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Oakland Mills Public Space Advisory Committee

Purpose

The purpose of the Public Space Advisory Committee (PSAC) is to act as an intermediary between residents and authorities regarding Public Space issues within Oakland Mills in order to promote a reasonable resolution to Public Space issues.

Background

The PSAC was established in 2012 under the direction of Phil Engelke in partial response to an unexpected cutback in Oakland Mills Open Space mowing by the Columbia Association. The scope of the PSAC includes Columbia Association Open Space mowing, reforestation, invasive species control, watershed management, tot lots, pathways, bridges; land and signage maintained by Howard County or the state of Maryland; BGE, Comcast and Verizon underground and above ground components, etc. The scope does not include private property concerns.

Current Activities

Current PSAC activities and corresponding project leaders include:

- Oakland Mills Open Space Mowing, reforestation - All
- Stevens Forest Elementary School (SFES)silt run-off into SF Pond* – G Witte
- SFES Tree Planting* – G Witte
- Patriot Land Pond Beautification – M Greenberg
- Watershed Improvement High Priority Projects** – D Kirk-Davidoff
- Invasive Species in Open Space – M Greenberg
- Signage - Jervis Dorton

* Denotes projects being coordinated with the Oakland Mills Education Committee

** Denotes a project coordinated with the Oakland Mills Watershed Committee

Current Committer Members

Current Members of the PSAC are

- Phil Engelke
- Bill McCormack
- Daniel Kirk-Davidoff
- Jervis Dorton
- Mike Greenberg
- Gerhart (Gerry) Witte (Chair)

Near Term Activities

Near term activities for the PSAC include:

- Hold public meetings to solicit residents concerns about Oakland Mills Public Space
- Monitor all current projects; identify new projects
- Solicit inputs for solutions to Public space issues
- Promote the OM PSAC among other Columbia Villages
- Provide appropriate feedback to residents of Oakland Mills

Contact Information

Residents may contact any member of the PSAC with relevant concerns or send an email to ompsac21045@gmail.com.