

## Inner Arbor Trust Report

### Symphony Woods Concept Plan: A Community Vision

The Trust is working in a proposed updated concept plan. The original Inner Arbor concept plan was presented in 2012 and updated in 2014. Since 2014, the area around Symphony Woods has changed significantly, and plans for development in adjacent properties have changed. In 2019, the Trust decided it needed to engage in a comprehensive review of the land to determine how to best serve those living in and visiting Downtown Columbia by connecting the property to adjacent properties through pathways and how to best serve the recreational needs of residents in this space. The Trust engaged a design team to review and update the concept plan.

Central to the concept plan update process has been engaging the community and listening to stakeholders. The Trust formed a stakeholder advisory committee made up of residents, Howard County arts organizations, Downtown based organizations, Columbia Association, Howard Hughes, and other stakeholders. The Trust held a number of meetings to obtain feedback from the stakeholder group and to come to a shared vision for the space. The design team presented the proposed updated concept plan at a work session of the Inner Arbor Trust Board, to which the CA Board was invited. A copy of the plan is submitted with this report.

