Elkridge Photovoice Exhibit Impact Report

Photovoice is a way for people to share their experiences using photos and short stories. It helps show things that numbers and reports might miss and helps start conversations in the community.



At the Elkridge Photovoice Exhibit, residents shared what their community means to them while looking at photos and listening to stories told by Community Health Workers. Community feedback showed topics of interest included safety, ability to get needed resources and ways the community is unique.



What We're Doing Next

- Work to improve sidewalks and crosswalks.
- Encourage produce markets in the area to provide healthy food education.
- Promote the use of public spaces, like Waterloo Park.
- Offer Elkridge Photovoice poster exhibit to public schools close to Waterloo Road.



"Sidewalks and crosswalks make public spaces more accessible. It is not enough to have resources, People must be able to reach them, use them and do so safely."

- Elkridge Community Member

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Summary of Community Feedback

Community Strengths

- Diversity and resilience of residents.
- Strong public institutions (libraries, schools).
- Local businesses support health and culture.
- Active volunteers and a sense of community pride.

Community Needs

- A central gathering space or "heart" of Elkridge.
- Safer, more accessible infrastructure (sidewalks, crosswalks).
- Clearer access to parks and recreational spaces.
- Expanded community programming and outreach.



Frank's Produce and Greenhouses

"This place has also so many ways to bring community in, things like cooking demos, simple classes, or health-focused activities where folks can learn how to use the produce."

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Themes from Community Comments

- Safety concerns of condition of public and community spaces.
- Access to healthy food.
- Barriers to public space use.
- Educational and community resources.

Zip Code: 21075 (Census Tract 601107)
Photovoice Exhiition Date/Time: November 10, 2025/ 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Location: Elkridge Branch Library – 6540 Washington Blvd, Elkridge, MD
Attendance: 40 community members

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