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Montgomery County Council  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Montgomery County Council Members,

Bikeways in Olney area are discussed in the Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan. The Olney Town Center area is designated as one of the priority areas for bikes and pedestrians. The sidewalks/multi-use trails in the town center are generally good (some could use improvements) but the connections to the town center from many of the residential locations are deficient in getting to Town Center. They need to be 12 foot wide multi-use trails and ADA compliant.

At the October 8, 2013 GOCA meeting, the following motion was passed unanimously:

**The Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Area for Olney should be expanded to include access points from surrounding areas into the Town Center. GOCA recommends the boundaries of the Priority Area be Gold Mine Road in the north, Emory Lane in the south, Cashell Rd in the west, and Old Baltimore Rd in the east.**

By including the surrounding areas in the priority areas, residents will be able to safely reach the Town Center making the entire Olney area more walkable. The proposed boundaries includes Longwood Recreation Center and it would be very useful to have a proper sidewalk from Town Center north on Georgia Ave to the recreation center.

Sincerely,

Barbara Falcigno  
President, Greater Olney Civic Association