



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

**OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

March 1, 2013

Mr. Richard Hughes  
Administrator, Division of Historical and Cultural Programs  
Maryland Historic Trust  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 22032

Dear Mr. Hughes:

I am writing in support of the Sandy Spring Museum's application for a \$10,000 grant from the Maryland Heritage Area Authority. The grant will fund "A Stroll Through Brookeville in 1812," a program that will highlight the life and times of Brookeville residents who lived during the War of 1812.

Creative projects like this encourage visitors to Montgomery County, as well as document our rich history. Although Brookeville is rich in historic resources, it is not a well-known tourist destination. This particular program has the potential to draw hundreds of visitors, who will also learn about other amenities available in the area. This grant would also produce a booklet that will be in use long after the conclusion of the weekend-long event. Collateral materials like this are held on to for a very long time, potentially drawing visitors to the area for the entire year.

Montgomery County greatly values its historic resources and understands the important role they play in our economic well-being. I strongly endorse this project because it highlights the entire town, which has been well-preserved, and the individual properties, which encourages home owners to work with the County to preserve these irreplaceable treasures.

Please feel free to contact me if I can provide further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Navarro".

Nancy Navarro  
Council President