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VIA EMAIL

April 7, 2022

Senator Jeff Waldstreicher
Senator Craig Zucker
Delegate Marc Korman
Delegate Alfred Carr
Delegate Emily Shetty
Delegate Jared Solomon

Dear Senators Waldstreicher and Zucker and Delegates Korman, Carr, Shetty, and Solomon,

We understand that the Maryland State Senate and Assembly have now passed the capital budget for Fiscal Year 2023, and that in that budget is a total of \$3.5 million earmarked to support the creation of new parks associated with the redevelopment of the Farm Women's Market in Bethesda. \$3 million is included in this upcoming fiscal year, and another \$500,000 is pre-authorized to be included in the budget for FY24.

My colleagues and I on the Town Council, on behalf of the residents of our Town, want to express our sincere appreciation for your successful effort to find State support for this vital project. With this appropriation, we are much closer to completing the financial plan that is needed to ensure adequate funding for this project. These parks will add two and a half acres of open green space for residents and workers around Bethesda to enjoy and will help maintain the balance of amenities with development that will enable Bethesda to thrive.

Again, many thanks for your good and successful work.

Sincerely,

Barney Rush
Mayor

cc: Marc Elrich, Montgomery County Executive
Andrew Friedson, Montgomery County Councilmember
Casey Anderson, Chair, Montgomery Planning Board