

# OPEN STREETS

HOWARD COUNTY

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2017 11 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

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*Route taken from the proposed Bikeway*



## Get Fit Getting There

Nearly half of adults in the United States fail to meet the recommended amount of physical activity. But people living in areas with safe, comfortable, healthy transportation options — like bike lanes and sidewalks — are far more likely to meet those guidelines. Reimagining our roads as “complete streets” that accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders and drivers will help us more easily integrate walking and biking into our daily lives.

## About Open Streets

Open Streets Howard County is an initiative of the Horizon Foundation that seeks to promote a more bikeable and walkable community where everyone can safely and easily travel by bike or on foot. Howard County is beginning to make progress and we are continuing to work to ensure our community is designed with health in mind.

## Benefits of Biking & Walking



The numerous benefits of walking and bicycling include helping to prevent chronic conditions like Type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



Increasing bike- and walk-friendliness in a community can contribute to its economic vitality. One study of 10 complete streets communities by Smart Growth America found that eight experienced increased property values near the improved areas.



Biking and walking can contribute to a more sustainable future. Increasing the share of all trips made by biking and walking to 13 percent could cut fuel and greenhouse gas emissions at an amount equal to replacing 19 million conventional cars with hybrids.

## Making Progress

- ▶ More than 1,000 people and 18 community institutions have voiced support for the Bikeway, a connected network of routes from the Bicycle Master Plan that will make biking easier, safer and more accessible to everyone.
- ▶ In spring 2016, Howard County passed its first Bicycle Master Plan and stated its support for a complete streets approach to designing and constructing roadways.
- ▶ Howard County Bikeshare launched in summer 2017, bringing 70 bicycles to seven stations across Downtown Columbia.
- ▶ Columbia, Md., was honored as a bronze-level bicycle friendly community and noted for its extensive trail system by the League of American Bicyclists in May 2016.



## Save the Date

Meet us on the street **Oct. 1, 2017 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Dunloggin Middle School and Northfield Elementary School, Dorsey Hall Pool and Dorsey's Search Village Center** for Open Streets Howard County and see how better street design and projects like the Bikeway can make getting around easier, safer and more comfortable for everyone! The event will include action-packed stops with bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure demonstrations, food trucks, kids' activities and more.

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