

Dear Task Force Members,

As recent new owners of Woodside Gardens, we are interested in working with public and private community partners to improve both the Woodside and Annapolis communities. In this light, we are open to ideas and initiatives that enhance quality of life for the Woodside Community and broader Annapolis community.

We recognize that a significant public investment into the area has an opportunity to help stimulate additional interest in the Forest Drive corridor that could benefit the residents at Woodside. The relocation of the Public Works facility could serve as a catalyst to spur future commitments and investments in the area.

Additionally, goals to provide increased pedestrian access and safety to Forest Drive directly impact the daily lives of the residents in our community. Reducing physical barriers to amenities would be a positive advancement. Opening access routes into the city through upgraded pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure will enhance prospects for employment and educational access for our residents, some of whom currently have limited transportation options.

We strongly support the goals of investment and access promoted by the land swap and look forward to the continued plan refinement. We feel it is important to work with the City Council and members of the community to make strong decisions that will move our communities forward.

Sincerely,

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Bobby Byrd

Vice President, Fairstead Affordable