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**Inner Arbor Trust Inc.**  
**the not-for-profit developer of Symphony Woods,**  
**was formed in Columbia, Maryland**

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Howard County's mandate for the Merriweather-Symphony Woods Neighborhood in Downtown Columbia, Maryland, is that it, "...will be a new kind of cultural park where the landscape becomes a setting for arts, cultural and civic uses."

As such, on February 14, 2013, the Columbia Association Board of Directors approved the Inner Arbor Plan for Symphony Woods, which integrates the arts, culture and civic uses into the beautiful, forested setting. In order to implement the plan, the CA Board approved the creation of a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable organization, the Inner Arbor Trust, Inc. (the, "Trust") to carry out the development of the conceptual Inner Arbor Plan.

In furtherance of the County's mandate and Inner Arbor Plan, the Columbia Association Board of Directors also voted to provide the Trust with a perpetual easement of Symphony Woods and to fund a \$1.6 million grant to the Trust, for its initial operations and development activities.

The Articles of Incorporation for the Inner Arbor Trust Inc. were filed with the State of Maryland on April 26th, 2013 and on May 10th, 2013 the five member Initial Board of Directors held an Organizational Meeting. At this meeting, the five Initial Directors unanimously approved Bylaws calling for a seven member Board and voted for two specific, additional Board Members. The Initial Directors, the full Board of Directors and the Chair and Officers, are as follows:

**Initial Directors** (named in the Articles of Incorporation):

- Edward T. Coleman – Director appointed by Columbia Association Board
- Deborah Aaronson Ellinghaus - At Large Director, Howard County Resident
- G. Kent Humphries - At Large Director, Howard County Resident
- Phillip L. Nelson - Ex Officio Director as President & CEO of Columbia Association
- Gregg M. Schwind - Director appointed by Columbia Association Board

**Additional Directors** (as per the Bylaws & Organizational Meeting Resolution):

- Beverly White-Seals, Resident (Columbia) Director
- W. Gill Wylie - At Large, Baltimore County Resident

**Chair & Officers** (as per the unanimous Organizational Meeting Resolution):

- Phillip L. Nelson, Board Chair
- Michael S. McCall, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Beverly White-Seals, corporate Secretary

Bios on Directors Ellinghaus, Humphries, White-Seals, Wylie, and President & Chief Executive Officer McCall are attached.

Please contact Michael McCall at [MichaelMcCall@me.com](mailto:MichaelMcCall@me.com) for more information.

## **Deborah Aaronson Ellinghaus**

Debbie is a Director of Development at the University of Maryland, College Park, where she leads major gift efforts for the College of Arts and Humanities. Previously, she was the Senior Associate Director of Development at Yale School of Drama/Yale Repertory Theatre in New Haven, CT, a position she held for more than six years. While at Yale, Debbie was part of a three-person team that raised more than \$50 million during a multi-year campaign, including transformational gifts from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the Robina Foundation that helped to establish the Binger Center for New Theatre. Also at Yale, Debbie mentored graduate students studying in the Theater Management program and led grant-writing and major gift workshops for students and new non-profit professionals.

Additionally, Debbie has worked as a development officer for arts and education organizations in New York, NY, including the Guggenheim Museum and the Cathedral School, where she also taught drama to K-8 students. A former actress and member of the Actors Equity Association, Debbie has performed off-Broadway and regionally, and served as a producer on off-off Broadway productions.

Raised in Columbia, MD, Debbie spent much of her childhood performing in Onstage Productions at the Little Theatre on the Corner (Old Ellicott City) and spent her summers at Slayton House Camp of the Arts and at the Maryland Summer Center for the Arts. After graduating from Wilde Lake High School, she went on to study theatre and journalism at the University of Miami before transferring to the University of Maryland where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech Communication. Debbie also holds a Professional Certificate in Acting from the New Actors Workshop (New York, NY).

Debbie has served on many advisory committees for non-profit and community organizations and is a parent volunteer at Howard County schools. In addition to serving as a director on the Inner Arbor Trust, she is also a member of The Downtown Columbia Arts and Culture Commission, Inc. In April, Debbie ran her sixth half-marathon and is now training for her first triathlon. She lives with her husband, Andrew, and their children, Maddie and Griffin, in Fulton, MD.

## **G. Kent Humphries**

Kent began his SYSCO career in 1972 with SYSCO Food Services of Albany, NY, as a marketing associate, after graduating from the University of Colorado with a Bachelor of Science degree in finance. During Kent's years with Albany, filling various positions, he earned a MBA in finance from the Wharton School of Finance, University of Pennsylvania in 1976.

He was named General Manager of the corporation's Horseheads, NY division in 1978, then returned to Albany in 1981 as Executive Vice President.

Three years later, Kent was promoted to President & Chief Executive Officer of SYSCO Food Services of Syracuse, NY until 1996, when he was promoted to President & Chief Executive Officer of SYSCO Food Services of Baltimore. He led the organization to over \$500 million in sales and two additions to the Baltimore facilities.

Kent relocated to Toronto in 2007, when he was promoted to Senior Vice President, Canadian Foodservice Operations. Kent was promoted to Senior Vice President-Corporate Multi-Unit Sales at Sysco Corporate and CEO of Sysco Canada in 2010. He was promoted in 2011 to his current position at Sysco Corporation in Houston to Senior Vice President-Contract Sales.

During his career at Sysco, he has been member of the Operations Council, Merchandising Services Council and Directors Council.

Kent has been active in the community, serving on the Board of Directors of the Howard County United Way and Howard County Economic Development. Kent has also been President of the Boy Scouts Hiawatha Council, Syracuse, New York; served as Treasurer and is currently the President of the Board of Directors of Thousand Island Corporation; and, served as President of New York State Food Services Association.

## **Beverly White-Seals**

Beverly White-Seals is currently the President & CEO of the Community Foundation of Howard County. She was born and raised in Washington, D.C. where she attended the local public schools. She earned her undergraduate degree with honors from Ohio Wesleyan University and attended Columbia University School of Law as a Charles Evans Hughes Fellow where she received her Juris Doctor.

Beverly began her legal career as a litigator with the U.S. Department of Labor followed by a 20 year career at The Rouse Company in Columbia, Maryland. After leaving The Rouse Company in 1999 worked in private practice as “Of Counsel” with the law firm of Hodes, Ulman, Pessin & Katz and later in-house counsel with General Growth Properties until joining The Johns Hopkins Hospital and Health System in September 2009 as Director, Office of Workforce Diversity.

Beverly and her family live in Columbia, MD where she has served on the Boards of Trustees of over fourteen different non-profit organizations including serving as Chair of the Board of Howard County General Hospital. She served for seven (7) years on the Board of Trustees of Johns Hopkins Medicine and continues to serve on the Board of the Heifetz International Music Institute. Beverly has received numerous awards and honors for her commitment to diversity and community outreach including, but not limited to, the following:

- Johns Hopkins Institutions 2009 Diversity Recognition Award
- Howard County Women’s Hall of Fame Inductee
- Official Citation from the Maryland General Assembly
- Certificate of Special Recognition from the Honorable John P. Sarbanes
- SHERO Award for Multi-Cultural Community Outreach
- Daily Record Health Care Hero Finalist for Volunteers in Health Care
- Citation from Senator Barbara Mikulski for outstanding efforts in community outreach on behalf of State of Maryland
- Governor’s Award for efforts on behalf of residents of Howard County, MD
- \$20,000 Beverly White-Seals Scholarship Fund established in her honor by Howard County General Hospital Medical Executive Committee to benefit single parents entering careers in healthcare
- Recipient of Proclamations from Howard County and State of Maryland for service on behalf of Howard County General Hospital
- Columbia 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Board of Trustees
- Inner Arbor Trust Board of Trustees

## **W. Gill Wylie**

W. "Gill" Wylie is President of Johns Hopkins Medical Management Corporation, and is responsible for the development, finance, leasing, operations and program management for all of Johns Hopkins Medicine's Healthcare and Surgery Centers in Maryland.. Under a succession of ascending positions, Gill has held these responsibilities since 1992. Gill's current portfolio of projects includes Johns Hopkins Medicine at Green Spring Station, White Marsh, Columbia, Odenton and various other suburban locations.

The first and largest Health Care and Surgery Center, opened in 1994 is Johns Hopkins at Green Spring Station. which is comprised of 225,000 square feet of medical services, including an primary care, specialty care, an ambulatory surgery center, and a full spectrum of diagnostic imaging services Johns Hopkins Medicine at Green Spring Station serves more than 500,000 patient visits per year from the Baltimore-Washington region.

Gill began his career with Johns Hopkins Medicine in 1985. His early responsibilities included market research, marketing, capital budgeting, strategic and long term planning, program design and implementation, departmental administration of both Psychiatry and Oncology, and then directing the clinical operations for 220 inpatient beds for the Department of Medicine.

Prior to coming to Johns Hopkins, Gill spent three years at Georgetown University, where, as a Program Associate, he assisted the Project Director in monitoring two national grant programs of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the High Risk Young People's Program and the Community Hospital-Physician Practice Program.

Gill was born and raised in New York City as one of five children. He graduated from Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts, in 1978, with a BA in Design; and, then from the University of Pittsburgh in 1984, with a Masters in Public Health. Gill married Mary Anne Styka in 1988. Gill and Mary Anne have two sons: Gill, who is a sophomore in the International Affairs program at George Washington University; and, Henry, who is a junior at Archbishop Curley High School.

Gill completed the Baltimore County Leadership Program in 2000, and among many other professional and community boards, he has served on the Board of Directors of Howard County General Hospital since 2007. In his free time, Gill and his family enjoy community service, travel and sports.

## **Michael McCall**

Before founding Strategic Leisure in 1992, Michael was Vice President of Development for landmark developer James W. Rouse (best known for projects like Boston's Faneuil Hall, New York's South Street Seaport and Baltimore's Harborplace). From 1982 to 1992, Michael had the extraordinary experience of learning strategic "placemaking" development from the Master, as the fourth employee of The Enterprise Development Company.

From 1985 to 1988, Michael led Mr. Rouse's side in a joint venture with The Walt Disney Company. Michael and his team worked with Disney's Development, Imagineering, Strategic Planning, and Parks & Resorts divisions, strategizing and conceptualizing the future of urban entertainment. During this period, Michael also authored the repositioning strategy for Disney's Pleasure Island, which was implemented at Walt Disney World. Following the "Rouse/Mouse" work with Disney, Michael conducted international strategic planning for Mr. Rouse in Australia, England, Japan, Singapore, Spain and the United States. Michael also led the year-long repositioning strategy for Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History, weaving together product positioning, creative conceptualization, and physical and economic planning to celebrate the real-life stories of planet Earth.

Strategic Leisure was formed by Michael in 1992, and over the past twenty one years, Strategic Leisure has worked for such private sector clients as Disney Development Company in Anaheim and Orlando, Sony in San Francisco, Transamerica in Los Angeles, Glimcher Realty Trust in Columbus, Ohio, Sears Tower in Chicago, WonderCamp in Manhattan and Short Hills, New Jersey, Brunswick Corporation in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Yuba County Recreation in Northern California, Pigeon Falls Village in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, Ponte Fresco restaurant in Chicago, Fair Oaks Dairy Farms in Indiana, Select Milk Producers (nationwide); and such governmental, cultural, and institutional clients as the Minnesota Zoo in Apple Valley Minnesota, Columbus America Discovery Group in Columbus, Ohio, Illinois Metropolitan Pier & Exposition Authority's Navy Pier in Chicago, Yorkshire Forward (a British government regional economic development agency), the City of Scottsdale, Arizona & the Scottsdale Convention & Visitors Bureau, Lambs Farm (a Not-For-Profit destination in suburban Chicago), and the Field Museum of Natural History.

Michael lives in Columbia, Maryland (developed by Mr. Rouse) with Barbara McCall, his business partner, and to whom he has been married for over 30 years. Their son is an Eagle Scout, an Apple trainer and a college student.