



Randallstown

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Updates on Liberty Road

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1. Master Plan

The Randallstown NAACP is advocating for the Baltimore County Council to adopt the Master Plan for 2030. We are hopeful that the Liberty Road Corridor can be specifically mentioned in the document. This document can frame and ensure the quality of life is enhanced on Liberty Road. **This must be further built upon by a development plan/ strategic plan for Liberty Road.** This is important to set the vision, goals, funding and implementation schedule to redevelop Liberty Road.

An example of this is Benning road in DC:

<https://planning.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/op/publication/attachments/benningcom1.pdf>

2. County Executive has put in motion the Randallstown Community Development Corporation

They have filed the incorporation papers, written By-Laws and their 501(c)3 application. They are drafting the Executive Director job description and the framework for a strategic plan. The hope is to have an ED hired in early spring. The county is also providing two years of funding to get the staff started on the priorities that the Board sets. The county expects to continue providing some technical assistance after the consultant's contract expires in March. They have gotten a \$10,000 donation from Lifebridge and \$1000 from CCBC.

3. West Side Redevelopment Authority

The County Administration, Senator Sydnor and Councilman Young are working to establish the Board as spelled out in the legislation. Like the CDO, this will require filing incorporation papers, getting an IRS tax status, and setting other legal and fiscal structures as well creating the Board working through the elected officials. The state has committed \$750,000 in operating funds and \$250,000 in capital. The county has also committed \$250,000 in capital. We hope that the board will be named and start working in early 2024.

4. Business Improvements

The county has applied for \$500,000 from the state to work with businesses and the shopping centers to make various external improvements. While focused on facades, this can include signage and other improvements.

5. Community Improvement Grant Program

Planning has launched a grant program that enables community organizations and others to obtain funds for a variety of community projects. The amount can be as little as \$3,000.

<https://baltimore-county-community-planning-bc-gis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/grant-opportunities>

6. Randallstown Y Swim Center

This year's capital budget includes \$250,000 for improvements to this facility.

7. Grocery Outlet

We anticipate that "coming soon" signage may be available in early winter.

8. Pedestrian Safety

SHA is conducting pedestrian safety analysis and planning for the Milford Mill, Rolling Road and Marriottsville Rd intersection with the intent to make improvements to enhance safety. The County's DPWT is working with them and has just received a federal grant to address safe routes for all on Liberty Rd. and in other corridors.

9. Gwynn Oak Post Office

The branch continues to work with Postal Realty on the redevelopment of the post office. Three scenarios have been discussed – shown below:

Scenario 1 - To demolish the post office and create a new post office with the entrance on Kelox Road.

Scenario 2 - To demolish and set the post office back with the entrance on Liberty Road. This will allow a nice loop and parking in the front.

Scenario 3 - The last option is to renovate the current post office at the current location.

To provide feedback on the scenario you prefer, please email contact@randnaacp.org.

10. Old Shoppers Grocery Store – 8212 Liberty Road

The Randallstown NAACP is assisting with talking to two national grocery chains to fill this vacancy.

11. Old Mars Super Market – 2375 N. Rolling Road

The Randallstown NAACP is in talks with a grocery chain to fill this vacancy.