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County Executive



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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

November 18, 2022

Re: Willerburn Acres Community Sidewalk Proposal

Dear Property Owner(s):

This letter is to notify you that, after a complete review of the schools and numerous pedestrian generators surrounding the Willerburn Acres community and in furtherance of the County's Climate Action Plan, the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT), has designated the following roadways for sidewalk installation within the County's public right of way:

- the **north (odd)** side of **Fontaine Street** from **Goya Drive** to **Seven Locks Road**
- the **southwest (even)** side of **Goya Drive** from **Seven Locks Road** to **Fontaine Street**
- the **east (odd)** side of **Greenleaf Avenue** from **Fontaine Street** to **Reynolds Avenue**
- the **south (odd)** side of **Gainsborough Road** from **Seven Locks Rd** to **Fontaine Street**
- the **south (even)** side of **Mary Cassatt Drive** from **Seven Locks Rd** to **Ivymount Terr**
- the **south (even)** side of **Ivymount Terrace** from **Seven Locks Rd** to **start of culdesac**.

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 Sidewalk Program. MCDOT staff conducted a field investigation, confirming that landscape conditions within Willerburn Acres are favorable to sidewalk installation.

A virtual public hearing has been scheduled for January 25, 2023 at 7 p.m. Enclosed, please find the Virtual Public Hearing Notice. Also enclosed is a project location map identifying the potential limits for the sidewalk proposal, the anticipated construction impacts within the public right-of-way adjacent to private property, the County Arborist's Tree Report, Frequently Asked Questions and a *Written Testimony Survey Form*. Your testimony is beneficial to our office for addressing any issues or concerns. The Testimony form is provided as a convenience; however, you may alternatively submit your testimony via email to Lori.Main@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Written Testimony may be submitted any time from your receipt of this proposal through the close of the Hearing Record on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 5 p.m. Please note, **written testimony carries the same weight as oral testimony provided at the hearing. One written testimony submission will be accepted per resident. Residents are, however, welcome to submit both written and oral testimony.**

Residents residing adjacent to the potentially impacted public rights of way are welcome to schedule a field visit at their property to address any questions. If you would like to request a field visit, please contact our Construction Representative, Juan Berrios at juan.berrios@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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The Arborist's tree report discloses what right of way trees will need to be removed due to poor, declining health or to make way for the sidewalk installation. The report also indicates any protective measures that may be taken to maintain the health of existing trees during construction. Please know that Montgomery County does not take tree removal lightly. Trees are beautifully majestic and a strong ally in our fight against climate change. In full compliance with the Department of Environmental Protection's requirements related to mandatory tree removals, *three* trees will be planted for every *one* tree removed.

If the sidewalks are approved and following installation, property owners who had trees removed may submit a request for their preferred species of replacement tree(s) from the County's standard tree lists. Procedural details for requesting replacement trees will be provided when and if the sidewalks are approved and installed. The County's standard trees lists may be viewed at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Highway/tree/>.

You are also welcome to request a tree be planted on your private property any time at <https://treemontgomery.org/request-a-tree/>.

Thank you for your consideration of enhanced pedestrian safety in your community. If you have any questions, please contact Planning Specialist, Lori Jean Main, at lori.main@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Sincerely,



Robert Gonzales, Manager
Sidewalk Program

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Enclosures