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**State Capital Budget Includes Over \$16 million for Historic Ellicott City**

Annapolis, MD - Today, Senator Katie Fry Hester and Delegate Courtney Watson announced that a total of \$16,225,000 has been approved by the Maryland General Assembly in the State FY23 Capital Budget for Historic Ellicott City. This year's unprecedented amount of funding raises the total amount of state funds obtained to protect historic Ellicott City to more than \$37,500,000 in the pair's first term in the Maryland General Assembly.

This year's budget includes record funding for projects in the Ellicott City Safe and Sound Flood Mitigation Plan including \$12,000,000 for the North Tunnel, \$2,000,000 for the T1 Pond, and \$1,000,000 for the Maryland Avenue Culverts.

Additionally, \$250,000 is included for the placement of wayfinding signs to direct visitors to Main Street and \$175,000 for drop arm barriers that can be used in times of emergency. This year's funding also includes \$150,000 to begin the Barnard Fort House design and restoration, an historic property located within the historic district.

"These funds are vital to the implementation of the Ellicott City Safe and Sound Plan, and we are grateful to County Executive Calvin Ball for his partnership and leadership supporting Ellicott City," said Senator Hester. "Delegate Watson and I have secured State funding this Session that will help the county match federal funding from programs like WIFIA (Water Infrastructure Financing Act) and BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities) to ensure full funding of the Plan."

Delegate Watson added, "With several projects underway and regular protocols for removing debris from waterways, we are seeing tangible results when storms hit our town. In its 250<sup>th</sup> year, Ellicott City is thriving once again, and we thank Senate President Bill Ferguson, Speaker of the House Adrienne Jones, and our colleagues in the Maryland Senate and House of Delegates who recognize the value of Historic Ellicott City to our state."

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