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VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING  
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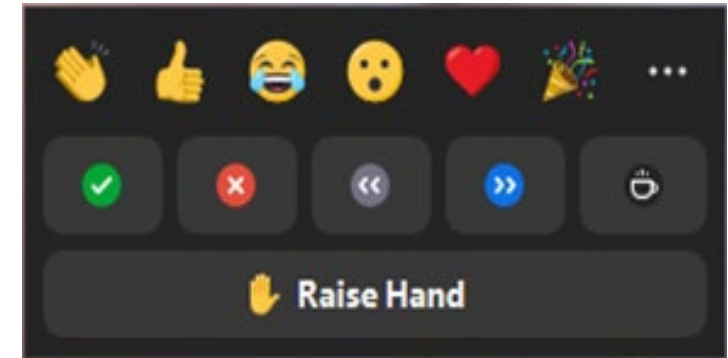
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# WILLERBURN ACRES COMMUNITY SIDEWALK PROPOSAL

## Zoom Meeting Controls

- All microphones have been muted and cameras turned off.
- **To reduce the bandwidth of tonight's meeting, please do not turn on your video camera.**
- Following tonight's presentation, you will have the opportunity to provide testimony. There will also be a Question-and-Answer session after the testimony portion if time allows. Please wait until the presentation ends to raise your hand to testify or ask a question. Alternatively, you may type your question into the chat box any time during tonight's hearing.
- To raise your hand following the presentation, please click on the "Reactions" icon at the bottom of your screen, and then click "Raise Hand."
- If you called into tonight's meeting via telephone, press \*9 to raise your hand and \*6 to unmute yourself.



## PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

*Hearing held pursuant to Section 49-53 of the Montgomery County Code*

- Obtain testimony regarding the potential project
- Comments/testimony should be focused entirely on the Willerburn Acres Community Sidewalk Proposal
- All interested persons are entitled to be heard at this hearing; however, the testimony portion of this hearing is not a forum for dialogue, questions and answers, or cross examination.

Recorded Public Hearing will be posted on The Sidewalk Program website:

<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/sidewalk/WillerburnAcres.html>



## PUBLIC HEARING RECORD

The Public Hearing Record will remain open for four weeks to allow any person an opportunity to have their comments included. **Written Testimony carries the same weight as Oral Testimony.**

Official Closing Date for comments and Testimony  
**Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.**

Submissions can be made via email:  
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## WHAT'S NEXT?

**Written Testimony carries the same weight as oral testimony.**

**Deadline for Comments:  
Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.**

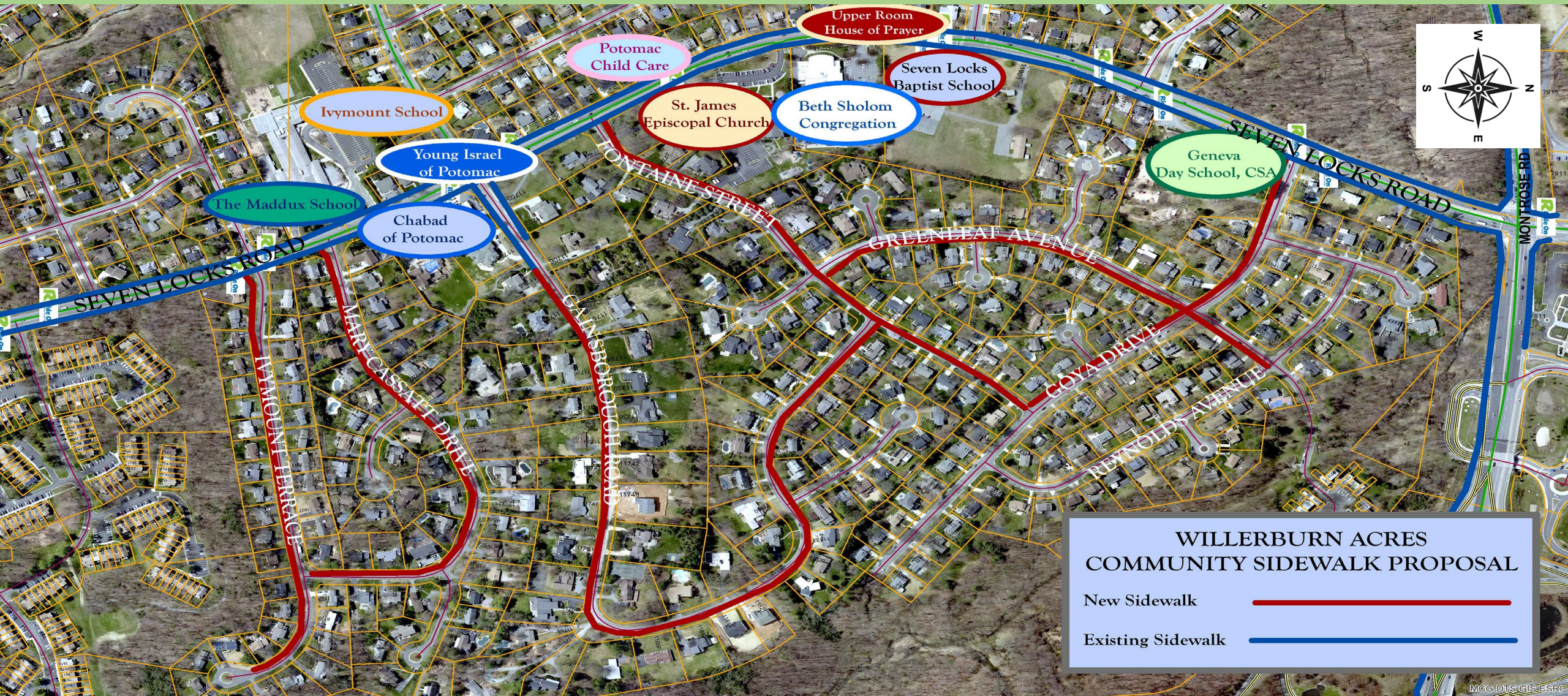
**You may email submissions to:  
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Once the Record closes, Hearing Officer Gary Erenrich will thoroughly review the full Hearing Record, including all testimony, comments and exhibits, and make his Recommendations to the Director of MCDOT, Christopher Conklin. Notifying correspondence will be mailed to you once a decision has been made with the Recommendations enclosed.





# WILLERBURN ACRES SIDEWALK PROPOSAL – Display A1

Total Linear Feet: 12,094



**WILLERBURN ACRES  
COMMUNITY SIDEWALK PROPOSAL**

New Sidewalk 

Existing Sidewalk 

# WILLERBURN ACRES SIDEWALK PROPOSAL – Display A2

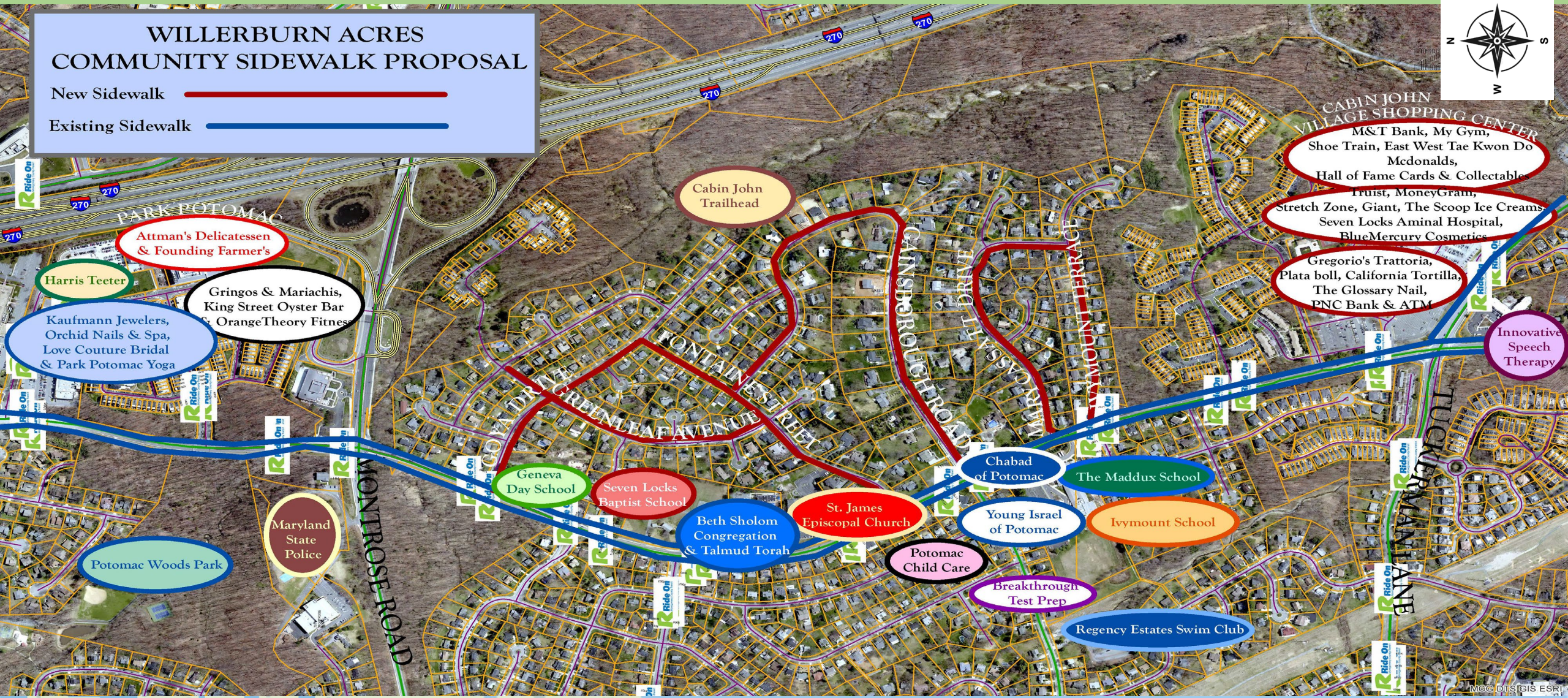
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**WILLERBURN ACRES  
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New Sidewalk ————

Existing Sidewalk ————



## Display B

### Cross-Section of Fontaine Street

Fontaine Street has 50-feet of total public right of way. The roadway is 21-feet-wide, leaving 29-feet of total available right of way or 14.5-feet of right of way on each side of the road.



0 to 3-foot variable  
Greenspace

5-foot-wide Concrete  
Sidewalk



# Display C

## Cross-Section of Goya Drive

Goya Drive has 70-feet of total public right of way. The roadway is 36-feet-wide, leaving 34-feet of total available right of way or 17-feet of right of way on each side of the road.



0 to 3-foot variable  
Greenspace

5-foot-wide Concrete  
Sidewalk



# Display D

## Cross-Section of Greenleaf Avenue

Greenleaf Avenue has 60-feet of total public right of way. The roadway is 26-feet-wide, leaving 34-feet of total available right of way or 17-feet of right of way on each side of the road.



0 to 3-foot variable  
Greenspace

5-foot-wide Concrete  
Sidewalk



# Display E

## Cross-Section of Gainsborough Road

Gainsborough Road has 60-feet of total public right of way. The roadway is a variable 18 to 26-feet-wide, leaving 42 to 34-feet of total available right of way or 21 to 17-feet of right of way on each side of the road.



0 to 3-foot variable  
Greenspace

5-foot-wide Concrete  
Sidewalk



# Display F

## Cross-Section of Mary Cassatt Drive

Mary Cassatt Drive has 60-feet of total public right of way. The roadway is 20-feet-wide, leaving 40-feet of total available right of way or 20-feet of right of way on each side of the road.



0 to 3-foot variable  
Greenspace

5-foot-wide Concrete  
Sidewalk



# Display G

## Cross-Section of Ivymount Terrace

Ivymount Terrace has 60-feet of total public right of way. The roadway is 23-feet-wide, leaving 37-feet of total available right of way or 18.5-feet of right of way on each side of the road.



0 to 3-foot variable  
Greenspace

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Sidewalk



# WILLERBURN ACRES COMMUNITY SIDEWALK PROPOSAL

## PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

- MCDOT evaluates requests for pedestrian facilities based on their ability to serve a public use and enhance public safety.
- Sidewalk Program Goal: To remove pedestrians from the path of vehicular traffic and create a separation between the pedestrian and the roadway, setting up the infrastructure to promote walking to short distance destinations and public transportation in furtherance of the County's Climate Action Plan.
- Sidewalks will connect to existing network of sidewalks and provide safer pedestrian access to schools, public transportation and other pedestrian attractions.



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## TREE REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT

- The removal of 67 trees is anticipated to facilitate the construction of sidewalks. 15 additional trees will be removed due to poor condition or extensive trunk decay.
- **3 trees** will be planted **for every 1 tree removed** or **201 trees will be planted back into the public rights of way** in the Willerburn Acres community.
- The species and placement of the trees are selected by the County Arborist.
- The Tree Protection Report can be downloaded from the Sidewalk Program website:  
<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/sidewalk/WillerburnAcres.html>
- Residents may request a tree be planted on private property via the [TreeMontgomery.org](https://TreeMontgomery.org) website.



# WILLERBURN ACRES COMMUNITY SIDEWALK PROPOSAL

## COSTS & ASSESSMENTS

- The estimated cost for installing the Willerburn Acres sidewalks is approximately \$1,451,280. Costs include construction, inspection, and administrative costs.
- Funding for this project will be provided under the County's Sidewalk Program, CIP No. 0506747
- Although sidewalk installation is statistically proven to augment property values, there are no properties considered to be specially benefited by the proposed improvement. Therefore, no properties are expected to be assessed.



# WILLERBURN ACRES COMMUNITY SIDEWALK PROPOSAL PUBLIC RECORD

- Exhibits included in the Public Record:
  1. Office of Management & Budget; Annual Sidewalk Program Minor Projects P506747
  2. Project Vicinity Maps (2) – Willerburn Acres Community Sidewalk Proposal
  3. Public Right of Way Construction Impacts
  4. Arborist's Tree Protection Report
  5. Montgomery County government press release circulated Jan. 25, 2023; Washington Times newspaper and online advertisement circulated Jan. 23 and 24, 2023; and *NextDoor* neighborhood social media site on Jan. 23, 2023.
  6. Written Testimony in Support of All or Part of the Proposed Sidewalks
  7. Written Testimony Opposing Proposed Sidewalks
  8. List of Attendees; to be added following this Public Hearing
  9. Hearing Transcript; to be added following this Public Hearing
- Project related data and files are on the Sidewalk Program's Website:  
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# WILLERBURN ACRES COMMUNITY SIDEWALK PROPOSAL

If the Willerburn Acres community sidewalk proposal is approved and authorized, construction is anticipated to take 10 to 12 weeks, weather permitting, during the Summer or Fall of 2023.



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## PUBLIC TESTIMONY

- Cameras and microphones have been turned off to reduce the bandwidth of the meeting
- Verbal Testimony
  - We will first call on those who signed up to testify. If you did not sign up, but wish to testify, please use the **“raise hand” feature by clicking “Reactions” on the icon bar at the bottom of your screen and then click “raise hand”**. If you dialed in by **telephone, press \*9 to raise your hand and \*6 to unmute yourself** once called on. You will be called on to testify in the order that hands are raised.
  - You will be unmuted when it is your turn to speak
  - **Once given speaking rights, please unmute yourself and clearly provide your name and address for the record prior to beginning your testimony. Please reserve all questions for the Question-and-Answer session following the testimony portion of this hearing.**
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## QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

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- To ask a Question
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  - Type your question into the chat. If time does not allow for all questions to be answered during this evening’s hearing, all questions in the chat will be answered via email in the days to come;
  - Email your questions to Planning Specialist, Lori Jean Main, via email at [Lori.Main@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Lori.Main@montgomerycountymd.gov)



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