

Baltimore County may monitor Towson Estates growth



Baltimore County Councilman David Marks, who represents Towson and Perry Hall
(File photo)

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Baltimore County will take a closer look at any new construction proposed in the upscale Towson Estates subdivision, if Councilman [David Marks](#) has his way.

Marks introduced a resolution Monday to place Towson Estates within the purview of the county Design Review Panel. Residents of the 64 mostly Butler stone houses in the secluded, wooded community across from the Towson Marketplace shopping center are concerned about infill development and new construction that potentially would be out of character there, Marks said.

Most houses in the low-crime community date to the 1930s, according to a 2008 story about Towson Estates in the Baltimore Sun.

"There is discussion about making Towson Estates a historic district, but adding it to DRP review would at least require better oversight of new construction," Marks said in an email.

Phil Dorsey, president of the Towson Estates Association, said the community supports the resolution, because, "We live in a very distinct, historic community. We'd like to keep the flavor, the feel and the charm of the neighborhood as much as possible."

Towson Estates is bounded by Old Joppa, Edgewood, Edgerton, Edgemon, Center, Edgeclift and Joppa roads, within the Towson Master Plan area, Marks said.

Marks said he expects the council to vote on the resolution in September.