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The Oakland Mills Board of Directors has compiled the following list of budget requests for the CA Conditional FY 27 budget.

OMCA Budget Requests – list is not in priority order

Excess Cash Reserves – Based on the current Management Contract, OMCA requests that CA continue to reinvest the excess 20% cash reserves back into the village that the reserves were submitted from and continue to use the funds on environmental sustainability projects. Such projects would benefit the contributing village and, due to the nature of the projects, provide environmental benefits beyond the village. Request CA continue to provide an update on past excess cash reserve money that was to fund environmental projects.

Play Area Repurposing and Redesign – Continue to fund village-based policy as passed by CA Board for Play Area Repurposing and Redesign. Recreate some existing play areas to provide recreational opportunities for all ages and for multi-generational connections.

2026 Pool Season - CA FY27 budget should include funding for CA Aquatics so that all CA lifeguards can be paid appropriate and competitive salaries; and ensure that all 23 outdoor pools can open and be fully staffed for the duration of the FY27 pool season. Fund a multi-lingual recruitment initiative. Include Play Membership to all residents in good standing for no extra charge. Conduct a study to see what it takes to make Talbott Springs Pool ADA compliant.

2nd Sheet of Ice at the Columbia Ice Rink - Add a second sheet of ice to the Columbia Ice Rink; work in partnership with Howard County to create a state-of-the art ice arena.

Preserve Tree Canopy - Please follow, per the CA Policy, for 1 to 1 tree replacement where possible. Prioritize preserving trees before removing them.

Removal of Invasive Species on Tree of Heaven - CA to focus open space invasive species removal on Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) to minimize the impact that the lanternfly has on our area.

Path from Orchard Green Tot Lot to Red Branch Road - Funding for the CA portion of a proposed path from the Orchard Green tot lot to Red Branch Road. Work with the State Highway Administration and Colonial Pipeline to design and build a pedestrian/bike path from the Orchard Green tot lot along Route 108 to the light at Red Branch Road

EV Charging Stations - Funding for visible EV charging stations at the Columbia Ice Rink and CA Neighborhood Centers in Oakland Mills and at prominent locations at all CA facilities or work with Howard County and/or other entities to install through their partnership program.

More/Better Quality Bike Racks at CA Facilities - Install additional bike racks at CA facilities, avoiding wave or grid style racks which do not maximize available secure space.

Flowers for Signage at Stevens Forest Road and Broken Land Parkway – Remove rocks in front of the Oakland Mills sign at the corner of Stevens Forest Road and Broken Land Parkway and replace with flowers similar to what all other signs have.

Other Signage - Replace the Thunder Hill Neighborhood sign at the entrance to Mellonbrook and Route 108.