

# The Oakland Mills Revitalization Partnership Group

## What is the Oakland Mills Revitalization Partnership Group?

The Oakland Mills Revitalization Partnership Group is a broad coalition of governmental departments, non-profit agencies, area foundations, and local businesses that came together specifically to provide support for the revitalization of Oakland Mills.

## What kind of resources has the Partnership Group brought to Oakland Mills?

Following are just a few examples of the wide variety of resources the Partnership Group has brought to the community so far:

- **Funding for a full-time Community Organizer** (Ben Hunter) for 3 years has been provided by the Columbia Foundation, the Horizon Foundation, the Rouse Company Foundation, and the United Way of Central Maryland. The charge of the Community Development Officer is to ensure that the revitalization plan is implemented.
- **The planning, writing, and production of the revitalization plan, as well as the facilitation (by America Speaks) of the 2004 and 2005 Town Hall Meetings**, was funded by the Enterprise Foundation.
- **Operating funds (\$15,000/year) for the revitalization** are being provided by the Columbia Association.
- **A community policing office and full-time community policing officer** has been provided by the Howard County Police Department. The Enterprise Foundation has worked with the police to produce an **award-winning community policing plan** that has dramatically reduced crime in Oakland Mills.
- **Programs for at-risk children and families** have been funded in Oakland Mills by the Local Children's Board.
- **Funds (\$10,000/year) for a communications initiative** have been granted by the Columbia Foundation.
- **Funds for two model rehab homes** are being provided by the Howard County Housing Commission.
- **A community planner** to help with the revitalization has been provided by the Department of Planning and Zoning, as well as the time energy of its Deputy Director to help steer the revitalization process.

## Who are the members of the Partnership Group?

Dana Bourland, Enterprise Foundation  
Trevor Britt, Enterprise Foundation  
Rene Buckmon, Columbia Association  
Kevin Burnett, Howard County Police Department  
Sandy Cederbaum, OM Village Manager  
Michael Davison, United Way of Central Maryland  
David Fromm, Enterprise Foundation  
Neil Gaffney, Howard County Housing and Community Development  
Gary Gardner, Howard County Police Department  
Jessica Giandomenico, United Way of Central Maryland  
Karen Gray, Oakland Mills Village Board  
Krysta Huxford, United Way of Central Maryland  
Keri Hyde, Local Children's Board  
Michael Johnson, Howard County Police Department  
Richard Kreig, Horizon Foundation

Steve Lafferty, Howard County Planning and Zoning  
Barbara Lawson, Columbia Foundation  
Stephanie Livingston, Columbia Bank  
Margaret Mauro, Rouse Company Foundation  
Michelle Miller, Columbia Association  
Mary Kate Murray, OM resident  
Murray Simon, Conexiones  
David Rakes, Howard County Council  
Susan Salvucci, United Way of Central Maryland  
Richard Story, Howard County Economic Development  
Sabina Taj, Columbia Foundation  
Leonard Vaughan, Howard County Housing and Community Development  
Donald Wallace, Educational Career and Empowerment Center  
Gloria Washington, Black Student Achievement Program

The current **leadership** of the Partnership Group is an Executive Committee consisting of Karen Gray, OM Village Board Vice-chair; Mary Kate Murray, OM resident and founder of the Street Captain program; Bill Woodcock, OM Village Board Chair, Sandy Cederbaum, OM Village Manager, and Ben Hunter, OM Community Organizer.