

**LYTTONSVILLE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
NORTH WOODSIDE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
ROSEMARY HILLS NEIGHBORS' ASSOCIATION**

September 5, 2023

Dear Chairman and Members of the Montgomery County Planning Board,

As presidents of the three civic associations that surround the future neighborhood park in Lyttonsville, we write to request that you approve the design for the park, as well as the accompanying budget request for the funds necessary to realize the design.

The park's design is the product of a long and fruitful collaboration between the park planners and local residents from all three neighboring communities. The park staff have created a wonderful and fitting design that fully meets the expectations of community residents. The design effortlessly solves several challenges and problems inherent in the site's topography. It provides the community with a beautiful place of quiet retreat and a rest stop for those who pass the park on the future Capital Crescent Trail.

Of particular importance, the plan promises to memorialize the historic Talbot Avenue Bridge and the role it played in the history of Lyttonsville and neighboring communities, thereby providing a place to learn about, and remember, the important and not well-known history of racial segregation in Montgomery County.

As those who crossed the historic wood-planked bridge know, it had a voice. The Bridge Memorial will be a meaningful visible symbol through which the bridge may continue to speak to our community of neighborhoods and all who visit the park, sharing stories from the past that carry bold messages for present and future generations.

We look forward to the park further strengthening our three neighborhoods' connection, by providing a space where community members young and old, of many colors, backgrounds and places of residence, can meet and get to know each other, and deepen their understanding of the history of where they live.

The new park will be a valuable addition to both the local community and the county.

Sincerely,

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