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House Bill 971
Anne Arundel County Crownsville Hospital
Memorial Park Advisory Committee
Senate Finance Committee

Position: FAVORABLE

Anne Arundel County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 971 – Anne Arundel County Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park Advisory Committee. This legislation would codify the Crownsville Advisory Committee in state law for a period of five years.

With the support of our delegation and the General Assembly, in December 2022, Anne Arundel County acquired the Crownsville Hospital property, formerly known as the “Hospital for the Negro Insane of Maryland”, from the State of Maryland. Following the acquisition, the County renamed the property the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park and began a master plan process to envision the future of the site as the green and healing heart of Anne Arundel County.

At the same time, in recognition of the importance of public participation to this important and historical site, the County created the Crownsville Advisory Committee by Executive Order in September 2023 to act as an advisory body, make recommendations for uses of the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park, and collect and compile public input on public and prospective uses. The Advisory Committee has been a cornerstone piece of the master plan effort that launched in October 2023 and will conclude with the release of the final master plan this month, and will continue to be a critical source of advice and recommendations as the county moves towards implementation and development.

House Bill 971 will protect the vision for Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park established in the forthcoming master plan through changes in administration at both the State and County level. HB 971 will also ensure that there is an annual reporting requirement to the County delegation so that all of our representatives stay apprised of progress and updates.

Accordingly, Anne Arundel County urges a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 971.

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