



Oakland Mills Community Association Public Space Committee Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Attendees:

- Warren Wortman, chair
- Jim Caffey
- Mike Westendorf
- Marc Klein
- Rebecca Bryant

Discussion(s):

- **OMHS NoMow Hill** - Yards Alive has expressed interest in planning and planting but looks for leadership elsewhere. What are the next steps?
 - permission from the school system
 - request for money - CA?
- **Orchard Green and MD 108 pedestrian crossing.** We will visit the businesses along Red Branch to let them know about the pedestrian crosswalk and pathways.
- **Gerwig/Guilford Rd.** Howard County held a virtual meeting to discuss the Gerwig/Guilford resurfacing project. Bike lanes will be painted along the route in the spring. Many trucks park along Gerwig Rd. The county plans to provide a truck parking lane on one side of the road. Note: overnight parking is no longer permitted.
- **Lake Elkhorn Restoration.** Discussed a thread on Next Door that opposed the proposed Lake Elkhorn restoration project. In a nutshell, the Army Corp of Engineers and the Maryland Department of the environment are currently considering a Mitigation Bank application. It would impact 33,000 linear feet of stream restoration between High Tor Hill and Lake Elkhorn. <https://www.marylandmitigationbank.com/lake-elkhorn-mitigation-site>
- **Stevens Forest Road** Not discussed

Action Items:

- Visit Red Branch Rd businesses about the MD 108 crosswalk
- Prepare testimony to present to the County Exec about the MD 108 crosswalk and Orchard Green pathway
- Talk to OMCA about OMHS NoMow Hill

Next Meeting: Holiday social, time and date TBD