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**Budget Town Hall Comments – District 5**

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1. Arnold Preservation Council requests that Anne Arundel County fund the construction of a formal connection between the B & A Trail and the Broadneck Trail. This would be in addition to the surface connection at Jones Station Road. Ideal would be a pedestrian walkway over Route 2 near College Parkway. Much has already been invested in these trails by the County and they are popular. A dedicated and safer way to cross Route 2 is warranted. (See LPPRP Dec 2021 Draft Page 80 # 6 “Design & construct a bridge over Rt2 to connect the Broadneck and B & A trails.”)
2. Arnold Preservation Council recognizes the great value of Spriggs Farm Park to Arnold citizens. We ask that there be no full-scale launch system be installed there and we object to any funding of such a venture. The construction costs, maintenance costs and resulting traffic in a neighborhood community should be considered prohibitive.
3. Arnold Preservation Council requests funding be included in the budget for a continuous sidewalk on Severn Way from the intersection with Route 2 to the B & A trail. This would improve accessibility and safety for pedestrians and bikers in a very congested area.
4. If Anne Arundel County transfers Holly Beach Farm to the National Park Trust, and the site becomes a venue for visitors nationwide, plans must be begun now to devise ways to manage the resulting traffic. This area is already overwhelmed by traffic during beach season, which severely hinders the travel of local citizens. Arnold Preservation Council requests that Anne Arundel County start now to designate funds for planning.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the budget.

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cc: Amanda Fiedler, Anne Arundel County Council

The mission of Arnold Preservation Council is to unite the community of Arnold, preserve its rural heritage and enhance its environment by advocating responsible growth, linked neighborhoods, local businesses and excellent schools