ATTENTION PROPOSAL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY TO ACQUIRE FAÇADE EASEMENT FOR HILLANDALE CENTER NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Montgomery County's Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) will be reviewing public commentary regarding the purchase of a façade easement, as part of the Countywide Façade Improvement Program (CFIP), from Ben Bran Associates LLC, 10210-10222 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20903 (Hillandale Center). The proposed purchase shall be in the amount of \$300,000. The applicant for this program has presented plans and architectural drawings for the planned improvements of the building exterior, parking lots and Center signage at this address. Design documents and renderings related to this façade improvement project are available for review at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DHCA/community/neighborhood/facade.html

By purchasing this façade easement, the County/DHCA acquires the right to ensure proper maintenance of the improved building exterior and surroundings for at least a five-year (5) period. The purchase of such façade easements aid in encouraging and supporting renewal and revitalization of older commercial areas within the County.

All residents are invited to submit written comments to the attention of Rogers Stanley, Chief, Neighborhood Revitalization Section, DHCA, 1401 Rockville Pike, 4th Floor, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The public comment period ends at 5:00 pm on February 15, 2023.

Upon the conclusion of the public comment period, any public comments received on this matter will be forwarded to the DHCA Director for consideration and review as part of the DHCA Director's final recommendation on this façade easement purchase.

Please contact Kristina Ellis, Senior Planning Specialist, DHCA, at 240-777-3644 or by email at kristina.ellis@montgomerycountymd.gov with any questions, for more information or to schedule a time to review the design documents in person at DHCA offices during the comment period.