

Hideaway Traffic Survey

On October 2nd and 3rd, the Howard County Traffic Division surveyed the speed and quantity of automobiles on Softwater Way. Many residents have complained about the speed in the past. The results were very low and disappointing. They had two checkpoints, one recording the cars northbound and the other southbound. In a two-day period, there were only 5 cars that went over 35mph. The average speed was only 16mph. Between the speed and the quantity of cars that ride on Softwater, we do not meet the minimum requirement for engineered traffic calming. I am checking into the S.M.A.R.T. (Speed Monitoring and Awareness Radar Team) program. The county has recommended this for our community. Below is the history of the traffic surveys that have been performed on Softwater.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Northbound (avg. speed)</u>	<u>Southbound (avg. speed)</u>
October 2000	18.9 mph	13.8 mph
July 1995	15.6 mph	13.4 mph
March 1993	16.1 mph	15.4 mph