

SIDEWALK PROGRAM

Division of Transportation Engineering

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COMMENTS & FEEDBACK SURVEY FORM*

Location:

- the north side of Briardale Road from Shady Grove Road to Redland Road;
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COMMENTS or CONCERNS (You are not required to use this form when submitting your comments):

I AGREE PUBLIC SAFETY IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. I DO NOT THINK ADDING A SIDEWALK ON MY STREET WOULD ACHIEVE THIS. I WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF ADDING 3 AND 4 WAY STOP SIGNS AND SPEED BUMPS TO SLOW CARS DOWN! BAEDERWOOD LANE IS SECOND CUT THRU STREET FROM SHADY GROVE RD TO REDLAND. THERE ARE NO STOP SIGNS FROM INTERSECTION AT BRIARDALE NOTHING TO SLOW CARS. THE SPEED THE CARS TRAVEL CERTAINLY EXCEEDS THE 25mph LIMIT. I HAVE BEEN SCARED OFF MY LAWN WHILE MOWING. SLOWING CARS WILL MAKE SAFER STREETS. THE DRAINAGE SWALE PRESENTS A CHALLENGE TO ADD A WALK TO SWALE THAT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN. A STEEPER BANK TO SWALE WILL BE DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN. ADDING ADDITIONAL PAVEMENT OF SIDEWALKS WILL INCREASE IMPERVIOUS SURFACE AREAS. I ENJOY SEEING FAMILIES WALK IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS. IN MY CAR, I WAVE, THEY WAVE BACK. THANK YOU

Property Owner(s) Name and Address:

LEONARD & ERIN MARTINCO
16604 BAEDERWOOD LN
DERWOOD, MD 20855

If questions, please provide email address or telephone number:

L.MARTINCO@GMAIL.COM

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Please mail or e-mail our office by:

Friday, March 25, 2021

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~~How will the sidewalks~~

what is the relationship between the side walk + the drainage gully? will the side walk be ~~closer to~~ the road and the gully or closer between to the house?

WHY DO WE NEED THESE? Seems like an expensive endeavor with little use. The need on Baederwood is understandable as the traffic volume and speed is greater there, but not on Frontenac Ter.

Speed bumps on Baederwood Ln. might be a less expensive, more useful project. R.S. Go Green! too much paper!!

Property Owner(s) Name and Address:

Gary + Elise Bowman
16613 Frontenac Ter
Derwood, MD 20855

If questions, please provide email address or telephone number:

~~G P Bowman 814~~
G P Bowman 814 @ gmail.com

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Thank you!

From: [Stella Price](#)
To: [Main, Lori J.](#)
Cc: ["Russell Price"](#)
Subject: RE: 16620 baederwood lane
Date: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 4:00:57 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

We have lived on our street for over forty years, the residents have always taken care of our street, no accident has ever happened on this street because we did not have a side walk ----- in general-----cars slow down and have been very respectful of those who are walking ----- - and -----at least 8 houses have sold ----- each within a week during the last year and a half , so, I can't see how adding a sidewalk and inviting more walking traffic is beneficial to any of our homes!

Why can't this money be diverted to help the poor in Montgomery County

I humbly hope that you will consider my stance on this proposal! As a long time resident this truly matters to me.

Blessings!!!

From: Russell Price <neats005@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 3:27 PM
To: lori.main@montgomerycountymd.gov
Cc: 'Stella Price' <stellap2@verizon.net>
Subject: 16620 baederwood lane

We acknowledge receipt of your package concerning the proposed installation of sidewalks. We strongly disagree with this proposal. We do not see the need for these sidewalks. Besides, we do not want our mailbox removed.

Thank you

Russell Price
16620 Baederwood lane
Derwood, md 20855

301-529-5979

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I am a frequent walker on the roads mentioned above and feel strongly that sidewalks are not necessary. There is such little traffic on these roads, and not that many pedestrians to warrant such a project.

I appreciate you making me aware of this project and soliciting feedback. I hope I am not in the minority!
Natalie Bunch

Property Owner(s) Name and Address:

Natalie and Bill Bunch
16641 Frontenac Terrace
Derwood md 20855

If questions, please provide email address or telephone number:

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
NLB.7639@gmail.com
(301) 642-2997

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Thank you!

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

To: Lori Jean Main, Planning Specialist, Sidewalk Program
Re: Proposed Sidewalks in Parkside Estates, Derwood

We, the property owners of 16705 Frontenac Terrace, are submitting the following comments regarding the potential installation of sidewalks in our neighborhood, Parkside Estates in Derwood.

I preface these remarks by saying that, as an urban planner (Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from The George Washington University), I strongly support neighborhood design in new developments that includes sidewalks, as well as bicycle lanes, to facilitate walkable and connected communities. Walkable and connected communities provide many benefits to residents, including the opportunities for safe outdoor exercise and enjoyment of local parks, as well as the reduction in air pollution by taking fewer car trips.

However, the retrofitting of older suburban neighborhoods with sidewalks, originally designed for vehicular travel, is not a simple task or even warranted in some cases.

As the County is proposing for Parkside Estates, we do support the construction of sidewalks on the streets that connect Shady Grove Road to Redland Road: Briardale Road and Baederwood Lane. These two streets carry not only local traffic but also cut-through traffic by drivers seeking to short-cut through our neighborhood. Also, drivers on Briardale Road and Baederwood Lane routinely ignore the speed limit and whiz over the traffic bumps on Briardale Road.

However, we object to constructing a sidewalk on the southeast side of Frontenac Terrace from Briardale Road to the end of our cul-de-sac. If a sidewalk is constructed on Frontenac Terrace, it should not include our cul-de-sac. No other cul-de-sacs are proposed for sidewalks.

Our home would be significantly impacted by the sidewalk construction. We have four trees that could be impacted. Three of the trees are recommended for significant pruning of the branches (elevate 8 feet over

proposed sidewalk, according to the tree protection plan), including two 14-inch Norway Spruces and a Japanese Maple.

The Norway Spruces were mature when we moved into our home over 30 years ago, and with the development being constructed in the early 1970s, they are at least 50 years old. They are very close to the proposed sidewalk, and it is very likely that significant root pruning of these trees also will be necessary, since they are very close to the proposed sidewalk.

The fourth tree, a Silver Maple, is proposed for root pruning, but it is a large and old tree, and very likely has a root system that extends far beyond our property line and the County's right-of-way. Root pruning eventually could result in the death of this tree, which would mean we would have to incur a huge expensive taking it down. We were told by a County representative on March 4 during a field visit requested by us, that if the root pruning is not feasible, the tree would have to come down.

A large portion of our concrete driveway will have to be removed and replaced to accommodate the sidewalk. It is likely to result in drainage issues, since the sidewalk location would be in the swale. Additionally, our house sits closer to the street than all of the other houses on our cul-de-sac, and thus we would also lose a significant amount of privacy.

As a cul-de-sac, our street is relatively quiet. We do not experience cut-through traffic. Children catch the school bus at the intersection of Frontenac Terrace and Briardale Road. They do not use sidewalks to walk to school, as do children in our adjacent neighborhood of Candlewood. And even in the Candlewood neighborhood, where children do walk to the Candlewood Elementary School, no sidewalks were installed on cul-de-sacs. In surveying that neighborhood, I did see signs signifying "No Outlet" at each of the cul-de-sacs. Frontenac Terrace does not have such a sign, but should have one.

In addition, the letter we received lacks a significant amount of information, which we should be provided:

- We were not told how many residents in our neighborhood asked the County for a sidewalk on our cul-de-sac, or when such requests were made. Was there a petition? Did it include all of us? Not us. At no time

have we been asked by neighbors or any County representatives as to our opinion.

- No information was provided on how the County made decisions about which side of the streets the sidewalks would be placed. For us, the opposite side of the street instead of the current plan would not affect ANY trees. (Note that three mature Dogwood trees at 16717 Frontenac Terrace are also impacted.)
- No information was provided on safety issues, such as incidences of pedestrian accidents (which we believe is zero), which might justify installation of sidewalks.
- No information was provided about the cost of installing all of the sidewalks as proposed, how long construction would take and what other impacts on us and our neighbors would occur.
- No information was provided as to homeowner's responsibility for the upkeep of the sidewalks if installed, such as snow and ice removal.
- No information was provided that would allow affected property owners to review submitted comments in advance of the public hearing.

In conclusion, we do not support the installation of a sidewalk on our cul-de-sac, along the southeast side Frontenac Terrace from Briardale Road to the end of the cul-de-sac. We do not believe the proposed sidewalk on a quiet cul-de-sac is justified either financially or from a safety standpoint, and the negative impact to our home and street would be significant. Furthermore, the adjacent neighborhood of Candlewood does not have sidewalks on its cul-de-sacs. Why is ours being singled out? We believe that the County should install a "No Outlet" sign at the entry to our cul-de-sac to ensure that drivers know they cannot access other roads from our street.

Thank you,

Claudia and Michael Kedda
16705 Frontenac Terrace
Derwood, MD
301-275-6118
301-440-8897

From: [Robert Beeman](#)
To: [Main, Lori J.](#)
Subject: Sidewalk proposals for Frontenac Terrace (Parkside Estates)
Date: Friday, March 18, 2022 11:20:37 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Ms. Main,

My name is Robert Beeman and I live at 16708 Frontenac Terrace in Derwood, my home for the past 24-years. I am writing to you as an impacted property owner regarding recent proposals for sidewalk construction on our block in Parkside Estates.

I learned this past Wednesday, March 16, that a new survey has been initiated on the 16700 block of Frontenac Terrace for a sidewalk proposal on the northwest side of the street. I only learned about this new proposal by having bumped into Mr. Karl Conner, the representative from the county who was conducting a brand new survey and taking photos on the northwest side of the street where we live. I believe other neighbors have already been in touch with your office to express opposition to sidewalk construction on the southeast side of the street. I can also attest that opposition to any sidewalk on this block to either side of the street is near universal. It is also my understanding that a petition is on its way to your office to express opposition to the initial proposal on the southeast side, to which my wife Jane and I are both signatories.

It is also my understanding that any new proposal for sidewalk construction on the northwest side of the street would either need to extend the initial comment period beyond the 25th of March or trigger a new 4-week initial comment period and hearing process once a formal proposal is prepared and mailed to all property owners on the impacted block. We will need clarity from your office as to how this will impact the timeline for comments and the upcoming public hearing process, as I gather any new proposal will be subject to a new comment period and will have an impact on the timeline for final adjudication.

In addition, my wife and I are now retired and have physical limitations that would leave us severely impacted and inconvenienced by the responsibilities snow removal, general cleanup, and other safety protocols required of us as homeowners. I believe the opposition to a sidewalk on either side of the cul-de-sac block will continue and grow and we hope your office can find a way to stave off any additional taxpayer dollars on a project to which homeowners and neighbors are already expressing opposition.

Please contact me by email or phone as soon as possible regarding the new survey and timelines for comments and hearings. Since the current deadline of March 25 is quickly approaching for initial comments, your prompt and urgent reply is requested.

I look forward to hearing back from you regarding timelines for comments once or if the new proposal is mailed and to future guidance from your office regarding the process for public hearings.

Thank you for your prompt attention and reply.
Best regards,

Robert Beeman
16708 Frontenac Terrace
Derwood, MD 20855

Phone: (301) 330-2005
Email: rhbeeman@verizon.net

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COMMENTS or CONCERNS (You are not required to use this form when submitting your comments):

We are opposed to the construction of a sidewalk on the east side of Bethayres Rd. from Baederwood Ln. to Bethayres Ct.

Dr. B.

Property Owner(s) Name and Address:

Dr. & Mrs. James V. Badolato
16713 Bethayres Rd.
Derwood, MD 20855

If questions, please provide email address or telephone number:

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Thank you!

To: Lori Jean Main, Planning Specialist, Sidewalk Program
Subject: Proposed sidewalk on Frontenac Terrace, Parkside
development, Derwood, 20855

We own the house at 16717 on the Frontenac Terrace cul de sac. The county is proposing to install a sidewalk on our side of the street which may damage or even result in removal of 5 dawn redwood trees on our front lawn. These beautiful trees are 35 years old and are a protected species in California and China (where they originate).

As you can imagine, we oppose installation of the proposed sidewalk. There is very little traffic on our street to justify the disruption, damage and costs from such a project. No other cul de sacs in our development have sidewalks nor do those in the Candlewood development nearby.

Attached are a list of questions for which we would like answers and also 5 photos of our dawn redwoods. Please contact us by email or phone about this matter. Thank you.

Ronald S. Yucas
reyucas@verizon.net
301-527-9684

John D. De Forge
jddeforge@verixon.net
301-527-9684

Attachments a/s

Attachment 2 Trees



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Main, Lori J.

From: George Parrish <parrishgeorge@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 3:20 PM
To: Main, Lori J.
Cc: Berrios, Juan A.
Subject: Objection to Sidewalk on Frontenac Ter

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello Lori and Juan,

I received the info packet about the proposed sidewalk that will impact my property at 16721 Frontenac Ter. I have serious concerns and objections that such a project will have disastrous negative impact on stormwater management and serves no rational purpose as the sidewalk only leads to a culdesac. I know that each of my neighbors also have been organizing their objections to this proposal and have likely been in contact with you already.

So given my concerns I'd like to request a field visit to my property to understand the specific details of the project and show you exactly how stormwater runs precisely through the pathway of the proposed sidewalk and understand what if any mitigation strategies might be included or required to comply with county, state, federal environmental regulations. I am also concerned with the impact to trees within the project scope on my property.

Thank you,

George Parrish, MBA
parrishgeorge@gmail.com
703-622-2815

From: cgkuchinsky@gmail.com
To: [Main, Lori J.](#)
Subject: Comments/Questions regarding the Sidewalk Program in the Briardale Road area
Date: Monday, March 21, 2022 5:10:41 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Ms. Main,

My property is 16817 Briardale Road. I have some comments and questions regarding the sidewalk program proposal in my neighborhood:

- I am not interested in having a sidewalk on my side of the street.
- Was a survey done in the neighborhood to see if the majority wanted sidewalks here? If so, I was not asked.
- How was the decision made to have a sidewalk on my side of the street instead of the other side?
- Why was the other side of the street not decided for the sidewalk instead of mine? Less trees would need to be cut down.
- What does it do to the property value?
- If I do have to have my tree cut down, do I get to choose replacements? What tree options do I have?

Thank you for your help,

Catherine Kuchinsky

From: Angela Rabatin
16827 Bethayres Road
Rockville, Maryland 20855

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

I am an almost 40-year resident of Parkside Estates residing at 16827 Bethayres Road. The majority of my remarks will focus on that general area of Bethayres Road.

Re: "The sidewalks that are funded under this program are relatively simple in nature to construct and do not require an engineering design."

The County will Create a Hazardous Condition

The sidewalk proposed on this side of Bethayres Road in the vicinity of 16827, etc., will encounter a significant swell and constructing a sidewalk under such conditions is to knowingly and negligently create a danger to pedestrians.

Unlike on the opposite side of the road, where the county has installed large underground drainage pipes, the county has failed to do so on this side of the street. Installing a sidewalk 'in a swell' creates obvious problems and hazards. It creates problems and hazards – it does not fix one. Failure to install drainage – as has been done on the other side of the street – alone is a problem. To build on top of that problem – to install a sidewalk where the county has neglected proper drainage would be 'blooper' worthy.

If a sidewalk is to be installed, the swell must be fixed or the county faces liability for knowingly and negligently creating a hazard to pedestrians. . Driveways subject to the swell become in disrepair – as will any sidewalk placed there. Repair of sidewalks is the county's responsibility – as with potholes --and this will require regular repair. Elderly are more likely to fall on sidewalks in disrepair – multiple studies reveal the same. I can forward the studies, if needed.

I believe it is irresponsible to build a sidewalk where there is a known problem already – and no apparent evidence that the County and/or the county's Department of Transportation intends to properly engineer the sidewalk. Your program materials say, "The sidewalks that are funded under this program are relatively simple in nature to construct and do not require an engineering design."

Such a program thus is inapplicable to this part of Bethayres Road.

Without proper engineering, installing a sidewalk on this portion of Bethayres Road, on this side of the road, creates a hazard.

It creates a hazard to all pedestrians.

It creates a hazard particularly to older pedestrians.

It creates a hazard to me.

I'm not opposed to sidewalks, per se, but certainly oppose creating – knowingly creating – dangerous conditions.

The Department of Transportation, under the auspices of a Pedestrian Safety Program, will be building a pedestrian peril. The "Pedestrian Peril Program".

I'm not certain of the reason for constructing a sidewalk in this particular area – presumably it is in the ostensible interest of pedestrian safety. I say 'ostensible' because this will create a pedestrian hazard unless properly engineered – which shall include proper drainage – as already exists directly on the other side of the road – only a few feet away. Why the county failed to do so on this side of the road is at issue. Perhaps the Department of Transportation is/was unaware of the same.

Very low traffic area

Again, my remarks are in re: Bethayres Road – with special emphasis on the area referred to above.

This is a low traffic area. I've calculated the same. Traffic is almost wholly residents who respect the area, our neighbors, and the neighborhood. Despite lack of sidewalks, it's a pedestrian friendly little road.

IF traffic were to be a concern on this part of Bethayres Road, there are engineering and well-known traffic – calming features that are a much better solution than building a sidewalk in a swell. This is knowingly and negligently creating danger.

Walkability

There's national attention being paid – largely for environmental purposes – to make communities more walkable.

"Walkability" is grounded in the belief that driving fewer places (and, instead, walking to them) improves urban living. It refers to high density areas where people can access amenities on foot. They can walk to stores. . They can walk to school. They can walk to the dry cleaner. They can walk to a movie theatre or coffee shop.

In Parkside Estates, we cannot walk to stores, we cannot walk to schools, we cannot walk to the dry cleaner, we cannot walk to the movie theatre, nor to a coffee shop. (If you want to re-zone for a coffee shop, that's something to consider. :). But where – precisely? There is nowhere to put such amenities in Parkside Estates.

Under the definition of walkability, putting sidewalks here does not improve the walkability of the neighborhood. It will not change the distance of our location as it relates to any of the above-mentioned amenities. That is the definition of 'walkability'.

Thus, sidewalks would be presumably for pedestrian safety – yet on this part of Bethayres Road, it will create a pedestrian hazard – knowingly and negligently – unless properly engineered or the sidewalk is put on the side of the road with existing drainage. (Again, the county has failed to put proper drainage on this side of the road and now wants to put a sidewalk smack in the path of something it's already neglected – at whose recommendation? The Department of Transportation?

As to walkability, my address, for example, has a Walk Score of three (3/100). Not surprisingly, as do neighboring addresses. It indicates that errands need a car. That score is not going to improve with sidewalks because sidewalks make nothing closer to the neighborhood. Going to school (elementary, middle, and high school) are no closer -- and are not walkable. The Candlewood neighborhood, where sidewalks were recently installed, houses Candlewood Elementary School. Our neighborhood does not have an elementary school – nor middle school, nor high school.

Briardale Road

Briardale Road connects at both Redland Road and Shady Grove Road. That road thus may get some through traffic. That is a more likely area for *consideration* of a sidewalk.

Errors in the Project Materials Sent Out

There are a few errors in the materials sent out – referring, again, to ‘this’ area of Bethayres Road.

They pertain, for example, to trees and mailboxes.

The projects under the Annual Sidewalk Program are derived from resident requests and are installed without the guidance of an engineer.

Also during this period, residents adjacent to the impacted Public Right of Way are welcome to **request a field meeting** on site with our Construction Representative, Juan Berrios, by emailing him at **Juan.Berrios@montgomerycountymd.gov**.

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I fail to see the need of sidewalks in a residential subdivision: the dumb idea of installing sidewalks that property owners did not request.

Besides the fact that when completed they look like shoddy work becoming an eye sore ie Panorama Dr, on the other side of Redland. by the way, why dont you finish what you start first? Redland Rd sidewalk is unfinished.

Property Owner(s) Name and Address:

10015 Columbia
16835 Bethayres Rd.

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Thank you!

if the money allocated to you, its
burning a hole in your pocket, I'm
sure you can use it for something
else worthwhile. you are talented
and imaginative - use it - sidewalks
on Parkside states is a waste of
money and destroys the beauty of
the landscape* this subdivision
has been here since 1960's and
never needed side walk; dumb idea.

* your sidewalks are an eye sore

From: [Leo Lin](#)
To: [Main, Lori J.](#)
Subject: Sidewalk Project
Date: Saturday, March 19, 2022 11:30:23 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Ms. Main,

I am Leo Lin, the owner of 16921 Briardale Road. I have received the package containing the sidewalk project proposal on Briardale Road. After reviewing its contents I am **firmly against the proposal** to build a sidewalk. Aside from some school kids, not many pedestrians walk on Briardale Road at all times. If the project must proceed, building the sidewalk on the south side of Briardale road would be more practical as that is the side the school bus stops on, and most households and kids are on the south side. Further, please note that this is an aged community, it would be very hard to have the seniors maintain the road, especially in wintertime (since there is no HOA to do the maintenance work), for the safety of residents and pedestrians, please cancel this proposal. Thank you for your understanding.

Best regards,

Lin

Leo

From: [Pia Lohse](#)
To: [Main, Lori J.](#)
Subject: Sidewalk Program
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 8:52:33 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Good evening,

My name is Pia Lohse and I am residing at 16925 Baederwood Lane in Derwood, MD 20855,

Looking at information recently received, it appears that some individuals are interested in a sidewalk along Baederwood Lane (road continues under another name).

Apparently, this would be at the other side of the street, not on the side where I am living. I assume the 5 feet wide sidewalk would be in **addition** to the asphalt/width of the road itself?

I don't see a need for this. I am not aware of any issues that pedestrians, children, or drivers of cars may have experienced and there is too much asphalt and concrete in the world already. So, why take 5 feet of property away from some of my neighbors?

Please provide explanation for the term air excavation, the term referred to when mentioning 16925 Baederwood Lane.

I am interested in attending a meeting or meetings (either in person or virtual) once they have been scheduled.

I also would like to point out that while the sidewalk along Shady Grove from Briardale towards Crabbs Branch road is appreciated, but as someone who used to bike to school (born and raised in Germany which is more pedestrian and bike/public transportation friendly), I continue to be very disappointed by the way Shady Grove Road was widened a few years ago. No real bike lane and with cars allowed to go by up to 45 miles an hour, using the sidewalk is not very safe.

Contact information is as follows:

mendenpl@gmail.com
301-527-1153

Sincerely yours,

Pia Lohse

From: [georgia parker](#)
To: [Main, Lori J.](#)
Subject: Sidewalk Proposal/Briardale Road/Derwood, MD
Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 4:04:30 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

I have lived on Briardale Road in Derwood for the last 45 years and I am against installing sidewalks in our community. This is an older established car community and does not have enough foot traffic to warrant sidewalks. Therefore I am requesting a "foot traffic study" to be conducted to determine the need for a sidewalk before this proposal goes any further. A five foot wide sidewalk is only used nowadays for new communities and not the model for established ones! I am also concerned about responsibilities for snow removal as I am 72 years old and have difficulty even finding someone to clear my driveway not alone the liability issue if someone injures themselves from an uneven sidewalk. This sidewalk proposal should be terminated and monies should be spent better on Shady Grove Road speeding issues and traffic noise.

From: patlabuda@aol.com
To: [Main, Lori J.](#)
Subject: Comments re Sidewalk Program
Date: Sunday, March 20, 2022 2:33:56 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Lori,

I do not believe that the proposed sidewalk program is truly needed. I have lived in my home on Briardale Rd near Shady Grove Rd for nearly 50 years, raised six children and witnessed many people walk dogs, stroll baby carriages and just go for a stroll without incident.

Here are my comments and concerns:

1. The proposed project will negatively affect the beauty the neighborhood for a long time and is without a compelling need
2. What studies have been conducted that indicate a need?
3. What is the estimated cost of the project?
4. How will the property taxes for the homes in the proposed project area be affected. That is, are homeowner's essentially libel for the project's cost?
5. My property has approximately 150 feet of frontage on Briardale Rd.
 - a. Who will maintain the sidewalk when it snows or when there are icy conditions? I'm not going to shovel 150 feet of sidewalk!
 - b. My Yoshino Cherry tree would need to be elevated to 8 feet... this will destroy the shape and weaken the tree
6. The removal and replacement of the driveway aprons will be expensive and present a real inconvenience to all homeowners or renters.

Thank you,
William Labuda

From: [SuTa](#)
To: [Main, Lori J.](#)
Subject: Re: MC Sidewalk Program
Date: Monday, March 21, 2022 6:57:50 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hi Lori,

Thank you for your quick response.

The information about shuffling snow further confirms our opposition to the sidewalk project. Also, the very few requests (11 over the span of 7-8 years) does not justify the potential accidents & mishaps, incurred costs, or inconveniences to the impacted property owners. Most importantly, it causes me even more insecure that it could make it easier for any pedestrian to further walk on to our house. We had a few incidents already.

I've lived here for almost 29 years, very few people walk along Briardale road; and they walk without any incident. I know this because I do walk in the neighborhood a lot. Again, I believe that putting more deterrents and reminders to the drivers e.g., street humps and speed limit & children crossing signs along the neighborhood roads will be more effective and less intrusive & impact to households.

With Kind Regards,
Sumon & Roger

On Fri, Mar 18, 2022 at 4:30 PM Main, Lori J. <Lori.Main@montgomerycountymd.gov> wrote:

Hello Roger and Sumon,

Thank you for providing your comments regarding the sidewalk proposal for the Parkside Estates community. I will ensure they are placed on the Record and in our files.

I have copied your questions below and provided my responses in purple.

1. What are the reasons for the sidewalks?

Aside from providing the pedestrian a safe, separated place to walk away from traffic, the Sidewalk Program generates its projects from resident requests for sidewalk installation. Since 2014, we have received requests from 11 different residents from within the Parkside Estates community for sidewalk installation on Briardale Road.

2. What are the logics behind the selection of one side of the road over the other? In this particular case the north side of Briardale road versus the south side?

The County Inspectors select the side on which the sidewalk will be installed based on many factors. Typically, the side that costs less is selected, unless there are extraordinary considerations; incidentally, since we pay to have the trees removed, typically, the side that costs the least has less trees to be removed. We also try to honor the side requested by the residents that requested the sidewalks.

3. Who will be responsible in maintaining the sidewalks e.g., removing snow, picking littered trashes?

According to the [Montgomery County Safe Sidewalks website](#), “In Rockville, snow removal from sidewalks, driveways and entrances are the responsibility of the adjacent property owner, occupant, community association or business. Snow and ice must be cleared from all paved sidewalks abutting your property within 24-72 hours of the end of the snowfall, depending on the snowfall totals (up to 3 inches = within 24 hours; 3-9 inches = 48 hours; 10 inches or more = 72 hours). City crews coordinate road clearing and sidewalk work depending on the severity of the storm. Accessible curb ramps, sidewalks and pathways that abut publicly-owned property are cleared by crews from City departments.” In addition, here is a link to [Montgomery County Code Section 49-17. Accumulation of snow and ice on property prohibited](#).

4. If some mishaps occur (such as breaking water pipes, gas lines, etc) during the construction who will be responsible?

Before any construction occurs, the Sidewalk Program has Miss Utilities come out to designate all underground pipes and lines so that mishaps do not happen during excavation. That said, if a pipe or line is inadvertently ruptured, the Sidewalk Program will facilitate its repair with the respective utility company.

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the day. Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Best,

Lori

Lori Jean Main

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From: SuTa <dsumon@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2022 1:22 PM
To: Main, Lori J. <Lori.Main@montgomerycountymd.gov>
Subject: MC Sidewalk Program

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello Lori,

Please find below our information, questions, comments & concerns:

Property Owner(s):

Roger Alexander & Sumon Dejavitlert

16937 Briardale Road,
Derwood, MD 20855
(Home phone) 301-330-1579

Questions:

1. What are the reasons for the sidewalks?
2. What are the logics behind the selection of one side of the road over the other? In this particular case the north side of Briardale road versus the south side?
3. Who will be responsible in maintaining the sidewalks e.g., removing snow, picking littered trashes?
4. If some mishaps occur (such as breaking water pipes, gas lines, etc) during the construction who will be responsible?

Comments & Concerns:

We *do not want* the sidewalk for the following reasons:

1. It's an invitation for even more trash, pet poops, pee, etc. Though pet walkers are supposed to pick the poops up or not let their pets pee at any place, they do not necessarily do their duties. As it is nowadays, there is trash littered on our lawn by cars that are waiting for the traffic light at the intersection of Briardale and Shady Grove. We have to pick them up almost daily. With the sidewalk, it will be even worse.
2. Safety & security concerns. It will entice or make it easier for a pedestrian to further walk to our garage or house. We had a few incidents already that passersby tried to walk into our garage.
3. If we have to maintain the sidewalk i.e. remove the snow, this will be an invitation to frivolous lawsuits in the case that we could not remove the snow in a timely fashion.

4. Majority of the houses on the southside of Briardale road, from Shady Grove to Barederwood Road, not the front but the side of these houses are facing Briardale road. Some houses even have fences facing Briardale road. Also, many houses are higher up from the road level and there is still a large space for the sidewalk. In addition, for the children in the neighborhood who are waiting for school buses, they have to wait on the southside. With all these reasons shouldn't the south side be considered for the sidewalk instead of the north side?

5. If pedestrian's safety is the reason for the sidewalk, I strongly believe that putting more road humps, speed limit signs, reminder signs of children crossing walking along the road will be more effective, less impacts to households and less costly than building the sidewalks.

With Kind Regards,

Sumon Dejavitlert



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From: nkbrook@aol.com
To: [Main, Lori J.](#)
Subject: Proposed Sidewalk Construction
Date: Sunday, March 27, 2022 9:26:09 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello,

Our comments on proposed sidewalk construction on the westside of Dace Drive is as follows: Dace Drive is a quiet low foot traffic area that terminates into a dead end "T" intersection, and very few people walk on Dace Drive throughout the day. The cost of installing a massive sidewalk in this location (including cutting down many mature trees) does not justify the use of taxpayer funds when so few people would benefit from the sidewalk, when these funds could be used to increase pedestrian access in areas with higher foot traffic.

In addition, the proposed sidewalk on the west side of Briardale Road from Dace Drive to Shady Grove Road is not necessary because there is already a sidewalk on the east side of Briardale Road.

We have the following questions:

1. Why was the west side Dace Drive and not the east side of Dace Drive chosen for the proposed sidewalk? The east side of Dace Drive connects to the proposed sidewalk on the west side of Briardale.
2. Why is there no sidewalk proposed for the rest of the community? For example, the entire Briardale Road serves many more households (that include two townhouse complexes) than Dace Drive. Presumably there is more need for sidewalk on Briardale Road than Dace Drive. Building sidewalk only on Dace Drive and not for the rest of the community seems arbitrary and does not make sense.

Thank you,

Nancy Kim and William Brooks
17104 Dace Drive
Derwood MD 20855
Email: nkbrook@aol.com

MARCH 21, 2022

To: Lori Jean Main, Sidewalk Program Planning Specialist

From: Residents on the Frontenac Terrace Cul-de-Sac, Parkside Estates

Re: Sidewalk Proposal

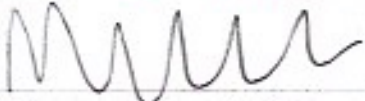
We reside on or in the vicinity of the Frontenac Terrace Cul-de-Sac in Parkside Estates. **We are opposed to the installation of a sidewalk on either side of Frontenac Terrace cul-de-sac.** Your letter dated February 14, 2020, proposes a sidewalk on the southeast side, but we do not want any sidewalk.

NAME	ADDRESS
John W. De Fuge	16717 Frontenac
Robert Y. ...	16717 Frontenac Terrace
Maudie Kedde	16705 Frontenac Terrace
Michael E. Kedde	16705 Frontenac Terrace
Bob H. ...	16708 Frontenac Terr.
James M. Beeman	16708 Frontenac Terrace
Phil ...	16709 Frontenac Terrace
Mike McCullough	16729 Frontenac Terr
...	16716 Frontenac Terr

NAME	ADDRESS
Brody Jefferson	16724 Frontenac Ter
Elizabeth Jefferson	" "
Michael McCullough	16729 Frontenac Ter.
Marian (Marian)	16725 Frontenac Ter.
MATHUR	" "
John Mathur	" "
Nancy McElroy	16728 Frontenac Ter
John	16733 Frontenac Terrace
Alexx Chen AC	16737 Frontenac Ter
WENJING LEE WJLE	"
Mathew Laver MC	16720 Frontenac Ter
Andrew Gele AG	16720 Frontenac
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Melinda Zoppo	16704 Frontenac Terr

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Donna Brown	16700 Berardale Rd
Joel Grinn	16685 BERARDALE RD.
Janet Grinn	" " "
Dorothy Terry	16601 Berardale Rd
Edy L. & L. Brown	" " "
Guth B. Chite	7513 Nutwood Ct, Derwood
Ralph M. Chite	7513 NUTWOOD CT DERWOOD
Lin L. Jones	7516 Nutwood Ct. Derwood
Katherine J. Snout	7500 Nutwood Ct. Derwood
David French	7500 Nutwood Ct. Derwood
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Dwight W. W.	16712 Frontenac Ter.

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HP Judy Krepp-Norris	16740 Frontenac Terrace
Melina RICHARD SCHMITT	16701 Frontenac
	16721 Frontenac Ter
Pawan Tyagi	16700 Frontenac Ter.
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From: nkbrook@aol.com
To: [Main, Lori J.](#)
Subject: Re: Proposed Sidewalk Construction
Date: Thursday, April 7, 2022 11:00:51 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello Ms. Main,

Thanks for your response. Based on your response for question 1, I would like to submit a written comment regarding the choice of side for the public hearing. Specifically, the cost of tree removal would be the same for each side but not having the sidewalk connect from Briardale Road to Dace Drive would be less safe for pedestrians, particularly those with disability, because they would need to cross Dace Drive to get to Briardale Road sidewalk. How can I submit this comment?

Nancy Kim

-----Original Message-----

From: Main, Lori J. <Lori.Main@montgomerycountymd.gov>
To: nkbrook@aol.com <nkbrook@aol.com>
Cc: Gonzales, Robert <Robert.Gonzales@montgomerycountymd.gov>; Holley, Geary <Geary.Holley@montgomerycountymd.gov>; Berrios, Juan A. <Juan.Berrios@montgomerycountymd.gov>
Sent: Tue, Mar 29, 2022 10:30 am
Subject: RE: Proposed Sidewalk Construction

Hello Ms. Kim and Mr. Brooks,

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The Sidewalk Program generates its proposals from resident requests for sidewalk installation. As such, the proposal only reflects the roadways that were requested by the community. If you would like to [request additional sidewalk installation](#) in your community, please feel free. That said, we are working with the Homeowner's Association to also install sidewalk on Briardale Court and Briardale Terrace. Since these areas are under the purview of the association and the association requested the sidewalks, we do not have to propose them. Rather, we can simply install the sidewalks on Briardale Terrace and Court.

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the day. Thank you again and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best,

Lori

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