

April 9, 2026

To the Montgomery County Council:

My name is Anne Roland. I am a Montgomery County resident, volunteer at Brookside Gardens, and President of the Friends of Brookside Gardens (FOBG).

I am writing to urge you to fully fund the FY27-32 Capital Improvements Program (CIP). Funds raised by FOBG support many programs and events at Brookside Gardens. But our donations cannot improve accessibility or fix crumbling walkways. Cutting the Parks budget is not a solution to aging Parks facilities. Montgomery Parks, and Brookside Gardens, are valued community resources. Please support our parks and FULLY FUND the FY27-32 CIP to protect our green spaces for future generations. Thank you.