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New Sculpture Near Annie's Playground in Fallston Highlights Harford's Ma & Pa Railroad History

BEL AIR, Md., (Aug. 23, 2024) - A new, eight-foot-tall sculpture welcomes visitors to Harford County's Ma & Pa Trail near Annie's Playground at Edgeley Grove Park in Fallston. The bronze sculpture is a half-size replica of the front of the original Maryland & Pennsylvania (Ma & Pa) Railroad Engine No. 6 and features a double-faced design for visibility from both directions on the trail.

Funding for the sculpture was provided by Bel Air residents Jack and Signe Shagena. The artwork, designed by sculptor Brad Vanneman of Wilmington, Delaware, commemorates the past and enhances the experience for visitors along Harford's most popular trail.

The Ma & Pa Railroad rolled through Harford County from 1901-1958 transporting passengers and delivering a variety of products between Baltimore and Pennsylvania.

"The Ma & Pa Railroad is a cherished part of Harford's history, and this sculpture is a fitting reminder of the spirit and energy that built and sustains our wonderful county," County Executive Bob Cassilly said. "I would like to thank Jack and Signe Shagena for their generosity, and I encourage visitors to enjoy and learn from this beautiful work of art."



Photo caption: Harford County Executive Bob Cassilly, left, is joined by artist Brad Vanneman, Jack and Signe Shagena, and Parks and Recreation Director Paul Magness during the sculpture dedication in late July.

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