

North Laurel Connections Open House



Linking historic Savage Mill
and Savage Park to the
North Laurel Community
Center and the Laurel MARC
Stations

Howard County
Office of Transportation

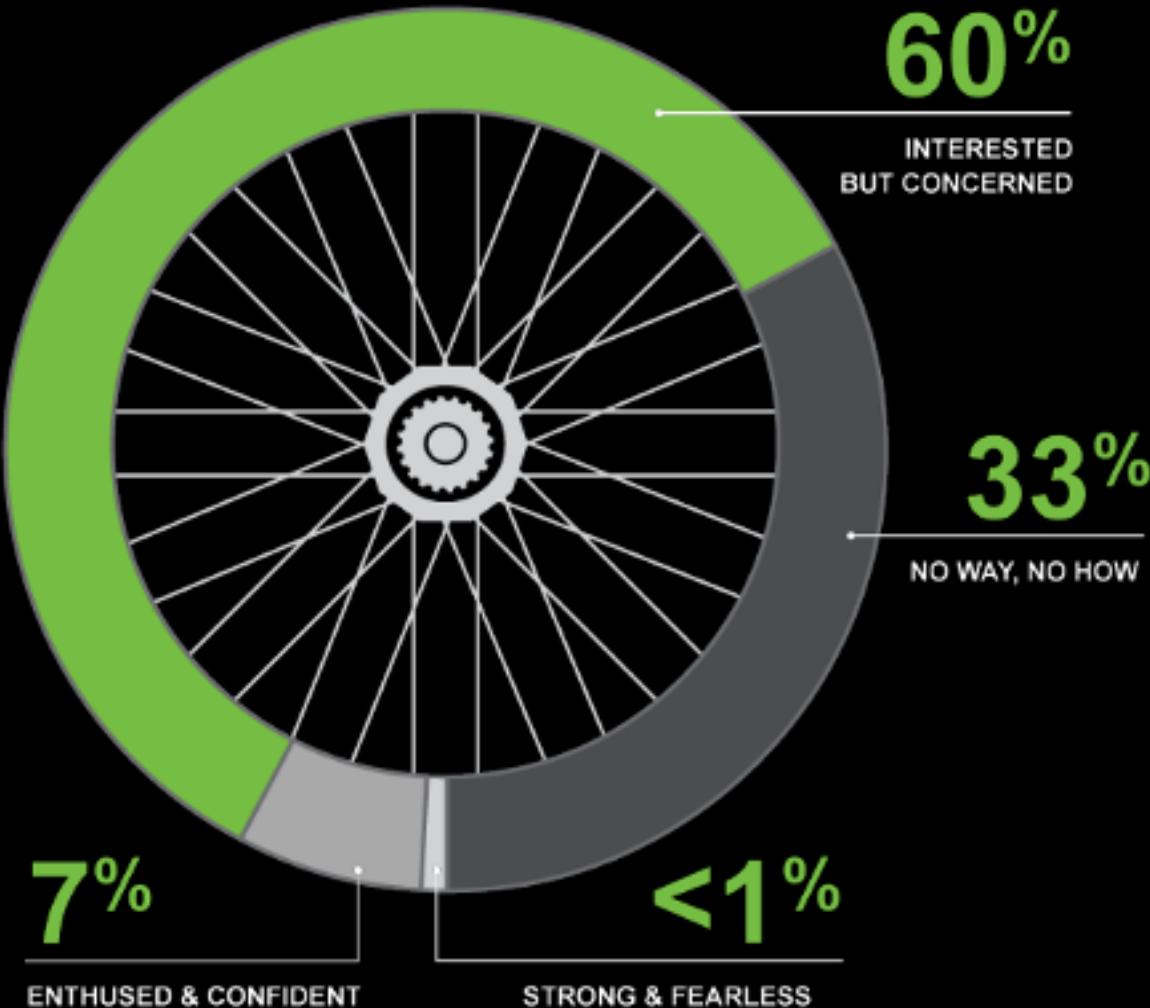


What's Happening?

1. Welcome
2. Background/presentation
3. Hands-on Exercise



FOUR TYPES OF RIDERS



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MORE

Experienced and Confident

A woman who is trying to get fitter by riding her bike on short recreational and shopping trips, she is comfortable on roads with painted bike lanes and small local roads.

Enthused and Confident

A mother and daughter who enjoy Saturday rides to the library along the trail that runs near their house. The need to cross a busy road prevents them from riding together to elementary school during the week.

LESS

Interested and Concerned

A new resident who just rented an apartment. He used to ride to the commuter rail station to get to graduate school in Boston and continue using the train to get his new job in Downtown DC. He wants to bike to MARC to get to his new job, but there are busy roads that he wants to avoid.



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Goal

Develop initial design drawings to connect destinations

Savage Park



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Objective

The main objective of this project is to identify preferred **on/off road improvements** to provide needed access to local communities and a **multi modal transportation link** between North Laurel and Savage Park. The result of this planning project will **guide** the connectivity improvements, such as **short pathway connections, sharrows, bike lanes and wayfinding signage** to guide cyclists and pedestrians to connect with destinations in the south.

Pathways



Bike Lanes



Protected Bike Lanes



Sharrows



Wayfinding

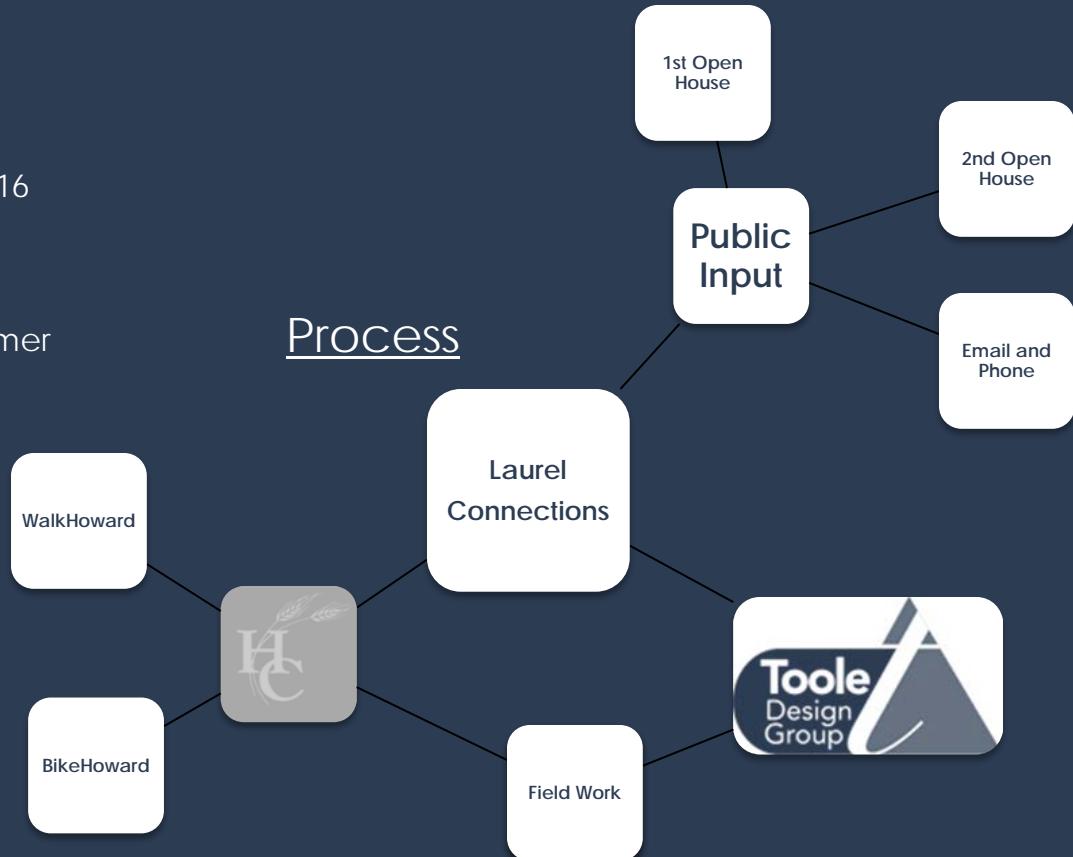


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Project Schedule

<u>Key Tasks</u>	<u>Status/Date</u>
Grant Awarded	Complete
1 st Open House	11/17/2015
2 nd Open House	Jan- Feb 2016
Develop 30% Design Plans	Spring 2016
Submit final report	Spring/Summer 2016

Process



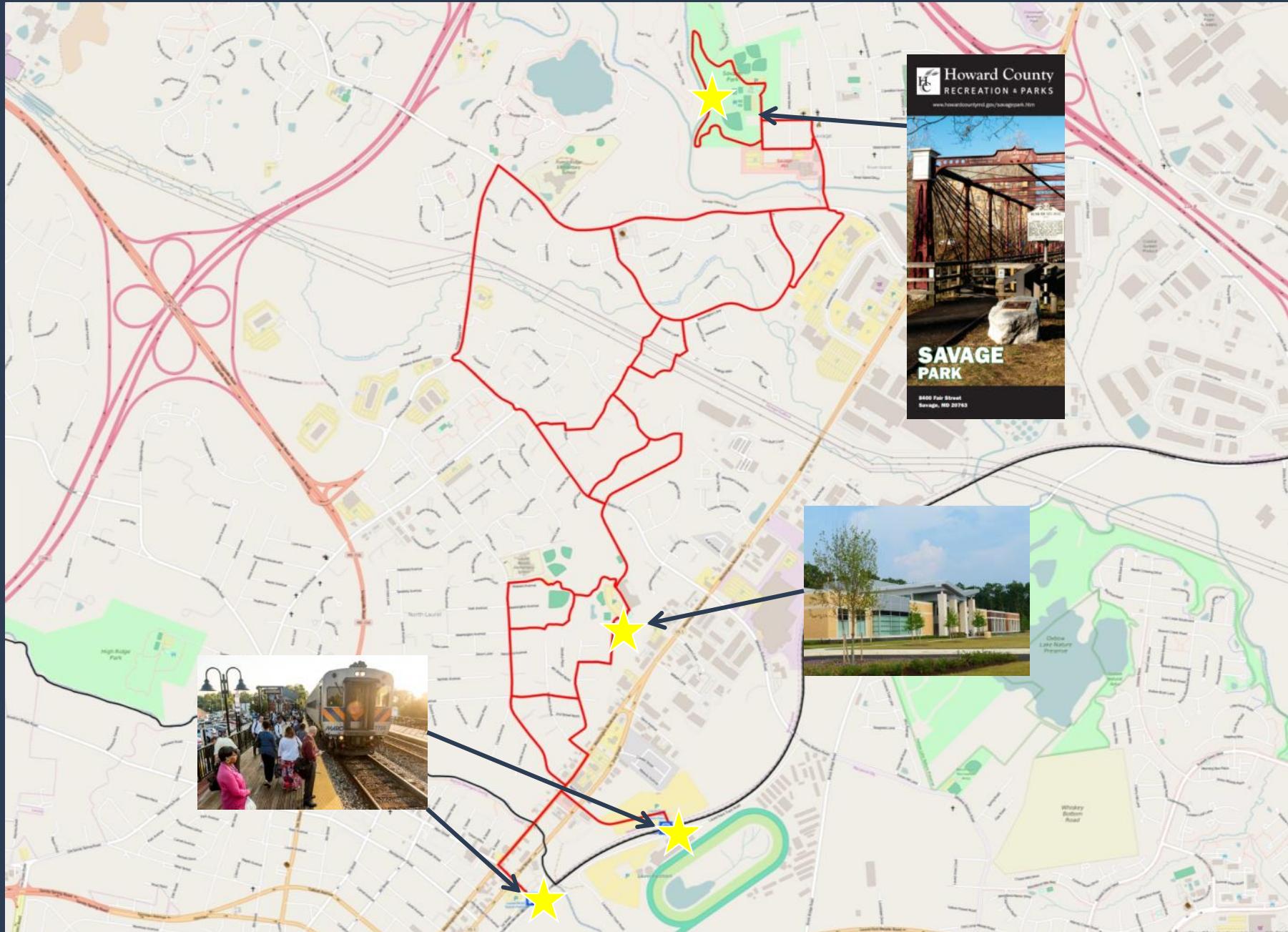


Table Exercise

Which are your preferred route options?

Areas of concern?

Discuss with your group leader and mark up the maps



The image is a flyer for 'North Laurel Connections'. At the top, there are six colorful bicycle icons in red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. Below them, the title 'North Laurel Connections' is written in a large, bold, blue font. Under the title are two photographs: the top one shows people riding bicycles on a paved path next to a road, and the bottom one shows people riding bicycles on a paved path next to a grassy area with trees. To the right of the photos, text reads: 'Linking Savage Park to the Laurel MARC Stations' and 'Howard County requests your participation to help us better serve you!'. Below this, it says: 'We will be hosting an **open house** on future **bicycle and pedestrian** connections to link historic Savage Mill and Savage Park with the North Laurel Community Center and Laurel MARC Stations'. Further down, it provides details: 'Where' (North Laurel Community Center, 9411 Whiskey Bottom Rd., Laurel, MD 20723), 'When' (Tues. November 17, 7:00pm to 8:00pm), and 'Questions? Please feel free to contact us' with contact information: Office: 410-313-3842, Email: dcookson@howardcountymd.gov, Website: <http://bikehoward.com/north-laurel-connections/>. At the bottom, there are logos for 'BIKE HOWARD' and 'WALK HOWARD moving forward', and the text 'JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE'.



Hands-On Exercise

Group Leaders

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Brian



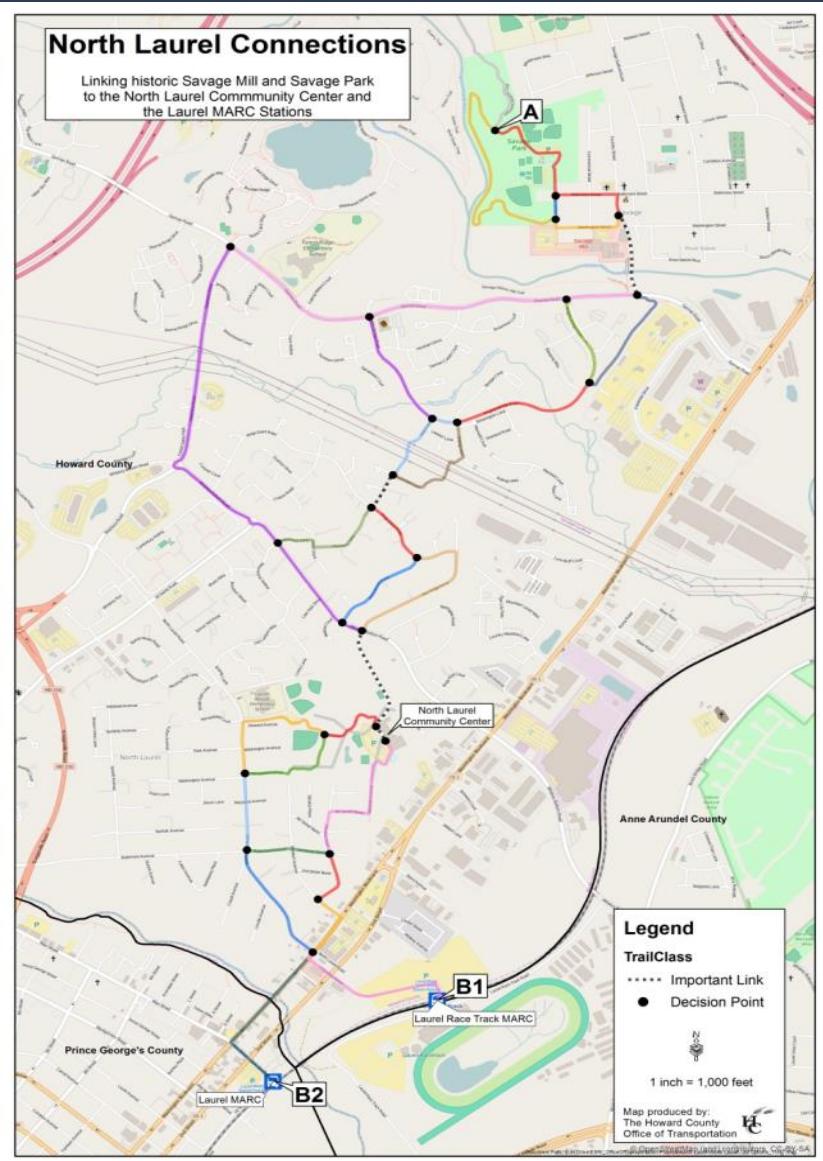
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BIKE HOWARD

The Howard County Bicycle Master Plan

HOME PROPOSED BICYCLE NETWORK MATERIALS & RESOURCES PROJECTS

Welcome!

Howard County is developing its first Bicycle Transportation Master Plan. The Office of Transportation is the lead agency administering the planning process. To ensure a comprehensive look at bicycling, the Office has secured the involvement of a number of other county agencies including the Office of the County Executive, the County Council and Department of Public Works.

The master plan will address bicycling for both transportation and recreation; and will look at on-road and off-road bicycling facilities. A variety of methods were used to gather public input, including a series of public workshops in the Fall of 2012, an online survey, and availability of an interactive online map.

BICYCLE MASTER PLAN GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Identify and develop countywide system of bicycle facilities to foster connectivity within and between the following: villages, communities and neighborhoods throughout the County, as well as neighboring cities and counties, parks and recreation centers, schools and educational institutions, commercial and employment centers, and regional and local transit facilities.
- Facilitate recreational and transportation trips by bicycle in the County and improve safety for all types of bicyclists.
- Recommend County policies that will support bicycling, including bikeway facility design.
- Build public support for implementation of the Plan.

A draft version of Bike Howard is presented below. You can view the Plan on-line, print it or download it. You can magnify and zoom in on the detail in the maps and the Plan by using your mouse wheel with the PDF menus View/Zoom and then Dynamic Zoom.

Please send any comments to David Cookson, at dcookson@howardcountymd.gov or Howard County Government, Office of Transportation, 3430 Courthouse Dr, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

[Bike Howard Facility Recommendations Electronic Map](#)

[Bike Howard Executive Summary-Draft](#)

[Bike Howard-Draft November 2015](#)

[Bike Howard Short Term Bike Facility Type-DRAFT-MAP](#)

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The Howard County Bicycle Master Plan

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Projects

This page contains information on the North Laurel Connections project.

[Patuxent Branch Trail Extension](#)

[Howard County Bikeshare](#)

[Cedar Lane Shared Use Path](#)

[North Laurel Connections](#)

[Dobbin Road Shared Use Path](#)

[Surface Upgrade for Existing Shared Use Path](#)

Location

Linking Savage Park to the Laurel MARC Stations

Status

We will be hosting an **open house** on future **bicycle and pedestrian** connections to link historic Savage Mill and Savage Park with the North Laurel Community Center and Laurel MARC Stations.

Where
North Laurel Community Center
9411 Whiskey Bottom Rd.
Laurel, MD 20723

When
Tues. November 17
7:00pm to 8:00pm

About the Project

Project Goals

The goal of this project is to develop 30% design documents for a series of on/off road facilities to improve connections from the **Patuxent Branch Trail** trailhead at Savage Park to the **North Laurel Community Center** continuing to the **Laurel Race Track** MARC Station and the **Laurel MARC Station**; potentially including a shared use pathway to improve access and connections across an existing utility right of way.



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