

HCCA 2024 Annual Report

December 18, 2024

The HCCA is very proud of our accomplishments, serving the Howard County community since 1961. Most recently, the HCCA Board was a major contributor, working with County Council members and testifying for the establishment of the Office of Inspector General. 145,061 residents were in favor, 86% of the voters. We were given very nice accolades by Council members which is always appreciated.

We look forward to our members' continued support in 2025 and hope you will become active in assisting to make our County a better place for all. We would like for you to consider being a part of our organization by either [renewing your 2024 HCCA Membership](#) or [becoming a New Member](#).

The HCCA vision as stated below has been recognized for involvement in the community.

- Be a watchdog organization to ensure roads, schools and quality of life issues do not deteriorate because of poor planning.
- Work with communities as consultants and advocates regarding zoning issues.
- See to it that transparency and open government is prevalent in the County.
- Advocate for zoning regulations that are more quantitative, less subject to interpretation, and more inclusive of citizen input.
- Make certain that 'Aging in Place' concerns in the County are planned for and executed in a thoughtful manner.
- Ensure rural land is preserved in all areas of the County and that preservation statutes are enforced.
- Ensure that Columbia continues as a planned community with the different approach embodied in New Town Zoning.

Over the years we have been extremely active with our County and State officials as evident by the [HCCA Reports, Documents and Testimonies page](#).

The [HCCA Board of Directors](#) would like to THANK YOU for your support. Please go to our website to [view the many activities we have been involved in](#). We are extremely thankful our dedicated Board Members volunteer to voice the opinion(s) of HCCA by articulating what we

believe are worthwhile endeavors and make suggestions for improvements. Our voices need to be heard, as silence is not acceptable.

Our HCCA Board Members have established credibility especially since our Board Members serve on various Task Forces and Committees. These include:

Adequate Public Facilities Review Committee; Gateway Task Force; DC Metroplex BWI Community Roundtable; Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Women's Leadership Conference Committee; Hickory Ridge Community Engagement Committee; HCCA New Town Committee; HC Watershed Group; Columbia Group; MD Delegate Chao Wu's District 9a Legislative Director; Board of Director of Greater Highland Crossroads Association; Oakland Mills Community Association Liaison; MD Public Utilities Commission EV Work Group / Supply Equipment / System Planning / Electrification Study; Zero Emission EV Infrastructure Council appointed by the Governor, MD; Department of Transportation - Connected Autonomous Vehicles; Business Monthly Columnist; MD Aviation Administration Citizens Committee for the Enhancement of Communities; Knights of Columbus; and Executive Vice President Parents Teacher Association Council of HC.

We invite you to view our video produced 7 years ago, titled, "[Columbia at 50 - A Bridge to the Future](#)". This presentation has a far-reaching impact for not only Columbia, but the entire County. It is about the past, present and to think about the future.

We hope ALL of YOU have a safe and joyous New Year. We look forward for you to be a part of our organization and to play an active role.

Stu Kohn
HCCA President