

Tanyard Springs Park Development

Anne Arundel County Capital Project No. P587901

Office of Planning & Zoning Community Meeting for Presentation of the 30% Schematic Design

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7/7/23	Joe Grassi	<p>Just curious as to why we need Tanyard Springs Park when we have Solley Park literally 1000' or less away from our community and within 3/4 of a mile of the proposed Tanyards springs park.</p> <p>Solley Park is under utilized and in pretty poor condition, why couldn't the money be allocated to rehab and put lighting into the fields at that park? It wouldn't disrupt the community and or traffic patters and is already established and being open till 10pm wouldn't be an issue.</p> <p>If the intentions are to put a school on this proposed Tanyard Springs park site in the future, could it just be left as is a wide open field to be enjoyed as is?</p> <p>Myself and other residents feel this needs to be looked at in more detail before construction proceeds, this is just feeling like a rushed / forced project by Parks & Recreation when what they already have should suffice if it were to be properly maintained.</p>	Tanyard Springs Park is intended to provide amenities not included in Solley Park. While Solley Park has tennis, basketball and pickleball courts and one baseball/softball field, there is no room for expansion. The new Tanyard Springs Park will provide a full-size multipurpose field for soccer, rugby, lacrosse and other sports and provide an additional baseball/softball field. Thank you, your comments have been noted.
7/7/23	Tora Bly	I'm writing in regards to the county plans for Tanyard Springs. My family and I have been living in this area for over 5 years now. We loved this community because it is safe, quiet, clean, and ideal for raising our children. We are comfortable with leaving our doors unlocked, walking freely at night, etc. The community plans will certainly compromise those key points that I listed above with opening our community up to the entire public. There is a real concern about safety and cleanliness. There are soooooo many areas for this type of planning outside of residential communities, why should the taxpaying residents at Tanyard Springs have to be subjective to port-o-potties and dumpsters, which are always disgusting, our children's safe and convenient bus stop being taken away, field lights until 10 pm, which directly impacts those on Tanyard Springs Lane and Mockingbird, traffic jams, and last but not least, studies have shown that these parks reduce the value of our homes. These plans are not in the best interest of the taxpayers of Tanyard Spring and certainly not fair to us. Please consider these concerns and seek other areas where this would more appropriate.	The portable toilets will be contained in a wood privacy enclosure to protect them from being tipped over and to visually screen them. The athletic field lighting will likely see usage during May and October daylight savings transition times when sports practice runs past twilight. The contemporary lighting planned will not spill light into neighboring residences. Thank you for your comments and input.
7/7/23	Anwaar Alqarooni & Kevin Steinberg	We would like to object on building a park that will be so close to us that will affect our house security and drops it's value 20% because of extra lighting till 10PM. We have children who need to sleep and have a safe home also the traffic that the park will cause we need a solution please	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.
7/7/23	Rebecca Jones	My husband and I have been owners in the Tanyard springs neighborhood for 15yrs on July 21,2023. We are 100 % against the current plans for the park space by the county. Please suspend these plans and reconsider the development of this space located at Tanyard springs lane and Heritage Crossing.	Thank you, your comments have been noted.
7/7/23	E Tyler Garee	I have major concerns with the development of sports fields and the future planned elementary school. It's going to bring a lot of traffic to a quiet private community. The community is already getting surrounded by commercial warehouses that's destroyed natural habitats and increased traffic. Now this?	We are augmenting the traffic lstudy for this project, based on community input. Thank you for your comments and input.
7/7/23	Lavette Popoola	<p>After reviewing the plans for the open park in Tanyard Springs, I'm utterly disappointed. We built here because of the homes and greenery.</p> <p>The plans proposed are redundant, considering there is a park walking distance outside of the community next to the fires house. Why is that not being upgraded? Why are you proposing a plan that will bring additional through traffic to a neighborhood that is already at its capacity. It's bad enough we have a through street on Tanyard Springs Lane, that outsiders and Amazon trucks cut through all day. Now you're proposing an area that will install port a potties, which are generally not well maintained. Offers basketball courts although there is one walking distance away (which I use, and we're recently resurfaced, so they are in good repair). The installation of lights will affect the homes nearby and thus all the property values. All of this is that the opening of the community, which doesn't give the best impression to potential new homeowners. First there were plans for a warehouse, now this. Not to mention the crime. As a community, we've had to remove certain amenities because it was attracting mischievous activity. Now, this will be even worse and the county is relying on residents to call police? This is burdensome to constituents, not helpful. All of this next to a graveyard?!</p> <p>We were promised a small school or local stores that could serve the community. Every plan presented for this area doesn't seem to be formulated with constituents in mind that will be most directly impacted, which is sad because this area is growing. Each communities has its own HOA and amenities that serve them, so why create this redundancy?</p>	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.
7/8/23	Erin Kelly	expressing concerns with the proposed plan for the county, the use of portable toilets and dumpsters will cause issues with rodents and odor and causes concern.	The Department of Recreation and Parks will omit the basketball court and the dumpster from the plans, based on community input. Thank you for your comments and input.
7/8/23	David Tiscione	Thank you for allowing us to submit comments! I understand the concept of the park and disagree with some neighbors regarding their concerns of increased traffic and crime. However, one concern I'm hopeful can be addressed is the porta potties. I'm concerned they would be an eye sore, health concern, and would seem tacky for a park that would be the first thing people would see and associate with the Tanyard Springs neighborhood. I believe a structure with running water and multi gender lockable bathrooms would be better suited for the park. Porta potties could be a drain on property values in the surrounding areas. Additionally, I think a walking path with outdoor workout equipment could be an added benefit to the park. Also, I'm hopeful the park will be consistent with the quality of other newer parks like Lake Waterford, Downs, Pip Moyer recreation Center etc. I think a modern, exciting playground would assuage neighborhood concerns and be a draw to the park. Lastly, I'm hopeful the county will commit to consistent upkeep of the park consistent with Lake Waterford as opposed to the lack of upkeep at Solley Park.	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.
7/8/23	Stephanie Damnan	Tanyard Cove strongly opposes the park development in Tanyard Springs. The park will not only increase traffic in Tanyard Springs and Marley Neck, it will also bring more crime to the area.	We are augmenting the traffic study for this project, based on community input. Thank you for your comments and input.
7/8/23	Danielle Fields	I went to the meeting and understand the current plans. I do not wish to have this plan to move forward. Our neighborhood has 4 parks inside the community. Solley Park which is public is in walking distance. I would rather see thar park and a few others in the area improved so that the same amenities proposed are usable at these existing fields. There are many other concerns voiced at the meeting that I agree with.	Thank you, your comments have been noted.

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7/8/23	Melissa Ingley	I am a current resident of Tanyard Springs and I live on a street that will border/face the new park. I have multiple concerns regarding the new development. As I will be welcoming a newborn baby in the fall, I have concerns regarding the field and parking lot lights that will be shining into her room at night. I also have concerns about the already rising crime in our neighborhood which will be more intensified if there is a public park. I also have concerns about the traffic issues that we already face pulling onto Tanyard Springs Lane. Many people already use this as a pass through road and speed limits are not followed. I hope that the surrounding houses will be taken into consideration when planning this park. Thank you.	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.
7/8/23	Yasmeena	I believe a sports complex would diminish certain aspects of our neighborhood such as the green space and the bus loops. It would make this neighborhood too hectic and not a great place to live	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.
7/8/23	Allison Marocolo	I am against the park being built in Tanyard Springs. There is no need for it as there is already a county park less than a half a mile from here. Tanyard Springs lane has already become too crowded with the opening of the road to Solely. The community already had issues with the basketball courts and I do not want port a pots in my back yard or anywhere in my neighborhood. Leave the area alone.	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.
7/8/23	Samantha	There is already a park (Solley Park) with the same proposed amenities down the road from the proposed park. We do not need a park in the middle of a private community. This will affect traffic patterns as well as unnecessary congestion in an already very busy community. This park is not needed or warranted.	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.
7/9/23	Lee	This park is not what's best for the surrounding community, it will bring additional traffic/ enough use the road as a bypass/cut through. It will lower home values in the long run through increased crime, litter, loitering, and the like. There is already an underused park with basketball courts at the volunteer fire station a half mile away. Crime is already increasing and with little increase in police presence it will only get worse. Spend our tax money on a better option!	We are augmenting the traffic impact study for this project, based on community input. Thank you for your comments and input.
7/9/23	Muriel Cohen	No need to have a county park in an established private development. Cutting so many trees is bad for environment.	Best efforts will be made to remove only the trees necessary to implement this park. We are evaluating how we may reduce the number of trees being removed. Thank you, your comments have been noted.
7/9/23	DeBoRah Robertson	I would like to officially state as a homeowner in Tanyard Springs, I don't agree with plan to place a park at the front of the community. This will create more congestion. Also there are several parks nearby in the county that are easily accessible. Why not focus on the Marley Station area. There is more room there for improvements to be made.	Thank you, your comments have been noted.
7/9/23	Sarah Sherlock	This is a terrible idea. Not only are there multiple parks within the community but outside of it as well. Having portable toilets in an area where we already have trouble with kids damaging property will just give them another opportunity to turn our community into trash. This will just add crime and traffic to our community and ruin our property values. At the very least, any park built here by the county should be the responsibility of AACO Parks and Rec to monitor and maintain this facility. There should be at LEAST one park ranger stationed here and it should close at dusk. Leaving lights on until 10pm is ridiculous. There shouldn't be any kids on that property after 8pm at the latest. We already have issues with parking and crime. This will only make it worse. Finally, and I can't believe I have to say this, we should not be tearing down 2 acres of wildlife for something that we have ZERO need for. This is absolutely ridiculous and whoever thought this was a good idea should be fire	The County will make efforts to reforest via on site reforestation as well as off site mitigation as needed. The landscape buffers at the park perimeter provide wildlife corridors around the site. Thank you for your comments and input.
7/9/23	Kaylee McGee	Hello. I do not think this Park is a necessary need for this immediate area. There is a park down the street - Solley Park - which contains the same facilities as what is to be proposed. This park should be built in a lower-income area, where it gives underprivileged children access to what our community "pays" for as a privilege under our homeowner's association fees. Also, what is the targeted user of this park? There are plenty in the immediate communities. I think you should use other resources to find a more suitable area for this park. Thank you.	Thank you, your comments have been noted.
7/10/23	Donald Sickenberger	This proposed park is a poor use of funds. There is already a park less than a mile away on Solley. It has basketball, tennis, and baseball. Utilize the funds to update existing structures instead of adding an unnecessary facility that you will leave to the residents who live in this community to deal with. You haven't resolved the traffic and speeding issues on the two county roads where you want to build this park. Why not actually resolve an issue instead of creating countless more. Also, portable toilets is so cheap and a terrible idea along with the dumpster. Everyone will come here to dump their larger items and who's going to handle the care for those two items?	The Department of Recreation and Parks will omit the basketball court and dumpster from the plans, based on community input. Thank you for your comments and input.
7/10/23	Dave Kurtik	Hello, I attended the 7/6 meet at Solley Elem School. This P587901 project, if allowed, will severely adversely affect the entire Tanyard Springs Townhome community. I don't live immediately adjacent to the site but I believe that in good faith the DPW and Parks office should have informed all homeowners at Tanyard about DPW's intentions when DPW came up with this idea of DPW's sports park. Our community and our peaceful life here will be ruined and the neighborhood will be destroyed if this project goes forward. Nobody here that I have spoken to had ever asked for DPW's sports park here, and such a project will draw crime, pollution and deadly traffic. This project should be canceled. DPW has not been transparent about the process. This project should be canceled. Even the "comment" process (here) was not easy. I had to phone your office to be able to find this page. The County must cancel the DPW's sports complex concept at Tanyard. The project is a mistake. Taxpayer funds in this County can be much better spent to pay for improvements that citizens REALLY want.	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.
7/10/23	Mike Cornetti	This idea of a Park is not well thought out. This will lower my house value and disturb our neighborhood with trash and additional traffic. Please do not place a park in our community.	Thank you, your comments have been noted.
7/10/23	A. Daniels	I think it is safe to say that the homeowners of the community in which this park is proposed, do NOT want it. Solley Park is just around the corner, within walking distance. There is a playground, fields and parking. We do not need another especially at the front of our neighborhood. We have enough issues with crime as it is and do not need a park to bring more traffic, more people and with it more crime.	Thank you, your comments have been noted.
7/10/23	Brannon R Howard	Please reconsider the proposed park in Tanyard Springs. My main concern is that there is a park less than a half mile up the road that is somewhat underutilized. Adding an additional park would not be a good use of taxpayer money.	Thank you, your comments have been noted.
7/10/23	Jennifer Holt	The planned park is unnecessary, as there is Solley Park less than one mile away. The fact that it will eliminate trees and green space is very disappointing, as that is why we bought in this community. Further, having dumpsters visible is not what we want to see or have guests see, and to be located next to the cemetery is very disrespectful. Also, Heritage Crossing is not set up to handle the amount of traffic this park would bring into the community and would cause safety issues, as well as crime & trash left behind. This seems to be a waste of time, taxpayer money, and very unnecessary.	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.

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7/10/23	Mitchell Rukat	I am STRONGLY AGAINST the building of the park in this specific location for several reasons: Solley Park is right next to Tanyard Springs and the Orchard Beach Volunteer Fire Station. The items that are planning to be added are either located at Solley already or could be expanded upon at Solley Park. With the amount of warehouses and construction happening at Solley Road, there seems to be room to grow there that the county could take advantage of.	Thank you, your comments have been noted.
7/10/23	Mitchell Rukat	I fear the traffic accidents / incidents would most likely increase. The issues that have occurred recently which required additional traffic lights to be installed at Tanyard / Solley would be compounded by the additional traffic going through Tanyard that do not live in the community. This would also impact the parking of Tanyard Springs and potentially cause parking incidents on Marley Neck Road as well as the Tanyard Shores / Tanyard Cove communities just to reach the park.	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.
7/10/23	Mitchell Rukat	This could also increase littering and potentially people walking to or from the park tossing trash or other waste in the Tanyard Springs community such as people's yards, or the areas that the HOA are responsible for. To extend on the HOA part, I can't speak for them, but I imagine this will also cause problems with the amenities that they provide nearby. With an addition of the park, many of the walkways and amenities provided for the homeowners paying a monthly fee could be intruded upon by the public (gym, public pool, etc.) It's an additional overhead that the company who maintains the HOA community probably did not account for and they could raise the HOA monthly fee on homeowners.	Thank you, your comments have been noted.
7/10/23	Mitchell Rukat	I am also personally worried about more crime in the area. Crime could potentially increase because the park will bring people and some people may want to scope out cars parked in the local community or break into nearby homes. My family liked this area because it was kind of out of the way. We don't want the noise, the lights, or the additional traffic.	Thank you, your comments have been noted.
7/10/23	Mitchell Rukat	I believe this would negatively impact my property value. I believe adding this park will cause a massive exodus of people in the area who did not want to live right next to a park or have a park in their backyard. There were no plans to have a park there and many people liked it when it was just a grass field so I believe the county would be fully responsible for lowering property values in the surrounding area. Kids had soccer events over the weekends in that field when it was cut or played football, catch, etc. No one had issues with what it was. If Lennar continued cutting the grass there then we wouldn't be in this situation. I also personally like the amount of trees here. When I bought here back in 2017, I was told that the trees could not be taken down in our community (whether that was a realtor tactic or true I do not know). A lot of trees on Marley Neck Blvd have already been taken down for more Ryan home projects (Tanyard Shores / Tanyard Cove) and I am sure more will be taken down after I submit this. The few trees that are left within the Tanyard Springs community should stay there.	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.
7/10/23	Mitchell Rukat	Overall, I believe this is a very bad idea that will negatively impact many people that already live in this area around this spot. I am sorry that I don't have any good alternatives outside of just leaving it as a grass field. This would decrease the amount of oversight and headache for the county as well as overall maintenance compared to what is proposed. I can't speak for the HOA and what transpired between them and Lennar, but I believe this isn't the way forward.	Thank you, your comments have been noted.
7/10/23	Ginger Szydowski	We are against the sports complex/park to be built in our community. Specifically the lights, dumpster, and port a pots are a terrible idea for a community. Also, consider a half court basketball court over full court. There is already a full court right down the way on solley road.	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.
7/10/23	Edward Bass	This is a travesty to the hardworking homeowners in the neighborhood. This will be detrimental to peaceful ownership because of the lights, increases traffic, trash, crowd and potential crime. AACO has enough to police so why plant an invitation for increased loitering and other activity when the police will not be able to be present. There is another park less than 2 miles away, spend OUR tax dollars on fixing that and not potentially decreasing a solid neighborhood's property value.	Thank you, your comments have been noted.
7/10/23	Dwayne Brunner	The park is designed for a school and not a community. The softball field and large basketball courts are a waste. The community needs a playground for children and not something for older kids to hang out at.	The Department of Recreation and Parks is serving as a steward for this site until AACPS presents plans for development. Thank you for your comments and input.
7/10/23	Valerie Perez Vega	I am a home owner and resident of Tanyard Springs community. I am writing to express concerns regarding the proposed park in our neighborhood. I list them in no particular order: 1. Traffic and safety concerns. Our community has experienced an increase in traffic ever since the tanyard springs road was open to connect with Solley Road. We have seen an increase in traffic, speeding and vandalism/thefts and cars break-ins. I'm afraid with this new park it will only get worse and decrease our property value. 2. There is another park less than a mile away on Solley rd, so this seems redundant and an inappropriate use of funds. 3. Portable bathrooms. This will be an eyesore and I would like to know how often they would be cleaned. 4. Noise and lights- there are homes right next to the proposed park and being so close will be disruptive due to the time the park will be closed (i.e noise and lighting). 5. Parking- our neighborhood is already struggling with lack of parking areas as it is. These are just some of the concerns I, along with many neighbors, have. I urge to reconsider not building this proposed park in our neighborhood. I would encourage our county to spend the money maintaining the ones we already have or building more schools to help with the burden on already overcrowded elementary and middle schools.	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.
7/10/23	Vanessa Morales	Developing the sports complex is not beneficial for the residents of Tanyard Springs. We already pay an HOA fee for our amenities. The build of this project will kill the habitat of wild life and worsen the current problem of global warming and deforestation. I bought my house in this neighborhood for the privacy and secluded area offering peace, tranquility, and protection. Adding this development will attract outsiders, crime, pollution, and traffic. We only have one entrance and this development will create a bottleneck and worsen our commute to work. Also, it will put in jeopardy the current ease and safety of morning and afternoon school pick up and drop off. Our children will be exposed to unknown dangerous elements out of our control.	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.
7/10/23	Sara Doran	I live in near the proposed park location and am generally in support of the project; however, I do not believe that portable toilets are a suitable bathroom option in this area. Based on typical community problems, I believe this is likely to be vandalized regularly and make the surrounding area unclean. Everything else about this project sounds wonderful!	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.

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7/11/23	Marina Yousefian	<p>I am sending this email to you not only as a homeowner in the community but also as a Realtor to voice my concerns about the placement of new amenities in the community. While I am excited about a school being built in the community, as I believe it will positively impact the community, I am concerned about the following:</p> <p>With any school comes the need for proper parking/drive through to avoid traffic issues for the residents. I know the county hires architects and engineers, but I also have seen that some of the schools in the county have rather narrow drive-throughs, which can cause accidents.</p> <p>Since the community has so many similar amenities already, I find that it will be beneficial for the school to have a proper playground for the outdoor activities, however, I think it will be extremely beneficial to replace some of the amenities with an indoor pool. Swimming is one of the most important skills for children. This would be a great asset not only to the community, but it would also have an amazing benefit for the school itself, for the county and for the state of Maryland raising athletes from a young age. For one, this school unlike many others can train children for competitive swimming from a young age. This could be a benefit for the working parents as an afterschool activity. Instead of coming home and sitting in front of the TV, kids can enjoy a swimming class and not only learn a skill but also become healthier. Lastly, since there are a lot of residents with kids that are always looking for places to celebrate birthday parties for their children, the school can rent the swimming facility over the weekend and all the money raised can benefit the maintenance of the school and the school premises.</p> <p>The portable potties are simply a bad idea. This will not only cause odor issues, fly infestation but given that the door of the portable potty may be left open, this can cause a safety issue for both kids that are playing outside and can be a sanitary problem, as well as animals that can get into it. Can this be reconsidered? Can portable potties be replaced with an outdoor bathroom? Can video surveillance be placed outside the bathrooms for safety? Here is an example of a playground next to a public restroom, which I think will be a great idea not only for the next few years but down the road, when the school gets built. This will allow the teachers to safely monitor the children outside and for the kids to use the bathroom during their break.</p> <p>Public Restrooms - Public Restroom Company Thank you for taking the time to review this email. If you need any assistance with ideas/planning, I will be happy to contribute time towards this project.</p>	<p>The Department of Recreation and Parks is serving as a steward for this site until AACPS presents plans for development. Please note that no swimming facilities are planned for this project. Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.</p>
7/11/23	Trinika Joseph	<p>When I first checked out Tanyard Springs, I loved it! I loved how there was tons of forestry in and around the community, enjoyed seeing the children at the bus stop circle heading to school, but most importantly I enjoyed the way our community feels secluded and tucked away from all the noise/traffic. These are all things that this proposed plan will ruin the way I feel about being a resident here. There is absolutely no need for this park and eventual school when there are multiple playgrounds already in our community and schools all around us for various age groups. Not to mention, Solley park is 0.8 mi (3min drive) away from our community. If I wanted to go to a park, I'd go there or any other nearby parks. Don't even get me started on the porta-potties and trash bin you all are discussing bringing here; is the purpose for our home values to be trashed as well because that's what's to come! As a resident, I do not want a park nor a school here that will directly affect me and my fellow neighbors. We are all displeased with this plan as well as any further plans for this space, just let it be and let us continue to enjoy our community the way it is.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.</p>
7/11/23	Laila Jones	<p>Last week I attended the first community meeting regarding the proposed Tanyard Springs Park. As a homeowner and resident of the community for nearly a decade, I feel that this park is a waste of the tax payers money.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is already a park with the same amenities at Solley Park a quarter of a mile away. 2. Our neighborhood does not have the infrastructure in place to handle the park. We only have two entrances on Tanyard Springs Lane so if we have all these activities going on in the front of the neighborhood, those who down Heritage Crossings, it will cause congestion, confusion and even traffic. 3. No one wants to live in a community that has 5 port-o-potties and a dumpster by our entrance and the cemetery. The aesthetics are terrible. <p>Lastly, and most importantly, we have a beautiful green space at the entrance of our neighborhood and I feel we should keep it. There really is no need for an athletic complex in this part of the county. It seems like those working on this project did not even ask the surrounding neighbors what they would like to see here and you can see this by the design of this project.</p> <p>I for one do not want this project to go forward with it's current design. I believe one multipurpose field is sufficient. There is no need for anything else. thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.</p>
7/12/23	Chad Jones	<p>Please consider leaving our green space for something we do not already have 1/2 Mile away from our neighborhood. Seems like a waste of taxpayer dollars.</p>	<p>Thank you, your comments have been noted.</p>
7/13/23	Joseph Grassi	<p>This park is not needed - Solley park is less than 3/4 mile from this proposed new site and has the same planned amenities. Solley park is also extremely under utilized as is.</p> <p>Everyone keeps pointing to this park as being a hold over till aacps builds a school on the site. There is no guarantee to this ever happening and until it does the park should just be shelved and postponed till the board of Ed can provide a viable site plan to be presented at the same time.</p> <p>As a resident of Tanyard springs who owns a piece of property that this will back to, I do not want it nor do I want the problems that this will attract from people who will use it from outside the local community. We have had issues in the past in regards to our local hoa recreational facilities being abused by residents from outside the area and who also show lots of disregard for public property.</p> <p>Please take all of our homeowner issues into consideration and potentially come up with a plan for a park that doesn't incorporate what we already have down the street that isn't utilized as is.</p>	<p>Thank you, your comments have been noted.</p>

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7/13/23	Kristin Whiting-Davis	<p>Dear County Representative,</p> <p>I'm a home owner in the Tanyard Springs community of Glen Burnie and have lived here since 2010. Our community has been made aware and just given the opportunity to see plans for a county operated new park and athletic field complex being developed in our community.</p> <p>I am very disappointed and dismayed by the plans as they are not in the best interests of the individuals who actually reside in and call this community home.</p> <p>All ages live in this community. We already have playgrounds and pools and a school. What about county amenities that address the needs of older individuals or those without children, or empty nesters?</p> <p>Please see my specific concerns below.</p>	Thank you, your comments have been noted.
7/14/23	Kristin Whiting-Davis	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Within minutes (.8 miles) of this proposed location, there is Solley Park with basketball courts and a baseball field that are currently underutilized as well as a school. I'm wondering the necessity of more more athletic fields within minutes of others. I understand the need for more schools however, having 2 again within minutes of each other seems duplicitous and reactionary and not well thought out. We have a school. Are there not other communities that would benefit from a school in their neighborhood ? 2. The bus loop for our neighborhood children who attend multiple schools in the area will be gone and replaced by a one entrance/exit parking lot that will also be utilized by non residents coming to the park. This is already a highly trafficked area that will be become more congested with increasing safety issues with the development of this county operated fields. 3. Large field lights will be on until 10 pm, which directly impact homes on Tanyard Springs Lane, Mockingbird and sounding homes with light pollution. 4. The sounds of those sporting events and those involved will be heard by those residents who live adjacent to the fields at all times of the day (until 10 pm as the lights will make the area accessible until that time). I bought my home on a tree lined area abutting a conservation area to minimize this and sounds still carry through the community with the current structures (play ground and trails). These parks and fields will increase this exponentially. 	The County will coordinate with AACPS regarding the impacted bus stop and relocating it as needed. Thank you for your comments and input.
7/15/23	Kristin Whiting-Davis	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Traffic when all three of the athletic fields are in use will create an undue burden on the current residents who have to get in and out to go to work. 6. Studies have shown that this type of development will reduce the value of our homes not to mention increased crime by individuals whose home/community it is not. 7. Port-o-potties by the entrance of our community is unsightly and without proper care environmental and health issue. 8. Placing dumpsters right next to a historic cemetery is unseemly. 9. And finally, the environmental impact on the land, animals and birds will be detrimental. More trees will be displaced and our current community green space and trails will be reduced. Instead of walking through trees we will be walking by a parking lot with nonresidents watching and playing on the fields who will inevitably and unknowingly be disrupting this already beautiful and peaceful environment. 	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.
7/16/23	Kristin Whiting-Davis	<p>As a tax payer, TS homeowner, mother and concerned citizen, I respectfully ask you to shift this plan. I believed that you valued the environment but this plan as well as other development is showing otherwise.</p> <p>If this development is required, I recommend either passive green space or active green space with minimal trails and other natural features or mix of both. Also, as much preservation and conservation of current trees as possible.</p> <p>This area has experienced significant development along Solley Road and Marley Neck Blvd. Since living here, Tanyard Cove and Tanyard Shore, and a few others as well as the Amazon facilities and other warehouses. Each time tress and grasses are damaged and removed. Not to mention displacement of animals and birds.</p> <p>I just returned from a trip to Colorado. I was impressed at the way the new development was being integrated with extensive green space. They have also been experiencing overdevelopment. Might they be a reference to the plans in this area.</p> <p>Please visit our community to talk with our residents. Take a walk on our trails. Demonstrate that you value both the residents of this community and the place we call home.</p> <p>Be well,</p> <p>Kristin Whiting-Davis</p>	Thank you, your comments have been noted.
7/14/23	Eric Summers	<p>Putting a public park into our private neighborhood is a bad idea. The homes that will face the proposed park along Tanyard Springs Rd will drop in value due to the lights not going out till 10pm, the noise and the constant comings and goings of an untold number of strangers in our neighborhood. There will be a dumpster that will be unsightly and will attract people from outside the neighborhood to dump their trash all over the ground. The Port-o-potties are a terrible idea as they will be unsanitary in an area where we are trying to raise our children.</p> <p>Anne Arundel County has proven time and again that once they built a park, they leave it to decay and attract the wrong sort of individuals such as homeless people who will settle into the area and disrupt the neighborhood.</p> <p>Solly Park is already available to people in the area.</p> <p>We do not want, and do not need this new public park in our private neighborhood.</p>	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.

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7/15/23	Cheryl Brownell	I support adding the park, but oppose the school. The overflow parking should be reduced to avoid disturbing the bus stop circle. I would like to see the paved drive loop the cemetery, with access to Heritage crossing on both sides. Keep the basketball court. The issue with the one by our community clubhouse was the noise of bouncing balls and foul language of players in close proximity to homes. This gives them a place to play where they're not so close to homes. I am an Architect, 10-year Tanyard Springs homeowner, and closely involved with Tanyard Springs HOA management. I wasn't at the meeting, but listened to the recording and recognized several homeowner voices. If you want to discuss anything offline, reach out.	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.
7/15/23	Cheryl Brownell	Tagging onto my previous comment earlier today: One reason I think a meeting with a design professional who is invested and has long-term intimate involvement with Tanyard Springs HOA is that meeting interaction with homeowners revealed that project planners are not aware of the the basic issues that most-concern the residents. For example, when someone raised the issue of the bus stop, the speaker innocently asked if it was just one school bus that uses the circle as a stop. This is a community of 1,429 homes. That is the one and only bus stop that serves all of our school age children. It's more than one bus. This is a big issue. AA School will not turn a bus down Heritage Crossing, so if a new location on Tanyard Springs Lane is identified as the new (or interim) stop, all of the children on the Heritage Crossing side (majority of homes) must pass by (through) the construction site to get to/from the bus stop. Some already walk a mile to the bus stop. This will add to that distance. Park planners were not even aware of the issue. Please involve homeowners in a more interactive environment than the public meeting can accommodate.	The County will coordinate the plans for school bus stops with AACPS. Thank you, your comments have been noted.
7/16/23	Deanna Thomas	This commentary is in regards to the project in Tanyard Springs. One of the reasons I chose my home was due to the privacy provided by the tree line behind my home. I am really against cutting down the trees for this school. First of all putting a school in the middle of our neighborhood is only going to make traffic (pedestrian and vehicular) worse than it already is. HOA has already denied parking on the Tanyard Springs Lane. Also, the parking lot there is utilized for school bus retrieval and food trucks in the neighborhood. I don't have an issue with providing another playground, field, or basketball court. But like the pool it is only going to attract attention from other people in other neighborhoods. There have already been many issues pertaining to other people from other neighborhoods. Is there going to be something put in place to where Tanyard Springs residents are the only ones who have access? I assume the upkeep will be up to the county and not the HOA. I don't feel comfortable paying for something that people from other neighborhoods can have access to. This being HOA fees. This would also cause the HOA fees to increase. Which I pay enough for. This is the same with the school. Why put a school in the middle of our neighborhood? There are other areas that are not residential when you can have a school.	Please see previous responses. Please note that no swimming facilities are included in this project. Thank you for your comments and input.
7/17/23	Mary Jo Chomicki	I am strongly opposed to the building of a public park in the Tanyard Springs community. I see no benefits when there are plenty of public parks in the area. I'm afraid this park will decrease the value of our homes as well as be a gateway to even more crime in the neighborhoods. The use of porta potties and dumpsters is nothing but a breeding ground for disease, bugs and rodents. I don't have faith in the county to adequately maintain the upkeep of this park. If you don't believe me, take a look at some of the other parks in Anne Arundel county. Please reconsider this plan.	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.
7/18/23	Gina Keil	I have sent a letter to explain in detail but I am against a park inside Tanyard springs.	[No letter attached]
7/19/23	Michael Brown	My name is Michael Brown. I have spoken to you before on various topics. Today I come to talk to you about the proposed park within the community of Tanyard Springs in Glen Burnie, MD where I live. First, there is a park not that far down the road near Fire Station 11 Orchard Beach. This park seems to be under utilized. Why is the county attempting to place another park within a few miles of an existing one that is not well utilized by the public already? Second is traffic. The representatives that were there stated that they are not involved in the traffic planning for this area. Yes a school is going to be put in, in the years to come. Yes the school is needed but the traffic will be there before the school. We need to plan right now for traffic related issues. It was stated a full fledged traffic study was shown it was not needed. Where is the evidence to show this? Yes the community has had these done in the past but we need one now. We have increased traffic there now with the businesses over on Solley using it as a cut through and as the "Fort Smallwood Road Bypass". Lets plan now before it gets too late and we have a bigger issue.	We are augmenting the traffic impact study for this project, based on community input. Thank you for your comments and input.
7/19/23	Michael Brown	The portable toilets are a very horrible idea. This will smell. I have heard from some very credible people that the contractor is not good at cleaning these up on a weekly basis. There is public water and sewer. Why can't bathrooms be installed and then whoever is renting the park has to lock them up after they are done? The bathrooms can be closed when it is not being rented. What is the issue with this? In our community we had two half court basketball courts. Due to issues at one, we had to remove it and have it be a multipurpose court. The issues that were raised were: profanity, people coming in from outside the neighborhood utilizing it and causing issues, after hour usage and threats against homeowners. I could see this being a huge problem when it comes to the full court. I think more homeowners would be behind this if it was a half court or two half courts. Please take this into consideration. This is a bad decision as a community member. Will County police be doing more patrols in this new park? We are very close to Baltimore City. We have seen where the City and other persons that we do not want here come into the neighborhood. With the park this is going to be increased activity within a neighborhood. We have had issues as small as parking related and the police get tired. At the meeting we were told that the homeowners would have to call. Why? Why can't police do extra patrols? Is it a money thing, is it a staffing thing?	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.

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7/19/23	Michael Brown	<p>This will be again a thing regarding the "overflow" lot. That is a huge overflow lot. There are two issues with this. Will it be gated? If so then there should be little issues. If it is not going to be a gate which I think it will not be, then you will have a huge issue. Residents will be parking their extra cars, boats, trailers and RVs in there. We /I have had this fight before in this community. Per traffic engineering our community have enough parking but per the police department they have repeatedly told us that the community do not have enough parking. The other issue is this is going to be grass. So if you are going to have people parking here then overtime this will be a mud filled lot. This is in the front of the community and will likely make the community look bad just like the high weeds in this area right now. Those high weeds only needing to be cut back 20 feet and the rest is wacked 3 times a year if the community is lucky. This area is the only way in and out of the neighborhood for 90% of our community, me included. What will be done if we have long lines to make a left hand turn onto Tanyard Springs Lane to get out to Marley Neck? Will the intersection at Heritage Crossing and Tanyard Springs Lane be widened and be officially two lanes, one for left turns on to Tanyard Springs to go out to Marley Neck Blvd and another one to make a right hand turn onto Tanyard Springs Lane going towards Solley Road?</p>	Thank you, your comments have been noted.
7/19/23	Michael Brown	<p>There are no plans from the school and those in attendance have been told at the meeting to go talk with them. Why was the school not present at this meeting? Yes this is about the park as that is plan A but still it would be good. There are concerns about the students playing outside close to private property that is residential. What will be done to prevent students from coming into private property other than fences? The community have issues with parents parking their cars at the Pointe at Tanyard Spring and going over to Solley Elementary. Their principal has told them numerous times about this and nothing changes their behavior. Do you see why the community members are concerned about this? Also where will the school fields be, along Tanyard Springs Lane?</p> <p>I am also deeply concerned about the loss of the forestry area. This county has had an increase in development over the years. Since I moved here in 2014 I once saw trees on the other side of the street now it is just houses. At one point I could see the commercial buildings over on Pittman Road. That is how much forest was destroyed. I have also started to see more and more animals such as deer in our community. What is the County doing to where they live? Also trees are very helpful to avoid flooding and erosion. We are taking out a little over 2 acres of forest? Mr. Pittman please do not allow this to happen.</p>	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.
7/19/23	Michael Brown	<p>It was stated the kind of lights that would be installed over here and they are very "concentrated". This community has these types of lights installed by BG&E and they really do not work that well. How are these any better?</p> <p>This will be a breeding ground as well for after hours horse play and other activities in my personal opinion. This is why I brought up the police presence already. What can be done? I see the private cemetery being vandalized with how this is being proposed. This cemetery has been here for years before I moved in 2014.</p> <p>Now I think a park is nice in this area. I think the bigger soccer field will be good and the baseball field will be awesome! But based on the previous stated concerns I can not say I am in agreement with how this park is being designed. I know the County purchased this property from Lennar for \$5.1 million. Maybe it was a wild venture to keep it green space? Maybe you should have come to the community before purchasing it and talking with them with any ideas that you may have for the design of the property. This will directly impact our home values.</p> <p>Please stop this project from moving forward based on the current plans.</p>	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.
7/19/23	Carol King Bolden	<p>I am vehemently opposed to the proposed use of the land at Heritage Crossing and Tanyard Springs as a park. There is already a park with same "amenities" under a mile away.</p> <p>Since they opened Tanyard Springs at Solley, the traffic, speed, and accidents have skyrocketed. The corner at Heritage is dangerous. Traffic is already a problem with the number of current residents and the cut-through traffic.</p> <p>Nothing in the plan even addresses the increased traffic the proposed park would bring - not to mention the increase in crime. And, the county does not have a good record for maintaining fields and parks.</p> <p>Having port-a-potties would be unsanitary. And, lights on - not to mention noise - til 10pm will be extremely disruptive to the families living nearby.</p>	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.
7/19/23	Brandon Fortt	No	Thank you, your comment has been noted.
7/19/23	Sarah M. Edwards	<p>I am writing as a citizen directly affected by the planned development of the Tanyard Springs Park at the corner of Tanyard Springs Lane and Heritage Crossing in Glen Burnie, MD. I have been a resident of Tanyard Springs and Anne Arundel County for 10 years, and a lifelong resident of Maryland. My property, located at 7212 Mockingbird Circle, Glen Burnie, MD 21060, abuts the property that is proposed for development. As a longtime resident of Anne Arundel County and this community I believe that some additional considerations at a holistic level need to be taken before development plans are completed. Ultimately, my preference would be using the property as a natural green space, however, if the county is not willing to consider allowing this property to be green space I have the following concerns with the plan as proposed.</p> <p>The location of this park is at a very busy intersection for this neighborhood. Heritage Crossing is the only road accessing our clubhouse, amenities, and a large portion of our community. This property is a focal point that every single person who enters Tanyard Springs passes daily regardless of where they are going in the community. Therefore, great care needs to be taken into looking at the property in totality. At the public meeting the only representatives present were from the Recreation & Parks Department and a representative for Councilman Volke. The development plan however, has space set aside for a school, yet there was no representation from the Board of Education at the meeting.</p>	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.

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7/19/23	Sarah M. Edwards	<p>The property area where the proposed development plan states the school is to be located is directly abutted by homes where a swath of trees are being left in place for this planned park, but it is unclear what the plan is for the school space in the future aside from an outline on the site plan. I believe further clear plans need to be presented to the community that is a holistic view on the entire development of the property long term, not just the park. As a directly affected property owner I do not support removal of trees beyond what is in the current plan from this property in the future if a school or other facility is built on this property. I also do not support putting that acreage of green space elsewhere in the county as was stated was the plan for the trees that do need to be removed to develop the park. I value green space for our wildlife and believe that over development of the northern portions of Anne Arundel County are under appreciated.</p> <p>The next concern due to the location of this property is that no traffic study is being planned for this development. The plan has the entrance and exit for the property on Heritage Crossing, a county road that has no lane lines and as previously stated is the only access point to a large portion of Tanyard Springs. The plan for permanent parking space and a 150 car overflow lot will cause significant problems in our community during events at this future park. Additionally, without measures taken to control access to the overflow lot this area is susceptible to parking of vehicles that are abandoned or unsightly. This community has a history of problems with residents from other communities and from within parking recreational and commercial vehicles as a permanent storage location along these county roads. This resulted in the HOA having to persistently engage the county to put up signs to alleviate the long standing problem. If a parking area of the size planned is placed in a community that already has significant parking issues, due to county approval of community development plans with insufficient parking for each home, this parking area will be susceptible to misuse and unsightly parking within our neighborhood.</p>	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.
7/19/23	Sarah M. Edwards	<p>In reviewing the current plan for the park I have no issue with the baseball or multi-use field or directional lighting, assuming use of these facilities is geared toward youth activities. I also am supportive of the playground despite our community already having multiple.</p> <p>I am strongly opposed to the full basketball court. Our community has a history of issues with persons from outside the community coming into the neighborhood to use a community basketball court that we used to have behind our clubhouse. It was a constant source of strife due to late hours of use and disrespectful language and behavior of patrons. This behavior was so excessive that even the Anne Arundel County Police Department stopped responding to calls from the community. This resulted in the neighborhood removing the court and repurposing it to a tennis court. I do not want a basketball court behind my house that will bring in adults who will be disrespectful and uncaring for the community I live in. I would rather see a larger playground space or other type of sports activity that is focused on youth activities or green space with trees and natural plant life. If a basketball court is necessary, please make it a half court and enlarge the playground area.</p>	The Department of Recreation and Parks will omit the basketball court from the plans, based on community input. Thank you for your comments and input.
7/19/23	Sarah M. Edwards	<p>Additionally, I am strongly opposed to installation of portable toilets of any kind. If a lockable bathroom with flushable toilets and sinks cannot be installed I would prefer no bathroom facilities be provided in this neighborhood. There is nothing that will be said that will sway my concerns about the plan to install portable toilets at the front of my community, no amount of enclosures is sufficient.</p> <p>Lastly, I am also strongly opposed to having an open dumpster in this park at the front of our community. I have no issue with a dumpster that is placed behind a locked gate in an enclosure, but an open location for people to dump their trash is unacceptable.</p> <p>As a homeowner in Tanyard Springs I do not want anything developed in our community that will lower property values or increase crime. I have already seen a drastic change in this neighborhood over the past 5 years, with reports of increase in property crime, vehicle break-ins and thefts. The development of this property into a park without a holistic view of the entire long term plan for the property invites opportunities for increased crime and decreases in property value.</p>	The portable toilets will be contained in a wood privacy enclosure to protect them from being tipped over and to visually screen them. The Department of Recreation and Parks will omit the dumpster from the plans, based on community input. Thank you for your comments and input.
7/19/23	Sarah M. Edwards	<p>I respectfully request that the following questions be answered and my previous thoughts be taken into consideration when finalizing any development plans for the property.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would the county consider other types of green space development for this property? 2. Would the county consider allowing this property to be used as deferred green space from other developments and installing trees, etc.? 3. Although not required for a project of this nature, would the county perform a traffic study of the effects of this development on the ingress and egress of traffic on Tanyard Springs Lane and Heritage Crossing? 4. If a traffic study is performed will the county share the results with the affected community and share their plan to address findings of the study? 5. Would the county consider a holistic development plan that includes final plans and consideration of the space for the building of a future school on the property before proceeding with any development? 6. Would the county please explain the plans of the Anne Arundel County Police Department to be present in the community at all hours monitoring the use of the property? 7. Will the County Parks and Recreation department please consider changing the full court basketball facility to a half-court or other youth geared sports facility? 8. Will the parks and recreation department include in their plan gates or other measures to control access to the overflow lot and the permanent parking after hours? 	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.

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7/19/23	Sarah M. Edwards	<p>9. What is the county's plan in the event the parking is misused for recreational vehicles, boats, overflow residential parking, and abandoned vehicle parking/storage at the park?</p> <p>10. Will the county consider not installing portable toilets at this property?</p> <p>11. Will the county consider installing bathroom facilities with flushable toilets and locking doors?</p> <p>12. Will the county consider no bathroom facilities at this location?</p> <p>13. Will the county please not install a dumpster that is open access to any patron and instead consider installing a structure around the dumpster with a lockable door/gate?</p> <p>14. Will the county consider not installing a dumpster at this facility?</p> <p>15. How will the community be notified of events at the property that may affect their ingress or egress from the neighborhood or quiet neighborhood atmosphere? This property development solely affects Tanyard Springs directly, we deserve to be aware of what is happening in our neighborhood.</p> <p>16. Would the county consider not installing lights at this facility to limit usage to daylight hours?</p> <p>17. Would the county consider adding trees to the plan in the area around the playground and around the overflow parking area to provide shade and aesthetic appeal?</p> <p>18. Will the county departments involved in the development consider additional community meetings than is required to ensure community support of development plans as they are finalized?</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.</p>	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.
7/19/23	Joseph Staiger	<p>Good evening, I've owned a home in the Tanyard Springs community in Glen Burnie for 14 years. The recent unveiling of the county park in our community was disappointing. The community already has many of the amenities which are in the current plan. Additionally, Solley Park already has all of this available to the county and it is right up the road. Looking at how unkempt the county keeps Solley Park as well as others, why are you introducing yet another option? It seems you can't maintain what you currently have on your docket. You are introducing traffic problems, crime (the basketball court WILL bring crime), noise and litter to our community. As a tax paying resident, I am not happy with the short sightedness the county is showing with this park.</p>	Thank you, your comments have been noted.
7/20/23	Khemu Bhattarai	<p>Absolutely disagree the idea of placing togo toilet there. Against the olan to make a park there</p>	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.
7/20/23	Nicole Cawley	<p>I am against the park being completed prior to the school being built. I don't understand what the purpose or who exactly it would benefit as we pay a lot of money for the amenities in the community through our HOA already and there is a park just down the road on Solley by the fire house that has everything you are building. Many things about the proposed park are not very ideal for our community at this time. The fact that their will be lights on until 10pm at night, the porta potties, and the amount of trees you will be cutting down around our walking paths are not welcome. Again I have no issue with a school being built although I do think considerations should be made and that the school should be for prek - 1st and feed to solley elementary which should be 2nd-5th. My suggestion is put the money in an interest bearing account to earn more money to put to the school that isn't being built for TEN YEARS. We have enough play areas in the community and do not want the problems that the new park will bring.</p>	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.
7/20/23	Scott Campion	<p>I live in the community of Tanyard Springs. I do not want the proposed park to be built. It will bring crime, traffic, homeless people, drug addicts and lots of trash. The amenities that are proposed to be added already exist nearby. We do not need more of them.</p>	Thank you, your comments have been noted.
7/20/23	Jason Motz	<p>I don't really understand the point of putting another park in the middle of the neighborhood when Solley park is a little over a mile away. We also already have traffic problems and people speeding through the neighborhood as it is. I personally have nearly been hit while walking on the sidewalk in the middle of the day with the traffic we already have. We have also been recently experiencing a lot of problems with vandalism, car thefts, and break ins recently. I have no doubt that the park will almost immediately be vandalized. There is also a cemetery in the exact field the park is planned. I feel like the park will cause more harm then good to the community and the money will be of better use going towards renovating Solley park to make it a more desirable location</p>	Thank you, your comments have been noted.
7/20/23	Allison Webb	<p>I am fully against the proposed park in Tanyard Springs. Residents of Tanyard springs have many of these amenities already- playgrounds, basketball hoop, play fields for us to enjoy. Solley Park is less than 1 mile for county residents to enjoy. Tanyard Springs does not want to bring in non-residents as we are already dealing with car break-ins, car theft and petty crime. Speeding is also a huge issues already that I only see increasing with more people and cars entering and exiting the neighborhood. I encourage you to use the resources and money to improve the county parks that we already have!! Upgrade playgrounds, add sun shades, add water features such as a splash pad. Upgrade bathrooms such as adding permanent structures to those parks still using ports potties. Thank you for taking the time to read theme comments and listen to the residents directly affected.</p>	Thank you, your comments have been noted.
7/20/23	Tameka Watkins	<p>The proposed park/recreation fields should not be constructed in the Tanyard Springs Community. The increase in foot traffic, and presence of non-residents poses a risk for increased damage to private property, vandalism, and theft. Additionally, homeowners will experience increased congestion entering and exiting the community. An area that is already difficult to navigate will be exponentially worse. Lastly, placing a park at the entrance of a neighborhood and potentially a school will likely increase the risk of injury to young children.</p>	Thank you, your comments have been noted.
	DiAndra Polk	<p>I am concerned about this park being built, for traffic reasons, crime increasing, and wondering why we need another park when there are 2 other parks within 5 miles of here. It would be nice to get some type of grocery store, or community center that can be used all year round. Also consider does a park bring value to the community....</p>	Thank you, your comments have been noted.

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7/20/23	Jennifer Mechem	<p>I'm writing regarding the proposed ballfields in the TanyardSprings neighborhood. I'm very much opposed to this plan. I live in the TanyardCove neighborhood across Marley Road. The traffic at the light to turn into either neighborhood is heavy and the site of several accidents. I can't imagine what it would be like with increased traffic. Putting in ball fields would impact the current school bus stop for Tanyard Springs, which occurs in the traffic circle at the corner of Tanyard Springs Lane and Heritage, not to mention the impact of increased traffic, noise, lights, people, and trash on those to have homes backing up to the tree line next to the open field where the proposed ball fields will go. Portable toilets and dumpsters also sound unsightly and are a magnet for wild animals in the area to get into. According to the plan, one field will be along a walking path that leads into deeper into the neighborhood and to a playground. I imagine those coming from the ball fields will explore that walking path and partake in neighborhood/HOA amenities. There is an underutilized park/ballfield on Solley right next to the Fire Station that could be better utilized rather than creating a new ballfield in the middle of a neighborhood. Spending the money allotted for this proposed plan on updating bathrooms and trash facilities at other county ballfields would be a better option, in my opinion. Creating other mixed-use facilities like Howard County has with BlandAir Park would be wonderful for Anne Arundel County. Thank you for your time.</p>	Thank you, your comments have been noted.
7/20/23	Phillip Mechem	<p>I'm writing regarding the proposed ballfields in the Tanyard Springs neighborhood. I'm very much opposed to this plan. I live in the Tanyard Cove neighborhood across Marley Road. The traffic at the light to turn into either neighborhood is heavy already and has been the site of several accidents. I can't imagine what it would be like with increased traffic. Putting in ball fields would impact the current school bus stop for Tanyard Springs, which occurs in the traffic circle at the corner of Tanyard Springs Lane and Heritage. Not to mention the impact of increased traffic, noise, lights, people, and trash on those to have homes backing up to the tree line next to the open field where the proposed ball fields will go. Portable toilets and dumpsters also are unsightly and are a magnet for wild animals in the area to get into.</p> <p>According to the plan, one field will be along a walking path that leads into deeper into the neighborhood and to a playground. Those coming from the ball fields will likely explore that walking path and partake in neighborhood/HOA amenities, putting the HOA at liability.</p> <p>There is an underutilized park/ballfield on Solley right next to the Fire Station that could be better utilized rather than creating a new ball field in the middle of a neighborhood. This would create opportunities for that Station's fund raising. Spending the money allotted for this proposed plan on updating bathrooms and trash facilities at other county ballfields would be a better option, in my opinion. Creating other mixed-use facilities like Howard County has with BlandAir Park would be wonderful for Anne Arundel County.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.
7/20/23	David Niles	<p>As a Tanyard Springs resident for over 15 years, I'm appealing that you reconsider not to move forward with building a park in my community.</p> <p>Tanyard Springs already has parks and recreational areas throughout the community, and adding another park is unnecessary. There are a number of residents in the Tanyard Springs community that do not want your park and the issues it would bring to our community to include myself.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the park you're proposing contains things that are either already available in our community or within walking distance and less than a 1/4 mile off of Solley Road and Tanyard Springs Lane.</p> <p>Why destroy unnecessary trees and remove the bus loop? This will cause chaos...more traffic issues, all for amenities we already have access to. I moved to this community because of the amenities and building trusted relationships with neighbors and nearby residents. To keep our community safe...you should not build a park for non-residents to benefit. We don't want the traffic, the noise, and the potential problems. We don't want portable toilets and dumpster. Also, I have a concern that the property value will decrease and people will start moving out the community. We believe this will open the doors of Tanyard Springs to degradation. I'm hoping you take my concerns into consideration and decide not to build the park.</p>	Thank you, your comments have been noted.
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Tanyard Springs Park Development

Anne Arundel County Capital Project No. P587901

Office of Planning & Zoning Community Meeting for Presentation of the 30% Schematic Design

Public Input Period: 7/7/23 - 7/20/23

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7/20/23	Dale Davis	<p>I am a homeowner in Tanyard Springs, I have lived in this community for 6 years this September. I love this neighborhood; I love the amenities that this community and my HOA dues allow me. While I do not have any young children, I am a father of 5 kids, so I understand the need and accessibility of parks and recreation areas. TS provides those park and open spaces that we need to live a great life. I am a huge proponent and supporter of outdoor spaces and community spaces.</p> <p>My wife wrote and sent in a letter with her comments and disapproval of the proposed park, and eventual school, here in TS. While she is more thoughtful and research oriented in her comments, I am more emotional in my comments. I want it to be known and heard that I am against another park to be built in my community. My community already has several parks and areas for people to enjoy the outdoors.</p> <p>The only thing that building a new park will accomplish is that you will be doing away with more nature. One of the reasons that I love my community is the nature and wildlife. I sit on my deck and watch birds, butterflies, bees, deer, and other small animals play in and live in the trees that are behind my house. The construction of a new park will encroach upon the nature that I paid to live next to. The proposed park will force the wildlife to leave, the trees and flowers will be cut down and replaced with what, bleachers, high powered lights (that will be facing my bedroom windows) and fencing?</p> <p>I am not sure who thought this park was a good idea, but they need to be replaced by a person that has compassion and regard for our wildlife and greenspaces. If this person just wants to spend money, then spend it on creating more open green spaces. Spaces that nature can use and grow. I have lived in AACO for almost 50 years, I have seen open fields and dense woodlands reduced to parking lots and office spaces that are no longer in use. Spend that money to return those vacant commercial areas back to green spaces, we need to help nature and wildlife to be wild and free.</p> <p>It also seems like you want to do away with the area that is used as a school bus stop. Why would you do that? The "circle" is an area where our kids can safely wait for their bus. Would you rather they stand on a sidewalk on the road instead? I truly hope that answer is no. I want what is best for my community, my family, and my wildlife friends.</p> <p>I place nature and the animals that live there in high regard, I have taught my kids to respect and protect nature. This proposed park will only show my kids that nature is not important to the people in power, the people who make change.</p> <p>I beg you to make the right choice and not build this proposed park in Tanyard Springs. Find a community that needs a park, there are many communities that do not have any outdoor spaces for kids to play. We here in TS have already covered that, we have parks and playgrounds and basketball courts, tennis courts, swimming pools, dog parks, community gardens and many more amenities.</p>	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.
7/20/23	J. Tolson	<p>My concern with the park plan is with the porta potty. Especially at the front of the community, this could bring property value down, attract more vermin and could become a sanitary issue. Consider installation of true bathrooms with actual plumbing.</p> <p>The second concern is with the proposed school. The community only has 1 entrance and exit, having the school block that entrance twice a day would be of concern for commuters to their job and for emergency vehicles. Solley road is a long car lane of traffic when school starts and ends. Hopefully traffic flow would be considered and have a better plan than already in place for nearby schools.</p> <p>I welcome the basketball court, since the racist neighbors living near the TS Association basketball court got it closed. It will be nice to have a full court that is available for use.</p> <p>Thank you for a park instead of more homes or a storefront.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>	Thank you for your comments and input. Please see previous responses.