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#### **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: November 13, 2014

TO: Montgomery County Planning Board

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Worksession #1 for Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park Master Plan Update **SUBJECT:** 

#### **Recommended Action**

Approve the Master Plan Update for the Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park

#### **Background**

This memo:

- reviews the Plan schedule,
- summarizes the Staff response to the public input on the Public Hearing Draft Plan presented to the Board on October 2, 2014,
- proposes revisions to the Plan in order for the Board to approve as a final Master Plan Update and
- describes the next steps once the Board approves the final Master Plan Update.

#### Schedule

This project began in December 2013 with staff attending various community meetings, and providing updates to the Planning Board as listed below:

Public Outreach and Project Schedule			
DECEMBER 2013	Began staff meetings to review background.		
JANUARY 27, 2014	Attended Clarksburg Civic Association Meeting		
FEBRUARY 19, 2014	Attended UpCounty Recreation Advisory Board Meeting		
MARCH 29, 2014	Attended Clarksburg Kite Day		
APRIL 28, 2014	Attended the UpCounty Citizens Advisory Board		

Public Outreach and Project Schedule			
MAY 1, 2014	Attended the Park Ridge HOA Meeting		
MAY 22, 2014	Issues and Outreach Report to the Planning Board		
MAY 22, 2014	Attended the Arora Hills HOA meeting		
MAY 28, 2014	Public Meeting – Little Bennett Elementary School Cafeteria		
JUNE 16, 2014	Public Meeting – Arora Hills Community Center		
JULY 17, 2014	Staff Draft to the Planning Board		
OCTOBER 2, 2014	Public Hearing at the Planning Board		
NOVEMBER 20, 2014	Worksession #1 at the Planning Board		

#### **Summary of Plan Recommendations**

The Public Hearing included the following:

Area A - Active Recreation Area — located on the western side of the park with access from Skylark Drive. This is the area recommended for the carousel and a unique family destination area with additional amenities including a building for ticket sales, birthday party rental rooms and restrooms, a larger themed play area including amenities for teens, additional picnic shelters, a splash pad, terraced seating and lounging areas, a dog park, a kite flying open space, trails connections through the park and food concession areas.

**Area B – Central Area / Event Area** – located in the center of the park, this area is recommended to use the historic Ned Watkins house and outbuildings as a site for unique events such as weddings and other outdoor celebrations including graduations and farm to table fund raisers. There will be a native reforestation buffer from the adjacent housing development and meadows with a trail system through the central area.

Area C – Eastern Area / The Home Food Gardens and Organic Farm Area – located on the eastern side of the park and including the existing Red Wiggler Community Farm, this area is proposed as a complement to the successful organic farming happening at the Red Wiggler farm. It recommends that the historic Oliver Watkins Farm House be used as the center for a Home Food Gardens program, a program that focuses on the advantages of home grown foods and edible gardens. Improvements will allow classrooms and offices within the house and use of the bank barn. Other improvements include adding community gardens and demonstration plots and upgrading existing utilities and entrances to the farm.

**The Ovid Hazen Wells Trail** - this trail recommendation will connect the hard surfaced trail in the Clarksburg Greenway to Ovid Hazen Wells Park. In addition to a connection to this park, the Clarksburg Greenway Trail is envisioned to connect communities to Little Bennett Regional Park, Black Hills Regional Park, Ridge Road Recreational Park, and Damascus Recreational Park as part of the Clarksburg Greenway Trail System (Clarksburg Master Plan and Hyattstown Special Study Area, June 1994) an 11.5 mile trail system.

The future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center – this plan recommends new parkland acquisition along Skylark Road and Piedmont Road to add 11.98 acres to the park to be a possible site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center. The County is currently studying this site and others as part of its site selection study for the final location of the Center.

#### **Recommended Changes to the Public Hearing Draft**

Since the time of the publication of the Public Hearing Draft, Staff has received letters and online comments which are included as the attachments to this memo.

Staff's recommended changes to the Plan Update:

- Based on concerns raised during the planning process, staff is recommending that a traffic and noise study for development proposed at the Active Recreation Area be a part of the next phase – the Facility Planning phase. If approved, this recommendation will be included in the final approved document.
- Staff is recommending that the new land acquisition proposed for the park be used to
  accommodate a cricket field, if it is not chosen as the site for the Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics
  and Senior Center. If approved, this recommendation will be included in the final approved
  document.
- 3. Staff is recommending that the Native Reforestation Area be labeled as such on the concept master plan. If approved, this recommendation will be included in the final approved document.
- 4. Staff is recommending that the central and eastern areas of the park be described as the Event Area and the Home Garden and Organic Farming Area to better articulate the type of programming proposed for those areas. If approved, this recommendation will be included in the final approved document.
- 5. Staff is recommending that the central area of the Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park be considered as one of the sites for a Disc Golf Course. The other site being considered is the Damascus Recreational Park. A feasibility study is planned for 2015.

#### **Next Steps**

#### Park's Department Facility Planning Schedule and the County's Site Selection Study

The is currently funding the Department of Parks' CIP to begin facility planning for Phase One development in the park including the carousel with supporting infrastructure and the expanded trail system. The facility planning will begin in the New Year.

The site selection study for the location of the Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center (Attachment 4) is being conducted by the County's Department of General Services. They are expecting to begin the study sometime within the next couple of months.

#### **List of Attachments**

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Attachment 4 - Selection Process for the Clarksburg Recreation and Aquatics Center - page 78

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#### **Attachment 1 - Summary of Public Input**

Public input on the new development planned for this park was received through meetings, through an online comment board and from letters mailed to the Planning Board. Below is a tally of the requests received and charts detailing individual input.

#### **Tally of Requests**

Top requests from the public meetings and the online comment board:

• Want the Carousel – this is a given and required by the deed

The top 5 requests from voting at the public meeting:

- The future Clarksburg Recreation and Aquatics Center including senior center - 27
- Maintain natural areas 15

- More play areas with more equipment 13
- Disc Frisbee golf 13
- A splash park 11

Additional amenities requested through the on-line comment board and letters:

- Outdoor spaces for events and open (purposeful) green space
- More organic farming areas like Red Wiggler Farm
- More trails allow for a 5k route
- More picnic areas with barbeque grills

- Dog park
- Community gardens
- Basketball courts/tennis courts/volleyball courts
- A cricket field

# Written requests as part of the Public Hearing and Public Record Chart 1 - Summary of CTRACK Letters

DATE	NAME	AFFILIATION	SUMMARY OF INPUT	STAFF RESPONSE/RECOMMENDATION
10/2/2014	Keith Miller	President, Arora Hills HOA	Support the proposed changes, but are concerned about noise and traffic, so would like a noise survey and a traffic survey completed before improvements are made.	Traffic and noise studies will be included as part of the Facility Planning for the next phase of park development, including the carousel installation and the family destination area development. The results will be shared with the public.
10/2/2014	Paul Majewski	Individual living next to park	Wants a native tree area specified on plan. Wants it to have tree labels for the native species planted on site. Wants the County to reduce or eliminate un-health insects such as ticks. Wants the carousel, but preferred 1995 location. Concerned that new location will adversely affect residents living close by the park because of the additional noise and parking. Thinks residents in close proximity should receive reduced or free admissions as compensation for the adverse impacts.	Page 20 of the Public Hearing Draft states that "the reforestation area with have native plantings and plant identification markers as education for the trail users who pass through the buffer". Staff recommends adding the words Native Tree to describe the Reforestation Buffer on the Concept maps. The carousel needs to be located with supporting amenities such as picnic areas, play areas and other activity areas therefore the central area will not work as a location because there are no existing amenities in the central area. Park Staff monitor the rates of Lyme disease using County Health Department data to track high tick problems in the county. There is currently no funding dedicated to doing tick reduction. In general, citizens should be made aware that many of our parks can have ticks and if they are visiting them they should take precautions as outlined in the County's brochure on Lyme disease which can be found online at <a href="http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/Resources/Files/PHS%20Docs/lyme_tick_web.pdf">http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/Resources/Files/PHS%20Docs/lyme_tick_web.pdf</a> . Traffic and noise studies will be included as part of the Facility Planning for the next phase of park development, including the carousel installation and the family destination area development. The results will be shared with the public.
10/5/2014	Kamal Rajaram	Resident of Arora Hills	Supports a majority of the plan recommendations but opposes the location of the carousel and the Aquatic Center. Wants the Aquatic center located on a road that can support the increased traffic. Wants the Aquatic Center and carousel located in the plan area C off of Rt. 27, away from the residents.	Traffic and noise studies will be included as part of the Facility Planning for the next phase of park development, including the carousel installation and the family destination area development. The results will be shared with the public. Traffic studies for the proposed Clarksburg Recreation and Aquatics center
10/6/2014	Ron Welke	Secretary, UpCounty Citizens Recreation Advisory Board	Supports the plan recommendations. Wants the County to consider the park as the location for the UpCounty Community Recreation, Senior and Aquatic center during its site	The County has included Ovid Hazen Wells Recreation Park as a candidate site for the proposed Clarksburg Recreation, Senior and Aquatics center. The relocation of the carousel is the first phase of the new development for the park.

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			selection process. Wants high priority to be given to the relocation of the carousel.	
10/6/2014	Sawar Faraz	President for the Board of Directors for Park Ridge HOA	Support some of the proposals but have reservations about the commercial aspects of the development including the concession stands, splash park, and wedding/event facility. Wants to see studies done to address noise and traffic before development occurs.	Traffic and noise studies will be included as part of the Facility Planning for the next phase of park development, including the carousel installation and the family destination area development. The results will be shared with the public.
10/7/2014	Benjamin Wolff	Policy Analyst Councilmember Cherri Branson, District 5	Interested in Disc Golf and was wondering if there was a disc golf course being built in the county?	A Disc Golf Course currently exists at the Seneca State Park. The Parks Department will study the feasibility of a disc golf course at Damascus Recreational Park and the central area of the Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park. The study will begin in 2015 with a recommendation for a disc golf site to be presented to the Planning Board after the study is completed.
10/14/2014	Sabin Sundar	Germantown resident, Member of the Kings XI Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/14/2014	Dishant Parikh	Germantown resident, Member of the Infinite Eagles Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/14/2014	Kunal Parikh	Germantown resident, Member of the Titans Cricket Team	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/14/2014	Bhavin Patel	Germantown resident, Member of the Kingsview Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/14/2014	Mukesh Vadgama	Germantown resident, Member of the Kingsview Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/14/2014	Rajkumar Jagani	Germantown resident, Member of the Kingsview Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/14/2014	Sajan Mohammed	Boyds resident, Member of the King XI Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/ 14/2014	Manoj Balakrishnan	Clarksburg resident, member of the Germantown Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/14/2014	Jignesh shah	Germantown resident,	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed

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		Member of the Kingsview Cricket Club	at the park.	parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/14/2014	Manoj Choudhary	Germantown resident, Member of the Germantown cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/14/2014	Neel Parikh	Germantown resident, member of the Infinite Eagles Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/14/2014	Jitendra Virani	Boyds resident, Manager of the Titans Cricket Team	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/14/2014	Chintan Fafadia	Boyds resident, Member of the Kingsview Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/14/2014	Akshat Shah	Germantown resident, member of the Kingsview Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/14/2014	Navin Vishnu	Rockville resident, Member of the Kings XI cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/14/2014	Purna Uppalapati	Clarksburg resident, Member of the Rockville Challengers Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/14/2014	Nandakumar Thrikkassery	Gaithersburg resident, Member of Team Mustangs cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/14/2014	Parthav Jailwala	Germantown resident, Member of the Kingsview Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/14/2014	Manoj	Germantown resident, Member of the Kings XI Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/15/2014	Surender Khurana	Clarksburg resident, Manager and Captain of the Bethesda cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/15/2014	Kumar Kaji	Rockville resident, Member of the Bethesda Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/15/2014	Vinoth Jagannathan	Germantown resident, Member of the Kingsview	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future

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		Cricket Club		Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/15/2014	Anuj Sharma	Rockville resident, Member of the Bethesda Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/15/2014	Dharmesh Mehta	Boyds resident, member of the Kingsview Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/15/2015	Vijay Veerappan	Germantown resident, Member of the Rockville Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/15/2014	Chandreshu Dave	Germantown resident, Member of the Kingsview Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/15/2014	Rikta Virani	Germantown resident, Member of the Kingsview Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/16/2014	Ashok Nair	Germantown resident, Member of the Germantown Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/16/2014	Satyajit	Gaithersburg resident, Member of the Sunrise Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/16/2014	Cherian Eapen	Clarksburg resident, Member of Montgomery County Cricket Association	Support the plans for the carousel re-location and the expansion of the park through acquisition of the Johnson properties. Believes the Johnson property is an ideal location for a cricket field. Would like the Parks department to commence the Site Selection process for a permanent cricket field in the I-270 corridor.	The 2012 Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Master Plan estimates a need for four (4) purpose built cricket fields by the year 2022. To deliver this service most efficiently, candidate sites should be large enough to have a minimum of one (1) field and ideally two (2) fields. The Department of Parks is current identifying and evaluating candidate sites that are wholly park owned, or have reasonable expectations of ownership, have public expectation of being developed as active recreation sites, and near growing populations. Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational park would be a candidate site that meets all of these criteria.
10/16/2014	Prasanth Bondalapati	Clarksburg resident, Member of the Mighty Challengers Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/16/2014	Siddharth Savaliya	Clarksburg resident, Member of the Sunrisers Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.

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10/17/2014	Pankaj Kapoor	Germantown resident, Member of the Germantown Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/17/2014	Sunil Kumar	Clarksburg resident, Member of the MCPL Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/18/2014	Ketan Parikh	Clarksburg resident, Member of the Dark Knights Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/20/2014	Venkatesh Kumar	Clarksburg resident, Member of the Falcons Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/21/2014	Hermant Choudhary	Germantown resident, Member of the Mighty Challenger Cricket Team	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.
10/23/2014	Karthik Kona	Gaithersburg resident, Member of the Dark Knights Cricket Club	Would like to see a cricket field accommodated at the park.	A cricket field should be accommodated on the proposed parkland, if it is not selected as the site for the future Clarksburg Recreation, Aquatics and Senior Center.

## **Chart 2 – Summary of Online Comments Chart**

Comments from the project webpage and emails as of 19-26-14

NAME	DATE	COMMENTS
Jeanne	9/29/2014	The proposed park looks to be a fantastic facility for northern Montgomery County. As a Wheaton area mom, we've certainly enjoyed using the carousel at Wheaton Regional Park. I'd welcome additional information on plans to replace that amenity once the current carousel is moved to the new park.
Laura	9/21/2014	I am a resident of Arora Hills and strongly oppose the master plan updates that will only increase the traffic/congestion already present on Skylark and Ridge roads. I support the addition of trails/green space but adding resources that will attract non-Clarksburg/Damascus residents such as a splash park, playgrounds, carousel, aquatics center will only bring unneeded traffic and crime to our neighborhood. Once traffic issues are addressed in our neighborhood, we can then focus on attracting non-residents to our community. Please make these considerations for the residents of Arora Hills/Clarksburg Village before moving forward with any plans. Thank you.
Arora Hill Resident	9/19/2014	<ol> <li>Aquatic Pool</li> <li>walking and biking trails</li> <li>Tennis Courts</li> <li>Above with least hindrance to existing Flora / Fauna</li> </ol>
Arora Hill Resident	9/16/2014	I am Arora Hills resident. There are many parks nearby. When I go there (example park near the intersection of Rt.27 and 355), I generally see very few people and it just feels like a major waste of money in constructing and maintaining all the facilities there. We don't need any more parks or additions to them

NAME	DATE	COMMENTS
		to waste more money. Instead we need better roads NOW to reduce traffic on Rt. 27, Rt. 355, construct exit 17 on I-270, Mid county highway extension to Rt 27 etc. Traffic is a nightmare every day and it keeps getting worse.
Jay Harper	9/16/2014	A resident of Arora Hills. I would love to see some tennis courts and the disc golf course described below in earlier comments. The aquatic center would be a great amenity to have in the area as well. HOWEVER, given the current traffic constraints along 27, particularly from 355 northward, something as large as the aquatic center should not be contemplated until something is done to improve thoroughfare and ease congestion. I read somewhere that the aquatic center could potentially help DC's bid for the Olympics. There is no way that the current traffic configuration could handle the increased load such an event would bring to the area. 27 isn't equipped to handle the continuing growth of the Clarksburg community let alone the influx of visitors for such an event.
Cautious resident	9/16/2014	There have been some great suggestions. However many of them are currently and readily available within the county within 5-10 minute drives of the park. We don't need to continually clutter this county with high cost, low use infrastructure. Any changes that may be considered for the park should not even be entertained until traffic and road infrastructure is addressed. There is already an overuse of Skylark Road and significant traffic impacts with the light at 27/Skylark Rd. Adding any kind of public use facility will only increase the volume. This county has typically thought about impact AFTER the fact. We do not need to develop and clutter every acre of the county. The natural use and appearance is quite refreshing. I am very opposed to The Aquatic and Recreation Center. There is currently several options for recreation facilities less than 15 miles from the Clarksburg proposed area. Aside from the new community pools already available to residents of developments, the Germantown Waterpark, Germantown outdoor pool, and upper county pool are within short distance. Damascus has a near new community center that is underutilized. Any resident that would say they are not convenient, will never make full use of the facilities if they were in their own back yard. What strategies will be employed to offset potential for crime and loitering? I am in support of the Eastern area plans associated with Red Wiggler Farm - with the least amount of environment impact possible. I am adamantly opposed to ANY proposal that will result in increased taxes. Please maintain the historic, rural feel of the area that led so many folks to reside here.
Arora Resident	9/11/2014	I read with much concern that the Aquatic Center is proposed to be located at the very corner of Skylark Rd. In other words, all the traffic will be traversing the entire length of skylark rd. to get to the center. It is just a bad idea. Why can't the Aquatic center be located closer to Rt 27, which is eventually being planned to be upgraded as an highway. Whereas, no such plan exists to improve Skylark Rd. An Aquatic Center right next to a residential area will completely change the landscape of the area, which till now has the character of a quiet neighborhood. The location of the Aquatic center was never prescribed in the original plan. Therefore, locating it near to residential houses is an unwelcome surprise for home owners who bought and live in the area, and who were never made aware of or were involved in the this new plan. I urge the planners to try to locate the center away from residential areas. The area proposed for the Aquatic center could be utilized for ball fields or parks, which would be a natural extension of the existing fields located near the proposed site.
Clarksburg Civic Association	1/27/2014	Need the carousel here, now!
Upcounty Recreation Advisory Board	2/19/2014	Include a space for the Clarksburg Aquatics and Recreation Center Include Racquetball courts Damascus would support any type of pool facility

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Kasane Mihara	2/20/2014	1. First of all I believe the Carousel should be moved to the Park where it belongs - I heard this may happen and think it would be great!  2. Second I think the community and Park system would benefit from some of the items that are in the South Germantown Park (splash park, mini golf, and indoor swim park or adventure playground/tot lots). We visit those and I think it would be nice to have something like that closer to home. Or even something like the tire park in Black Hills park.  3. More trails to ride a bike or have a nice walk. We walk on the current trails at the park but they are not really that long nor go anywhere.  4. More swings, and perhaps a swing for toddlers (only currently two and are always being used/occupied)  5. Perhaps the addition of horseshoes, and volleyball courts  6. And finally more trees! Skylark Road used to have many trees and shaded area along the road and I think that would be nice to bring them back to the park as well!
Lisa Blackwood	2/22/2014	The structure for the carousel needs to be built so that it can be brought to the park. I know this move was in the deed for the county to obtain the land. It would be awesome to turn the Watkins' home into a Nature center for field trips (With the county's new curriculum these are in more need).  More play equipment would be wonderful for kids, maybe even fitness stations like the Marauder Trail. Big trees! A dog park would be lovely. I run around the park daily and there are so many dog walkers out.
Destiny Dry Uy 12622 Grand Elm St Clarksburg, Md 20871 301-758-4131	2/22/2014	I am a member of the Clarksburg Civic Association and would like to express my thoughts on the carousal that is currently at Wheaton Regional Park but belongs in Clarksburg in the Ovid Hazen Wells park. I hope someday when I leave this earth that my last wishes and especially promises will be kept. The Hazen-Wells family generously donated their land in Clarksburg and I believe that the promises that the county made to this family should be kept and therefore the carousal should be brought to the land it was intended for to uphold this obligation.
Karen Accardi	2/22/2014	As a Clarksburg resident I have been waiting for the return of the carousel currently located in Wheaton to be returned to Ovid Hazen Park in Clarksburg. Can you please update me on the status of this issue?
Teresa Gaspar	2/23/2014	Would it be possible to add a Community Garden space in this park?
Marjorie Greenwood 12216 Dancrest Dr, Clarksburg, MD 20871	2/23/2014	Clarksburg is ready to receive our Carousel. Please do whatever is needed to make this happen. And thank Wheaton for taking care of it all these years. Residence since 1976
Upcounty Advisory Board	4/28/2014	Consider studying the carousel at Glen Echo to understand all the supporting structure needs Concerned about artificial turf fields being located at this park Artificial turf would help extend the use Are you certain about the acres on the Johnson property map – yes they are from the tax map. Do not think the picture of the historic house is the Oliver Watkins House? What is the funding available for the park development – currently there is only money for facility planning for FY2015 and FY2016 We love the Red Wiggler farm and want it to have an opportunity to expand and grow How can Arora Hills be involved and connected? Were there any slaves living on the Wells farm or before that?
Kent Engel Park Ridge HOA – Board	5/2/2014	I am sending you this E-Mail so that I can get on record with my thoughts concerning both the Ovid Hazen Wells Carousel and the Community Recreation and Aquatics Center.  With regard to the Carousel:

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Member kentengel@aol.com		I am very much in favor of having it located in the Ovid Hazen Wells Recreation Park. However, I do have some important concerns and suggestions:  1. The sound level must absolutely be both controllable and controlled so as not to disturb the surrounding homeowners.  2. One means of achieving the sound level control may be simply to keep the volume down by whatever means is available on the calliope.  3. Another means of achieving the sound level control would be to plant a dense screen of trees, in an aesthetically pleasing manner, around and near the carousel. Perhaps pine trees would work best.  4. Perhaps a final means of achieving the sound level control would be to put in place a procedure by which surrounding homeowners could have both administrative and legal means of redress, should the sound level prove to be problematic.
		<ul> <li>With regard to the Community Recreation and Aquatics Center:</li> <li>I am very much in favor of having it located in the Ovid Hazen Wells Recreation Park. My preference would be to have it located on the property you said Parks and Planning was seeking to purchase on the corner of Piedmont Road and Skylark Road.</li> <li>I would further recommend that the facility include some sort of indoor walking track. I am familiar with a facility where such a track was incorporated on the second floor of an exercise area, specifically surrounding a full size basketball court and a moderate cardiac workout area. It provided excellent, year round, exercise for literally hundreds of individuals of all ages.</li> </ul>
Sarwar Faraz sarwar98@yahoo.com	5/2/2014	* Acquiring the Johnson property would be a great addition to the park.  * The Aquatic Center on the Johnson property or any other location is a wonderful idea. It would bring much needed activity which Clarksburg lacks.  * I have reservations about the music the carousal will generate all day long.  * Soccer fields, baseball fields are welcome. Mini Golf is not.  * How about adding a Cricket Oval (field)?
Brad Beeson	5/8 2014	A disc golf course would be a great use of the land. It would cost the county very little money to install and maintain, and would be a super low cost activity that's fun for the whole family. There is enough acreage available so that 27 or 36 holes could easily be installed. For a number of reasons, the west side of the park would seem to be best place for a course. The 20 year old facility in Seneca Creek State Park is a great example of environmental stewardship and volunteerism.
Jeff Popovich 4711 Saul Road Kensington MD, 20895 BLCK DGRD blckdgrd@gmail.com	5/8/2014	I am a Montgomery County resident who lives in Kensington (and grew up in old Gaithersburg). I am writing in response to and support for a recent post on the Maryland Disc Golf Forum regarding a discer's idea of installing a disc golf course in OHW Park. I'd like to urge you to consider the possibility.  There is a large disc golf community in Montgomery County but only one public course at Seneca Creek State Park. It is a world class course, one I play at least twice a month, and on weekends it is extremely crowded. A second course in Montgomery County would be wonderful and, if designed correctly, heavily used also. May I suggest you contact the rangers at Seneca Creek State Park and inquire about usage and general observations. We have a very good working relationship with the Park and I believe they can attest to both our heavy usage and maintenance of the park.
Jerry Honis, Chairman and Director of Programming for the Southern Maryland Disc	5/12/2014	I was wanting to show support for rumors of a new Disc Golf course being considered at Ovid Hazen Wells Park by relaying some recent experiences our club has just gone through. On April 26 Charles County (a previously disc golf barren county) opened a brand new course in La Plata at Turkey Hill Park, and we had

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Golf Club down in St. Mary's, Calvert and Charles County.		over 79 players come from Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina and even Massachusetts to play the new course and support the sport in our area. 40 of those players were Southern Maryland locals, half of who never played disc golf before and were eager to learn. In the 2 weeks the course has been open we've seen many of those same locals and same out of towners return to play again and again, bringing more friends and more family each time.
Disc Golf is Fun (Guest):	5/14/2014	I am in agreement. Disc golf courses also double as hiking and bike trails for all of the community, not just disc golfers. Disc golf is an excellent way for those of all ages to be active outdoors. And it is also a great family activity for everybody to get out and have fun. Even the dogs can get out and enjoy being outside. The volunteers do a lot of work to keep the park clean and maintained, as well as getting trash picked up and off the property. Most disc golfers are avid environmentalists who have the best interest of the world at heart
Disc Golf is Fun (Guest):	5/14/2014	Disc golf is a growing sport and it is growing quickly. It is excellent for all ages. The volunteers do a lot of work to keep the park clean and maintained. Fun way to get outside and exercise while enjoying a very fun activity
Disc Golf is Fun (Guest):	5/14/2014	I don't know why you would do this, but wouldn't this use electricity. A disc golf course would not only be electricity free, but would also have volunteers cleaning and maintaining the park
Disc Golf is Fun (Guest):	5/14/2014	Again, these cost a lot of money. And Germantown not only has plenty of room for this, but why would Clarksburg want a bunch of Germantonians invading with a ton of people every weekend? Put aquatic center at Soccer Plex in Germantown and leave Skylark alone. There would be WAY TOO MUCH traffic at this park. And 27 is only a two-lane road out of Germantown, so an aquatic center would also clog up that road very much on weekends
Disc Golf is Fun (Guest):	5/14/2014	Disc golf would have WAY LESS traffic than some sort of aquatic center. A disc golf course would not cost money like an aquatic center. You wouldn't need to build a structure or run electricity or running water. Aquatic centers are expensive and attract WAY TOO MUCH traffic on Skylark Rd. Especially since there are already 3 or 4 baseball fields and at least one soccer field over there attracting people
	5/14/2014	These all sound expensive. Tennis courts are fine if they are not there. And maybe a basketball court. But there is plenty of room for disc golf, which is a very effective use of land. As the course would double as hiking and biking trails for all to use
Disc Golf is Fun (Guest):	5/14/2014	I agree with this guy. Why spend so much money and try to attract so many people when there are not sufficient roads to get to this place? It would be a nightmare on weekends to head from Germantown toward Clarksburg and Damascus on Rt 27/Ridge Rd
Melio521	5/15/2014	I would love to see a dog park, tennis courts, a bigger, nicer playground than the tiny ones sprinkled throughout the neighborhoods. I love the idea of more green space, but I also want to see purposeful green space. I love the idea of trails and pathways around the area as well. Thank you!
Disc Golf is Fun (Guest)	5/15/2014	These are all good ideas
Clarksburg_Resident (Guest):	5/15/2014	Clarksburg currently lacks many amenities that exist in any other places such as  1. Community Recreation and Aquatic Center, We really need a recreation and Aquatic center that can be used year around, we have pools in some communities only in summer. A community recreation center and aquatic center will be very useful for people of all ages.  2. Place for Kids of all ages to play, a basketball court, tennis court, baseball etc.,  3. A place for picnic - There are no nearby shelters that can be used for picnic, A picnic area with bbq places will I be very y useful Thanks.

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thebrightside	5/15/2014	Miniature golf, batting cages, tennis courts, trees around the existing playground, more trails, more picnic areas, a small amphitheater with seating like at centennial park in Howard County. Just some ideas :-)
Clarksburg Resident (Guest):	5/15/2014	<ol> <li>Community Recreation and Aquatic Center. We really need a recreation and Aquatic center that can be used year around, we have pools in some communities only in summer.</li> <li>A community recreation center and aquatic center will be very useful for people of all ages. Also it will provide kids UpCounty something to do.</li> <li>Place for Kids of all ages to play, a basketball court, tennis court, baseball etc.,</li> <li>A place for picnic - There are no nearby shelters that can be used for picnic. A picnic area with bbq places will be very useful.</li> <li>Miniature golf course.</li> </ol>
Sarticus DeGald	5/ 18/2014	I think that most taxpayers want to get the most for the least expense. For parks, I think this should translate to build as little impervious infrastructure as possible and remain as pristine and as close to nature as possible. Enable access, make twisty trails (don't take down trees), and have (already treeless) fields mowed for sports. In addition there are some who feel that we need to make efforts reverse the seeming trend to 'protect' us by placing restrictions on our liberty rather than focusing on the importance of individual responsibility and holding individuals accountable for any action causing harm to anyone else. This site offers a small opportunity for a limited re-enabling of some freedom. The liberty that might be increased here would be to enable enjoying nature naturally. The Eastern woods, especially if the center area funding is minimal and not covered with buildings (put the carousel next to the currently built up area); seem suitable for a clothing optional loop trail. Nude is not lewd. Lewd behavior is unacceptable and way one dresses (or not) in no way should be considered as authorizing any lewd behavior. In the alternative, perhaps enabling women as well as men to not wear shirts on a well-marked trail would be a smaller step towards increasing freedom (and be less sexiest than allowing removal of shirts for men and not for women.)
Hi, my name is Geremy Gieryna	5/23/2014	I was wanting to show support for a new Disc Golf course in your community. I think this would be a great addition for the park which will begin to see more usage with all of the new homes being built. Disc Golf gives people an excuse to get outside and get away from their TV's and computers! You even see some avid Disc Golfers playing year round, rain or shine. Disc Golf is a great, low cost sport in which all ages can play. I am hoping you will gives this idea some thought.
Bonnie A. Beavers (Guest):	5/26/2014	Red Wiggler Farm is a terrific asset to Montgomery County. Plan developed for Ovid Hazen Wells Park should fully support Red Wiggler and its strategic plan as a nonprofit.
J. Breiner (Guest):	5/27/2014	The non-profit Red Wriggler Farm is a little known gem. They provide opportunities to educate, feed, employ, & inform across many sectors of our Montgomery County community. Any master plan for Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park needs to value & support it.
Gharris (Guest):	5/29/2014	I want to express my support of Red Wiggler Farm. Their unique position in the community exemplifies so many of our community values through its education efforts, employing county residents who have developmental differences and more. I am strongly in favor of expanding the tax base through development but it must be done while preserving our values. Red Wiggler is an important resource.
KRL	6/2/2014	I strongly support having the Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park Master Plan update continue to support the Red Wiggler Farm. This is a great asset to Montgomery County. Not only does it exemplify the ideals we hold, by providing a supportive, dignified environment for those with developmental challenges helping them become productive members of our community, it also provides great educational opportunities for individuals (young and old).

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Disc Golf is Fun tallen702		I agree with this guy. Why spend so much money and try to attract so many people when there are not sufficient roads to get to this place? It would be a nightmare on weekends to head from Germantown toward Clarksburg and Damascus on Rt 27/Ridge Rd	
Glenn O'Rear (Guest):	6/9/2014	Living in Clarksburg's original community of Fountain View and not being allowed to join any of the local community pools we would welcome a county pool but at our expense as of course as it to be located at Skylark and Piedmont, we already have double the traffic count on needle Dr after the county dead ended Piedmont and now they want even more traffic thru our once quite streets so our children can grow up not being able to ride bikes and fearful of strange cars driving thru day and night? Why punish the residents that have gone thru 12 years of growth without any benefit?	
Glenn O'Rear (Guest):	6/9/2014	Agreed, Skylark Rd can't support the current amount of traffic from 27 as they built it to narrow, and the bizarre cut thru from Stringtown will just add more of a nightmare for Fountain View residents as everyone will use needle dr. Put this Rec Center/Aquatic Wonderland elsewhere, Clarksburg is already a traffic mess thanks to a lack of planning, do we really want the county making more plans here??	
Clarksburg Resident (Guest):	6/10/2014	I'm a resident of Arora Hills, so this park is right in our backyard (almost literally). We do NOT need the aquatic center in our neighborhood. We already have 2 neighborhood pools, so it would be better to locate it closer to UpCounty residents who do not have another option. Plus, the increased traffic on our roads would just make things even more crowded. No thank you.	
living off Skylark (Guest):	6/10/2014	Agreed! We have too much traffic on Skylark already	
Clarksburg Citizen (Guest):	6/ 12/2014	Reducing the number of tennis courts from 2 to 1 in Piedmont woods park is inadequate planning. See what happened in Montgomery Tennisplex at Germantown Soccerplex, it is very expensive, crowded, there is no place to park, and it is beyond affordable range for common public. There is no decent Tennis facility in Upcounty, we have to go all the way to Wheaton or cabin john park, which is impossible to get to without a road (the long promised road to Germantown and Clarksburg M-83).  We need better public tennis facilities in the count and for us in Clarksburg we need a p lace like Cabin John. Please think about adding couple of lighted tennis courts, indoor court with pay & use model so that people can play year round, practice and get lessons from any one qualified. Please think about providing affordable and quality tennis environment for fast growing youth population in this areas, I moved here 8 year ago, never got a chance to take my kids to tennis, by the time we come home beating all the traffic, it gets dark, the only lighted tennis courts in this area are at Wims Park with 2 spots. One tennis court for this area is useless. Will you even take a chance driving your kids to a park with all tennis gear, when you know that there is only one court ?!	
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susen (Guest):	6/ 19/2014	Expand the roads i.e. route 355 and route 27 to accommodate the extra traffic before anything else. we can't handle the traffic for the residents let alone carousel and aquatic center visitors.	
Jackie N. (Guest):	6/23/2014	I think a splash park for children of all ages would be great in addition to an aquatic indoor center.	
Jackie N. (Guest):	6/23/2014	Also more trails that would encourage outdoor walking/jogging/biking would be great!!!	
Rachel Jacobs 23133 Newcut Road	6/24/2014	Dear County Members, As a resident of Arora Hills in Clarksburg I have many concerns regarding the safety of my family. The development has many new roads that are being utilized by the development as bypasses to new shopping	

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Clarksburg, MD 20871		centers, schools and access roads. Folks are driving through the roads very quickly and over the speed limits. I have noticed the increase of police monitoring the areas, however stop lights, speed bumps and other modifications might work better on a 24 hour basis. Little Seneca Hwy and Newcut Road are quickly becoming a danger to the pedestrians and motorists. The parking on the sides of the roads is blocking the view of oncoming traffic. There are no pedestrian walkways on Skylark Road for the children to walk to the parks.  We love where we live and hope that you understand our concerns so that we may continue to thrive here as a community.  I thank you for your time
Beth Van Leer	6/24/2014	I was unable to attend the July 16th meeting to discuss the park's plans for updating the Ovid Hazen Wells Park Master Plan and would like to submit written comments and recommendations as a citizen of Montgomery County.  First of all I'd like to commend M-NCPPC on the proposed plan recommendations. I very much agree with the direction that the park has taken as a whole and the 3 areas that have been delineated. I agree with keeping the bulk of development within Area A on the western side of the park. I also appreciate the more natural development of Area B within the Central Area of the park, particularly the Reforestation Buffer area and meadows which would provide much needed habitat support for local birds. The winding natural surface trails will be a great way to connect the public with nature with minimal disturbance.  I am familiar with Area C within the Eastern Area of the park. I'm delighted to see the Red Wiggler Community Farm's integration into the pages of the Master Plan proposal. I worked on the farm for 11 years, the last 6 located on the Ovid Hazen Wells Park (2005 - 2011). The nonprofit farm practices environmental stewardship by using organic methods to grow local food, as well as providing community volunteer activities for youth and adults, with and without disabilities. I can truly appreciate the efforts of the park to partner with RWCF over the years, and now, into the future. Thank you!  My particular concern, however, is in Area C within the south-eastern area of the park. While working on the farm I became a certified Weed Warrior through Carole Bergman's wonderful program within Montgomery County parks. I also led biological stream monitoring over this time with volunteer groups on the creek which runs through the park. We had pretty good results, high diversity of small populations of benthic macro invertebrates. We partnered with the park naturalist, Denise Gibbs, to establish native plant communities within the disturbed south-eastern wetland areas to provide habitat for the state

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		straight through this sensitive area and would cause additional disturbance to the butterflies' habitat.  2.) Community Gardens (which I think is a great idea) should be moved from the wetland area. This plan may have been more valid prior to restoration efforts, but the area is transforming into the larger wetland habitat at this point.  Possibly moved to Area C 1. Edible plantings, or Area A has a more suitable Proposed Parkland corner on Piedmont and Skylark which could also control additional traffic and provide ample parking.  3.) The hard surface trail also runs through this area. Is there consideration of a wetland trail bridge, similar to the Longwood Gardens trail bridge for sensitive habitat areas?  Looking into the future, it is encouraging to see parkland returned to natural areas that support local species. I was born and bred in Montgomery County, MD and remember life before impervious surface development took over. We must put into place proper protection were it is most needed. Preservation needs to happen now, before Maryland's state insect will no longer be able to exist in Maryland. Thank you for allowing me to submit my comments for consideration of the Ovid Hazen Wells Park Master Plan update.	
Mae	6/30/2014	Because schools usually have several kinds of recreation places for outdoor and indoor, we should focus on something that schools haven't offered, such as:  1. Community Recreation and Aquatic Center, especially the Aquatic Center (but not using Skylark Road to minimize the traffic). It's great to be outdoors in Clarksburg in other seasons, but not Winters. So we need something to fill hat 5 month gap!!! Community Center should have Computer Room, sport courts and gyms for all age residents.  2. Miniature golf course - easy and fun for all age.  3. fishing area in Kings Community Park and Pond management	
MMS	7/11/2014		
mb-germantown	7/8/2014	As an long-time Upcounty resident, I encourage the continued support of the Red Wiggler Community Far at Ovid Hazen Wells Park. Red Wiggler is an incredibly successful partnership between the community and the County. They have been great stewards of the land by fostering their Community Supported Agricultur while provided much needed jobs for adults with developmental disabilities. It has been a pleasure watching Wiggler transition from a fledgling organization to a highly successful farm. Red Wiggler is a great asset to the Upcounty and a great success story for the Parks Department.	
JLH	7/8/2014	I would like to enthusiastically support the continued inclusion of Red Wiggler Community Farm in the Master Plan. Red Wiggler in an important asset to the community.	
abw	7/8/2014		

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		a time to park and offload bicycles to quietly use the trails without having to compete with the noise/parking on the Western edge.
		Red Wiggler is a major asset, and should be allowed to retain its privacy so that it can continue its mission, and allow its workers/staff/visitors to remain in a quiet and protected environment. I would discourage routing 5 km running trails through their access roads/fields/etc. as is set forth in the current plan. The route as it is currently planned looks a bit like a tangle of spaghetti(!), and would be confusing to all! I suggest reducing the 5 km of running trails to 2.5 km, and allow any potential racers to just run the route twice if it is felt that 5 km of trails are really needed. Otherwise, I'd suggest reducing the running trails to 3 km or less.
		Overall, I think 'less is more' – the park will evolve over time, and it will continue to be an asset for years to come if it is not overdeveloped early on. There are already plenty of playgrounds, pools, tennis courts, etc. all over the county – but there are not many large tracts of natural parkland around.
Steve Magladry	7/12/2014	Red Wiggler is a treasure, and serves the community in so many ways. It should definitely be preserved in the plans.
Sophia	7/12/2014	I think Red Wiggler Community farm is a great asset to the local community as well as Montgomery County and the Chesapeake region. Not only does Red Wiggler employ disabled adults s, but it teaches our students, trains our aspiring farmers through participating in the Farmer Pilot Project, and provides local produce to area residents. Red Wiggler is also helping to promote and preserve our county's rich agricultural heritage. I have learned a lot about sustainable farming every time I have visited the farm for tours, meetings and conferences. I encourage Montgomery Parks and the Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park Master Plan to include Red Wiggler in all future plans.
Virginia Family	7/13/2014	I am not a resident of Clarksburg but Red Wiggler Community Farm has been a destination for my family, at least a couple times each year, for harvest dinners and other events. This farm is an exceptional community minded enterprise that is not only a beautiful destination but an important one for so many people. The fact that this farm has been the model for other non-profits around the country with programs for vocational training and horticultural therapy and healthy food production and the developmentally disabled communities is a testament to the strength of Red Wiggler's mission. The private-public partnership behind this visionary enterprise is maybe one of the most encouraging aspects I have seen and Montgomery County is to be commended for their support of this community farm. My hope is that we might see such an initiative here in my Virginia community.
NE	7/13/2014	We're Clarksburg residents and have been involved with Red Wiggler Community Farm for 17 years and truly appreciate the partnership with Montgomery Parks. The Parks commission has been very forward thinking by involving RWCF on the Ovid Hazen Wells property. The rich agricultural history of the area is preserved thru Red Wiggler's presence not only in land usage but also in building preservation. Combine that with meaningful employment of developmentally disabled adults, learning and volunteer opportunities for school children and anyone else in the area and delicious organic vegetables and you have an amazing asset for the community.  Keeping the recreational fields and development on the western side of the park and preserving the natural beauty thru the middle of the park toward Red Wiggler farm would make this gem shine. Trails for biking, hiking and running thru the acres of natural beauty would allow people to exercise and access nature without increasing destruction of trees and paved over land.

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Dell Ross	7/15/2014	During my 34 years of assisting persons with disabilities I have never seen anything like the Red Wiggler Farm. The program that the Board of the Red Wiggler and the Parks Department have developed is to be commended for its ingenuity and services provided to the local community as well as county wide residents. Not only does Red Wiggler provide jobs to persons with disabilities, it promotes youth to come out and get their hands dirty as they learn more about where our food comes from. The Red Wiggler is a treasure and should remain in the parks master plan for generations to come!

## **Chart 3 - Public Meeting Input**

IDEAS	YES PLEASE	NO THANKS
Carousel	8 - total comments	
	Bring it back	
	Yes, but keep the music down	
Community Recreation and Aquatic Center	5 - total comments	3 - total comments
,,	We really need an Aquatic Center	Poor use of taxes
	here	The proposed regional rec-center system is a bad
	Only year-round pool in the area	idea (vs community-based system) - result would
	Great for all ages	be too much traffic
	Community Room	
	Gym	
	Indoor fitness track	
	Votes from May 28 meeting - 12	
Additional play areas and playground equipment	5- total comments	
Additional play areas and playground equipment	Playgrounds in the area are too small	
	Votes from May 28 meeting - 8	
Basketball	2 - total comments	
2401.048411	Votes from May 28 meeting - 6	
Cricket Pitch	1- total comments	
	Votes from May 28 meeting - 4	
Tennis	4 - total comments	
	Votes from May 28 meeting - 5	
Disc Golf	8- total comments	
	Good for all ages	
	Votes from May 28 meeting - 5	
Trails and Pathways	3 - total comments	
Trails and Lambays	Love it	
	Disc Golf course can double as	
	walking trail	
	Votes from May 28 meeting - 5	
Picnic Areas and Shelters with Barbeque grills	2 - total comments	
	No picnic shelters nearby	
	BBQ grills welcome	
	Votes from May 28 meeting - 6	

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IDEAS	YES PLEASE	NO THANKS
Dog Park	2 - total comments	
	Votes from May 28 meeting - 6	
Purposeful Green Space	1 - total comments	
	Should have a purpose	
	Open playfields for kite flying, etc. Votes from May 28 meeting - 8	
	1 - total comments	
Maintain Natural Terrain/Keep Natural Areas	Votes from May 28 meeting - 14	
Community Garden	1 - total comments	
Community Garden	Can this be at Red Wiggler?	
	Votes from May 28 meeting - 3	
Splash Park	1 - total comments	
	Votes from May 28 meeting - 10	
Horse shoe court	1 - total comments	
Volleyball court	1 - total comments	
More trees	2 - total comments	
Nature Center in the Watkins House	1 - total comments	
Fitness stations	1 - total comments	
Artificial turf fields	2 - total comments	I am concerned about artificial turf fields being
	Artificial turf would help extend the	located at this park
	use	
Red Wiggler Farm Expansion – sustainable gardening areas	5 - total comments	
with solar or wind energy	Votes from May 28 meeting - 6	
Outdoor spaces for events like weddings, graduations, etc.	# - total comments	
	Votes from May 28 meeting - 6	
Acquire Johnson property	1 - total comments	
Small amphitheater	1 - total comments	
Soccer fields	1 - total comments	
Baseball fields	1 - total comments	
Batting cages	1 - total comments	
Miniature golf	2 - total comments	Mini-golf is not welcome
	Miniature golf	
Senior Center	# - total comments	
	Votes from May 28 meeting - 10	

## Attachment 2 - PDF of official CTRAK Letters for the record

From:

Sent:

Thursday, October 02, 2014 9:29 AM

To:

MCP-Chair

Cc:

Newhouse, Rachel

**Subject: Attachments:**  **Ovid Hazen Improvements** Letter to Planning Board.doc

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARKAND FLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Chairman,

Unfortunately, we will not be able to attend the public hearing today. Please see the attached letter which summarizes the communities concerns.

Regards,

**Keith Miller** President Arora Hills HOA



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October 2, 2014

Mr. Casey Anderson Chairman Planning Board M-NCPPC 8585 Georgia Ave Silver Spring, MD 20910

Mr. Anderson,

The Arora Hills Homeowners Association (HOA), which represents over 1300 homeowners in Clarksburg, is the community most directly impacted by the proposed changes to Ovid Hazen Park. Unfortunately, we will not be able to attend the public hearing on the proposed changes and therefore submit this letter for the record.

The HOA recently conducted a survey of our residents and based on the responses received the following results have a margin of error of plus or minus 5%. Overall, 64% of the residents responded in favor the planned improvements. However, the community is concerned about the potential noise and traffic impacts of the proposed changes. 58% responded that they think noise will have a negative impact on our community and 78% responded that there should be a noise study conducted before the improvements are made. As it relates to traffic, 87% of the HOA residents stated that a traffic study should be required prior to any improvements are made to Ovid Hazen Park. In response to which traffic improvements should be required before the planned improvements are made, 81% responded Rte. 27 from Skylark to Brink, 67% responded the completion of Snowden Farm Parkway to Rte. 27, 65% said improvements to Skylark Road to handle the additional traffic, and 58% responded that M83 should be completed from Rte. 124 to Rte. 27.

We would like to reiterate that the HOA supports the recommended changes but feels very strongly that these changes should not be implemented until the noise and traffic concerns are studied and results are shared with the HOA and the Clarksburg area.

Sincerely,

Keith

Keith Miller President

From:

Paul Majewski <pmajewski123@comcast.net>

Sent:

Thursday, October 02, 2014 11:00 AM

To:

MCP-Chair

**Subject:** 

My Comments on OHWP MP update

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THE MARYLAND NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARKAND PLANNING COMMISSION

11am, October 2, 2014

Chairpersons -

Please consider the following concerning the "Public Hearing Draft of the Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park Master Plan Update". Most relate to the change from the 1995 plan.

Primarily: The native tree area should remain. It should be specified in the plan (as was done in 1995). Also specify that each variety of tree to be well identified with a plaque at the base of the tree. A set of boards should display pictures of non-native invasive plants and noxious weeds.

Secondarily: The plan should specify that the county will plan to eliminate or reduce un-healthy insects, such as types of ticks. The increase of possibly tick-infested meadows is incentive for this. I have been bitten by a deer tick in the park already

Thirdly: Of course the Carousel must come to the park as in the deed. I favored the 1995 planned site. Because the county favors the 2014 propose site, I will reluctantly accept that if I can get concessions favorable to me and to others in the immediate area that feel or would feel similarly.

- The additional outdoor activities, like splash park and **teen** play, are being planned for the western section. This detracts from serenity (and possibly safety) of immediate residents. This negative impact also speaks for a concession.
- The additional parking in the park along Skylark and the additional noise are negative factors for residents along that section of Skylark (and, to a lesser degree, others that use Skylark regularly).
- I propose that you write into the plan to specify which residents along the affected section of Skylark Road, a section of Piedmont Road, and a few roads on the hill above (Park Ridge) be granted specified favors (such as free admissions or reduced fees at County Parks and Recreation sites).

Thank you for interest in my comments and for your attention to this fine park and advancing its use, serenity, and environmental qualities to the community and region.

Paul Majewski 12233 Piedmont Road, Clarksburg MD 20871 pmajewski123@comcast.net 301-972-6031



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARKAND PLANNING COMMISSION

From: raja kam <rkamalusa@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 05, 2014 11:59 PM

To: MCP-Chair

**Subject:** Comment regarding Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Master Plan

#### Dear Board Members,

I am writing this email in regards to the Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Master Plan. I couldn't attend the Planning Board meeting on Oct 2nd, because of my work schedule. I just found out that I could also send an email.

I live in the Arora Hills community on Skylark Rd near Cherry Branch Dr. I support many of the proposals in the plan such as the expanded trail system, Oliver Watkins Farm, Red Wiggler Community Farm, and Ned Watkins Historical Area in Focus Areas B and C. I also support the Teen Play area, Sledding Hill, Lounge Terrace, Community open Space, Renovated Play area and Dog park in the Focus Area A. These additions enhance the character of our community. I also believe that these enhancements should not add any additional traffic, because either they will most likely be used by residents from the Clarksburg community or by those who would use the entrance from Rt 27.

However, I strongly oppose the location of the Aquatic Center and the Carousal. Here are my reasons:

- 1) The carousal will significantly increase the noise levels of the otherwise quiet neighborhood.
- 2) The current roads in our community cannot support the future traffic growth for these two additions. As you know Skylark Rd and Piedmont are small 30mph roads. I cannot even imagine how these roads can take the additional traffic. As you know, the Germantown Aquatic center is supported by 2-lane dedicated roads.
- 3) An indoor aquatic center will probably be a massive 3-storey building, similar to the one in Germantown Soccerplex. Such a building will be be out of place anywhere in Clarkburg, leave alone the Skylark Rd corridor. In the Soccerplex, there is a very clear separation of the building from the residential area.
- 4) You probably don't know that the existing fields in the Focus area are used by residents who are mostly from outside Clarkburg area. They even have a "food truck" that serves food to visitors. My expectation is that the Aquatic Center and Carousal will probably also be used my residents from outside Clarkburg. In other words, while the residents like me who reside here are opposing these two additions, it will probably be used by those who are not living in the Clarksburg area.
- 5) An indoor aquatic center probably needs a high amount of Chlorine. We, the residents, would have to breath that chlorinated air year-around, due to the location of the building being so close to residential areas.
- 6) This proposal requires additional land requirements involving increased cost to the plan. I am surprised that the county is able to fund this plan, when already promised road improvements in Clarksburg area are still pending due to lack of financial resources.

I would like to mention that I am not opposing the plan to add the Aquatic center and Carousal. I am only objecting to the location of these two additions. Has the board considered adding these additions in Focus Area C in the plan? I sincerely believe this location has a lot of merit. Here are my reasons:

- 1) This area has an existing entrance to Rt 27, which would provide an outlet to all the additional traffic.
- 2) This area has very little residential units nearby. Therefore it would be a perfect place to absorb additional noise or chlorine in the air!
- 3) It should be a very short drive to all those Clarksburg residents who live away from the Skylark corridor but still want to have these two additions within Clarksburg.

Warm Regards, Kamal Rajaram

From:

Ronald Welke <helives4ron@msn.com>

Sent:

To: MCP-Chair

Cc: Subject: Newhouse, Rachel; Bourne, Jeffrey

Monday, October 06, 2014 9:52 AM

Update to the Ovid Hazen Wells Master Plan



OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARKAND PLANNING COMMISSION

October 6, 2014

#### Dear Chairman Anderson

On behalf of the Upcounty Citizens Recreation Advisory Board (UCRAB), I want to give our strong support to the staff recommendations in the Draft Update to the Ovid Hazen Wells Master Plan. Our Board was briefed on the staff recommendations by Rachel Newhouse earlier this year and we support all of the staff recommendations.

Of particular interest to the Board has been the site selection and facility planning for the Upcounty Community Recreation, Senior and Aquatic Center. The developing Clarksburg area is without such a facility and we support the staff recommendation to not locate the center in Ovid Hazen Wells Park, as there is insufficient space for the center's footprint and associated parking and green space.

The County's Department of General Services, in conjunction with the Department of Recreation, has begun the site selection process for the Center, and the UCRAB strongly supports consideration of the newly acquired M-NCPPC properties at the corner of Piedmont Road and Skylark Road as the future site for the Upcounty Community Recreation, Senior and Aquatic Center.

Further, we urge the Planning Board to give the highest priority to relocating the carousel from Wheaton Regional Park to Ovid Hazen Wells Park at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

Ron Welke, Secretary
Upcounty Citizens Recreation Advisory Board

## PARK RIDGE

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

c/o Vanguard Management Associates, Inc.
P.O. Box 39 • Germantown, Maryland 20875-0039
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THEMARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARKANDPLANNING COMMISSION

October 6, 2014

Mr. Casey Anderson Chairman Montgomery County Planning Board 8585 Georgia Ave Silver Spring, MD 20910

Mr. Anderson,

The Park Ridge Homeowners Association (HOA), which is located next to Ovid Hazen Park, is directly impacted by the proposed changes to Ovid Hazen Park. We would like you to record our input on the proposed changes.

Although we are in favor of developing Ovid Hazen Park to its full potential, we have some reservations about the commercial aspect of its development. Bringing the carousal from Wheaton is a given. Adding playing fields, an aquatic center, nature trails, sledding slopes all add value for the residents of Clarksburg. Concession stands to supplement the carousal, a splash park, facility to hold weddings and events are the commercial aspect of the development we oppose.

Prior to developing the park, we would like to see studies done to address traffic and noise. Every street that leads to Ovid Hazen Park is single lane. Is there a plan to widen any of the streets? The residents of Park Ridge cherish the peace and quiet they currently have. Has there been any consideration given to noise and litter? The repetitive music of the carousal, loud music from wedding parties intruding into neighboring homes, litter blowing into our yards from the concession stands is nothing to look forward to.

Please record our approval of developing the park, but reservations on the commercial aspect of it.

Sincerely,

For the Board of Directors.

PARK RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Sarwar Faraz, President

Board of Directors

cc: Board of Directors

## Worksession #1 - Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park Master Plan Update

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#### **MCP-CTRACK**

From:

sabin sundar <sabinsundar@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, October 14, 2014 12:05 AM

To:

Newhouse, Rachel

Cc: Subject: Wallis, Mark; Farquhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

Public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update

#### Dear Rachel

I am a resident of Montgomery Village and a member of Kings XI Cricket Club and we play in the Maryland Cricket Premier League. We understand that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update. As you know, the cricket players in Upcounty have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Upcounty for a long time and I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

#### Regrards,

Sabin Sundar 20202 Yankee Harbor Pl Montgomery Village, MD - 20886. 703-582-6714(C).

From:

Dishant Parikh < dishantp@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, October 14, 2014 10:05 AM

To:

Newhouse, Rachel

Cc: Subject: Wallis, Mark; Farquhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

Request for a dedicated Cricket Field



OFFICEOFTHECHAIRMAN
THEMARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARKAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

Regrards,

Dishant Parikh 18105 Stags Leap Terrace, Germantown, MD 20874

From: Sent:

Kunal Parikh <kunaljparikh@gmail.com> Tuesday, October 14, 2014 10:14 AM

To:

Newhouse, Rachel

Cc:

Wallis, Mark; Farquhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

Subject:

Request for Full-sized Cricket Field

**OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN** THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARKANDPLANNING COMMISSION

#### Dear Rachel:

I am a resident of Germantown, a member of TITANS Cricket Team and we play in the Maryland Cricket Premier League. We understand that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update. As you know, the cricket players in Upcounty have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Upcounty for a long time and I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

Best regards,

#### Kunal Parikh

1 2420 Great Park Circle, #201, Germantown, MD 20876

From:

bhavin patel <gurusquad6@gmail.com> Tuesday, October 14, 2014 10:27 AM

Sent: To:

Newhouse, Rachel

Cc:

Wallis, Mark; Farguhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

**Subject:** 

Cricket Field Request



OFFICEOFTHECHARMAN
THEMARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARKAND PLANNING COMMISSION

#### Dear Rachel,

I am a resident of Montgomery County living in Germantown. I am a member of Kingsview Cricket Club and we are part of MCPL (Maryland Cricket Premier League). We understand that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update. As you know, the cricket players in Upcounty have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Upcounty for a long time and I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

Regrards,

Bhavin Patel 12907 Falling Water Cir Apt 202 Germantown, MD 20874

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From:

Mukesh Vadgama < vadgamamukesh@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, October 14, 2014 11:08 AM

To:

Newhouse, Rachel

Cc:

Wallis, Mark; Farquhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

**Subject:** 

Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update - comment

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Regrards,

Mukesh Vadgama 13714 Harvest Glen Way Germantown, MD 20874

From:

Raj Jagani <raj.jagani@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, October 14, 2014 11:34 AM

To:

Newhouse, Rachel

Cc: Subject: Wallis, Mark; Farguhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

**Upcounty Cricket Field** 



OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARKANDPLANNING COMMISSION

#### Dear Rachel:

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We also request that you keep the cricket field at South Germantown and provide this additional field to accomodate the increased demand.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

Regards,

Rajkumar Jagani 9 Appledowre Ct, Germantown MD 20876

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sent: Sajan M <sajan\_m@yahoo.com>

Tuesday, October 14, 2014 11:45 AM

To:

Newhouse, Rachel

Cc: Subject: Wallis, Mark; Farquhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair Comments for Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park RECEIVED OCT 1 4 2014

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#### Dear Rachel:

I am a resident of Boyds and a member of Kings XI Cricket Club and we play in the Maryland Cricket Premier League. We understand that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update.

As you know, the cricket players in Upcounty have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Upcounty for a long time and I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

Currently we are playing games on various outfields in baseball grounds and other non-cricketing fields around the county and it is time consuming to setup the pitch and other required markings for a game.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

#### Sincerely

Sajan Mohammed 21706 Seneca Ayr Dr Boyds, MD , 20841

## Worksession #1 - Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park Master Plan Update



#### **MCP-CTRACK**

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THEMARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARKAND PLANNING COMMISSION

From:

Manoj Balakrishnan <balakrishnan.manoj@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, October 14, 2014 12:02 PM

To:

Newhouse, Rachel

Cc:

Wallis, Mark; Farquhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

**Subject:** 

Request to Maryland Parks and MNCPPS Planning Team for a cricket field in Upcounty

Region

#### Dear Rachel:

I am a resident of Clarksburg and a member of Germantown Cricket Club and we play in the Maryland Cricket Premier League. We understand that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update. As you know, the cricket players in Upcounty have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Upcounty for a long time and I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

Regards, Manoj Balakrishnan 12426 Foreman Blvd Clarksburg, MD 20871

From: Sent:

Jignesh shah <j\_ashah@hotmail.com> Tuesday, October 14, 2014 11:02 AM

To:

Newhouse, Rachel

Cc: Subject: Wallis, Mark; Farquhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

Cricket field in Upcounty Region



OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL
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Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

Regrards,
Jignesh shah
13933 Coachmans Cir. Germantown, MD 20874

From:

Manoj Choudhary <c\_manoj@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, October 14, 2014 1:09 PM

To:

Newhouse, Rachel

Cc:

Wallis, Mark; Farguhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

**Subject:** 

Regarding the cricket ground at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park

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THEMARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL
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Dear Rachel,

I am a resident of Germantown and a member of Germantown Cricket Club and I play in the Maryland Cricket Premier League. I understand that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update. As you know, the cricket players in Upcounty have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Upcounty for a long time and I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

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Regards,

Manoj Choudhary

From:

Neel Parikh <nesp215@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, October 14, 2014 1:23 PM

To:

Newhouse, Rachel

Cc: Subject: Wallis, Mark; Farquhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan OCT 1 4 2014

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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL
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Regrards,

Neel Parikh 18105 Stags Leap Terrace Germantown, Maryland

20874

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From:

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THEMARYLAND NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARKAND PLANNING COMMISSION

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2014 12:33 PM **To:** Newhouse, Rachel

Cc: Wallis, Mark; Farquhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

Subject: Input on Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update -- Request to Include Cricket

Jitendra Virani <jitvv1@gmail.com>

Ground

#### Dear Rachel:

I am a resident of Boyds and the manager of Titans (Cricket Team) we play in the Maryland Cricket Premier League. We understand that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update. As you know, the cricket players in Upcounty have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Upcounty for a long time and I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

Regrards,

Jitendra Virani 18612 Thundercloud Rd, Boyds MD 20841.

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### **MCP-CTRACK**

From:

Chintan <chintanf@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, October 14, 2014 3:03 PM

To:

Newhouse, Rachel

Cc: Subject: Wallis, Mark; Farguhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

**Cricket Field Request** 

OFFICE OF THE CHARMAN
THE MARYLAND NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARKAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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Regrards,

Chintan Fafadia 13820 Dairy Farm Dr, Boyds MD - 20841

From:

Akshat Shah <shah.akshat01@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, October 14, 2014 12:16 PM

To:

Newhouse, Rachel

Cc:

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Regrards,

Akshat Shah

Address: 19605 Gunners Branch Rd, Germantown, MD 20876

Sent on a Sprint Samsung Galaxy S® 5

From:

Navin Vishnu <ivnavin@gmail.com> Tuesday, October 14, 2014 3:13 PM

Sent: To:

Newhouse, Rachel

Cc:

Wallis, Mark; Farquhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

**Subject:** 

Request for a cricket field



OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARKAND PLANNING COMMISSION

# Dear Rachel,

I am a resident of Rockville and a member of Kings XI cricket which has been playing in MCPL cricket league (<a href="http://www.mcpleague.com/">http://www.facebook.com/mcpleague</a>) for the last 5 years. We have been requesting the county for a full-sized cricket field and recently came to know that you are seeking public input for Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update. In lite of this we request the county to accommodate a cricket field at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

Thank you for letting us be part of Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

Please let me know in case of any questions.

Thanks.

Vishnu Navin Ittiyamparampath 213 Rollins Ave Rockville, MD

From:

Purna Uppalapati <upchandu@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, October 14, 2014 7:22 PM

To:

Newhouse, Rachel

Cc:

Subject:

Wallis, Mark; Farguhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

Request for cricket field



OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
THE MAINTAND HATTONAL CAPITAL
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#### Dear Rachel:

I am a resident of Clarksburg and a member of Rockville Challengers Cricket Club and we play in the Maryland Cricket Premier League. We understand that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update. As you know, the cricket players in Upcounty have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Upcounty for a long time and I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

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Regrards, Purna Uppalapati 23111 Turtle Rock Ter Clarksburg, MD 20871

From:

Nandakumar Thrikkassery <nanducts@gmail.com>

Sent:

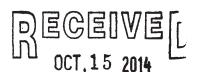
Tuesday, October 14, 2014 8:51 PM

To:

Newhouse, Rachel

Cc: Subject: MCP-Chair; Wallis, Mark; Farquhar, Brooke

Request for Cricket field



OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL.
PARKAND PLANNING COMMISSION

Hi Rachel,

I am a resident of Gaithersburg and a member of Team Mustangs and we play in the Maryland Cricket Premier League. We understand that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update. As you know, the cricket players in Upcounty have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Upcounty for a long time and I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

Regards,

Nandakumar 973 Clopper Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20878

From:

Parthav Jailwala <pajailwala@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, October 14, 2014 7:03 PM

To:

rachel.newhouse@montgomeeyparks.org

Cc:

mark.wallis@montgomeeyparks.org; Farquhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

Subject:

Input: Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master plan update

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
THE MARYLAND HATTONAL CAPITAL
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Regards,

Parthav Jailwala 17916 Coachmans Road Germantown, MD 20874 262-271-7855

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From:

manoj <manojv@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, October 14, 2014 10:04 PM

To:

Newhouse, Rachel

Cc:

Wallis, Mark; Farguhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

Subject:

Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park



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Regrards,

Manoj 19616 Musser Ct Germantown, MD 20874

From:

Surender Khurana <surenderkhurana@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, October 15, 2014 6:18 AM

To:

Newhouse, Rachel

Cc:

Wallis, Mark; Farquhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

**Subject:** 

Cricket field at the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan

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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
THE MARYLAND NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARKAND PLANNING COMMISSION

#### Dear Rachel:

I am a resident of Clarksburg and the Manager and Captain of Bethesda Cricket Club and we play in the Maryland Cricket Premier League. We understand that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update. As you know, the cricket players in Upcounty have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Upcounty for a long time and I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

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#### Regards,

Surender Khurana 13016 Clarksburg Square Road Clarksburg MD-20871

From:

Kumar Kaji < kumarkaji@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, October 15, 2014 7:13 AM

To:

Newhouse, Rachel; Wallis, Mark; Farquhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

**Subject:** 

Request for a full size cricket field in Upcounty

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
THE MARYLAND HATIONAL CAPITAL
PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

#### Dear Rachel:

I am a resident of Rockville and a member of Bethesda Cricket Club and we play in the Maryland Cricket Premier League. We understand that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update. As you know, the cricket players in Upcounty have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Upcounty for a long time and I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

#### Regards,

Kumar Kaji

216 Redland Blvd, Rockville, MD 20850.

From:

Vinoth Jagannathan <jvinoth@gmail.com> Wednesday, October 15, 2014 10:16 AM

Sent: To:

Newhouse, Rachel; Wallis, Mark; Farguhar, Brooke; MCP-Chall

**Subject:** 

Re. Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan

- THE CHARMAN THEMARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARKANDPLANNING COMMISSION

#### Dear Ms. Newhouse.

I am a resident of Germantown and a member of Kings 11 Cricket Club and we play in the Maryland Cricket Premier League. We understand that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update. As you know, the cricket players in Upcounty have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Upcounty for a long time and I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec One of the USA national criket team players, Mr. Adil Bhatti hails from Montgomery County, and he has been named the best player in the recently concluded USACA Nationals in Florida. Cricket is a multi-billion dollar sport that thrives in the indian subcontinent, and almost all of the ex british colonies throughout the world. And slowly but steadily it is gaining foothold in the USA, and the recently released movie Million Dollar Arm (that ties cricket and baseball) is a clear proof of that. So, having a good cricket ground/ facility will sow the seeds of future financial success for our culturally diverse county.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

Regrards,

Vinoth Jagannathan 11410 Palace Circle. Germantown MD 20876

"Life Always Gets Better"

From:

Anuj Sharma <anusai05@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, October 15, 2014 11:39 AM

To:

Newhouse, Rachel; Wallis, Mark; Farquhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

Subject:

Re: A request from our MCPL organizers.

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THEMARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARKAND PLANNING COMMISSION

#### Dear Rachel,

I am a resident of Rockville, MD and a member of Bethesda Cricket Club. We play in the Maryland Cricket Premier League. I understand that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update. As you know, the cricket players in Upcounty have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Upcounty for a long time and I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

Regards,

Anuj Sharma

5406 Parlvale Ter,

Rockville, MD 20853

On Wed, Oct 15, 2014 at 7:15 AM, Kumar Kaji <a href="mailto:kumarkaji@gmail.com">kumarkaji@gmail.com</a>> wrote:

NEED YOUR HELP - Friends from Gaithersburg, Germantown, Montgomery Village, Clarksburg, Boyds and Damascus and Rockville.

Request to Maryland Parks and MNCPPS Planning Team to provide our own cricket field in Upcounty Region.

Please email below folks to show your support and interest and let us have our voices heard. We need our dedicated cricket field to meet increased demand and interest from thousands of Upcounty residents.

Email To: Rachel Newhouse, and copy: Mark Wallis, Brooke Farquhar and the Montgomery County Planning Board Chair, Casey Anderson. Here are the email addresses:

Rachel: Rachel.Newhouse@montgomeryparks.org

Mark: Mark.Wallis@montgomeryparks.org

Brooke: <u>Brooke.Farquhar@montgomeryparks.org</u>
Planning Board Chair: <u>MCP-Chair@mncppc-mc.org</u>

Recommended email wording (substitute as needed):

#### Dear Rachel:

I am a resident of [Germantown] and a member of [Kingsview] Cricket Club and we play in the [Maryland Cricket Premier League]. We understand that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update. As you know, the cricket players in Upcounty have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Upcounty for a long time and I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

Regrards,

[Name]

[Address] - Important to get as many Upcounty addresses



### MCP-CTRACK

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARKAND PLANNING COMMISSION

From:

Dharmesh Mehta <dharmesh\_a\_mehta@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, October 15, 2014 12:05 PM

To:

Newhouse, Rachel

Cc:

Wallis, Mark; Farquhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

**Subject:** 

Request to Maryland Parks and MNCPPS Planning Team to provide our own cricket field

in Upcounty Region.

# Dear Rachel,

I am a resident of Boyds and a member of Kingsview Cricket Club and we play in the Maryland Cricket Premier League. We understand that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update.

As you know, the cricket players in Upcounty have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Upcounty for a long time and I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

# Regrards,

Dharmesh Mehta 13914 Dairy Farm Dr, Boyds MD 20841

From:

Vijay Veerappan <vijay.veerappan@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, October 15, 2014 1:02 PM

To:

Newhouse, Rachel

Cc:

MCP-Chair; Farquhar, Brooke; Wallis, Mark

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#### Dear Rachel:

I am a resident of Germantown and a member of Rockville Cricket Club and we play in the Maryland Cricket Premier League. We understand that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update. As you know, the cricket players in Upcounty have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Upcounty for a long time and I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

Regards,

Vijay Veerappan 18611 Poplar Glen Ct Boyds, MD -20841



#### **MCP-CTRACK**

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From:

Chandreshu Dave <chandreshu\_dave@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, October 15, 2014 3:25 PM

To:

Newhouse, Rachel; Wallis, Mark; Farquhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

**Subject:** 

Cricket Ground @ Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park

#### Dear Rachel:

I am a resident of Germantown and a member of Kingsview Cricket Club and we play in the Maryland Cricket Premier League. We understand that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update. I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

Regards, Chandreshu Dave 14206 Schaeffer Rd Germantown MD 20874

From:

Rikta Virani <rsavaliya2002@gmail.com>

Sent: To: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 3:41 PM

Subject:

Newhouse, Rachel; Wallis, Mark; Farquhar, Brooke; MCP-Char Request a full-sized cricket field in Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park

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#### Dear Rachel:

I am a resident of Germantown and a member of Kingsview Cricket Club and my husband play in the Maryland Cricket Premier League. We understand that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update. As you know, the cricket players in Upcounty have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Upcounty for a long time and I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

Regrards,

Rikta

18612 Thundercloud Rd, Boyds MD 20841

From:

Ashok Nair <ashok\_nair@hotmail.com> Thursday, October 16, 2014 6:56 AM

Sent: To:

Newhouse, Rachel

Cc:

Wallis, Mark; Farquhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

**Subject:** 

Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park



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Dear Rachel,

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Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

Regards,

Ashok Nair 13643, Palmetto Cir Germantown, MD 20874

From:

satroy@comcast.net

Sent:

Thursday, October 16, 2014 8:18 AM

To:

Newhouse, Rachel

Cc: Subject: Wallis, Mark; Farquhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

Cricket Field



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I am a resident of Gaithersburg and a member of Sunrise Cricket Club and we play in the Maryland Cricket Premier League. We understand that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update. As you know, the cricket players in Upcounty have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Upcounty for a long time and I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

Regrards,

Satyajit

688 Gatestone Street Gaithersburg MD-20878

From:

Cherian Eapen <cherianeapen@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 16, 2014 1:22 PM

To:

Newhouse, Rachel

Cc:

Farguhar, Brooke; Wallis, Mark; MCP-Chair

Subject:

Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park - Master Plan Update Comments



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#### **Dear Rachel:**

I am a resident of Clarksburg and one of the closest residents to Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park (OHWRP), a community treasure that was donated to the Parks Dept by the Wells family.

First of all, I also would like to commend your team for all the outreach efforts you have made to residential communities that are adjacent to the Park and to the greater Upcounty community organizations and Boards.

With this email, I would like to express my strong support for the Parks staff master plan update for OHWRP, especially the more immediate plans to commence a facility planning study for the relocation of the historic carousel now at Wheaton Regional Park to OHWRP. With Clarksburg now having over 25,000 residents, the master plan update has been long overdue and I am glad to see the progress staff has made. As an advocate for the relocation of the carousel to OHWRP, I urge the Planning Board to not just complete the facility planning study to relocate the carousel, but to also explore all avenues to find capital funding for the actual relocation of the carousel to OHWRP in Clarksburg. I also would like to express my support for the work that Red Wiggler Community Farm does at the park and urge the Planning Board to fully support their long-term plan for OHWRP. The master plan update goal to preserve and enhance the historic components of Park and having these amenities available for Clarksburg residents and the larger community is a commendable feature of the update.

Additionally, I would like to express my strong support for the planned expansion of OHWRP through acquisition of the approximately 10-acre Johnson Property to the corner of Piedmont Road and Skylark Road. I understand that Parks Dept has already purchased one of the properties and is in negotiation to purchase the remainder of the property. I also understand that the Johnson Property is a potential candidate site for the Montgomery County Recreation Department's plan for a co-located recreational/aquatic center in Upcounty. However, in the event OHWRP is not selected for the recreational/aquatic center (given the new acreage requirements as noted by Rec Dept in the master plan update document for a rec/aquatic center), I believe the Johnson Property site is an <u>ideal site for a regulation-sized cricket field</u>.

As you know, myself, Clarksburg Sports Association, many cricket players in Upcounty, local residents, as well as Montgomery County Cricket Association (MCCA), Washington Cricket League, Maryland Cricket Premier League, have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Upcounty for a long time. To the best I know, the need for a regulation-size cricket field in Upcounty is also supported by the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board and the Upcounty Recreational Advisory Board. The Upcounty areas of Clarksburg and Germantown is also home to a significant number of residents from many cricket playing countries in the world. I therefore request that the Planning Board reserve the Johnson Property site for cricket in the event Rec Dept select an alternative site for the recreational/aquatic center.

(While we are on the subject of cricket, I also ask the Planning Board and the Parks Dept to complete the Site Selection Study for a permanent cricket field along the I-270 corridor. According to the PROS Plan and as discussed in early 2012, this study was to be completed by the end of 2012. On behalf of MCCA, we have had several discussions on potential sites with Parks Dept staff and now urge the Planning Board to commence the Site Selection

Stubloaks session #3ssioned the pank wedst reamation of the project to develop the site with a world-class, international-standard cricket field that will be pride of the Washington-Baltimore metropolitan area.)

As the master plan process move forward, I hope Parks Dept will continue their outreach to adjacent communities as I do have several other minor comments related to proposed location of trails and access roads in and out of the Park. I will communicate these comments to Parks Dept staff informally.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process. Please do let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,
Cherian Eapen (writing as a local resident and on behalf of MCCA)
23118 Birch Mead Road
Clarksburg, MD 20871
240-994-6766

From:

Sent:

Thursday, October 16, 2014 4:37 PM

To:

Newhouse, Rachel

Cc: Subject: Wallis, Mark; Farquhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

Request for cricket field in Upcounty Region

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#### Dear Rachel:

I am a resident of Clarksburg and a member of Mighty Challengers Cricket Club and we play in the Maryland Cricket Premier League. We understand that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update. As you know, the cricket players in Upcounty have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Upcounty for a long time and I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

# Regards,

Prasanth 23008 Blue Flag Cir Clarksburg MD 20871

Prasanth Bondalapati Cell: 240 479 6669

From:

Siddharth Savaliya <savaliyasiddharth2008@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 16, 2014 7:50 PM

To:

Newhouse, Rachel

Cc: Subject: Wallis, Mark; Farquhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

Request for a full-sized Cricket Field in Upcounty

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#### Dear Rachel:

I am a resident of [Clarksburg] and a member of [Sunrisers] Cricket Club and we play in the [Maryland Cricket Premier League]. We understand that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update. As you know, the cricket players in Upcounty have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Upcounty for a long time and I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

Regards, Siddharth 23279 Scholl Manor Way, Clarksburg, MD - 20871



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# **MCP-CTRACK**

Pankaj Kapoor <pan\_kapoor@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2014 3:19 AM

To: Newhouse, Rachel; Wallis, Mark; Farquhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

**Subject:** Cricket Field

#### Dear Rachel:

From:

I am a resident of Germantown and a member of the Germantown Cricket Club and we play in the Maryland Cricket Premier League. We understand that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update. As you know, the cricket players in Upcounty have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Upcounty for a long time and I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

Regrards,

Pankaj Kapoor 19125 Highstream Drive, Germantown MD 20874

From:

SUNIL KUMAR < kumsunil@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, October 17, 2014 10:55 AM

To: Subject: MCP-Chair; Farquhar, Brooke; Wallis, Mark; Newhouse, Ra Cricket ground - Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park

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Dear Rachel / Mark / Brooke,

I am a resident of Clarksburg and a member of MCPL Cricket Club and we play in the Maryland Cricket Premier League. We understand that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update. As you know, the cricket players in Up county have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Up county for a long time and I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

Thanks and regards, Sunil Kumar 22187 Fair Garden Lane Clarksburg Maryland - 20871

Thanks, MCPL Organizers

Attachment 2

#### MCP-CTRACK

From:

Ketan Parikh <kparikh.121@gmail.com>

Saturday, October 18, 2014 10:47 AM

Sent: To:

Subject:

Newhouse, Rachel; Wallis, Mark; Farquhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

Request for Cricket Field at Ovid Hazen Wells Recreation Park



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THEMARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARKAND PLANNING COMMISSION

Dear Madam/Sir,

Good Morning.

It was brought to our notice from various sources that there will be changes in the upcoming Master Plan Process at Ovid Hazen Wells Recreation Park and we understand that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Recreation Park Master Plan Update.

There is immense interest in the game as Cricket players from various countries have been playing Cricket for many many years. We never had a full-sized cricket field in Montgomery County and we would like you to consider that a dedicated Cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park for local residents recreation and for future generations.

I am a resident of Clarksburg, MD and a member of Dqrk Knights Cricket Club and we play in the Maryland Cricket Premier League (MCPL). As you know, the cricket players in Upcounty have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Upcounty for a long time and I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

Regrards,

Ketan Parikh

22911 Muscadine Dr, Clarksburg, MD 20871

### **MCP-CTRACK**

Venkatesh Kumar < kumar.venkatesh.ks@gmail.com>

From: Sent:

Monday, October 20, 2014 12:36 PM

To:

Newhouse, Rachel; Wallis, Mark; Farquhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

Subject:

Request for dedicated Cricket Field

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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL
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#### Dear Rachel:

I am a resident of Clarksburg and a member of Falcons Cricket Club and we play in the Maryland Cricket Premier League. We understand that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update. As you know, the cricket players in Upcounty have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Upcounty for a long time and I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

[Name] -- Venkatesh Kumar [Address] - 11925 Chestnut Branch Way, Clarksburg, 20871

Regards, Venky

### **MCP-CTRACK**

From:

Hemant Choudhary < hemant72@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, October 20, 2014 10:36 PM

То:

Newhouse, Rachel

Cc: Subject: Wallis, Mark; Farguhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

Request to Maryland Parks and MNCPPS Planning Team to provide dedicated cricket field in

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**Upcounty Region** 

Dear Rachel,

I am a resident of Germantown and a member of Mighty Challenger (Cricket Team) and we play in the Maryland Cricket Premier League. We understand that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update. As you know, the cricket players in Upcounty have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Upcounty for a long time and I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

Regrards,

Hemant Choudhary 12145 Amber Ridge Cir, Germantwon, MD 20876

### **MCP-CTRACK**

From:

Sent:

Karthik Kona < karthikskona@gmail.com>

Thursday, October 23, 2014 11:53 AM

To: Subject: Newhouse, Rachel; Wallis, Mark; Farquhar, Brooke; MCP-Chair

Request to provide a Cricket Field in Upcounty Region Monrgomerry County

Dear Officials,

I am a resident of Gaithersburg MD and a member of DarkKnights Cricket Club and we play in the Maryland Cricket Premier League. We were informed that you are seeking public input into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park Master Plan Update. As you know, the cricket players in Upcounty have been requesting a full-sized cricket field in Upcounty for a long time and I would like to request that a cricket field be accommodated at Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my comment into the Ovid Hazen Wells Rec Park master planning process.

Regrards,

Karthik 17037 King James Way,#202, Gaithersburg MD 20877

# Attachment 3 – PDF of the official public hearing transcript for the record

# THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

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OVID HAZEN WELLS RECREATIONAL PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE: PUBLIC HEARING

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THURSDAY
OCTOBER 2, 2014

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The Board met in the MRO Auditorium, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, at 5:00 p.m., Casey Anderson, Chair, presiding.

#### **PRESENT**

CASEY ANDERSON, Chair MARYE WELLS-HARLEY, Vice Chair AMY PRESLEY, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT

RACHEL NEWHOUSE

# Page 2

1	PROCEEDINGS
2	5:00 p.m
3	CHAIR ANDERSON: Ovid Hazen Wells
4	Recreational Park Master Plan Update.
5	MS. NEWHOUSE: Thank you. Good
6	evening. For the record, I'm Rachel Newhouse
7	with the Department of Parks. For the
8	background, back in July 17th, staff presented
9	the staff draft recommendations for an update
LO	to the Master Plan for the Ovid Hazen Wells
L1	Recreational Park.
L2	The major points of those
L3	recommendations included locating the carousel
L <b>4</b>	that's currently located in Wheaton Regional
L5	Park within a Family Destination Area so the
L6	Family Destination Area is envisioned to be
L7	supporting amenities that will support the
L8	success of that carousel. It's very
L9	successful now in Wheaton, and so we need
20	things such as additional picnic areas,
21	additional play areas, additional amenities to
22	bring people to that spot, you know, pretty

1	much like a day-long activity active area.
2	The other recommendations included
3	updating a special recreation area that's
4	located in the center of the park. It
5	includes a historic home, and we are
6	envisioning like an event center, something
7	that could have large outdoor events,
8	weddings, graduations, those types of things.
9	We also recommended a greenway
10	link through the park. That was actually in
11	the original 1995 recommendation, but we
12	looked at it a little more in detail, and we
13	looked at creating a nice looped trail system
14	throughout the park that will connect all
15	three major areas.
16	The last thing we looked at was
17	there's an existing partner in the park which
18	is the Red Wiggler Community Farm operation,
19	and we want to make sure that we allow for the
20	expansion of their facility there. It's a
21	very popular facility and that we have a
22	number of different programs and new projects

1	that look at supporting community, growing
2	vegetables and teaching people how to actually
3	have vegetables in their own garden, sort of
4	a home garden type of a program, and that
5	would involve also using the historic houses
6	in that portion of the park, so we have uses
7	for these amenities.
8	Finally, we - in the original 1995
9	plan we had left a space for the proposed
LO	Clarksburg Community Recreation and Aquatic
L1	Center. That's a very popular idea, and
L2	people are really looking forward to that
L3	amenity coming to Clarksburg.
L <b>4</b>	We left some space in the park to
L5	allow for that to happen. Actually the county
L6	and the Recreation Department are looking at
L7	a number of different sites, so this park
L8	would just be one site that they evaluate, and
L9	they're in our site evaluation segment right
20	now.
21	So back in July we asked for a
22	public hearing to be proposed. The Planning

1	Board agreed to schedule it for today, October
2	the second. The purpose of the meeting
3	tonight is to hear the public.
4	As of right now, we do not have
5	anyone signed up to give testimony here. We
6	did receive two letters today. One was from
7	the Aurora Hills neighborhood which is the
8	community that lives right across the street
9	from this park.
LO	They actually did a survey which
L1	is very impressive to the community. They
L2	found that 67 percent of the community was in
L3	support of the updated recommendations, but
L4	they have concerns over additional traffic and
L5	noise, so they would like those studies to be
L6	done.
L7	We typically do those studies when
L8	we get into the facility planning portion of
L9	this project which is the next phase. Once
20	the master plan is approved, we will go into
21	facility planning.
22	The other letter that came in was

1	from a gentleman from the other side of the
2	street, the Piedmont Road side, and he was
3	also concerned about noise, and that will be
4	addressed in the facilities plan.
5	CHAIR ANDERSON: Take your time.
6	It's okay.
7	MS. NEWHOUSE: I did bring some
8	water.
9	CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. She's got
10	it, but take a minute.
11	MS. NEWHOUSE: Thanks.
12	CHAIR ANDERSON: We're not in any
13	hurry.
14	MS. NEWHOUSE: So we - staff is
15	recommending that the public testimony remain
16	open for another two weeks, and afterwards
17	we'll schedule a work session with you all and
18	go over the testimony and then have a plan for
19	adoption.
20	CHAIR ANDERSON: Great. Thanks
21	very much, so anybody who is watching at home,
22	it's not too late to get your two cents in,

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was duly recorded and accurately transcribed under my direction; further, that said transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

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# Attachment 4 – The County's Site Selection Process for the Clarksburg Recreation and Aquatics Center

The program of requirements and site selection process that will be undertaken by the Montgomery County Department of General Services and the Department of Recreation for the Clarksburg Community Recreation and Aquatics Center is listed below.

The POR process has not been initiated to date.

- The County Executive has included a Clarksburg Community Recreation and Aquatic Center the
  FY 15-20 CIP for Facility Planning;
  <a href="http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OMB/Resources/Files/omb/pdfs/fy15/ciprec/508768.p">http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OMB/Resources/Files/omb/pdfs/fy15/ciprec/508768.p</a>
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- The Department of General Services will work with the Dept. of Recreation to develop a Program of Requirements for the CCRAC;
- The POR will outline the elements that make up the facility and the associated space needs for the new facility. It will also include some preliminary concept design;
- Once completed, DGS will use the POR to assist in the Site Evaluation process. Site Evaluation is used to identify suitable sites and locations for future facilities;
- The Site Evaluation working group will include a Parks representative as well as Executive staff and community representatives;
- Development of the POR is expected to take 6-8 months;
- Site Evaluation is expected to take approximately 6 months;