

Subject: Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan Update

To: Opal Jones, Council Chair

Howard County Council

From: Ed Coleman, Chair

Howard County Planning Board

Date: June 21, 2022

At the Planning Board meeting of June 16, 2022 the Department of Recreation and Parks presented the Howard County Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) Update for the Board's recommendation, prior to the plan going to the County Council.

During worksession, the Board commented expressing support for the goals and specifically mentioned trail expansion and maintenance, natural area, forest and tree canopy conservation and protection, continued park maintenance, and equitable distribution/park access across the County.

The Planning Board recommended and voted, 4-0, in favor of the LPPRP being adopted by County Council.

Cc: Raul Delerme, Director, DRP

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