### HISTORIC TOWN CENTERS STUDY: ELLICOTT CITY & OELLA

### **PARKING OVERVIEW**



- Not enough on-street parking turnover
- Overall, sufficient number of parking spaces
- Courthouse Lot is underused except during events
- Vehicular access into some lots is challenging
- Walking routes to/from lots is unclear

# **Proposed improvements from the Watershed Master Plan:**

- Explore valet parking with private sector support
- Consider running a shuttle to Lower Main from upper lots
- Study the potential for the following parking measures:
- Parking Fees
- Time Restrictions
- Parking Structure
- Designated Employee Parking
- Creation of a Parking Authority
- Include EV accommodations

# PARKING & LOADING EXISTING CONDITIONS

## **PARKING UTILIZATION**



Parking activity was the lowest in the 10AM-11AM hour. Thirty-one (31%) of all off-street spaces were occupied.

Off-street parking utilization peaked in the early evening with some lots completely full, but overall utilization reached 70% capacity.

### What are your thoughts on parking and loading issues in Ellicott City & Oella?

- Do you agree with the findings above?
- Does parking play a role in how often you visit downtown?
- Do you think we need more or less loading spaces downtown?
- Do you think we need more or less parking options downtown?







### **HISTORIC TOWN CENTERS STUDY: ELLICOTT CITY & OELLA**

Business employees should be encouraged to park in Upper Main lots

Main Street's street parking should be reserved for quick trips or pick-up/drop-offs

Old Ellicott City needs a parking garage to relieve parking concerns

Incorporate digital counters in parking lots to provide real-time info on parking availability

Shuttles will help improve use of upper lots by easing access to/from Lower Main

# PARKING & LOADING RECOMMENDATIONS

PLACE A DOT ()) ALONG THE COLOR BARS, BASED ON THE STRENGTH OF YOUR PREFERENCE Create designated employee parking in Lot F, Lot G, and the Courthouse Lot



Construct a parking garage for additional parking in either Lower or Upper Main

Utilize technology to monitor parking availability & send data to website or signs

Deploy a shuttle service on weekends from parking lots to Lower Main





Employees should not be restricted to parking in a specific location



We should keep the 2-hour limit for street parking on Main Street



A parking garage is not necessary



Static signs could help, but technology and/or digital signs at lots are not necessary

Shuttles are unnecessary to resolve the parking challenges in Ellicott City