

# The Howard County Veterans Monument

*“The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots  
and tyrants.”*

*Thomas Jefferson*



# The Vision

## Statement of Intent:

### Create an appealing and memorable monument that will:

- Provide recognition for veterans and military families at a level of caring, excellence, dignity and permanence that is fitting to their sacrifices.
- Cultivate a deeper public appreciation for the courage, convictions and sacrifices of veterans and military families in defense of their communities and the nation.
- Foster stronger, deeper, more meaningful connections between veterans and their communities.
- Build a meaningful space for the community to reflect on and renew its appreciation for the enormous costs and profound value of freedom.

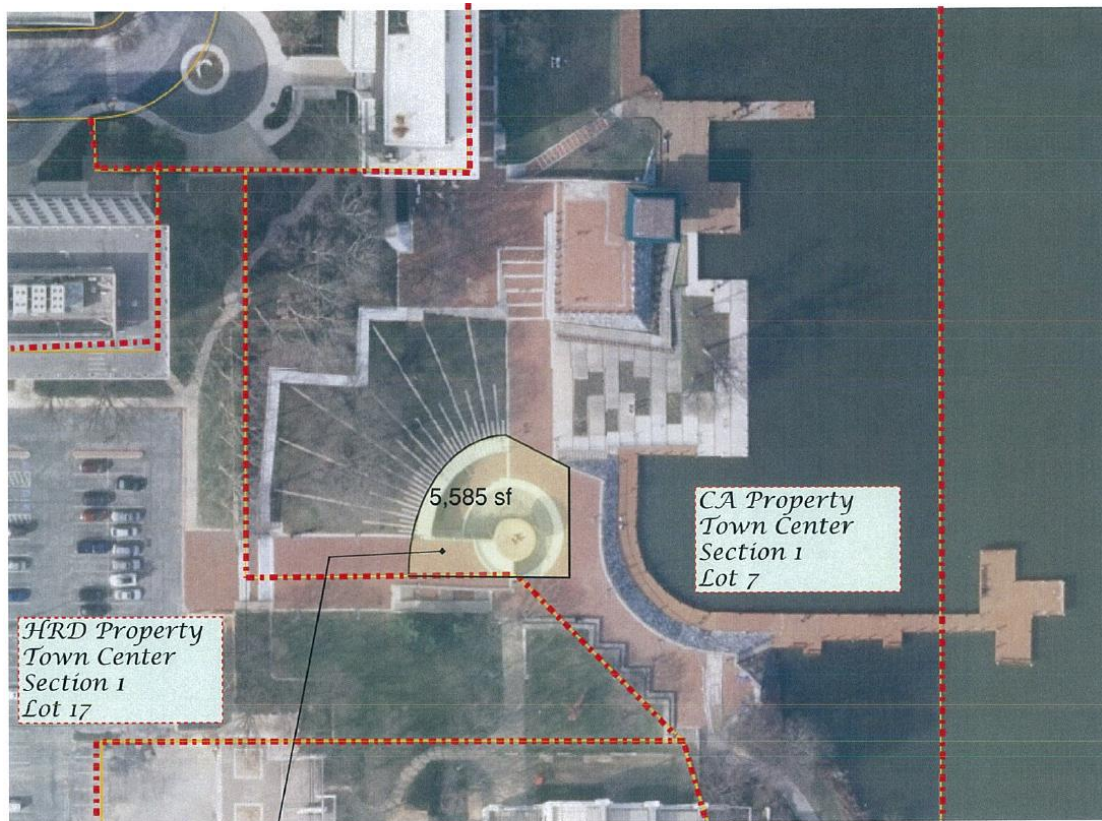
## Statement of Commitment:

### A clear and well-defined process that:

- Successfully integrates the monument into the reimagined fabric of the new downtown – an accessible, centrally located gathering area of true civic distinction.
- Is dedicated to achieving a transparent, open and inclusive process of development marked by extensive consultations with County leadership, civic groups and private sector entities as well as public forums as appropriate.
- Leads to a strengthened County vision of itself as a place that is creative, caring, inclusive, respectful and sustainable.
- Paves the way for a visionary level of patronage in the private sector.
- Prioritizes design excellence throughout the process.



# The Location



## ***Easement Area***

*Town Center Section 1  
Lot 7  
Tax Map 36 Parcel 293*

*Approximate Area 5,585 square feet*

- Center of Columbia – Heart of “New Town”
- Adjacent parking lot offers easy access
- Close proximity to other attractions (Columbia Mall, Merriweather Post Pavilion, Library)
- Plenty of space for events
- Water and electric available
- Accesable year-round





# The Process

Establish the  
Howard County  
Veterans  
Foundation,  
Inc.

**COMPLETE**

Enter into  
Easement  
Agreement with  
the Columbia  
Association

Establish the  
Monument  
Design Steering  
Committee

**Proposed Membership:**  
Foundation President  
Veterans Commission  
CA Representative  
County Executive Rep  
County Council Rep  
Downtown Partnership  
Howard Cty Arts Council

Solicit Bids  
and Designs  
from Sculptors  
and Artists

**Focus will be to  
invite local artists  
to submit bids**

Hold a Series of  
Public Forums

**Community  
Involvement is key  
to success.**

Selection of  
Winning  
Design /  
Request for  
Proposal



# The Money



# The Easement

(Proposed Terms)

- CA and the Howard County Veterans Foundation, Inc. (HCVF) agree that the easement area will be programmed by the HCVF on Memorial Day and Veterans Day but said programming will be open to the general public and use of the easement area will not limit public access to the lakefront or the monument area.
- CA and the HCVF agree that CA will manage easement area scheduling. CA agrees that scheduling requests will not be unreasonably withheld and HCVF agrees that the lakefront will be available to the general public unless prior written approval is received from CA. CA agrees to give HCVF first right of refusal for any third party scheduling requests.
- HCVF agrees that all proposed improvements to the easement area must be approved in writing by CA.
- HCVF agrees that as the underlying property owner CA will manage ongoing maintenance of the easement area and that HCVF agrees to reimburse CA for the cost of any work directly associated with the Veterans Monument. HCVF and CA agree to develop a fee schedule for routine and regular maintenance of the easement area to include landscaping, water treatment & replenishment, cleaning and other routine maintenance items.
- HCVF agrees that liability insurance in the amount of \$2 million per occurrence will be maintained at all times and that CA will be named as an additional insured.
- HCVF agrees that any food or drink service that is a part of a HCVF hosted special event will be conducted using properly licensed and insured vendors.
- HCVF agrees that no direct sales of dry goods, food or drink will take place on the easement area without prior written approval from CA.
- HCVF and CA agree that the easement will run in perpetuity so long as HCVF meets all of the aforementioned conditions.



# The Players

- The Howard County Veterans Foundation, Inc. – Project Sponsor
- The Columbia Association – Property Owner
- Howard County Government – Key Stakeholder
  - County Executive’s office heavily involved in this effort
  - County Council has expressed support
  - Commission on Veterans and Military Families
- Community Foundation of Howard County – Financial Partner
- Davis, Agnor, Rapaport and Skalny, LLC – Legal Partner



# The Timeline

- Establish Foundation: June 15, 2016
- Establish Fund Agreement: October 2016
- Establish Easement Agreement: September/October 2016
- Apply for Grant from County: October 2016
- Site Dedication: November 11, 2016 (Veterans Day)
- Launch Capital Campaign: December 2016
- Solicitation for Artist Bids: November 2016 – February 2017
- Public Hearings: February/March 2017
- Design Selection: April 2017
- Design Reveal : June 2017 (Columbia 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration)





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