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County Executive

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## **PLEASE NOTE:**

You are receiving this packet in an effort to gather feedback on a possible proposal. There are NO plans to construct. A decision will be made based on your feedback. Please send only one Comment Form. Multiple and duplicate comments will be not be counted.

## Dear Property Owner(s):

This letter is to notify you that the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) has received a request from the Cloverly Forest Homeowners' Association to construct sidewalks along **Rainbow Drive** from the **existing sidewalk** near Snider Lane to **Valencia Street**.

The Division of Transportation Engineering manages and administers the County's Annual Sidewalk Program for MCDOT. Providing safer access for the disabled and improving pedestrian access to schools and nearby public transportation or public facilities is the major goal for the Annual Sidewalk Program.

MCDOT staff conducted an on-site evaluation to identify and determine the feasibility for installing sidewalks. Enclosed, please find a project location map identifying the potential limits for the sidewalk proposal, the anticipated construction impacts within the public right-of-way adjacent to your property, and the County Arborist's Tree Protection Report. Also enclosed is a *Comments & Feedback Survey Form*. Your comments are beneficial to our office for gauging public reception of the proposal and for addressing any issues or concerns. *Please review the enclosed documents and submit all comments to the Annual Sidewalk Program by Friday, December 6, 2019.* 

As you can see, the Arborist's Report discloses what trees will need to be removed to make way for the proposed construction, as well as any protective measures that may be taken to maintain existing trees during construction. Please know, the County does not take tree removal lightly; for each tree removed by the County, three new trees are planted. The County's Arborist oversees placement of the new trees; the goal being to place as many trees as possible back into the community from which they were removed.

A public hearing may be required to decide on the sidewalk proposal. However, since there are only three residents on Rainbow Drive that would be impacted by the sidewalk installation, if all three residents agree to the sidewalk installation and submit your agreement in writing, the County can install the sidewalk without a public hearing, shaving many months from our process.

If you would like to request a field meeting to address any questions, please contact our Construction Representative, Juan Berrios at 240-777-7284.

Thank you for your consideration of the proposal. If you have any questions concerning the proposal, please contact my assistant, Lori Jean Main, at 240-777-7271 or Lori.Main@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Sincerely,

Frank Kingsley, Manager Annual Sidewalk Program

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