

April 8, 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 support Montgomery Parks and Brookside Gardens in the FY27 Operating Budget. Funds raised by FOBG enable many programs and events at Brookside Gardens, but our donations cannot improve accessibility or fix crumbling walkways. It is essential that the Council fully funds the Parks budget. Montgomery Parks, and Brookside Gardens, are valued community resources. Thousands visit Brookside Gardens each year, and wear and tear on the grounds is significant. Please support our parks in the FY27 Operating Budget to protect our green spaces for future generations. Thank you.