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## **Dear County Council**

I am writing to support the restoration of budget to our parks including Brookside Gardens. During Covid our parks and gardens were greatly used by Montgomery County residents. Altho Covid is more under control, use of the parks has not subsided. If anything it has increased. The stresses of current life in the US have increased over the last few months.

I believe that investment in the parks is important not only from an environmental point of view but to support the mental health of the community. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

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