

## **Handley Regional Library Project Priority List**

### **PRIORITY 1 - Northern Frederick County – Gainesboro Library Branch**

**Description:** Construction of a 4,000 to 5,000 square foot branch library, either as a stand-alone facility or co-located with a planned Frederick County facility (e.g. the new middle school). Initial parking should be for at least 50 vehicles. The proposed location would be on Rt. 522 in the Gainesboro District, but this could change depending on patterns of library use and on whether donated land could be located or if co-located with a Frederick County project already in the early planning stage. This projected branch would fit per discussions with FCPS on existing property and was outlined in a document prepared by FCPS students two years ago.

**Capital Cost:** \$1,749,034

**Justification:** This branch would serve citizens living in this growing area. In 2014-2015 Frederick County citizens of all ages checked out 471,957 items. 41,034 Frederick County residents have library cards and averaged 63.7 % of all materials checked out of the regional system. 2,956 Frederick County residents, adults and children, registered for library cards for the first time in 2015-2016. Of Frederick County residents over five years of age (when you can get a library card), approximately 52.8 % of the total have library cards. This new branch would bring the level of library usage up closer to the national average level of 58%. This population group in the Gainesboro District is not close to a library in the regional system. The Library will provide materials and programming for citizens from toddlers to senior citizens. It will provide recreational and educational materials. It will be a prime source for homework help since it will be open nights and on weekends when school libraries are closed. The library will supply computer access via Wi-Fi, rental tablets and hotspots, via desktop/laptop computers for word processing, as well as other office applications and for Internet usage. There will be a meeting room of 425 square feet in which area groups can meet.

**Construction Schedule:** Completion in FY 21/22

### **PRIORITY 2 - Frederick County Library Branch – Senseny/Greenwood**

**Description:** Construction of a 10,000 sq.ft. branch library with expansion possible to 15,000 square feet. Initial parking should be for a minimum of 65 vehicles. The proposed location is yet to be determined and is dependent on future development. The first step of the project would be the acquisition of the land of 5 to 8 acres.

**Capital Cost:** TBD

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Construction Schedule: TBD

### **PRIORITY 3 - Frederick County Library Branch - Route 522 South**

**Description:** Construction of a 7,000 sq.ft. branch library with expansion possible to 10,000 square feet. Initial parking should be for a minimum of 35 vehicles. The proposed location is yet to be determined and is dependent on future development. The first step of the project would be the acquisition of the land of 3 to 4 acre or collocated with the new High School projected to be built in the same area.

**Capital Cost:** TBD

**Justification:** This branch would serve citizens living in this growing area. In 2014-2015 Frederick County citizens of all ages checked out 471,957 items. 41,034 Frederick County residents have library cards and averaged 63.7 % of all materials checked out of the regional system. 2,956 Frederick County residents, adults and children, registered for library cards for the first time in 2015-2016. Of Frederick County residents over five years of age (when you can get a library card), approximately 52.8 % of the total have library cards. This new branch would bring the level of library usage up closer to the national average level of 58%. This population group in the Opequon District is not close to a library in the regional system. The Library will provide materials and programming for citizens from toddlers to senior citizens. It will provide recreational and educational materials. It will be a prime source for homework help since it will be open nights and on weekends when school libraries are closed. The library will supply computer access via Wi-Fi, rental tablets and hotspots, via desktop/laptop computers for word processing, as well as other office applications and for Internet usage. There will be a meeting room of 425 square feet in which area groups can meet.

**Construction Schedule:** TBD