



County Councilman David Marks Fifth District Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS: **ENGAGING COMMUNITIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS**

One of the biggest complaints I heard over the past year was the need for communities to be engaged in the development process. That's why I have worked quickly to make sure residents, business leaders, and other stakeholders are working together at three new locations in the Fifth District.



The C.P. Crane plant site, shown before the implosion of the smokestacks in August, is located adjacent to Seneca Park and Bowleys Quarters. Last

summer, [I testified against the extension of public water here](#). The Planning Board irresponsibly approved that extension. In December, I removed that item from the Baltimore County Sewerage and Water Plan until there is consensus on the future of this site.

[The Lafarge quarry on Earls Road is proposed for industrial development and open space](#). I formed a working group to review the Planned Unit Development resolution approved by the County Council—which which I opposed largely because it was rushed.

Finally, there has been much discussion about the plan for apartments at **the White Marsh Town Center**. This is a symptom of a larger issue—there is no vision for the sprawling town center. [That's why I formed a task force to examine land use, transportation, and other aspects of development here](#). I'll stay in touch as we work through all three of these issues.

David Marks

COUNCILMAN MARKS INTRODUCES LEGISLATION REQUIRING ORGANIC RECYCLING ONLY IN INDUSTRIAL AREAS

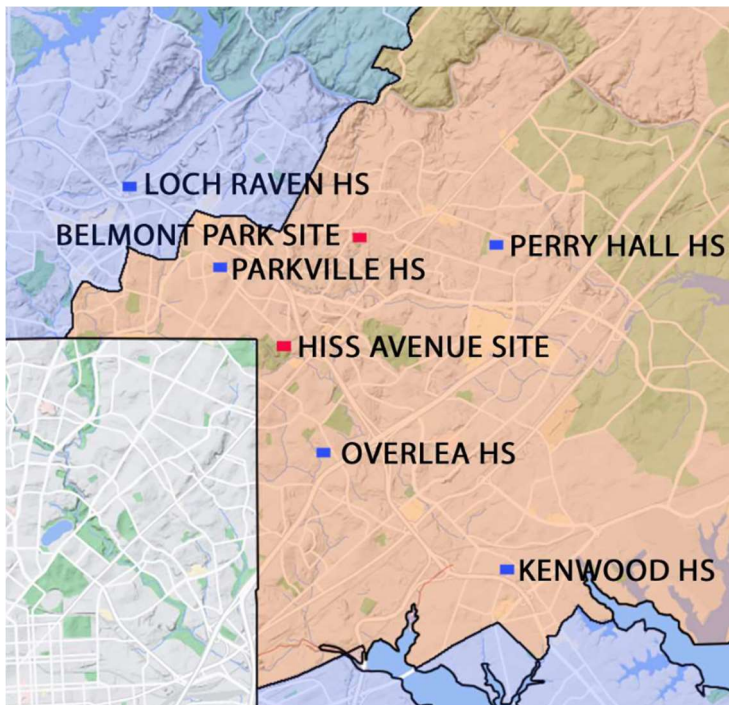


Baltimore County is under a state mandate to increase its recycling of organic materials, such as food scraps. Councilman Marks has introduced legislation that sets parameters for where an organic composting facility may be located—and only in an industrial area. [Last fall, such a facility was proposed unsuccessfully for a residential part of Philadelphia Road](#).

COUNCILMAN MARKS PUSHING FOR REAL HIGH SCHOOL OVERCROWDING SOLUTIONS

Since his election to the Baltimore County Council, Councilman Marks has pushed for new schools to reduce overcrowding, a problem that has vexed the county for decades. He downzoned property to lighten development, and prioritized senior housing that does not impact schools. By 2024, three new schools will have been built in the area that serves the Fifth District—Honeygo Elementary, which opened in 2018; Rossville Elementary, which opened in 2022; and [the new middle school on King Avenue](#), set to open next year.

Unfortunately, the missing part of the solution deals with high school needs on the Eastside. Despite numerous requests from Councilman Marks, the school system reviewed park and existing school sites in Parkville, Loch Raven, and Perry Hall while ignoring the possibility of a new school on undeveloped property in the Middle River area.



The report can be found here: https://cdn5-ss3.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_9047649/File/StrategicPlanning/NE%20HS%20Study/2022-

[12-09%20BCPS%20NE%20Site%20Analysis%20Final%20Report%20WCAG2.pdf](#)

Councilman Marks will be introducing a resolution that asks BCPS to look at new property—not simply adding onto existing schools and creating super-sized campuses.

HONORING THE FIFTH DISTRICT CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

In 2011, Councilman Marks created a program to recognize outstanding community volunteers and leaders. Last month, he announced eight recipients of the Fifth District Citizens of the Year program. They are:

- Cathy Balcar and Drena Fertetta, for their support of our community through food and household goods collection;
- Robert Chaney, for his leadership in the Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company, and for improving the Kingsville Triangle;
- Al Corpysz, for his work to improve traffic safety in the Avondale Road area of Carney;
- The Daniel Carl Torsch Foundation, for combating substance abuse and supporting rehabilitation;
- Angie Feehly, for her contributions to Kingsville Elementary School and the Kingsville community;
- Ruth Hens, for her efforts to clean up the waterways and neighborhoods of Carney; and
- George Majchrzak, for improving the Kingsville Triangle.

A NEW LOOK FOR ANGEL PARK

Check out the beautiful new signage at Angel Park! The signage helps freshen up Perry Hall's all-access playground and amphitheater, [built by the community in 2016](#).

