

Dear Councilmembers,

I enthusiastically support fully funding Park's budget request. Our parks are some of the county's best features and need our financial support to continue to be great.

In particular, I would like to see full funding of the Lyttonsville public green. This new park takes advantage of land that will be available after the Purple Line construction is finished and highlights the unique character and history of Greater Lyttonsville. There will be a Bridge Memorial that incorporates elements of the historic Talbot Avenue Bridge to commemorate the bridge and a Heritage Terrace that documents the contributions made by leaders from Lyttonsville in the struggle for equal rights. The creation of this neighborhood park is also consistent with the promises made in the Greater Lyttonsville Sector Plan which calls for the creation of a public space network.

I also endorse funding of the renovation of the Rosemary Hills Lyttonsville Local Park. This project provides design and construction of renovation, protection, and modernization of a wide range of park amenities. A recent public meeting showed widespread support for these renovations. Some funding has been acquired from the state by our local state delegates, showing the wide interest in maintaining this resource.

Therefore, I ask the Council to provide the funding needed for both of these projects and for parks as a whole so that current and future residents of Montgomery County can continue to enjoy our great outdoor spaces.

Sincerely,
Valarie Barr