



# HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

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The Honorable Calvin Ball  
County Executive of Howard County  
3430 Courthouse Drive  
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RE: Planning Board Recommendations on the FY2024 Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program

Dear Dr. Ball:

The Planning Board has reviewed the County's proposed FY2024 Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program representing departmental project requests prior to Executive Branch review. A public hearing was held February 16, and the Board's work session immediately followed the public hearing. The Board evaluated comments provided by citizens and department representatives to develop its recommendations. The attached chart provides recommendations on all new or substantially changed projects.

The criteria used in making these recommendations are based on the relationship of the project to *PlanHoward 2030*. Projects ranked as **High Priority (H)** are consistent with the General Plan and address health, safety, land acquisition, cost share, multi-policy implementation, or regulatory compliance and therefore warrant timely action; **Medium Priority (M)** projects are consistent with the General Plan and relate to systemic maintenance needs which warrant implementation if funding is available; and **Low Priority (L)** projects are consistent with the General Plan and address quality of life or administrative enhancements and therefore project deferral would not detrimentally affect County infrastructure, public safety or services.

The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval of the eleven new projects as prioritized to be added to the County Executive's proposed FY2024 Capital Improvements Budget. We hope you find our recommendations useful in your deliberations on the budget and appreciate the opportunity to participate in this process.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

*Edward T. Coleman*

Ed Coleman, Chairperson

Howard County Planning Board

#### Attachment

cc: Christiana Mercer Rigby, Council Chair  
Deb Jung, Council Vice Chair  
Opel Jones, Council Member  
Liz Walsh, Council Member  
David Yungmann, Council Member  
Brian Shepter, Deputy Chief of Staff  
Brandee Ganz, Chief Administrative Officer  
Dr. Holly Sun, Budget Administrator  
Amy Gowan, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning  
Kristin O'Connor, Division Chief, Department of Planning and Zoning

**Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Budget  
New and Substantially Changed Projects  
Planning Board Public Hearing (February 16, 2023)**

Type	Proj. Num.	Name	Start Date	Total Amount (\$000)	Appropriation	Appropriated Prior Total	% Prior	Amount(\$000)	Prop. FY24	Prop. Total %	FY24 Pay Go Funds	FY24 Bond Funds	FY24 Grant Funds	FY24 Other Funds	Consistent w/ PH 2030	PB Priority	DPZ Comments
<b>General County</b>																	
	C	0369	CENTENNIAL PARK MAINTENANCE BUILDING REPLACEMENT	2024	9,750	0	0%	250	0%	0	250	0	0	Policy 8.18 a	M	Medium priority for replacing the maintenance building at Centennial Park.	
	C	0370	US 1 CORRIDOR SAFE STREETS FOR ALL	2024	8,000	0	0	800	0	0	0	800	0	Policy 5.4 e; Policy 5.5 f; Policy 7.2 b; Policy 7.3 a; Policy 7.7 e; Policy 8.5 d	H	High priority for pedestrian, bicycle, and other transportation safety improvements in the US 1 Corridor.	
<b>Education</b>																	
	E	1058	SYSTEMIC RENOVATIONS	2024	216,228	0	0%	42,434	0%	0	42,434	0	0	Policy 8.8 e	M	Medium priority for adequate public facilities that includes projects that are needed to bring older facilities up to current standards in lighting, electrical, HVAC systems, reconfiguring space, handicap accessible improvements, vehicle purchase including but not limited to dump trucks, and provide for upgrades to other building systems.	
	E	1059	ROOFING	2024	46,000	0	0%	1,000	0%	0	1,000	0	0	Policy 8.8 e; and Policy 8.18 a	M	Medium priority addresses aging roofs on various Howard County Public School System schools.	
	E	1060	FAULKNER RIDGE CENTER	2029	21,725	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0	0	Policy 6.1 h; Policy 8.8 e; and Policy 8.18 a	H	High priority for adequate public facilities that includes a renovation of the existing building in accordance with recommendations from the Feasibility Study for a regional early childhood center.	
	E	1061	MURRAY HILL MS RENOVATION/ADDITION	2031	41,640	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0	0	Policy 6.1 h; Policy 8.8 c and e; Policy 8.18 a	H	High priority for adequate public facilities that includes the renovation and expansion of the existing school facility.	
	E	1062	APPLICATIONS AND RESEARCH LAB RENOVATION	2033	5,000	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0	0	Policy 8.8 e; Policy 8.18 a	M	Medium priority for adequate public facilities that includes maintenance of an existing building to include new electrical, mechanical, plumbing, technology, roofing, and life safety systems.	
	E	1063	THOMAS VIADUCT MS ADDITION	2030	14,373	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0	0	Policy 6.1 h; Policy 8.8 c and e; Policy 8.18 a	H	High priority for adequate public facilities that includes the expansion of the existing facility.	

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<b>Sidewalk</b>																	
	K	5070	DOBBIN ROAD SHARED USE PATHWAY	2024	7,000	0	0%	4,500	0%	0	500	4,000	0	Policy 5.7 c; Policy 7.2; Policy 7.6; Policy 7.6; Policy 7.7 e; Policy 8.5 d	H	High priority for safety including sidewalks, shared use pathway and pedestrian crossing improvements in the Dobbin Road and Snowden River Parkway area.	
<b>Recreation and Parks</b>																	
	N	3980	ELKHORN PARK	2024	7,800	0	0%	200	0%	0	200	0	0	Policy 8.12 a	H	High priority for quality of life or facility/program enhancements to plan, design and construct a 10 acre community park on former HCPSS property located at 6500 Oakland Mills Road Columbia, MD 21045	
	N	3981	ILCHESTER PARK and RECREATION CENTER	2024	1,600	0	0%	850	0%	0	850	0	0	Policy 8.12 a	H	High priority for quality of life or facility/program enhancements to plan, design and renovate the existing 16-acre former Camp Ilchester Girl Scout Camp located at 5042 Ilchester Road Ellicott City, MD 21043.	

**Column Reference Guide**

<p>General priority based on the following:</p> <p>H = Highest Priority (Human and Environmental Health/Safety Concerns; Land Acquisition; Cost Share; PlanHoward 2030 Multi-Policy Implementation/or Regulatory Compliance)</p> <p>M = Medium Priority (General Maintenance/Upkeep and Prevention)</p> <p>L = Lowest Priority (Quality of Life or Program/Administrative Enhancements)</p>	<p>Funding type based on the following classification:</p> <p>Pay Go: General Fund Cash On A Year To Year Basis</p> <p>Bond: General Obligation Or Short Term Instruments (part of affordability calculation)</p> <p>Grant: State or Federal Monies</p> <p>Other: Includes Excise Tax, Transfer Tax, Utility Cash, In-Aid of Construction, Storm Drain, State Aid, Metro District Bond, Developer Contribution and Funding Defined As "Other" In Capital Budget Detail, Fiscal Year 2024</p>	<p>This staff report includes new projects. A complete list of projects can be referred to in the Extended Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Budget Program.</p>
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