert DiSpirito <rdspirito@rockvillemd.gov>
>>> Sent: Friday, December 9, 2022 5:35 AM
>>> To: Tim Chesnutt <tchesnutt@rockvillemd.gov>
>>> Cc: Christine Henry <CHenry@rockvillemd.gov>
>>> Subject: FW: Support for Community Garden Lots at Redgate Park

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>>> -----Original Message-----
>>> From: Kari Barrett <kpbrtt@gmail.com>
>>> Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 8:58 PM
>>> To: Sara Taylor-Ferrell <sferrell@rockvillemd.gov>
>>> Cc: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
>>> Subject: Re: Support for Community Garden Lots at Redgate Park

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>>> Sara -
>>> Will the garden lots only be for city of Rockville residents?
>>> Thanks,
>>> Kari

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>>> Sent from my iPhone
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>>>>> On Nov 18, 2022, at 10:36 AM, Sara Taylor-Ferrell <sferrell@rockvillemd.gov> wrote:

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>>>> Dear Ms. Barrett,
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>>>> On behalf of the Mayor and Council, thank you for your comments on the proposed FY2024 Budget.
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>>>> Your comments will be placed into the official record and considered by the Mayor and Council as they discuss all aspects of the Budget.

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>>>> The Mayor and Council will hold two more Public Hearings on Monday, March 6, and April 17 and four Worksessions on Monday, March 6, March 20, April 17, and May 1, 2023.

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>>>> The FY2024 Budget record will close on April 21, for Adoption on May 8, 2023.

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>>>> Please continue to follow the City's website <http://rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter> for more information.

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>>>> The Mayor and Council appreciate your comments.

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>>>> Thank you.

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>>>> Sara Taylor-Ferrell
>>>> City Clerk/Director of Council Operations
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>>>> City of Rockville
>>>> 111 Maryland Avenue
>>>> Rockville, Maryland 20850
>>>> Office 240-314-8283
>>>> EFax 240-403-9283
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>>>> -----Original Message-----
>>>> From: Kari Barrett <kpbrtt@gmail.com>
>>>> Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2022 11:29 AM
>>>> To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
>>>> Subject: Support for Community Garden Lots at Redgate Park
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>>>> I would love to have a garden lot at Redgate. Will need level ground and good fencing along the parameter to keep out deer. Please consider best site for successful gardening and park aesthetics. Happy to volunteer to be involved in planning.
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>>>> Sincerely,
>>>> Kari Barrett
>>>> Rockville, MD
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>>>> Sent from my iPhone
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EXHIBIT NO. 77 NOT USED
PART OF EXHIBIT NO. 78

November 21, 2024



IKF Green Team
Ingleside@King Farm
701 King Farm Blvd
Rockville, MD 20850

To: ROCKVILLE CITY GOVERNMENT CITIZEN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Green Team is a Service Committee at Ingleside@King Farm, a senior residence community in Rockville. We have membership of 30 residents. One member, Tricia Tice is involved in many initiatives due to her interest in native plants, invasive species of plants, pesticides, energy usage and conservation, electric vehicles, monarch butterflies, just to name a few. At our October 8, 2024 meeting, the Green Team discussed Tricia's proposal to Rockville's Capital Improvement Project solicitation, and this letter is to inform you of our support for her proposal "Rockville Retention Ponds Invasive Vine Removal".

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,
IKF Green Team Co-Chairs

David Martinsen (240-620-1242, davidmartinsen@yahoo.com)

Carl Schneider (301-254-2481, carl@mediationmatters.com)

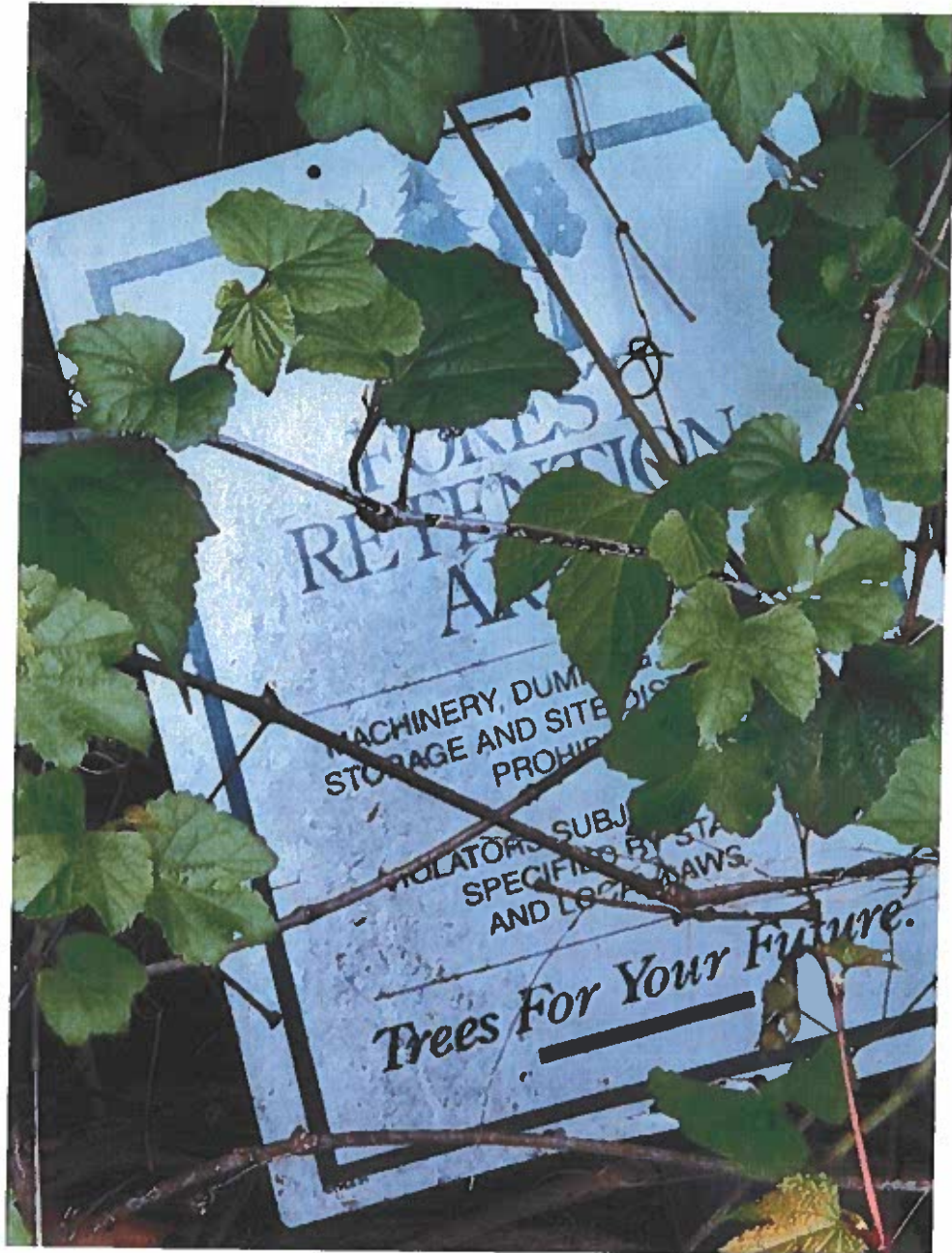


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PART OF EXHIBIT NO. 80

**EXHIBIT NO. 80
FY2026
BUDGET PROPOSAL**

1615 C Piccard Drive, apt.1711
Rockville, MD 20850
February 6, 2025

Rockville City Government
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville MD 20850

Dear Rockville City Government,

The Resident Council of Ingleside King Farm (IKF) endorses the project proposal of the Ingleside at King Farm Green Team, entitled "Rockville Retention Ponds Invasive Vine Removal." This project proposes to remove invasive and non-native vine species, including Multiflora Rose, English Ivy, and Porcelain Berry, among others, that are choking native trees in the Watts Branch Watershed in Rockville MD.

By removing these invaders, healthy plants, trees, and flowers can thrive without being suffocated. Also, the stormwater retention ponds on King Farm Blvd and the nearby Watkins Ponds at King Farm Stream Park host many bird species. This healthy habitat makes these areas critical for migrating native birds, as well as home for a variety of nesting birds during breeding season. It is very important to protect the lives of the native trees around these ponds.

The Ingleside King Farm Resident Council of the IKF community is the resident voice for over 500 residents living and enjoying the beautiful King Farm Neighborhood. The surrounding areas extend the IKF experience to outside the IKF campus. It is important that the surrounding areas retain this lovely experience. Please seriously consider this project proposal of Tricia Tice and the Ingleside at King Farm Green Team.

Respectfully,

Antonia (Toni) Schierling
President, Ingleside King Farm Resident Council

CARBON STORES

Forests are the second-largest storehouses of carbon after oceans

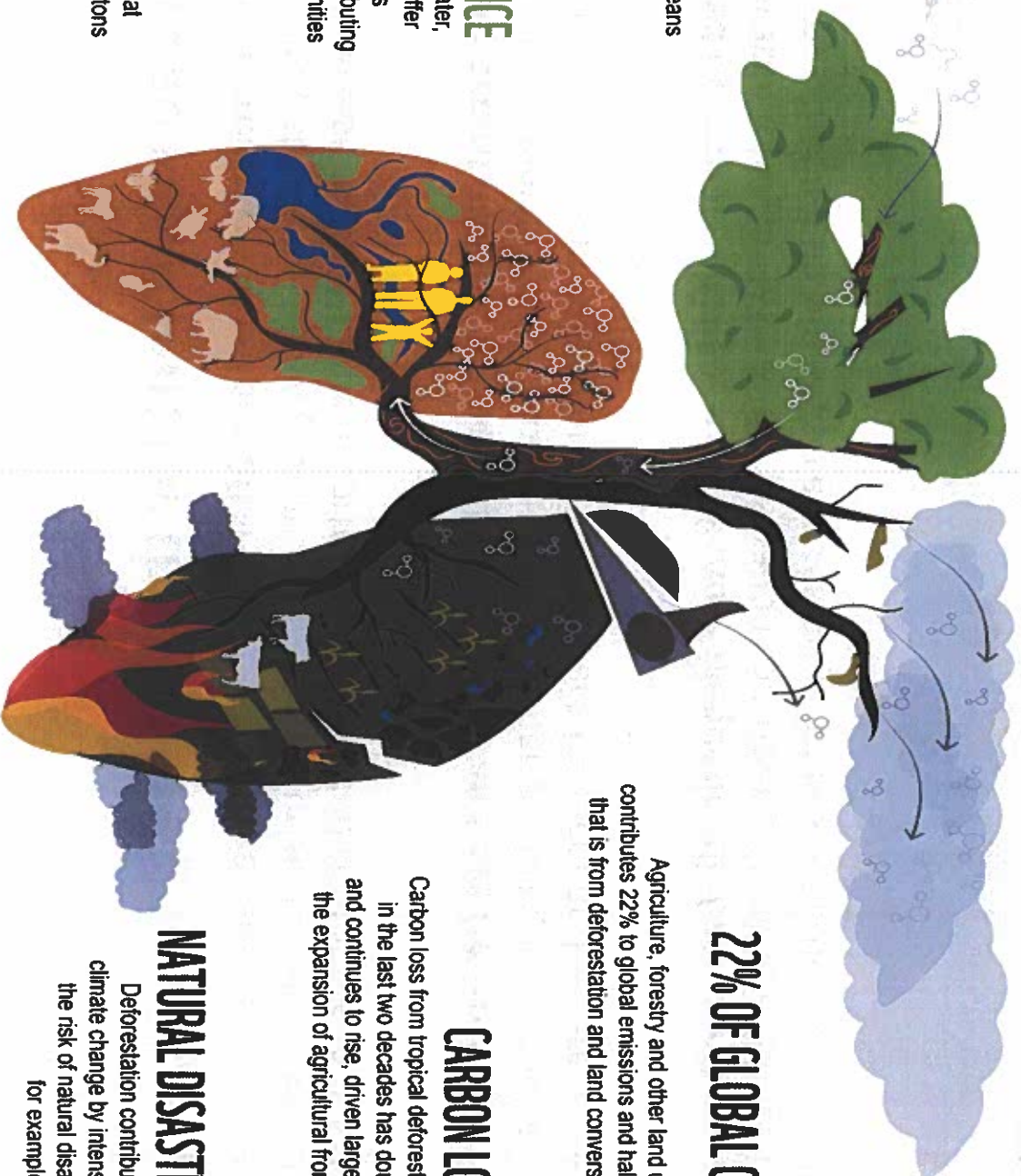
INCREASED RESILIENCE

Forests provide clean air and water, help regulate the climate and buffer against natural disasters such as floods and wildfires, while contributing to the resilience of local communities

2.4 BILLION

Forests provide a carbon sink that absorb up to 2.4 billion metric tons of carbon each year

Forests are a climate solution



22% OF GLOBAL CO₂

Agriculture, forestry and other land use contributes 22% to global emissions and half of that is from deforestation and land conversion

CARBON LOSS

Carbon loss from tropical deforestation in the last two decades has doubled and continues to rise, driven largely by the expansion of agricultural frontiers

NATURAL DISASTERS

Deforestation contributes to climate change by intensifying the risk of natural disasters, for example fires

Deforestation contributes to climate change

Why forests are so important for the climate

Forests are the largest storehouses of carbon after the oceans, as they absorb this greenhouse gas from the air and lock it away above and below ground. So, it is no surprise that when we cut down or damage our forests, we release huge amounts of carbon emissions that contribute to the climate crisis.

But forests are also important as they can help protect people and nature from the consequences of a warming world. As the impacts of climate change - including floods and storms from rising sea levels and increased precipitation - become more frequent and severe, forests can provide a crucial buffer for our communities.

Extreme events caused by climate change, such as more frequent wildfires, limit the ability of our forests to regenerate. At the same time, deforestation contributes to climate change by increasing the risk of fires. Stopping deforestation and restoring forests is a crucial part of climate action.

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

Ingleside at King Farm Green Team, Rockville MD

EXHIBIT NO. 81

FY2026

BUDGET PROPOSAL

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.

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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.

Submitted by:

Patricia Tice, 1615-C Piccard Dr, Rockville, MD 20850, Ptice17@gmail.com

MS Rutgers University, Field Ecology, 1976

Member, Maryland Native Plant Society

Member, Montgomery Bird Club

Member, Ingleside King Farm Green Team



Rockville Capital Improvement Project #94209



Redland Road Vines, Two Views

EXHIBIT NO. 82 NOT USED
PART OF EXHIBIT NO. 81
NEXT EXHIBIT IS NO. 83

Good Evening, Mayor and Council Members,

My name is Odeth Berlin, Director, Rockville Emergency Assistance Program of Community Reach of Montgomery County.

I am here to express our deepest thanks for the FY26 Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP) funding in the base budget.

With your faithful financial contribution over the years, you've demonstrated your deep commitment to our work (by providing emergency financial assistance to Rockville residents who are facing rental eviction, utility disconnect and medications assistance as well as those who live in Montgomery County who need human services such as dental, vision, clothing, food, and computers referral.)

Your support has repeatedly played a key role in our success. Let me tell you a story: Ms. L who is a single mother of 3 young children 6, 8, 10 was recently laid off from work, could not pay her rent, and was about to lose her home. REAP was able to provide emergency financial assistance to stop her eviction. Losing her home would result in them being displaced, it would be more difficult for the children to attend school regularly and maybe even change school. It would take away from looking for a new job, the negative impacts on her credit and the inability to secure housing in the future as well as other hosts of other problems. It would put a greater burden on the COR and Montgomery County to find them shelter and use of county resources which are very limited. This is just one example of the many clients who receive funding through the REAP grant.

This is why it is, so vital that the City of Rockville ensures that the safety net programs be included in the budget. REAP was awarded 55K in the FY25 budget and due to the high need of the residents of Rockville we have exhausted those funds and were awarded an additional 44K. REAP helps with other funding sources and provides referrals as well as case management for Rockville residents.

On behalf of the clients of REAP of Community Reach of Montgomery, we wanted to say a big thank you again. We look forward to our continued partnership as we continue to serve the most vulnerable in our community.

Good evening, Mayor Monique Ashton and City Council Members

My name is Cecilia Rojas. I am the Director of the Language Outreach Program (LOP) of Community Reach of Montgomery County, 1010 Grandin Avenue, Suite A1, Rockville MD 20851.

During these past thirty years, with the City's support, LOP has provided English as a Second Language and Literacy to adult immigrants. Our students turn to us because they want a better life for themselves and their children. However, to achieve that, they need to be able to communicate. LOP classes serve a basic need in a diverse community such as ours.

Our classes are unique as we also provide tutoring for the school-age children of our adult students. Children have received care, tutoring, and mentoring from our staff and volunteers. The children from the first decade or two of LOP are now adults. Due to the impact our program has had on the lives of their parents and families, those children are giving back to the community by helping the very program that helped improve their lives.

Children of non-English speaking parents are at a clear disadvantage; their parents are unable to help them with their homework or effectively communicate with school staff. We work closely with the teachers of our children to provide much-needed support, helping to provide communication between the parents and teachers, and learning what additional assistance the children need.

For an immigrant, learning English is a long journey. It takes seven years for a non-English speaker to master the English language. Seven years. Therefore, you all can see that our program's retention rate is critical for the greatest success of our students. Each class, and each level of instruction, incorporates life skills that are key to quality of life.

Our students believe in the current environment, it is now even more essential to speak, understand, and read English.

This Fiscal Year 25, we had the opportunity to offer English classes at the Rockville Community Centers of Twinbrook and Lincoln Park, and at Twinbrook and Meadow Hall Elementary Schools. We also offered child tutoring at Meadow Hall. We served 84 City Rockville adult and child residents in our Summer, Fall and Winter sessions.

The City of Rockville has been a strong supporter of the Language Outreach Program (LOP). We truly appreciate the funding, and we hope to receive your continued full support.

Thank you

Judy Penny

**EXHIBIT NO. 85
FY2026
BUDGET PROPOSAL**

From: Ricky Mui <RickyFMuiMBA@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 12:28 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: Rick Mui Personal testimony for Mayor and Council

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Greetings Mayor and Council,

This is Rick Mui, Chair of the Rockville Human Services Advisory Commission. HSAC is made up of nine very passionate Rockville community members, who share a monthly Wednesday evening highlighting issues that concern our community. Our backgrounds span across service providers, service recipients and members at-large.

This portion of my message represents my own insights and journey. In the past years, we focused on the community services which are exclusive to the populations that have reduced options; for emergency shelter, food, appropriate seasonal clothing, elderly care, physician care and access to mental health services. Without Rockville's financial community services grants, this vulnerable population would be perhaps be neglected.

This year, with the revised Community Grants process, I am working with the Commission to expand our scope to advocate for essential services that benefit our community as a whole. We will endeavor to highlight non-profit partners that provide services that address Rockville's various human needs. Starting tonight, HSAC members should be offering their testimony on some of the essential services that warrant our collective consideration and perhaps some grant funding.

One future goal is to encourage the wider community to consider the possibility of volunteering or adding charitable support to ensure services that benefit our communities persist. A few weeks ago, I participated in a Rockville Rotary Service project at Nourish Now. Both non-profits are long-time and steadfast members of the Rockville community. I wanted to highlight Nourish Now for its outstanding organized process at local Food Recovery. Stephen Gormley, Nourish Now's COO, estimates that 5,300 Rockville residents are food security issues, meaning some cannot financially afford the rising costs for some food items to feed their families. The Commission has heard some anecdotes that some vulnerable people had to choose between paying rent or purchasing food. Nourish Now offers food recovery from local stores, re-distributing grocery items that are no longer sold in stores to families. Some fruits and vegetables may not meet aesthetics, or some products supplies exceeded customer demands; whatever the case, Nourish Now 's pickup capacity is limited to 2 trucks and 2 full time drivers, and a team of volunteers to perform a Quality Control sort at their E. Gude Drive facility. Within a few hours or days, the same produce, milk, baby food items, or packaged foods will be in the hands of Rockville residents via the hands of the amazing volunteers at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Rotary International estimates that 33% of American produced food is wasted; so we can all do our part to ensure food is used to nourish our community and not our landfills.

Other notable services offered to Rockville citizens are the CCACC Senior Citizen services; to include language translations, medical screenings, activities, and meals. This year a host of applications came from non-profits that had not previously applied included the American Legion Post 08, which seeks out

military veterans in our community and connect them to state and national benefits; as well as sponsoring some of our local youths in the Maryland American Legion Boys State and Girls State.

We must keep in mind that it has been the Mayor and Council that have dedicated Community Grant funding to keep the marginalized members of our community part of Rockville. Funding has gone to support the very basic human needs of shelter, food, security, rest, and services to help these families get back on their feet when they have little else to turn to. The Commission will continue to explore new possibilities through cross commission exchanges or with the City Manager, through initiatives like offering showers at Rockville City Community Centers to those lacking adequate housing; or supporting disabled tenants that lack laundry access. As a commission, we are grateful for the Mayor and Council's support of the recently completed Human Needs Assessment, to which our former HSAC Chair Amanda Schwartz frequently requested. We ask during this budget season to continue the Mayor and Council's financial support for the non-profit partners that focus on delivering supplementary services to Rockville residents.

Sincerely,

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**EXHIBIT NO. 86
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From: Carol Hannaford <carol.hannaford@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 4:58 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Cc: Carol Hannaford (carol@claymaven.com)
Subject: Fw: How do Rockville's electeds score on housing?

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Dear Mayor Ashton and Councilmembers. I started to read this article a couple of weeks ago but have not followed the links yet to read the details. I imagine that you have.

From what I've read so far, it seems that you are getting good marks for effort and commitment. Not surprisingly, it recommends furthering those efforts.

I recently received an invitation to attend the 2025 Volunteer Appreciation Party at Glenview Mansion. Although I have been told that it is important for volunteers to meet each other, I will not be attending. I have received similar invitations in the past, as well as wood-framed acknowledgements for environmental work and special recognition for donating to the Rockville Holiday Drive. For two years I returned the frames to City Hall.

I understand that the Mayor and Council have a variety of audiences to which responses are needed. At the same time, I would prefer to see the money spent on appreciation and recognition going instead to affordable housing, advocating for rent stabilization, buying a young person a swim team scholarship, or sending a kid to camp.

Thank you,

Carol Hannaford
Twinbrook

From: Greater Greater Washington
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 6:53 AM
To: Carol Hannaford
Subject: How do Rockville's electeds score on housing?

Grading Rockville's mayor and council on housing

Ryan Murphy • March 11, 2025



Now that those of us in Rockville have had a bit more than a full year with our new Mayor & Council, I felt it was important to attempt to grade their performance so far when it comes to policies for increasing housing production.

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**EXHIBIT NO. 87
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From: D M <moore.deborah55@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 5:35 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Caregiver Funding For This Year

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March 24, 2025

To the Mayor & Council

My name is Deborah Moore. Although I am honored to serve as one of two Consumer Representatives on the Human Services Advisory Commission, I am writing here as a Rockville citizen.

I have written before to advocate for caregiver organizations and the services they provide. What they provide are numerous and well known. From shelter for displaced, unhoused individuals to health care to fighting food insecurity, the caregivers of Rockville are an immeasurable source of aid to what is often referred to as “vulnerable” individuals.

The above is well known to you. Now, what do I believe to be salient at this time?

We are currently in a radically different time than the one we were in when I wrote concerning funding a year ago. The need for deliberate, rigorous, determined and robust funding advocacy for those who are caregivers is needed now more than ever. I have always believed that you have the goal of providing that funding and are willing to continue to do so—even in the present atmosphere.

So, I respectfully request that you continue your commitment to this funding—and to do so in all roles in which you navigate—for the promotion of the highest quality of life for all members of the Rockville community.

I believe you have always done this and that you will continue.

I thank you for your time and attention.

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March 24, 2025

Lucinda Hall
210 Elizabeth Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850-1207

Rockville Mayor and Council
City of Rockville
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Mayor and Council:

I am writing regarding the FY 2026 Budget.

I retired in June 2009, and I joined the Rockville Senior Center (RSC) that same year. I did not know the educational and social activities would provide me with so many opportunities and blessings.

Exercise, nutritional, and health-related classes kept me aware and focused on living a more well-balanced lifestyle.

Participating in RSC social activities and clubs, I have so many new friends. I am thankful for every one of them.

Since joining the RSC in 2009, I have been on over 100 one-day and overnight trips. They provided more experiences than I could have ever imagined having.

I fully support a budget, for the RSC, above the currently budgeted amount. Due to inflation and price increases, especially for buses, trips, restaurants, catering, and other services; increasing the RSC budget will allow the Center, and its dedicated staff, to continue the high-quality programs they provide.

Sincerely,

Lucinda Hall



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3.24.25

Testimony in Support of FY26 Grant Funding for Main Street

Presented by: Tara Owens, Executive Director, Main Street

Date: March 24, 2025

Good evening, Mayor and Councilmembers,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight. My name is Tara Owens, and I serve as the Executive Director of Main Street. I'm honored to speak in strong support of our FY26 funding request through the Community Services and Enrichment Grant Program.

Main Street is an inclusive community model created by Jillian and Scott Copeland in response to the lack of housing and social opportunities for their son Nicol, an adult with developmental disabilities. Recognizing the need for affordable, accessible inclusion, they launched Main Street in 2020, which has since become a vibrant hub in Rockville.

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

- An **accessible apartment building** with 70 units—75% affordable, with 25% of those reserved for adults with disabilities.
- A **community of over 270 members of all abilities**, including **95 Rockville residents, who participate in 12–15 weekly programs** across social, cultural, educational, and wellness topics.
- An **inclusive employer**, anchored by the Soulfull Café, which provides competitive jobs to people with and without disabilities.

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

Our Social Mainstays include:

- **Food for Thought** – a facilitated discussion over lunch at Soulfull Café
- **The Hang** – group games like trivia and Jeopardy held virtually and in-person
- **Friday Vibes** – a dinner with a unique theme each week

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- **Sunday Social** – providing fun and creative experiences
- **Eating Out** – group dinners at local Rockville restaurants
 - This program in particular has direct economic benefits:
 - It provides consistent business to restaurants in the City of Rockville
 - It brings new people to Rockville—members who might not otherwise visit the area are now dining and shopping locally.

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

We're also proud of how these programs promote civic engagement and community partnerships. Here are a few we've welcomed:

- Rockville staff speaking on voting
- Regular Coffee with a Cop events at our cafe
- City Planners gathering feedback on Rockville's Master Plan
- BJ Dawkins, Chair of the Montgomery County Black Chamber of Commerce, speaking on Juneteenth

These collaborations help our members connect more deeply with the City of Rockville and its resources.

We requested **\$27,946 in FY26 grant funding and were recommended for an award of \$25,000, and we are incredibly grateful.** This proposed funding will support the cost of Social Mainstays for **87** Rockville participants, after member contributions.

This grant will allow us to continue—and expand—these life-enriching programs. It ensures that all residents, regardless of ability or income, have access to consistent, meaningful, community engagement.

Let me close with a story that shows what this impact looks like.

Picture this. Maddie is a newer Main Street member. She is a 34-year-old adult with little to no social interaction other than her sisters. They had just suffered the tremendous loss of her mother, her primary caregiver. At the urging of her sister, Elle, Maddie reluctantly came to a Main Street program. She was shy, didn't contribute much but she continued to return, slowly she started to participate and now she has formed strong bonds with members and staff.



After a few months of being a Main Streeter, she is working out in our gym weekly, she attends weekly social and educational programs. And, get this---- *Just last week*, Maddie made plans to go to the movie with a friend—for the first time ever, completely on her own. That simple act of independence is huge. Now, she’s talking about starting a book club and a movie group at Main Street.

Moments like these are what Main Street is all about—**empowering people to lead full, connected lives and, in the process, supporting our local economy and enriching our city.**

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

Rockville City Mayor and Council Testimony for the FY26 Budget

March 24, 2025

Andrea Kempner-Wink, Managing Director of Community Reach of Montgomery County

Thank you, Mayor Ashton and Councilmembers Fulton, Jackson, Myles, Shaw, Valeri, and Van Grack, for your support of the underserved in Rockville. Community Reach of Montgomery County has appreciated the work we have been able to do with your support to serve those in need of healthcare, housing, financial emergency assistance, education for immigrants, and eldercare. We thank the City for our faithful partnership since our inception in 1967 as we serve and advocate for Rockville residents.

Together we have embraced people from all walks of life and every corner of the world. We have helped residents realize their dreams of financial security, plant roots, and raise their families in this welcoming community.

Community Reach of Montgomery County (we shorten our name to “Reach”) offers

- Assistance to those who face eviction or utility turn-offs, or need referrals for food, clothing, dental and vision care through our Rockville Emergency Assistance Program;
- Homecare services and repair and maintenance for our senior citizens aging in place through our Senior Reach Program;
- A safe place to call home for men and women who were previously unhoused through our Jefferson and Rockland Houses;
- A way to connect with our community through English Language classes and Citizenship Test Preparedness classes for immigrants through our Language Outreach Program; and
- A healthcare home for those who are uninsured or enrolled in Medicare or Medicaid through our Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic.

My colleagues will share information about these services. I have the honor of sharing a story and facts about our Senior Reach Program.

Each year our Senior Reach Program serves about 50 City of Rockville residents who are over 60 years old with homecare services that lower their risk of illness and infection. We provide approximately 30 residents with assistive devices, and home repair and maintenance so they have a safer living environment and more mobility within their homes. Our clients are able to live independently, many in the homes where they raised their children, for years longer than they could without our assistance. Most have an annual income of less than \$20,000.

Thank you for funding this program in FY25 and previous years, It makes a world of difference in the lives of our clients.

Here is one example of how our work makes a real difference:

Ms. G, a Lincoln Park resident in her 80s, lives in the house where her children grew up. For over a decade, she has received homecare services through us. During a recent check-in by our staff, Ms. G mentioned that her water bills had been unusually high, and she suspected there might be a leak in her water heater. We hired a plumber to do an inspection. He confirmed there was a leak and warned that if it was not repaired, the tank might burst, flood her home, and cause significant damage. Senior Reach contracted for a new water heater to be installed. With a letter from the plumber, Ms. G was also able to get a partial refund from the water company. I quote Ms. G: "The emergency device service, home care help and of course the water heater have helped me so much and improved my quality of life greatly!"

In 2024, we ramped up our technology assistance for Rockville seniors. At Victory Court, we offered two hours each week when any resident could meet with a volunteer who would help walk them through their concerns and questions about their cellphones, tablets, laptops, and other technology. Senior Reach has held similar one-time activities with student volunteer groups. Not only do these events provide useful learning opportunities for Rockville residents. They also offer socialization experiences between generations.

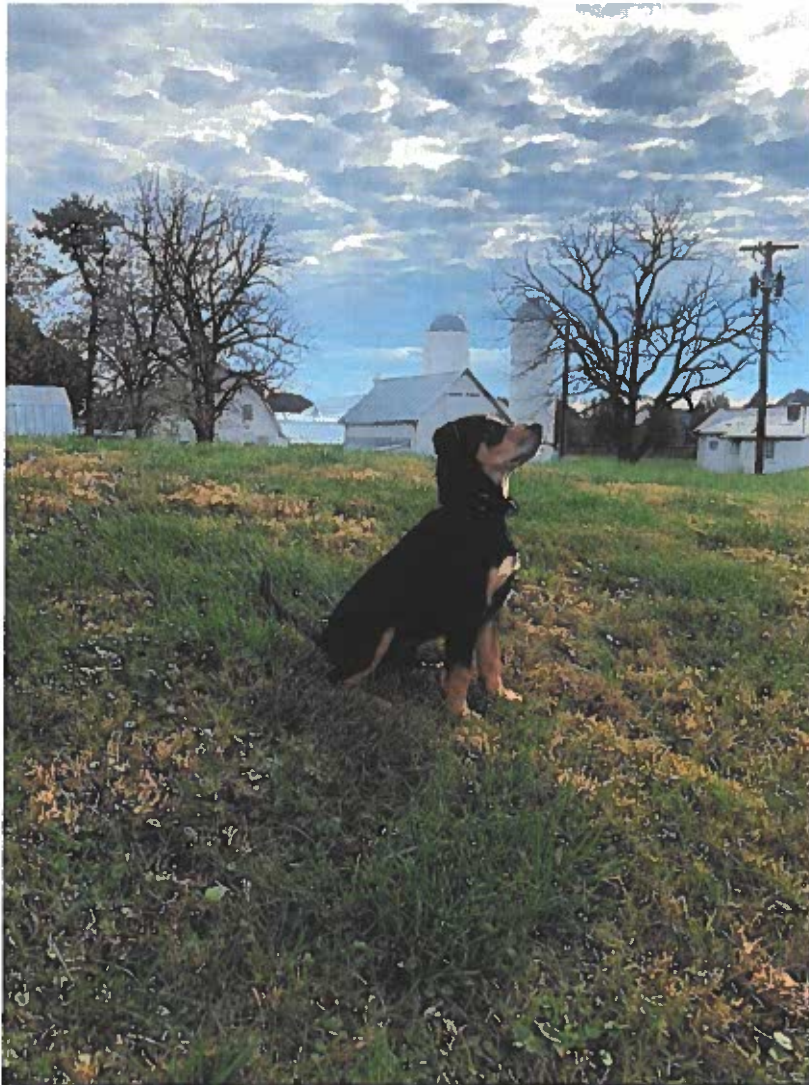
Although we are proud of our Senior Reach successes, there are many more whose quality of life, health and safety would be vastly improved with the help of our program. We always have waiting lists of more than ten lower income Rockville seniors for both homecare and home repair

due to funding shortages. Homecare services are increasing in cost year after year. We expect that materials and labor for home repairs will rise more quickly this year and in the future as the economic situation changes. The average age of our population is increasing, and senior citizens are a rapidly expanding demographic.

We ask for your continued and increased support as we strive to help all our seniors age with quality of life, assuring no one is left behind due to age or socioeconomics.

**THE CITY OF ROCKVILLE
KING FARM URBAN FARMING CENTER
(KFUFC)
*A Proposal***

February 25, 2025



The Gibney Alliance LLC

304 Ridgemont Avenue • Rockville, MD 20850-6056 • (301) 580-5729

King Farm Farmstead Property Proposal

Background:

A similar proposal was originally submitted February 20, 2017. At that time, I had a great deal of support from everyone with whom I discussed this, including Mayor Newton, Mark Pierzchala, a veteran owned consulting firm, the USDA, the DLA, two local restaurants, and the Maryland Agricultural group at the History Farm Park. The original submittal was for an Aquaponics Center, dedicated as a DIY training center for students and the military. At that time, within the plan, was the need for a secondary egress. The recommendation was to incorporate the King Buick dealership and have the egress out of the northern end of the property to Shady Grove Road. That option, as well as the hillside amphitheater are no longer viable due to the EY development.

Therefore, herein is an updated recommendation. I have retained a great deal of the original content, in that, some of the initial potential investors may renew their interest and consideration. However, the recommendation is no longer merely for Aquaponics, but rather an overall Urban farming training venue.

Overview:

The King Farm Farmstead Property provides the City of Rockville with the ability to open a new door on public/private collaboration. The "Perfect Storm" of history, pragmatism and opportunity come together to enable a watershed project, the City of Rockville King Farm Urban Farming Center (KFUFC). In its 2014 property assessment, the architects of Wheeler Goodman Masek (WGM) cite, "It would be wonderful if future site use could support and enhance this historic narrative." use could support and enhance this historic narrative." KFUFC fulfills that request by continuing the interrupted King Farm legacy with the next generation of farming capability in an environment that promotes education, community, and history.

The principal effort would be directed toward Aquaponics. It is a closed system of two disciplines – hydroponics, or growing plants without the use of soil; and aquaculture, or fish farming. Aquaponics brings the two together, solving common problems with each type of system. The expanded proposal includes hydroponic, freight, and backyard farming.

KFUFC is envisioned as an Aquaponics learning and production center. Its purpose would be threefold: first, to provide a learning center for a multi-level educational experience, featuring field trips highlighted by meals served direct from the farm; second, a Do-IT-Yourself (DIY) center, for building an Aquaponics facility, with sights on proposals to provide secure food sources for military bases and facilities; and, lastly, an operational farm growing products to be sold to local restaurants and grocery stores, and provide for a farm-to-table community kitchen and restaurant.

The Team:

The Gibney Alliance, LLC was formed in 2015 to “Apply Science Artistically.” The principle and owner, Tom Gibney has over 30 years of experience in the public and private sector in Operations and Program Management. His career is notable for the oversight of cross-functional efforts to resolve complex issues that have foundered, and the delivery of comprehensive programs on time and within budget. Mr. Gibney has developed a network of support that includes expertise in the aquaponics model, Friendly Aquaponics, a Hawaiian-based aquaponics organization with patents on various methods; and Growing Power, an aquaponics organization founded by Will Allen, a former basketball star at Richard Montgomery High School, and recipient of a \$500,000 MacArthur Foundation grant for his work in urban farming. Experts in engineering construction design and installation, all the building trades, landscape design, finance, education and military acquisition, and the legal team of Shulman Rogers provide additional network support.

As a Program Manager at the United States Government Printing Office (USGPO), Mr. Gibney managed over 150 renovation projects over three years, in the 1.5 million square foot historic building complex. This culminated with opening of the first floor Visitor’s Center that provides a museum-like waiting room for visitors to enjoy the rich history of the GPO. At the same time, he negotiated and managed a collaborative agreement with the Architect of the Capitol for Legislative space-sharing that provides over \$1.2 million in annual revenue.

The Gibney Alliance will work closely with the City of Rockville staff in the development of the various phases of the project specifically regarding the interaction with the contractors and integration of the contract work currently out for bid. We intend to work closely with City’s historic preservation effort to fully exploit the farmstead’s 2006 designation as an historic site. We also anticipate tapping the teams at Croydon Creek and the Rockville Mansion to share best practices in community partnerships and educational endeavors.

Building Use:

The Main House is anticipated to initially serve as the gateway to the enterprise, serving as a “Welcome” facility. Ultimately, the house would be converted to a bed and breakfast or a small restaurant, featuring farm to table products from KFUFCA and potentially providing a forum to guest chefs. The vision is for the chefs to use the products from KFUFCA for a special menu of their choosing, to be served to special guests interested in supporting this effort, on the weekend.

The vision continues with the renovation of the horse barn. The WGM recommendation to demolish and rebuild using the existing historic materials offers a tremendous opportunity to make this the centerpiece of KFUFCA, a fully operational farm to table restaurant and a community kitchen. The menu from the weekend would mass produced for the community. Collapsible cafeteria style tables in the barn could be set up to support

up to 100 patrons. The “restaurant” would serve as a commercial enterprise to support the operation of the kitchen for the less fortunate of our community, who would receive their meals for free.

The intention is to also landscape the grounds to accommodate a Farmer’s Market. This would include products from the center, a discounted participation from the community farmers on-site, and local producers. The horse barn would be utilized for cover as required.

The renovation of the garage would provide office space to support the project team and the on-site staff, with little to no effort required outside of the original WGM recommendations.

The barns will be the primary location for the Aquaponics production and DIY centers. Fully functional Aquaponics and hydroponics in one barn, with the building center, design, engineering and construction in the other. The WGM recommendations would be supplemented with operational facilitation equipment all within the constraints of the historical renovation and preservation guidelines. The attic areas would be subsequently included perhaps as an expansion to the restaurant concept, and a beer garden that incorporated the outdoor areas between them.

The tenant houses would be used for staff and operational supporting activities with additional options studied once the proposal moves forward.

In addition to the buildings, a future supporting use of the land around the buildings would include non-intrusive, environmentally friendly greenhouses that expand the capability, learning opportunities and sustained growth.

Community Impact:

Mr. Gibney also has a keen interest in the City of Rockville and its future. As a former member of the Traffic and Transportation Committee, the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance Committee, he has gained insight to the issues affecting ventures pursued within the city.

Community integration is a key component of the proposal. The enterprise would operate within the requirements and codes of the water and sewer guidelines. The City Police and Fire leadership will be consulted to ensure a cooperative and interactive relationship with them and their efforts in the community. As the facility becomes operational, the use of public transportation would be encouraged, and a shuttle service from the Metro Station is envisioned for large groups, and potentially during visiting periods. Schools will be provided with a local and inexpensive field trip opportunity. The anticipated hours of operation are 9AM to 3PM during the week, with flexibility to accommodate learning efforts; and weekend hours amenable to customers and interested residents, and there will be 24/7 staff oversight.

As the project expands, the number of employees would increase accordingly. Led by Mr. Gibney the initial project team and core operational team would consist of four to five at various levels of involvement overseeing renovations and interacting with the city leadership. This team's construct would evolve with the project and grow in accordance with the General and Administrative requirements of the enterprise. The Aquaponics model is well defined and employs 16 individuals per acre of farming. Depending upon greenhouse installation options, this component of staffing will have a significant range. Additional employment opportunities include part- and full-time support for DIY training, canning, distribution, kitchen, restaurant, and bed and breakfast operations. The total anticipated staffing for years 1-2 is 5-20 full and part-time employees; years 3-5, 15-50; years 6 on 40-100. A non-intrusive parking facility, and potentially, a collaborative agreement with King Farm to accommodate additional parking needs would be pursued.

Summary:

Following the initial funding, this public/private effort is anticipated to produce a positive cashflow within three years. Ultimately removing the farmstead as a burden to the Rockville taxpayer. A full pro forma will be made available if the city chooses to pursue this effort with the Gibney Alliance LLC.

Judy Penny

**EXHIBIT NO. 92
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From: Gerald Cichy <gr.cichy@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 9:00 PM
To: mayorcouncil; Peerless Rockville; Gerald R Cichy
Subject: City Support to Peerless Rockville

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Dear Mayor and Rockville Council,

In your City Budget Provisions, I would hope you could continue to financially support the work of Peerless in and for the City of Rockville.

Thank you.

Gerald R. Cichy
(Resident of Rockville since December 1969.)

Good evening, Mayor Monique Ashton and City Council Members

My name is Cecilia Rojas. I am the Director of the Language Outreach Program (LOP) of Community Reach of Montgomery County, 1010 Grandin Avenue, Suite A1, Rockville MD 20851.

During these past thirty years, with the City's support, LOP has provided English as a Second Language and Literacy to adult immigrants. Our students turn to us because they want a better life for themselves and their children. However, to achieve that, they need to be able to communicate. LOP classes serve a basic need in a diverse community such as ours.

Our classes are unique as we also provide tutoring for the school-age children of our adult students. Children have received care, tutoring, and mentoring from our staff and volunteers. The children from the first decade or two of LOP are now adults. Due to the impact our program has had on the lives of their parents and families, those children are giving back to the community by helping the very program that helped improve their lives.

Children of non-English speaking parents are at a clear disadvantage; their parents are unable to help them with their homework or effectively communicate with school staff. We work closely with the teachers of our children to provide much-needed support, helping to provide communication between the parents and teachers, and learning what additional assistance the children need.

For an immigrant, learning English is a long journey. It takes seven years for a non-English speaker to master the English language. Seven years. Therefore, you all can see that our program's retention rate is critical for the greatest success of our students. Each class, and each level of instruction, incorporates life skills that are key to quality of life.

Our students believe in the current environment, it is now even more essential to speak, understand, and read English.

This Fiscal Year 25, we had the opportunity to offer English classes at the Rockville Community Centers of Twinbrook and Lincoln Park, and at Twinbrook and Meadow Hall Elementary Schools. We also offered child tutoring at Meadow Hall. We served 84 City Rockville adult and child residents in our Summer, Fall and Winter sessions.

The City of Rockville has been a strong supporter of the Language Outreach Program (LOP). We truly appreciate the funding, and we hope to receive your continued full support.

Thank you

Judy Penny

Subject: FW: Addition of a Gude Drive noise abatement study to the FY 26 Budget

EXHIBIT NO. 94

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From: Sandy Watson <sandy@watsonthemarket.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 2:00 PM

To: CMO <CMO@rockvillemd.gov>; mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>

Cc: Rachael Plett <info@rachaelhamm.com>; Nick Durham <nickdurham@gmail.com>; Emily Stelzer <emilystelzer@hotmail.com>; Jim Reschovsky <jreschovsky@verizon.net>

Subject: Addition of a Gude Drive noise abatement study to the FY 26 Budget

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Good Afternoon:

The Woodley Gardens Civic Association (WGCA) would like to request an addition to the City's FY 26 budget to fund a study that will explore options and make recommendations for abating noise from Gude Drive. The proposed study should address only the slightly less than 0.2 mile segment East of the Gude Drive intersection with Piccard Drive. This stretch of Gude Drive either has no sound abatement or small and inadequate berms that do little to abate road noise. (Other portions of West Gude Drive adjacent to Woodley Gardens and College Gardens have sizeable berms which are effective in abating traffic noise.) Woodley Gardens residents living on the Aster Blvd. cul-de-sac as well as other nearby residents on the 1000 block of Aster and portions of the 1000 block of Carnation are affected by high levels of traffic noise.

Proposal

WGCA proposes that the City fund a study to assess traffic noise levels affecting homes near the aforementioned stretch of Gude Drive and to develop options for noise abatement. Options for abatement could include one or more actions: construction of sound walls, enhancement of existing berms, deployment of "sound cameras," increased use of speed cameras, traffic calming measures to encourage compliance with speed limits along the targeted stretch of Gude Drive, or other solutions.

Background

- **Car and truck traffic volumes on Gude Drive have increased by orders of magnitude over the past three decades.**
 - The current design of the new entrance to the Senior Center calls for changing the main entrance from Carnation Drive to Gude Drive and making most of the parking places available from Gude Drive, not Carnation Drive. This will further increase traffic on Gude Drive.
 - The WGCA, through its representative on the Gude Drive Entrance Advisory Committee, advocated for noise abatement to be incorporated into the design of the new entrance. The Department of Public Works declined the inclusion of noise abatement in the Gude Drive Senior Center Entrance project.
- **Unlike most of West Gude Drive adjacent to Woodley Gardens and College Gardens the stretch of Gude Drive adjacent to homes on the Aster Blvd. cul de sac either lack any noise abatement or have small and inadequate berms.**
 - The vegetation originally planted on the berm or on the embankment (where no berm exists) has either died or is ineffective: the berm was planted with conifer trees that have grown so large that only tree trunks and dead branches, not foliage, are available to lessen road noise and block the view of the roadway from adjacent homes.
- **Homeowners living along this stretch of Gude have not noticed any diminution of noise since the speed limit on Gude Drive was lowered to 35 mph.**

- Speeding remains common and the one permanent speed camera along West Gude Drive is nowhere close to the stretch of Gude that lacks noise abatement.
- **Gude Drive continues to be used for drag racing—typically in the middle of the night. Racing cars often have modified exhaust systems and are extremely loud, frequently waking residents up.**
 - Rockville Police have not been willing or able to deal with this despite years of complaints.
- **A noise study conducted in 2005 is no longer relevant given the enormous increases in traffic volumes since it was constructed and problems with that study.**
 - A noise monitor used in the earlier study was placed near the Upper Watts Branch Stream, just south of Gude Drive. While the monitor was laterally close to Gude Drive, it was placed 25 feet below the surface of the roadway at the bottom of a large embankment. Nearby houses, however, are built at the level of the roadway.

The WGCA thanks you for your consideration of our proposal.

Sincerely,
Sandy Watson
President, Woodley Gardens Civic Association

From: Jeanine Gould-Kostka <jgkostka@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 5:42 PM
To: CMO; mayorcouncil
Subject: FY26 Budget: Support for WGCA proposal for Gude Drive Noise Abatement Study

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March 31, 2025

Dear Mayor Ashton, City Council and City Manager,

I am writing today in support of the Woodley Gardens Civic Association (WGCA) request for an addition to the City's FY 26 budget to fund a study that will explore options and make recommendations for abating noise from Gude Drive. The WGCA proposes that the City fund a study to assess traffic noise levels affecting homes near the stretch of Gude Drive slightly less than 0.2 miles east of the Gude Drive intersection with Piccard Drive and to develop options for noise abatement.

My family moved into our home in Woodley Gardens in 1999. Traffic on Gude Drive at that time was steady but there was little truck traffic. With development all over the City and County, Gude Drive steadily gained traffic volume including a large increase in dump trucks going to construction sites. We have written to the Mayor and Council many times requesting action to address the noise issues in this section of Gude Drive, which has little to no noise abatement due to the inadequate berms and dying trees (photos attached).

Requests for help with noise abatement

- 2005: Requested help to address noise and the City of Rockville responded by conducting a noise study. The microphone was placed at the bottom of the earth berm behind our home. The noise survey showed noise levels to be acceptable. If the microphone had been placed on our deck or screened porch the results would have been much different.
- 2010: My husband and I read an account in the Rockville Central newsletter regarding the truck and neighborhood traffic issue during the Mayor and Council's November 22, 2010, meeting. The discussion during that meeting surprised WGCA residents as a councilmember noted that WGCA residents were not impacted by the noise from Gude Drive because the backs of our homes face the busy thoroughfare.
 - WGCA sent a letter on November 29, 2010, related to the Council discussion and requested effective sound barriers and vigorous enforcement of speed limits. The City's response was to rebuff the request for sound barriers and indicated the Rockville police were doing the best they could related to speed violations.
 - My husband and I sent a letter on December 2, 2010, to the Mayor and Council requesting a scientifically based noise study (5 years had passed since the previous study) and provided

recommendations to mitigate the noise issues. City staff responded by rebuffing our claim that noise was impacting our neighborhood. No additional noise study was conducted.

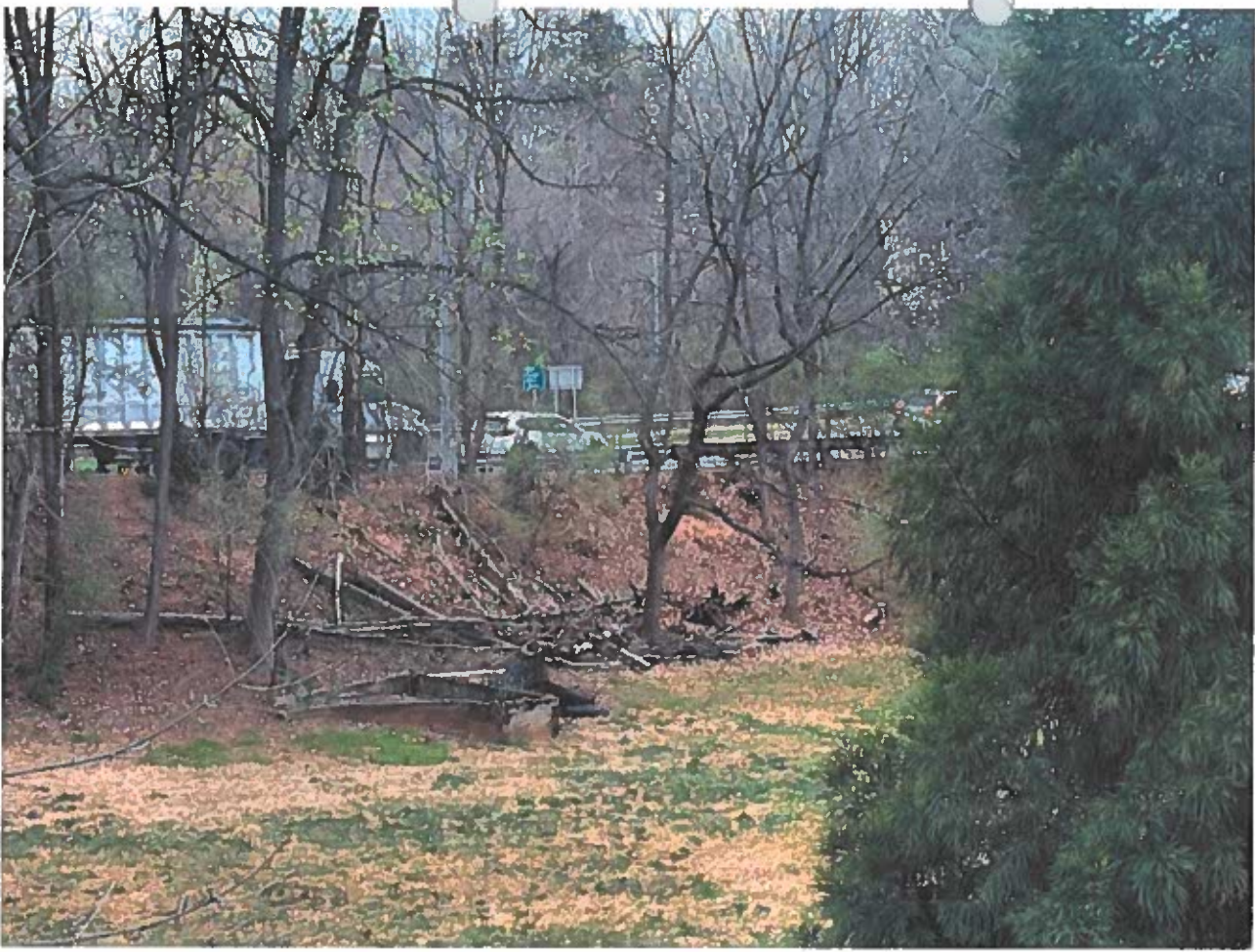
- 2023: My husband and I sent two letters to the City of Rockville and shared videos of Gude Drive traffic from our backyard (March 22, 2023, May 26, 2023, videos shared on April 15, 2023).
 - We submitted an online complaint form on April 14, 2023, which led to an ongoing dialogue with Rockville City Police about enforcement of existing traffic laws.
 - The City of Rockville continued to rebuff requests for noise mitigation as part of the Senior Center entrance project.
- 2024: My husband and I sent a letter outlining our concerns to the Mayor and Council on November 18, 2024, related to the Senior Center Entrance Project. I attended the public meeting held in November 2024 where City staff once again informed attendees that noise abatement concerns will not to be addressed as part of the Senior Center Entrance Project.

The consistent message received from City staff and some elected officials since the early 2000s has been that noise issues on Gude Drive are not a priority. I thank the WGCA for submitting this proposal to add a Gude Drive noise abatement study to the FY 26 Budget. WGCA concerns should be met with at least the same level of attentiveness that was afforded Rockville residents who advocated for a Gude Drive entrance to the Senior Center. The WGCA proposal offers options for noise abatement, and I hope the proposal is given serious consideration during the budget process.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jeanine Gould-Kostka
Woodley Gardens resident





To Whom it may concern:

Without our ongoing partnership with the Rockville Bike Hub, we'd be unable to have our Annual Bike Donation Event every October.

The event has been held for six years and we've been able to collect over 1600 bicycles from the generous residents of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Some of the collected bicycles are refurbished by the Rockville Bike Hub and then given to our Bike Match MoCo program. MCDOT's BikeMatchMoCo is a year-round program which has provided nearly 800 county residents with new/refurbished bikes donated by members of the community.

During each of our donation events the Rockville Bike Hub and their volunteers have provided the following invaluable assistance:

- RBH helps unload donated bicycles from resident's vehicles
- RBH answers questions about where the donated bicycles will be going and the RBH's organizational mission
- RBH bicycle mechanics inspect each donated bicycle for mechanical issues
- RBH volunteers sort and organize the donated bicycles into three groups
 - o (1. Rockville Bike Hub, 2. Bikes For The World or 3. Montgomery County's Recycling Center)
- RBH preps all bicycles for transportation by removing the pedals and binding together all the donated bicycle parts.
- RBH helps load the bicycles onto the appropriate truck for transportation to their designated location.

In summary, without the help of the Rockville Bike Hub we would be unable to provide a much needed and affordable transportation option to the residents of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Sincerely,
Paul Gatons
Communications Specialist
MCDOT - Director's Office
101 Monroe Street 10th Floor
Rockville, Maryland
Office Phone #240-777-7162
Cellphone # 240-994-9352

**EXHIBIT NO. 97
FY2026
BUDGET PROPOSAL**

Christine King
New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance (NNIA)
211 Watkins Circle
Rockville, MD 20850
February 8, 2025

Mr. Abe Bruckman
Rockville City Council

Dear Mr. Bruckman,

The Rockville Bike Hub (RBH) has provided unwavering support to the Rockville refugee community sponsored by NNIA for more than 3 years (since early 2022).

They have donated and serviced bikes for dozens of individuals, including adults and children. These individuals use their bikes not only for recreation, but also as a form of transportation to attend to their daily commitments. Several family breadwinners ride their bikes to their Rockville place of employment, others ride to the Metro to get to their jobs, students ride the bikes to Montgomery College, and the children who reside in an apartment complex without school bus availability, use the bikes as transportation to their elementary, middle and high schools. A newly immigrated family seldom, if ever, has a car to use for transportation so they rely on public transportation, biking or walking. Many of these families live, or have lived, in the Fields of Rockville and Congressional Towers, and various other apartments and private homes in Rockville.

RBH is truly an asset to Rockville by encouraging environmentally friendly transportation and an affordable means of critical transportation for less fortunate families.

NNIA is truly grateful for their support and highly recommend that the City of Rockville help ensure they continue to provide this valuable service to our community.

Sincerely,

Christine King
Christine King
President, NNIA

**EXHIBIT NO. 98
FY2026
BUDGET PROPOSAL**

February 14, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I highly recommend Rockville Bike Hub for their outstanding partnership and support of the BikeMatchMoCo program from July 1, 2020, to December 27, 2024. Since the beginning of the program, Rockville Bike Hub has been a vital partner, contributing monthly bicycle donations to the program.

Their generous support has been instrumental in benefiting the entire Montgomery County community. Numerous families have received bikes through this partnership, allowing them greater mobility and access to essential resources. Over the years, from 2020 through December 2024, Rockville Bike Hub has donated 93 bicycles to families in need, positively impacting the lives of many individuals.

Rockville Bike Hub's consistent and unwavering support has significantly improved our program, and we are grateful for their dedication and commitment to improving the lives of families in Montgomery County.

Sincerely,

Maritza De La Vega

**Maritza De La Vega
Contract Manager, TriPS Stores, BikeMatchMoCo
& Rideshare Program
Director's Office
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Rockville, Maryland 20850
Montgomery County Commuter Services
Cell Phone: 240-994-4966
Maritza.delavega@montgomerycountymd.go**

Sara Taylor-Ferrell

EXHIBIT NO. 99

FY2026

BUDGET PROPOSAL

From: Linda Brenner <linda.june.brenner@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 7:21 PM
To: CMO; mayorcouncil
Subject: Gude Drive Noise Abatement Study

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Dear Rockville Mayor and Council and City Manager,

I am writing to express my support for the City conducting a noise abatement study for the portion of Gude Drive nearest to Piccard Drive. This area has little to no berm and few robust trees separating the traffic noise on Gude Drive from the houses in the circle of Aster Boulevard and from the houses on Carnation Drive that back to Gude.

Traffic on Gude Drive seems to increase each year, including many large trucks and some motorcycles. Traffic noise is loud and affects the quality of life for the residents nearest to Gude.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Linda Brenner
1089 Larkspur Terrace
Rockville, MD 20850
301-802-3801

Sara Taylor-Ferrell

**EXHIBIT NO. 100
FY2026
BUDGET PROPOSAL**

From: Eileen McGuckian <phileen3@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 5:17 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Letter for City of Rockville FY2026 Budget Hearing and Consideration
Attachments: Mayor & Council -- budget letter.docx

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Dear Mayor Ashton and Members of the City Council,

Attached is a letter for inclusion in the current FY2026 budget hearing record and for your consideration.

This is written to remind you of the many positives provided by Peerless Rockville and to urge you to fully and unanimously support this excellent nonprofit's FY2026 Community Grant.

Full funding of this grant is a true value for Rockville's government and the entire community. Full funding will guarantee the continued availability of quality educational programs, personal assistance, access to all of the resources collected and enhanced over 50 years of dependable public service, and more.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Eileen McGuckian
Rockville, Maryland
phileen3@verizon.net
301-468-7331

Attached: Letter of support for Peerless Rockville's FY2026 Community Grant

March 31, 2025

Dear Mayor Ashton and Members of the City Council,

I write to remind you of the many positives provided by Peerless Rockville and to urge that you fully support this excellent nonprofit's FY2026 Community Grant.

Peerless Rockville makes it possible for all Rockville residents, businesses, organizations, and visitors to learn about our City's unique history. Strong assistance from Community Grant funds enables Peerless to provide the services described below almost entirely at no charge.

Attendance at Peerless Rockville programs -- whether they are in person at Glenview or in a Rockville neighborhood, or virtual -- is evidence of the interest of persons of all ages in the variety of topics that are offered every season of the year. Presentations by knowledgeable speakers have tied our city to national events: helping to inspire the American Revolution, Rockville's close connection to Civil Rights, accomplished Rockville women who have improved our world, our role in the Underground Railroad, tours of local historic sites, how Rockville evolved into the city we have today.

Visitation to the Red Brick Courthouse -- to see exhibits, conduct research, request assistance, pick up maps and brochures -- introduces to the Town Center people who stay to walk, dine, shop, and read informational signage about our history. At the Peerless Rockville office families, students, and scholars can and do access thousands of documents, photographs, oral histories, and artifacts in archives dedicated to Rockville's people, places, and 250 years of history.

Peerless Rockville is a true value for Rockville's government and entire community. Peerless makes careful use of a small professional staff and a dedicated cadre of volunteers to bring us this high-quality assistance, information, programming, curation, and a true sense of Rockville's place in Montgomery County, Maryland, and the United States. Through 50 years of operating and evolving into the excellent institution it is today, Peerless Rockville has built a solid reputation for professionalism, quality performance, and cooperation with the City of Rockville and all entities within our community. Further, staff is adept at using City funds to show community support when applying for specific program grants.

Fully funding Peerless Rockville's community grant will guarantee the continued availability of quality educational programming -- lectures, tours, exhibits, and publications. This grant sustains an archive of thousands of historical photographs, records, and documents of Rockville's history.

My family and I personally attend many of these programs and events, and highly recommend all of them to every member of the Mayor and Council.

Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely yours,

Eileen McGuckian
Rockville, Maryland
phileen3@verizon.net
301-468-7331

EXHIBIT NO. 101 NOT USED
PART OF EXHIBIT NO. 100
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EXHIBIT NO. 102 NOT USED
PART OF EXHIBIT NO. 95
NEXT EXHIBIT IS NO. 103

Sara Taylor-Ferrell

EXHIBIT NO. 103

FY2026

BUDGET PROPOSAL

From: Kathleen Cene <kathleendcene@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 8:02 PM
To: cityclerk
Cc: flatsatshadygrove@druckerandfalk.com
Subject: Kathleen Cene; Rent Increase

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Dear City Clerk,

My name is Kathleen Cene, and I am reaching out to formally request reconsideration of the proposed 6.34% rent increase for my lease renewal at the Flats at Shady Grove.

I recently began my career as an educator for Montgomery County Public Schools, a role I truly love. However, I am currently managing \$90,000 in student loan debt and already working a second job to meet my financial obligations. A rent increase would place a significant strain on my ability to afford housing while continuing to serve my students.

Throughout my time at the Flats at Shady Grove, I have always paid my rent on time and have been a responsible tenant. Given my financial situation and dedication to my profession, I kindly ask that my rent remain the same upon renewal.

I truly appreciate your time and consideration, and I would be grateful for any flexibility or assistance in this matter. Please let me know if there are any options available.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kathleen Cene

240-490-0709

Judy Penny

EXHIBIT NO. 104

FY2026

BUDGET PROPOSAL

From: Karen Davis <ksdavis99@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 7:57 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Noise Abatement Study for Gude Drive

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April 2, 2025

To: The Mayor and City Council

Hello.

We would like to voice our support for a noise abatement study to be done on Gude Drive in anticipation of the new Senior Center entrance from Gude Drive. Therefore, **we support the WGCA proposal for an addition to the City's FY 26 budget to fund a study that will explore options and make recommendations for abating noise from Gude Drive.**

We live on Aster Boulevard and, although we are not on the Aster Blvd cul-de-sac, we can currently hear traffic noise from Gude Drive when taking daily walks around the cul-de-sac and through the Senior Center property. The noise level will only get louder as more traffic uses the 0.2 mile segment east of the Gude Drive intersection with Piccard Drive. This is the stretch of Gude Drive that either has no sound abatement or small and inadequate berms that do little to abate road noise. Currently, Woodley Gardens residents living on the Aster Blvd. cul-de-sac, as well as, other nearby residents on the 1000 block of Aster and portions of the 1000 block of Carnation are affected by the high levels of traffic noise.

We'd like to add that the car and truck traffic volumes on both Gude Drive and on I-270 have increased by orders of magnitude since we moved into this neighborhood in 1991. Our small neighborhoods will be engulfed by loud traffic noise if/when projects such as the widening of I-270 and the new Senior Center entrance from Gude Drive get implemented. Budgeting for a noise abatement study to find acceptable options is in the best interests of all of the residents who live in the College Gardens, Woodley Gardens and Rockville Estates neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration.

Paul and Karen Davis
613 Aster Blvd
Rockville, MD 20850

Sara Taylor-Ferrell

**EXHIBIT NO. 105
FY2026
BUDGET PROPOSAL**

From: Kristen Konopka <kristen.konopka@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 4, 2025 11:58 AM
To: mayorcouncil
Cc: Steven Pazan
Subject: Gude Drive Noise Abatement Study

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Good afternoon,

I am writing as a resident of Woodley Gardens to advocate for a noise abatement study on Gude Drive. I am a mother of three young children (8, 5, and 2) whose home backs up directly to Gude Drive. The noise created by high-speed cars and trucks on Gude Drive is a constant aggravation and detriment to our daily lives. The noise from vehicles can be heard in our home at all hours of the day, and is nearly deafening when in the backyard. The rattling of large trucks and the sound of drag racing down the long stretch of Gude Drive is disruptive and terrifying to our children.

We take pride in being active members of our community and love to host friends and neighbors for outdoor movie nights and potluck dinners in our backyard. However, the noise pollution from Gude Drive negatively impacts use of our outdoor space and is a terrible representation of our community.

I am begging the mayor and council to fund a study to develop a recommendation for abating noise on Gude Drive, at least in the stretches along residential neighborhoods (segment east of Gude and Piccard intersection). Some solutions could include: enhancements of existing berms to provide natural noise abatement, specifically positioned speed cameras near the residential areas, deployment of "sound cameras" and other traffic calming measures to enforce compliance with speed limits.

My husband and I decided to move our growing family to Woodley Gardens back in 2019, the neighborhood I actually grew up in. We have loved our community and being residents of Rockville. We believe in investing in the future of this community- and that means protecting residents negatively impacted by Gude noise pollution- and ultimately protecting the lives of those drivers along Gude who are practicing unsafe driving habits.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kristen Konopka Pazan
1014 Aster Blvd

Sara Taylor-Ferrell

**EXHIBIT NO. 106
FY2026
BUDGET PROPOSAL**

From: M.A. S. <schutzlo@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 4, 2025 2:30 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Please fully support Peerless RVL

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am asking you to fully support Peerless Rockville's Community Grant.

Peerless Rockville enables all Rockville residents and visitors to appreciate our City's substantive and diverse local history, through lectures, tours, exhibits, publications, partnerships, social media, and its community archive.

Unique in our City and region, this truly "peerless" organization interprets Rockville's architectural history, Women's History, Black History, civic and economic development, and modern identity for the benefit of all Rockville residents, visitors, and businesses.

Please fully fund Peerless Rockville's community grant to guarantee the continued availability of its quality educational programming, preservation initiatives, and the curation of thousands of the City's historical photographs and documents.

Peerless is who we are!

Thank you,
Martha S. Lo
Maryland Ave., Rockville

Judy Penny

**EXHIBIT NO. 107
FY2026
BUDGET PROPOSAL**

From: Marcia Bond <marciadbond@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 6, 2025 9:54 AM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Peerless Rockville

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am asking you to fully support Peerless Rockville's Community Grant. Peerless Rockville makes it possible for all Rockville residents to learn about our City's diverse and unique history through lectures, tours, exhibits, publications, and their community archive.

They highlight Black History, Women's History, and help Rockville residents, visitors, and business understand Rockville's development and modern identity.

Fully fund Peerless Rockville's community grant to guarantee the continued availability of quality educational programming and the curation of 1000s of historical photographs and documents of Rockville's history.

Thank you!

Marcia Bond 240 205 9399
502 King Farm Blvd, Rockville, MD 20850

Statement of Jim Reschovsky regarding Woodley Gardens Civic Association's proposed

Gude Drive Sound Mitigation Study

EXHIBIT NO. 108

FY2026

BUDGET PROPOSAL

Rockville Mayor and Council Meeting

April 7, 2025

My name is Jim Reschovsky and I live at 1005 Aster Blvd. My family and I moved to our home in 1991. Our home is adjacent to the Aster Blvd. cul de sac. Sound from Gude was not a problem when we moved in. Traffic was light. However, in the intervening 34 years, Gude traffic and its attendant noise have increased tremendously. It's time for the City to do something about it and my wife and I support the Woodley Gardens Civic Association request for a noise abatement study.

The proposed study would address noise along a short section of Gude Drive from West of the intersection of Gude and Piccard to just east of where Gude crosses the West branch of the Upper Watts Branch stream. Both ends of this segment of Gude lack any sound abatement, while in between there is a very inadequate berm that offers little sound mitigation. The City has not attended to the vegetation on this berm since it was built in the 1980s. The surviving trees on the berm do virtually nothing to deaden the sound as the trees' vegetation only starts 15 feet or so above the berm.

Last week I conducted a very unscientific traffic volume survey. Whenever I was in my kitchen, I would pause, take my phone out, turn on the timer, look out the window, count the number of cars on Gude over one minute, and record it. During rush hours, there is on average a car going by between every 1½ to 2 seconds. Outside of rush hours, including over the past weekend, volumes are only slightly lower: vehicles go by every 2 to 3 seconds on average. At night time, traffic volumes are lower. But it is at night that the motorcyclists and cars with loud modified exhaust systems come out for drag racing, awakening my neighbors and me. This has gone on for years but, despite complaints, there has been no apparent police intervention.

We do appreciate that Rockville recently lowered the speed limit on West Gude to 35 MPH. But we haven't really noticed any reductions in traffic speeds and noise. When I recently drove down West Gude Dr., I noticed three speed cameras in the segment close to the entrance to King Farm. Here berms on the College Gardens side are relatively tall and homes on the King Farm side are mostly 200 feet or more distant from Gude. But on the Woodley Gardens side near the Aster Blvd cul de sac there are no speed cameras and speeding remains unabated. What is the logic here?

I am serving on the Citizens' Advisory Committee on the design of the Gude Drive entrance to the Senior Center. The design now calls for Gude to become the primary entrance to the Senior

Center. The new entrance will increase traffic—and traffic noise—on Gude even more. From the beginning, members of the Citizens' Committee listed noise impacts as a concern. Yet, we were consistently told by Department of Public Works staff that sound mitigation was not going to be considered as part of the design. Indeed, we struggled for the first 8 months of the process to overcome City resistant to even agree to include a privacy fence and some plantings between the new entrance roadway and the yard of the adjacent property at 1010 Aster Blvd. in the plan.

I think it is short sighted for the design of the entrance not to integrate potential noise mitigation elements as they pertain to the area near the Gude-Piccard intersection. While we are advocating for a noise abatement study to explore best ways to control the traffic noise along a somewhat longer stretch of Gude Drive, I hope the Gude entrance design can incorporate ways to integrate noise abatement in that section of the Gude Drive that it most directly affects and avoid costly retrofits.

Thank you for your consideration of my views.

Jim Reschovsky

Judy Penny

**EXHIBIT NO. 109
FY2026
BUDGET PROPOSAL**

From: Steven Pazan <spazan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 10:42 AM
To: mayorcouncil; Kristen Konopka
Subject: Attention Woodley Garden / College Gardens : Gude Noise Abatement / Berm Improvement

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Good afternoon,

I am writing as a resident of Woodley Gardens to advocate for a noise abatement study on Gude Drive. I am a father of three young children (8, 5, and 2) whose home backs up directly to Gude Drive.

My wife and I decided to move our growing family to Woodley Gardens back in 2019, the neighborhood my wife actually grew up in. We have loved our community and being residents of Rockville. We believe in investing in the future of this community - and that means protecting residents negatively impacted by Gude noise pollution - and ultimately protecting the lives of those drivers along Gude who are practicing unsafe driving habits.

The noise created by high-speed cars and trucks on Gude Drive is a constant aggravation and detriment to our daily lives. The noise from vehicles can be heard in our home at all hours of the day, and is nearly deafening when in the backyard. The rattling of large trucks and the sound of drag racing down the long stretch of Gude Drive is disruptive and terrifying to our children.

I am aware of the speed cameras going both directions down near the GUDE / 355 intersection (.3miles west from that intersection); however, that deterrent doesn't prevent or catch offenders near the starting line for majority of drag races right at the gude Picard intersection at where the new proposed entrance for the new Senior Center entrance. I fear of potential loss of life based on these current high speed incidents.

I would like to propose a speed camera going both directions near or around this intersection to keep drivers / passengers / and pedestrians safer. As a member of the community residentially we take pride in being active members of our community and love to host friends and neighbors for outdoor movie nights and potluck dinners in our backyard. However, the noise pollution from Gude Drive negatively impacts use of our outdoor space and is a terrible representation of our community.

I have seen the deterioration of the trees on the berm including at least 5 dead trees needing to be cut and removed by city of Rockville DPW tree team. The berm is overgrown by invasive vines and weeds preventing current old growth pines / black walnuts / and other tree species to continue to grow strong and thrive for generations to come. I was so thankful to the city tree team for replanting a couple of red bud trees (a native flowering tree) in the place of some of those older trees and they taking root and bloomed. I'm worry that the salt / erosion / and invasive species will continue to destroy the earth berm and bike paths on gude.

I am begging the mayor and council to fund a study to develop a recommendation for abating noise on Gude Drive, at least in the stretches along residential neighborhoods (segment east of Gude and Piccard intersection). Some solutions could include: enhancements of existing berms to provide natural noise

abatement, specifically positioned speed cameras near the residential areas, deployment of “sound cameras” and other traffic calming measures to enforce compliance with speed limits.

Thank you for your consideration,
Steven Pazan and The Pazan family.
1014 Aster Blvd

Steven Pazan MS

Judy Penny

EXHIBIT NO. 110

FY2026

BUDGET PROPOSAL

From: Nick Durham <nickdurham@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 11:34 AM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: sound abatement for GUDE entrance to senior center

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Hi Council,

I am emailing to support for noise abatement related to the Gude entrance planned to be built at the Rockville senior center. It is critical that, as traffic increases, houses in the woodley gardens neighborhood are protected from disturbances. Especially as cars have gotten louder. Another suggestion is to lower the speed limit on Gude.

Best,
Nick

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Nick Durham
nickdurham@gmail.com

Judy Penny

**EXHIBIT NO. 111
FY2026
BUDGET PROPOSAL**

From: Rachael Plett <info@rachaelhamm.com>
Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 11:35 AM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Please add Gude Drive Noise Abatement to the FY26 budget!

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Hello Mayor and Council,

Thank you for considering our request that a noise abatement study along Gude Drive be added the upcoming budget.

As a member of the WGCA board, I'm pleased that we worked together on the Gude Drive entrance to the Senior Center to craft a solution that will benefit the wider city community and minimize impacts to our Woodley Gardens neighborhood. The issue of noise on Gude was discussed in tandem with the entrance discussions in our community, and I believe it should be considered in the FY26 budget, given the additional traffic issues that we will face along Gude Drive.

Our complete letter, which was distributed last week, is below.

Thank you for all you do for our city.

Rachael Hamm Plett

WGCA Vice-President

WGCA request for Gude Dr. Noise Abatement Study:

The Woodley Gardens Civic Association (WGCA) would like to request an addition to the City's FY 26 budget to fund a study that will explore options and make recommendations for abating noise from Gude Drive. The proposed study should address only the slightly less than 0.2 mile segment East of the Gude Drive intersection with Piccard Drive. This stretch of Gude Drive either has no sound abatement or small and inadequate berms that do little to abate road noise. (Other portions of West Gude Drive adjacent to Woodley Gardens and College Gardens have sizeable berms which are effective in abating traffic noise.) Woodley Gardens residents living on the Aster Blvd. cul-de-sac as well as other nearby residents on the 1000 block of Aster and portions of the 1000 block of Carnation are affected by high levels of traffic noise.

Proposal

WGCA proposes that the City fund a study to assess traffic noise levels affecting homes near the aforementioned stretch of Gude Drive and to develop options for noise abatement. Options for abatement could include one or more actions: construction of sound walls, enhancement of existing berms, deployment of "sound cameras," increased use of speed cameras, traffic calming measures to encourage compliance with speed limits along the targeted stretch of Gude Drive, or other solutions.

Background

- **Car and truck traffic volumes on Gude Drive have increased by orders of magnitude over the past three decades.**
 - The current design of the new entrance to the Senior Center calls for changing the main entrance from Carnation Drive to Gude Drive and making most of the parking places available from Gude Drive, not Carnation Drive. This will further increase traffic on Gude Drive.
 - The WGCA, through its representative on the Gude Drive Entrance Advisory Committee, advocated for noise abatement to be incorporated into the design of the new entrance. The Department of Public Works declined the inclusion of noise abatement in the Gude Drive Senior Center Entrance project.

- **Unlike most of West Gude Drive adjacent to Woodley Gardens and College Gardens the stretch of Gude Drive adjacent to homes on the Aster Blvd. cul de sac either lack any noise abatement or have small and inadequate berms.**
 - The vegetation originally planted on the berm or on the embankment (where no berm exists) has either died or is ineffective: the berm was planted with conifer trees that have grown so large that only tree trunks and dead branches, not foliage, are available to lessen road noise and block the view of the roadway from adjacent homes.
- **Homeowners living along this stretch of Gude have not noticed any diminution of noise since the speed limit on Gude Drive was lowered to 35 mph.**
 - Speeding remains common and the one permanent speed camera along West Gude Drive is nowhere close to the stretch of Gude that lacks noise abatement.
- **Gude Drive continues to be used for drag racing—typically in the middle of the night. Racing cars often have modified exhaust systems and are extremely loud, frequently waking residents up.**
 - Rockville Police have not been willing or able to deal with this despite years of complaints.
- **A noise study conducted in 2005 is no longer relevant given the enormous increases in traffic volumes since it was constructed and problems with that study.**
 - A noise monitor used in the earlier study was placed near the Upper Watts Branch Stream, just south of Gude Drive. While the monitor was laterally close to Gude Drive, it was placed 25 feet below the surface of the roadway at the bottom of a large embankment. Nearby houses, however, are built at the level of the roadway.

The WGCA thanks you for your consideration of our proposal.

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Rachael Hamm Plett
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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

**EXHIBIT NO. 112
FY2026
BUDGET PROPOSAL**

From: Carolyn Inoa-Monje <carolyn.inoa@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 11:35 AM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Support Gude Dr Traffic Noise Study

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I am emailing in support of the woodley gardens association's request for a Gude drive traffic noise study. The amount of noise we hear late in the night and starting at 4:30am is surprising. We are on the corner of carnation drive and larkspur terrace but we still hear the noise from trucks and other loud cars. I can only imagine what our neighbors that back onto Gude can hear! We have such a beautiful neighborhood but this is the kind of problem that affects quality of life. Especially when you have little kids that get startled at night by all the noise. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
Carolyn Inoa-Monje
1098 Larkspur Terrace, Rockville, MD 20850

Carolyn Inoa-Monje
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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

**EXHIBIT NO. 113
FY2026
BUDGET PROPOSAL**

From: Karen Friend <karenolkfriend1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 11:37 AM
To: mayorcouncil; Brian Friend
Subject: Guide Drive to the Study Tonight

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Hello, Mayor and Council,

I am writing to ask that you please consider the WCGA Gude Drive noise abatement request.

Traffic on Gude drive has increased and the sound abatement has not. Both the constant hum and the extremely loud and regular car races are audible from our home several blocks away, disruptive to our families and community year round, at all times of day and night.

This nuisance plaguing the area can be mitigated pending your approval.

Best,
The Friend family

Judy Penny

**EXHIBIT NO. 114
FY2026
BUDGET PROPOSAL**

From: Terri Martinez <terrimmartinez@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 12:18 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Senior Center new entrance

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Hi there,

My family has been in Woodley Gardens near the senior center for 27 years. We realize the entry makes sense from Gude and would like to ask for a couple considerations for the neighborhood.

1. Noise abatement for those affected by Gude Drive noise. Not an issue for our home but I care about those whom it affects.
2. Dog park in the Senior Center or Woodley Park area. Our neighborhood is chock full of wonderful pups. Every day neighbors pine for a dog park. Going to King Farm requires a long drive and is not a good answer putting more cars on the road with our pups. Please consider our request for a dog park, preferably in the area of the field at the center.

Warm regards,
Terri Martinez
1 Hawthorn Ct

Judy Penny

**EXHIBIT NO. 115
FY2026
BUDGET PROPOSAL**

From: Amy McLaughlin <amclaugh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 12:39 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Noise abatement study for Woodley Gardens

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please fund a noise abatement study for Gude Dr. We live in the Aster Blvd. cul de sac and we really can no longer use our deck comfortably during the day due to all the vehicular noise coming from Gude Dr. It really is not possible to have an average conversation on the deck while the traffic is zooming by so quickly so close to the house. We would appreciate the city looking in to the matter.

Best,
Amy McLaughlin
1013 Aster Blvd.

Sara Taylor-Ferrell

EXHIBIT NO. 116
FY2026
BUDGET PROPOSAL

From: Judy Cline <wgstprez@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 1:32 PM
To: CMO; mayorcouncil
Subject: Gude Drive traffic noise abatement study

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Dear Council members and Mayor,

I am writing to support the WGCA request to have a proper study done in order to fund some metric of noise abatement for the homes near Gude Drive. I have personally noticed an increase in traffic noise over the more than 20 years of living on Hawthorn Court. While 270 is a constant hum of traffic noise, Gude's noise tends to more abrasive and jarring. If the city could replace and plant more trees and/or build sound barriers, these measures would go a long way to decrease the noise level coming from the north.

Your consideration and action would be appreciated.

Sincerely,
Judith Cline
23 Hawthorn Court
Rockville

Sent from my iPhone

Sara Taylor-Ferrell

**EXHIBIT NO. 117
FY2026
BUDGET PROPOSAL**

From: Audrey Moog <audreymoog@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 2:21 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Proposal relating to funding study re Gude Drive noise abatement

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Dear Mayor and Council:

My husband and I live on Carnation Drive in Woodley Gardens. We are affected by noise and traffic levels on West Gude Drive. We write in support of the Woodley Gardens Civic Association's proposal asking the City to conduct a noise abatement study of Gude Drive adjacent to the neighborhood.

WGCA proposes that the City fund a study to assess traffic noise levels affecting Woodley Gardens homes adjacent to Gude Drive and to develop options for noise abatement. Options for abatement could include one or more actions: construction of sound walls, enhancement of existing berms, deployment of "sound cameras," increased use of speed cameras, traffic calming measures to encourage compliance with speed limits along the targeted stretch of Gude Drive, or other solutions.

Thank you for your consideration of the proposal.

Audrey Moog and Brendan McKeon

Sara Taylor-Ferrell

**EXHIBIT NO. 118
FY2026
BUDGET PROPOSAL**

From: Elizabeth Perkins <perkins.eliz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 2:21 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Gude Road Noise abatement study

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Good afternoon,

I would like to submit my support for a noise abatement study along Gude Drive. I live at 1010 Aster Blvd which backs up to Gude Drive and will soon also be bordered by the new entrance to the senior center.

We have purchased this home in part for our three young children and dog to play in and love our spacious property. However the noise created by the traffic on Gude Drive as well as highway 270 is so loud it is difficult to speak to one another. The children cannot hear me call them inside for dinner if they are out back. We used to love eating outdoors but it is difficult to have a conversation because of how loud it is back there.

This is the main route for all the large dump trucks and other diesel trucks to get to the freeway and it is very loud when they stop and have to start up again going over the bridge. There are people drag racing on this road in the evenings quite often going at very high speeds. We probably cannot change those things, but the sound could be reduced in our neighborhood, as it is along the stretch near college gardens.

It is clear that there was an effort to have a berm with evergreen trees placed outside of our property along the road at one time. However the trees have grown so tall and lost all of their lower branches - and several have fallen down in recent storms. Perhaps the berm could be raised and new trees/shrubs planted or a fence/wall placed.

We hope you will consider a noise abatement study in this area. Thank you.

Elizabeth Perkins
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From: Margaret Magnier <margaretmagnier@nyc.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 3:16 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: FY26 Budget

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Dear Madame Mayor and Rockville Councilmembers:

It's unfortunate when the City's public response resources and online space are used as a vehicle to spread untruths against an organization about which some responders to the FY26 Budget Survey apparently know little. For me it was shocking to read untruths written about Peerless Rockville on a taxpayer-funded online survey. The City should take steps to ensure their resources cannot be enlisted to spread such misinformation.

Above all, the Mayor and Council should fully fund Peerless Rockville to enable residents to continue to benefit from the educational and community-building resources it offers.

For the record I am not a Peerless Rockville employee, or on their board. I'm a Rockville resident who has benefited from their programming in my hometown and learned much through them about times and actions in Rockville's past that some would like to keep quiet, but Peerless Rockville helps bring into the light.

Here are some facts and real-life experience about this organization:

1. **Peerless Rockville is doing high quality work that benefits the City and its residents.** As examples, here are a few of their public programming and exhibitions I've attended and valued, which were free and accessible to all. This programming has made me a better resident and allowed me to learn truth and admire the resilience of real people who lived and worked right here:

- ***Forging Freedom: Endurance, Escape and Rockville's Underground Railroad*** - exhibition in the Red Brick Courthouse. At this exhibition I learned about the lengths enslaved people living in Rockville needed to go to escape local enslavers, and the tragedy of separated families that happened when local slaveholders died and their "possessions", including people, were sold off outside the Rockville courthouse.

- ***Emancipation and the Pursuit of Education: 150 years of Advancement in Educational Equality*** – exhibition in the Rockville Library. This exhibition helped me understand the challenges African American people in our community had in receiving education and the many ways that separate was not equal.

- ***Thurgood Marshall, the NAACP and a Civil Rights Milestone in Rockville*** – Peerless Rockville talk presented in 2024 in the Grey Courthouse. At this talk I learned about this milestone 1930's court case, argued by Thurgood Marshall representing Rockville school teacher William Gibbs' request for equal pay for Montgomery County's Black and white schoolteachers. It was thrilling to hear and understand the impact of this historic case in the very room in our hometown where it was argued.

- ***Rockville's "Colored Troops"*** – Peerless Rockville talk presented in 2023 by Chiquita Sorrels, Historian for Rockville's Jerusalem-Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church. At this talk I learned about the bravery of free and enslaved African American men from Rockville who joined the "US Colored Troops" and fought to end slavery in this country. It was especially interesting to hear the details about the research tools and methods that proved what happened to these men later in life as they interacted with the Veteran's Bureau and other organizations, and how these tools can be used by people today to research their own family members who may have lived a similar path.

- ***Three Lynchings in Montgomery County*** – Peerless Rockville talk presented in 2022. At this talk I learned about Mr. John Diggs-Dorsey and Mr. Sidney Randolph, who in separate incidents six years apart were pulled from the Rockville jail by local white mobs and hung from Rockville trees. I grew up here but was never taught and had never understood that there were lynchings in Rockville. Facing this and taking part in the local movement to publicly recognize

these events in our history and memorialize these victims has been extremely important to me and my family. I'm grateful to Peerless Rockville for not shrinking from painful aspects of Rockville's history.

- **Dr. Frieda Fromm-Reichmann** – multiple Peerless Rockville events were held in 2021 to celebrate and publicize the accomplishments of this Jewish woman who fled Nazi Germany in the 1930s and then made her home in Rockville, where she helped heal patients with her groundbreaking empathic psychotherapy.

- **Women Who Dared** – Peerless Rockville publication about six local women from different walks of life with major achievements that aided Rockville residents and helped put the city on the map. I was proud to learn the stories of these local women who rose above societal conventions. It's important for Rockville women and girls to know and be able to celebrate the strong role models who lived and worked right here where we live.

- **Changing the Map** – I'm looking forward to this upcoming study and exhibition by Peerless Rockville about Rockville's downtown neighborhoods and businesses before Urban Renewal funds and activity changed Rockville's downtown in the 60s and 70s.

This is just a small list of programming by Peerless Rockville I've attended that has focused on the sometimes less-well-known but critically important inclusive elements of the history of our city. **I especially appreciate how Peerless Rockville actively seeks out and presents topics and scholars that help diverse audiences consider and understand together topics like the impact of enslavement and segregation right here in our hometown** - very challenging, but very important, to sensitively bring into the light.

2. **Peerless Rockville does this work well and to a high standard of professionalism.** It has won awards for excellence including the Maryland Historical Trust Award for Excellence in Community Engagement, the Outstanding Educational Program Series Award from Montgomery Preservation, and has been cited by U.S. Representative from Maryland Jamie Raskin, U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen, County Executive Elrich and Councilmember Sidney Katz, in recognition of their contributions to Rockville. This organization makes personal engagement and participation interesting and possible for residents from a huge variety of backgrounds through a purposeful assortment of channels including scholarly talks, exhibitions, family scavenger hunts, discovery walks, support for historical markers and signage, written publications and online presence.

3. **Peerless Rockville is the only organization - public or private - doing this work with an inclusive lens focused on Rockville history.**

Madame Mayor and Councilmembers, we are presently in a period of American history where diversity, equity and inclusion have become "dirty words" to many in government. I am proud that the leaders of the state of Maryland, Montgomery County and - I believe - the City of Rockville, do not subscribe to this rhetoric and believe cities and places are better when residents have access to fair and balanced information about their local history and high-quality events and forums to allow them to consider it together. I believe from your records and positions that you support Rockville residents having more access - not less or no access - to culturally sensitive experiences and learning like this.

Peerless Rockville provides this at a very high standard, and helps residents and the local community experience that Rockville is Rising Together. **I call on you to recognize the important role Peerless Rockville plays in our City and to fully fund Peerless Rockville for their budget application of \$120,000.**

Sincerely,

Margaret Magner
115 Forest Avenue
Rockville, MD

cc: Rockville FY26 Budget Survey

Sara Taylor-Ferrell

**EXHIBIT NO. 120
FY2026
BUDGET PROPOSAL**

From: Anne-Marie Coakley <coakley.annemarie@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 4:00 PM
To: mayorcouncil; roryp@coakleyrealty.com
Subject: Support for Funding Study to Address Road Noise from Gude Drive

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Dear Mayor,

I'm writing to express my strong support for efforts to fund a study to address the persistent and growing issue of road noise from Gude Drive. As a nearby resident, my family and I have been significantly affected by this issue for years.

The noise has made our backyard and home increasingly unpleasant, but more than that—it's caused real, physical damage to our property. Over time, several pine trees have fallen in our yard due to the stress and weakening caused by the constant vibrations and exposure, breaking multiple times and damaging our children's trampoline and playground set. Some of the toys and equipment were damaged beyond repair. We've spent upwards of \$5,000 on repairs and replacements, and the risk to both our property and our safety continues.

A sound wall along Gude Drive would not only serve as a much-needed noise barrier—it would also improve safety, enhance privacy, and increase the overall quality of life for families like ours who live close to the road.

I hope you will seriously consider funding the proposed study and prioritize action to address this long-standing concern. Thank you for your time and commitment to improving our community.

Sincerely,
Anne-Marie and Rory Coakley
1012 Aster Blvd, Rockville, MD 20850

301-467-2904

Judy Penny

**EXHIBIT NO. 121
FY2026
BUDGET PROPOSAL**

From: Bette Gould <bettegwhiz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 10:49 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Noise abatement on Gude Drive

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April 7, 2025

Elected officials:

I lived on the Aster Blvd cul-de-sac for close to 2 years in 2022, 2023 and 2024. The noise level is unacceptable. Too many trees and yearly Rockville plantings have died on the berm. There is no sound barrier remaining.

If you test the sound level you will find it is unacceptable for voters living there. When the night time car racing occurs even shut doors and windows do not muffle the sound.

I was there last Saturday and was shocked how many more trees are down...and not removed.

Certainly this area needs better attention.

Thank you for consideration for a badly needed noise study for this area.

Bette Gould
285 N Washington St
Apt 1423
Rockville, MD 20850

City of Rockville FY 2026 Budget Workshop

Statement of Jack Thirolf on behalf of the Rockville Recreation and Parks Advisory Board

April 7, 2025

Thank you, Mayor Ashton and Councilmembers, for the opportunity to provide input into the FY 2026 budget process. The comments below complement and fill out the testimony I provided to you all on behalf of the Board on Monday, March 24.

The Recreation and Parks Department is one of Rockville's gems, from the well-cared for facilities to the excellent workforce to the culture we build as residents together each day. Having such a strong system of parks and recreation programs helps make Rockville unique in our area—they help pull us together and give us a strong sense of community.

We thank the Mayor and Council for continued the investments in the recreation and parks system that allow the City to keep delivering such strong services, both in CapEx and OpEx.

I want to echo the comments you heard from my friend Angus Chen earlier this month on behalf of the Swim and Fitness Center Advisory Committee and give an especially big thank you for the commitment to the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center and the outdoor recreation pool. The new pool is a generational investment for the City—it will be enjoyed by Rockville swimmers for decades to come. We also thank you for the City's swift and effective programs and support for neighbors who have lost their jobs via reductions in force this year.

You hear from our Board each year on the budget. You hear from us, essentially, "because the City's facilities and parks work so well, it can be easy for the City and residents to take them for granted. Our Recreation and Parks programs aren't problems, so they could lose priority. Don't let that happen." Each year we urge you to continue making the capital and operational investments to make sure the City's gem stays a gem.

This year, our group has a different sense and message, but the same mission and goal.

We need to meet the moment with a smart budget that has its eyes open to economic realities affecting our area, that positions the City for long-term sustainable success, and that supports City residents in the immediate term.

We think it's prudent and necessary to prepare for lower-than-expected tax revenues in the years to come, to protect core priorities, to support City residents in need, and to give flexibility/delay "nice to have" projects.

To the extent possible, we suggest shift funding to 1) help folks who may be impacted by reduction in force and other economic challenges and 2) give a buffer for hits in future years. For ambitious projects that we might or might not be able to afford, let's smartly give ourselves flexibility to not get overextended and to instead 1) protect our core long-term needs and 2) give financial assistance to residents who have lost jobs and may not be able to send their kids to camps or otherwise participate in planned City programs. We need to not just push for a "big" budget to keep these programs gems; we need to be smart, open-eyed, and proactive.

I'll give three examples of areas where we think the City might execute on the Budget in a way more in line with the current environment and better serve recreation and parks users:

- You heard from the Recreation and Parks board this winter expressing concern about the King Farm Farmstead study—not because we didn't think improving the Farmstead is important, but because many of us have seen this facility languish for years without a clear vision. I was going into middle school when King Farm was built up. The City has been trying to figure out what to do with the King Farm site since then. Instead of \$100k to study what to do next, we wrote to you suggesting 1) using that money and attention for the structural baseline improvements needed and 2) urging that the City be able to authentically engage with residents directly to map out the path ahead without the cost of a consultant. We appreciate your sense of urgency and look forward to helping accelerate a realistic, do-able plan for the Farmstead. Now more than ever, each dollar of the City's budget and each minute of staff time matters and comes with a meaningful opportunity cost.
- For Redgate, our group has had different views and good discussions on prioritizing active uses versus passive uses at the site. We're united in appreciating the importance of Redgate for the City and the positives of the current setup and how it's used—for birdwatching, for the temporary dog park, for cross-country races, for relaxation, for re-establishing native plants and trees. Our sense is Redgate works pretty alright right now. (The main improvement would be getting easier walking, biking, and driving access via Taft Court and Route 28 instead of just Avery Drive). We're also aligned in thinking that embarking on a major set of capital improvements at Redgate (or even expensive studies) now seems unwise. Instead, we suggest the City make the improvements needed for safety and accessibility, get the trees planted, and let's think out what to do next when we have a better line-of-site on the City's long-term budgets and develop an authentic sense of what residents need and want. The City could spend millions and millions of dollars at Redgate—that spending might or might not improve how the site supports residents' use and enjoyment of the park. In choosing to advance these big plans, the City should keep in mind the more modest but still critical projects it needs to consider. For example, the Talbott Street Park would give recreation access to a big population in the City that's been cut off from other parks by 355 and Edmonston for decades.
- For user fees, our understanding is the City sets fees to maximize economic participation and to ideally cover operating expenses. How fees differentiate between resident and non-residents varies based on the program. In the coming months, we encourage the City to consider creating a greater difference between the rates charged residents and non-residents, especially for programs where the capital investments in facilities are a material part of the overall cost.

We offer these ideas as suggested areas for the City to improve and to better serve residents. Thank you for your support for the City's recreation and parks programs and all the people who benefit from them.

- Jack Thirolf



April 7, 2025

Greetings, Mayor Ashton and Members of Council,

This letter follows my testimony on behalf of the Board of Directors of Peerless Rockville for the FY25 Budget public hearing on March 24, 2025. The Board and I strongly advocate for full funding of our community grant to continue fulfilling our public history education and heritage services to the City of Rockville. **This year, by funding Peerless Rockville, you can take a stand in support of authentic and inclusive American history told right here.** Since my testimony, **national sources of funding** such as the Institute of Library and Museum Services and the National Endowment for the Humanities have been **cancelled**. These provide direct and indirect **grant funding opportunities that are simply no longer available.**

At a time when the true breadth of American history is being deliberately erased from public records, with the intentional removal of the contributions and experiences of Americans of color, of women, of other targeted groups, **City of Rockville support helps Peerless to build and share an inclusive history of Rockville.** If we are not funded, how will the City of Rockville continue to provide our services?

As the primary organization for public history and the only archive and historical entity focused full time on Rockville - **our work provides an essential service to the city and its residents and your support of our grant is vital.** The community grant funds our educational lectures and events, online and fixed exhibits, and a variety of place-based programs and tours, it sustains our community archival collections and allows us to provide professional cultural heritage services.

Peerless Rockville serves as **a vital resource for City employees, residents, students, educators, institutions, and visitors.** From placemaking and archival conservation to history research and heritage tourism, we are committed to maximizing the impact of every dollar to benefit Rockville's residents. **With a lean budget and small staff, we deliver high-quality services and programs that honor the city's rich history and diverse communities.**

Core Services and Activities: Our community archive, funded by the City of Rockville's community grant, is a cornerstone of our work. We maintain and **curate a publicly available collection of historical materials, including documents, photographs, oral**

histories, and artifacts, preserving Rockville's history for future generations. These resources inform public programs, art, research projects, publications, and heritage tourism efforts throughout the city, ensuring that stories of underrepresented groups, including African American and Women's history, are woven into Rockville's narrative.

In addition to our archival work, we offer a wide array of educational opportunities, including:

- **Public lectures, walking tours, and publications** on topics such as Emancipation to Integration, which highlights the struggle for educational equality by Rockville's Black community.
- **Neighborhoods Series** exploring the development and transformation of local communities.
- **Online and in-person exhibits** on important local topics, like the Underground Railroad and Urban Renewal.

Our programs are designed to **engage the public in learning and valuing Rockville's history**, including the contributions of marginalized groups and individuals. Peerless Rockville's work is a growing and evolving history resource that informs our community, creating a shared understanding of our past and its relevance to the present.

Advocacy and Historic Preservation: Peerless Rockville's involvement in historic preservation is **guided by the City's goals and Planning Instruments**. Our role is to help the City meet historic preservation objectives, such as increasing awareness of resources connected to underrepresented groups and facilitating ways that these resources provide education and contribute to the quality of life of residents, businesses, and visitors.

We support Heritage Tourism initiatives by providing documentary materials, images, and knowledge to create interpretive signs, support educational projects, and assist with the City's historic preservation efforts. This work is integral to Rockville's status as a Certified Local Government.

The Impact of City Funding: The City of Rockville's investment in Peerless Rockville is essential for maintaining these programs. The grant increase for FY23 was a necessary adjustment after years of stagnant funding. This increase allows us to **sustain our educational services, curate our archive, and continue to engage with the community**. Without this funding, many of our services would be drastically reduced, and the opportunity for residents and businesses to access these invaluable resources would be jeopardized.

A Unique Resource for Rockville: Peerless Rockville is the only organization solely dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of Rockville. Our community archive and educational programs serve as an irreplaceable resource for current and future generations, highlighting stories that might otherwise be forgotten. We believe in the power

of accessible history education to enrich our community and strengthen Rockville's identity, making it an attractive place to live, work, and visit.

Looking Ahead: As we prepare to mark the 250th anniversary of the United States and Montgomery County in 2026, Peerless Rockville stands ready to work with the City in preserving and celebrating the history that makes Rockville unique. We urge the Mayor and Council to fully fund our FY27 grant to ensure that this important work continues. By investing in Peerless Rockville, you invest in preserving the history and heritage that define our community. Your continued support is vital to our ability to offer these invaluable resources to all who call Rockville home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy A. Pickard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nancy" being more prominent than the last name "Pickard".

Nancy Pickard
Executive Director