



County Councilman David Marks Fifth District Newsletter

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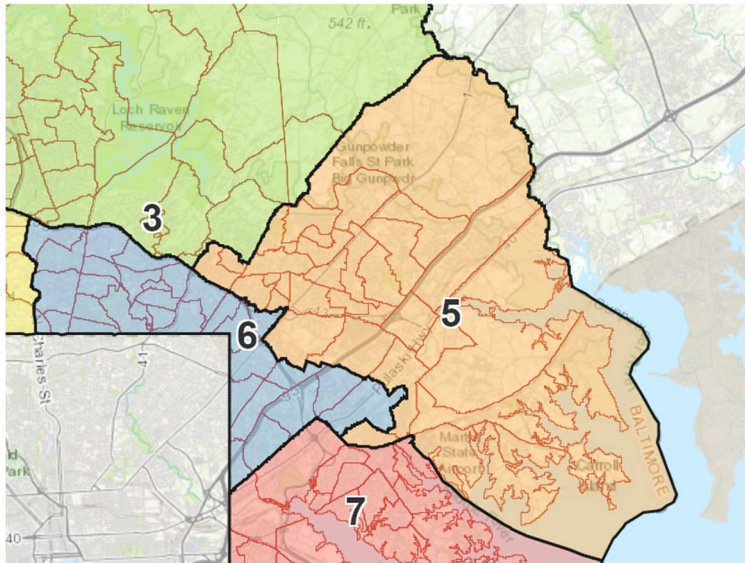
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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS: DISTRICTS TO CHANGE IN DECEMBER WITH NEW COUNCIL

On December 5th, the new Baltimore County Council and other officials will be inaugurated to serve for a term ending in 2026. When that happens, the Fifth District will shift eastward.



If you live in Towson, Loch Raven, and areas of Parkville and Fullerton that are west of Belair Road, you will now be represented by the new Sixth District Councilman, Mike Ertel. The Fifth District will now stretch from the Harford Road corridor south to Middle River. Please let us know if you want to unsubscribe you from this newsletter.

It has been a pleasure representing central Baltimore County. Working with our community leaders and other elected officials, we've made great progress over the past twelve years—a [revitalizing Downtown Towson](#), five new parks, resurfaced roads, the Towson Loop bus service, three renovated schools, and planning for a new Towson High School. Thank you for the opportunity to represent such a dynamic part of Baltimore County.

David Marks

PLANNING FOR TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL MOVES FORWARD



Funding has been included in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget for a “like new” Towson High School. Right now, Baltimore County Public Schools is leading discussions on the historic character of the building. You can follow this part of the planning process at this link:

https://businessservices.bcps.org/departments/facilities_management/strategic_planning/towson_h_s_-_m_d_historical_trust_section_106

HARFORD/JOPPA ROAD PROJECT EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE IN DECEMBER

Intersection improvements are expected to wrap up at the Harford/Joppa Road intersection in December. Here is an update from the Maryland State Highway Administration's District Engineer: "The pedestrian work is almost 100% complete, including pedestrian crossing poles, sidewalks, and pavement markings. We are currently working on patching, wedge leveling the roadway in preparation for the final roadway resurfacing work. This project is anticipated to be substantially completed by December, 2022."

When completed, this project will add a new westbound lane to Joppa Road and a southbound lane along Harford Road. Councilman Marks has worked on this project since 2012.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR STUDY

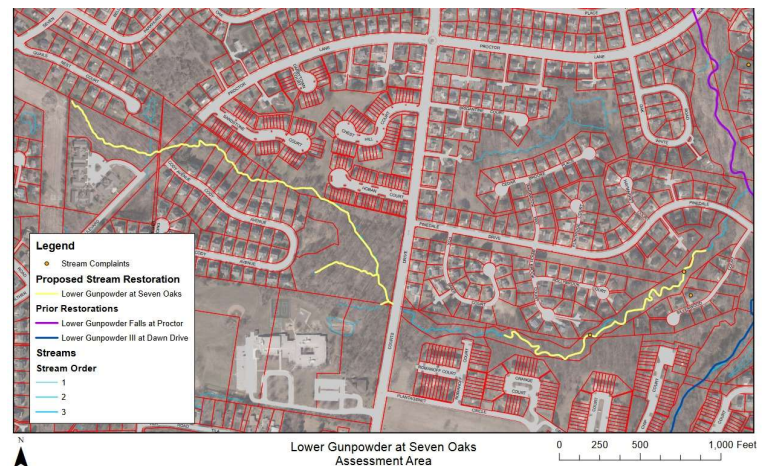
Our office has received numerous inquiries about the North-South Corridor Study. This initiative is part of the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan (RTP), a 25-year plan for improving public transportation in Central Maryland. The Maryland Department of Transportation and local stakeholders have spent the past year analyzing existing and future transit demand between Towson and Downtown Baltimore.

We encourage you to review the work and make comments on the alternatives discussed as part of this study. You can take the survey included on this page. <https://rtpcorridors.com/northsouth>. Our Council office has never been briefed by the state on any aspect of this proposal.

SURVEY WORK UNDERWAY ON SEVEN COURTS ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

County surveyors are surveying the Lower Gunpowder tributary at the Seven Oaks Environmental Protection Area. Right now, they are simply assessing conditions. This area was targeted for study due to the number and extent of headcuts - spots of extreme streambed erosion - that are impacting the network of tributaries within the environmental area. The channel on the other side of Seven Courts Drive is also being assessed, but the stream-related issues are not as severe on this eastern side.

Approximately 5,000 linear feet of channel is being surveyed for this effort; however, it is anticipated the length of the project will be less than that. More details will follow as this project advances.



STABILIZATION OF SECTION OF WHITE MARSH RUN UNDERWAY

Baltimore County contractors are repairing a section of White Marsh Run in the vicinity of 5010 Bucks School House Road. Access will be through the Pine Valley Swim Club and should be completed by March 2023. If you have any questions, contact Megan Barger at (410) 887-2904 or mbarger@baltimorecountymd.gov.