



January 30, 2024

The Honorable Steuart Pittman  
County Executive  
44 Calvert Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Allison Pickard  
Chair, County Council  
44 Calvert Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: Crownsville Advisory Committee 2023 Annual Report**

Dear County Executive Pittman and Chair Pickard,

The Crownsville Advisory Committee was established on September 5, 2023 by Executive Order #61. Included in that Order was a stipulation to “submit an annual report by January 30 to the County Executive and the County Council summarizing the activities of the Committee, which shall include achievements, public input, factual findings, and recommendations for the use, improvement, preservation, and management of the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park.”

I am pleased to submit that report to you now, which is attached. Though the Committee has only been active for several months, members have been productive during this time. The Committee met monthly through January of this year, and in that time created four subcommittees and received briefings from County Departments and subject matter experts. Following January’s meeting, the Committee will move to bimonthly meetings, although subcommittees will meet more frequently.

I hope you find the attached report informative. More information, as well as minutes and recordings of the Committee meetings held to date, is available on the County’s website at: <https://www.aacounty.org/crownsville-advisory-committee>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Trumbauer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Chris Trumbauer  
Chair, Crownsville Advisory Committee

cc: Christine Anderson, Chief Administrative Officer  
Laura Corby, County Council Administrator  
Hannah Dier, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Members, Crownsville Advisory Committee



**Crownsville Advisory  
Committee Annual Report  
January 2024**

## **Purpose**

County Executive Steuart Pittman created the Crownsville Advisory Committee by executive order in September of 2023. The Committee's charge is to:

- act as an advisory body and be responsible for advising the County Executive and County Departments on the planning process, including community involvement, for Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park;
- make recommendations for uses of the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park, taking into account the cultural history of the site, the health and wellness of County residents, the need of residents for recreation and parks, and necessary infrastructure to support those uses; and
- collect and compile public input on public need and prospective uses of the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park.

## **Activities to Date**

### A. Meetings

Since the formation of the Committee in September, it has met five times. A brief summary of each meeting is below, and additional information and meeting documents can be found on the Committee webpage, <https://www.aacounty.org/crownsville-advisory-committee>.

- September 28, 2023 (in person)
  - *Since this was the first meeting, topics primarily centered around organizational items, such as introductions, an overview of Committee purpose and goals, and an overview of the property. The Committee appointed four members as chairs of subcommittees - Health and Wellness, Cultural History, Infrastructure, and Recreation and Parks.*
  - *Prior to the start of this meeting, Committee members were invited to attend a tour of the Crownsville campus.*
- October 26, 2023 (virtual)
  - *The Committee heard from County Executive Pittman about his vision for the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park, and reviewed public comments received to the [crownsville-park-comments@aacounty.org](mailto:crownsville-park-comments@aacounty.org) email address. Comments were divided among the subcommittees for consideration. The Committee also had routine updates from the County Project Manager, Mike Stroud, and shared subcommittee updates.*
- November 16, 2023 (virtual)
  - *The Committee heard presentations from the County's Master Plan consultants, Design Collective Inc, on the Master Planning Process and from the Director of*

*the Department of Public Works on the status of utilities at the property. The Committee also had routine updates from the Project Manager, Mike Stroud, shared subcommittee updates, and received additional public comments referred to subcommittees.*

- December 14, 2023 (virtual)
  - *The Committee heard from Antonia Hylton, author of Madness. The Committee also had routine updates from the County Project Manager, Mike Stroud, and shared subcommittee updates.*
- January 29, 2024 (in person)
  - *The Committee received an overview of recreation and park plans at Crownsville from Deputy Director of Recreation and Parks, Erika Matthews. The Committee also had routine updates from the County Project Manager, Mike Stroud, shared subcommittee updates, and received additional public comments referred to subcommittees.*

## B. Subcommittees

One of the Committee's key achievements in the first few months has been the formation of four subcommittees to take a closer look at particular areas of importance to the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park campus:

- **Recreation and Parks**, charged with providing recommendations on the development of recreational and park amenities on the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park campus and use of property in the Maryland Environmental Trust (MET) conservation easement area.
- **Health and Wellness**, charged with providing recommendations on the health/wellness services and programming, offered by the County and local nonprofits, that will best serve Anne Arundel County residents at the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park campus.
- **Cultural History**, charged with providing recommendations on the cultural heritage, interpretation and commemoration of the history (how to tell the story) at the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park, including the cemetery, and providing advice and guidance on the redevelopment in the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) easement area.
- **Infrastructure**, charged with providing recommendations for improved utilities for the benefit of all Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park users and in line with development plans; providing recommendations for modernization of buildings to be rehabilitated; and providing input on buildings to be demolished and general maintenance and upkeep of buildings, grounds, and roadways.

The Committee appointed four of its members to serve as chairs of the subcommittees. The chairs are empowered to appoint additional experts and community members to each of their subcommittees. Since appointing the subcommittee chairs, the Committee has received an overwhelming amount of interest in participation.

The subcommittees have been tasked with reviewing public comments and developing recommendations within each area of study. A summary of public comments, organized by subcommittee, is attached to this report.

### **Next Steps**

Moving forward, the Committee plans to meet on a bimonthly basis, with at least one in person meeting each year. Each Subcommittee will report recommendations up to the full Committee for consideration. The Committee and Subcommittees will also continue to be closely engaged with the Master Planning process. The County's Master Planning consultants attend each meeting of the full Committee and Subcommittees.

Crownsville Advisory Committee  
 Summary of Public Comments  
 Received through 1/26/24

Cultural History Jacqueline Boone Allsup, Chair	Health and Wellness Pam Brown, Chair	Infrastructure Allison Taylor, Chair	Recreation and Parks Scott Hymes, Chair
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Museum commemorating past of hospital center</li> <li>● Cemetery and memorial</li> <li>● Trolley tours</li> <li>● History tours</li> <li>● Artifact preservation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Child Care (0-3 yrs)</li> <li>● Mental health inpatient (adults and children)</li> <li>● Substance use treatment (adults and children)</li> <li>● Services for underserved/disenfranchised populations</li> <li>● Women’s shelter (domestic violence, substance, other)</li> <li>● Veterans housing/home or service center</li> <li>● Wrap around service hub for caseworkers, social workers, housing, food, workforce resources</li> <li>● Wellness treatments</li> <li>● Teen parenting program</li> <li>● Elderly housing</li> <li>● Affordable housing</li> <li>● Cooking school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Storage for nonprofit entities</li> <li>● State EOC/Military HQ</li> <li>● Solar panels</li> <li>● Public restrooms (free standing)</li> <li>● Space for existing nonprofits (Gaudenzia, Food Bank, Hope House, PC Users Group)</li> <li>● Housing - in reconditioned apartments/condos in existing historic buildings</li> <li>● Building material reuse</li> <li>● Security</li> <li>● Litter management/collection</li> <li>● Impervious surface goal</li> <li>● Affordable housing</li> <li>● County infrastructure (school, police or fire station, compost)</li> <li>● Wetland restoration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Community gardens</li> <li>● Trails (bike, walker, hiker)</li> <li>● Access to Bacon Ridge</li> <li>● Green space in areas that have trees now</li> <li>● Sport fields (football, soccer, lacrosse, baseball, basketball)</li> <li>● Sport courts (tennis, pickleball)</li> <li>● Horse trails</li> <li>● Dog park</li> <li>● Turf fields</li> <li>● Farmers market</li> <li>● Pool</li> <li>● Animal shelter</li> <li>● Horse barns, trailer storage/parking</li> <li>● Arts (studio space, classes for adults and children, performance space, nonprofit offices)</li> <li>● Landscape design</li> <li>● Quarter mile walking loop</li> <li>● Pollinator gardens</li> </ul>

**Tenant Requests**

Space for BIG (Books for International Goodwill)

Space for Bike AAA - Wheels of Hope

Space for Bowie State educational program

Space for Chase Your Dreams - Visionary Program

Space for Shelley's House

Space for Talent Machine

Space for Veterans Home/Services

Space for BWMC - community based wellness programming, mental health

Space for Y of Central Maryland

Space for Chase Home - women's program