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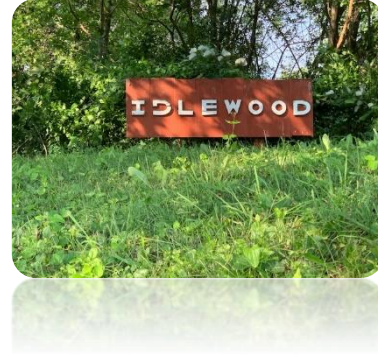
## INDEPENDENT COST ESTIMATE

Project: Idlewood Community Signs

Locations: **6200 Block of Loch Raven Blvd, Sign #1**



**6200 Block of The Alameda, Sign #2**



## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The main community Idlewood sign located on Loch Raven Blvd has been destroyed. In effort to beautify, create a stronger community presence, and replace the damaged signage, The Idlewood Community Association, Inc. (ICA) is raising funds to replace the main community sign and secondary community sign. The following information provides an estimated cost for the two signs, 5-year maintenance of foliage and greenery, and sign repairs/upkeep. All estimates are based on market rates from reliable sources, both local and national.

### Sign #1

The sign located 6200 Block of Loch Raven Blvd, (Sign #1) was originally made of wood structure with two wood posts. The posts suspended a wooden sign painted a dark turquoise color with gold letters that spelled Idlewood.

Understanding the limitations of wood structure, maintenance and lifecycle of the previous sign, the community proposes a stone and/or concrete base. The signage will be made with either plastic, sand blasted, or stone material that will be centered on the base structure. The sign will be surrounded by local foliage that requires routine maintenance.

Design and scaling examples can be found in appendix A.

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### Sign #2

The sign located on a corner lot of 6200 Block of The Alameda and 1200 Block of Cedarcroft Rd. (Sign #2) is a secondary Idlewood sign made of wood with a floating plank design painted in a red color with white letters that spells IDLEWOOD.

Understanding the limitations of wood structure, maintenance and lifecycle of the current sign and giving consideration to its elevation and placement, the community proposes a similar design to the current plank design. The sign will be made with a durable plastic composite or sand blasted material with revised coloring that will be similar to Sign #1.

## FINDINGS

Research on the cost of Sign #1 and Sign #2 was conducted to find the general expenses required to replace and construct new signs. The findings offer 4 resources which consist of a national sign company, online sign design articles, and a standard quote from a local company within the State of Maryland.

According to the article from Signdealz (link below), signs that are in ground with concrete foundations will cost between \$6,000 and \$33,000 depending on the size, material, and style. Due to the public location, the article suggests to research local permitting and zoning requirements. The company also mentions there may be design, permitting, and engineering fees as added expenses to the project.

<https://www.signdealz.com/blog/stone-sign-buying-guide-for-business#:~:text=Foundations%20range%20from%20%24600%20to,depending%20on%20the%20factors%20above.>

According to Davis Signs, located in Pheonix, Arizona; a monument sign, which is a similar description to a community entrance sign, is estimated to cost \$5,000 to \$28,000. The cost of entrance sign construction may be determined by the price per square foot. This may range from \$150/square foot to \$400/per square foot.

<https://davis-signs.com/how-much-do-monument-signs-cost/>

A local sign company was contacted to provide a quote for the replacement of Sign #1 and Sign #2. The replacement of Sign #1 is estimated to cost \$7,600. The replacement of Sign #2 is estimated to cost \$2,500, for a total of \$10,100.

<https://www.designsandsignsonline.com/category/carved-signs/community-entrance-signs/>



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Sorry I had to get off the phone quickly.

So here is some general pricing for a routed HDU sign

8x4 ft / flat raised letters and trim / recessed wood grain background - \$3,900 + s/tax

6x6 treated lumber posts with flat caps - \$1,100 + s/tax

concrete and steel legs to prevent rot - \$900 + s/tax

installation - \$1,500

drawings and revision - \$200

We could do a smaller sign for \$2,500 installed

the size of the small sign could be 6x3 ft with hidden 4x4 posts - no steel legs on this one

This would get us in around the \$10,000 range for the whole project.

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A design blog called bestsignmonuments suggests that a community sign project will range from \$7,000 to \$14,000 depending on the size and material of the sign. The article provides an ideal illustration of a community sign desired for the community.

<https://bestsignmonuments.com/BSMblog/neighborhood-entrance-sign-costs/>

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## **COST ESTIMATE**

Based on these findings, the cost of Sign #1 located on Loch Raven Blvd will range from \$6,000 to \$8,000. The cost of sign #2 will range from \$500 to \$2,000. The cost to maintain the sign, flower and foliage for both signs is estimated to cost \$400 per year for 5 years: a total of \$2,000. The total cost of the sign project is estimated at \$12,000.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Replacement and construction of Sign #1</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>
<b>Replacement and construction of Sign #2</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>5-year maintenance and care @ \$400/r</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>

## **NEXT STEPS**

The Idlewood Community Association wishes to raise a minimum \$12,000 for the replacement of community signs by October 31, 2022. The Association will assess the amount raised and determine if enough funds are available to commence the project. Once the necessary funds are received, a design plan will be created with requirements and lead times to complete the project. It is expected that the Association will issue Requests for Quotes (RFQ) from sign company sources, which may include, but not limited to, some of the references above.

This cost estimated was conducted independently by The Idlewood Community Association, Inc.