Sustainable Communities Renewal Application

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APPLICANT_____ CITY OF GREENBELT_____

NAME OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY:_____ CITY OF GREENBELT_____

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- If requesting a boundary modification, map in pdf format of the proposed Sustainable Community

- **GIS shapefiles of the modified Sustainable Community boundary** (if requesting a modification) **and other GIS related data**

- Pictures (jpeg format) of your accomplished projects of the last five years (**as indicated in Section B**)

- Digital copy of completed Sustainable Communities Renewal Application

I. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY RENEWAL APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Sustainable Community:

City of Greenbelt

Name of Renewal Applicant:
Greenbelt, City of

Applicant's Federal Identification Number: 52-6000793

Applicant's Street Address: 25 Crescent Road

City: Greenbelt **County:** Prince George's **State:** MD **Zip Code:** 20770

Phone Number: **Fax Number:** **Web Address:**

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I. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY – General Information

A. Sustainable Community Boundary and Description

(1) Are you requesting any changes to your Sustainable Community boundary? Describe why or why not? **No, because the sustainable community boundary area comprises the City of Greenbelt in its entirety.**

(2) Include the following in as an attachment (if requesting a modification to your current boundary): **N/A**

      a. PDF or JPEG of modified Sustainable Communities boundary map,

      b. GIS shapefiles of modified Sustainable Community boundary (mapped to the parcel boundary),

(3) Approximate number of acres of entire SC Area: <u>4,060</u>

(4) <u>Existing federal, state or local designations:</u>

☐Main Street ☐Maple Street

XNational Register Historic District ☐Local Historic District ☐ Arts & Entertainment District

☐State Enterprise Zone Special Taxing District ☐BRAC ☐ State Designated TOD

X Other(s): **National Historic Landmark**

(5) Describe the SC Area's current demographic trends (with respect to age, race, household size, household income, educational attainment, number of housing units, or other relevant factors). How have demographics changed in the last five years?

Population and Race
According to the Census 2010 the City's total population was 23,068. This number has remained relatively constant growing only minimally based on the most recent available American Community Survey (ACS) 2017 with a population estimated at 23,280.

Age
As reported in the 2012 SC application, in 2010 the median age in Greenbelt was 33.7 years old. The median age remains between 33-34 years old according to the ACS 2017 data. The percentage of population 65 and older has remained constant at just slightly over 8%.

Household Size and Income
The average household in Greenbelt is 2.58 persons per household compared to the previous 2.37. The City's median household income is $72,846 significantly up from 2010 ($61,854). In 2013-2017, 9.3% of the City residents were living in poverty, slightly down from 10%.

Number of Housing Units
The total number of housing units in the City is 10,761with 47.4 percent comprise of apartment units. Of the City's total number of housing units it is estimate that 46% is owner occupied.

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Educational Attainment
The City's residents have a high level of educational attainment with 44.1% of the population having a Bachelor's degree or higher (previously 42.1%) compared to Prince Georges County at 31.9% and the State of Maryland at 39%.

Other Relevant Factors
Compared to the County and State, Greenbelt has a larger number of foreign born persons. Of the City's residents 29.9% speak a language other than English at home, compared to 24.3% for the County and 18% for the State.

B. Organizational Structure, Experience and Public Input:

(1) Describe any changes to the Applicant's organizational structure. Specifically, how has membership of the Sustainable Communities Workgroup changed in the last five years? Who are/were the leaders, and how will/did the Workgroup advisor or staff manage implementation of the SC Area Plan?

Since last being designated a Sustainable Community the City has hired a new City Manager, Police Chief, Director of Planning and Community Development and is in the process of hiring new Director of Recreation. In FY 2017, the Environmental Coordinator position was created to perform professional and technical work developing, coordinating, implementing, and administrating programs and policies, as well as City compliance with applicable federal and state environmental laws related to environmental issues throughout the City

In FY 2019 the City hired its first Economic Development Coordinator who will be instrumental in accomplishing the economic goals/strategies outlined in the City's Sustainable Community Action Plan.

The City does not have one designated Sustainability Community Workgroup, but rather has various Advisory Boards and Committees charged with addressing specific areas of implementation of the City's Sustainability Community Action Plan. The City's Department of Planning and Community Development is responsible for monitoring the activities of the various boards, committees and City departments and updating the City's Sustainability Action Plan accordingly. This approach has proven to be effective and efficient in implementing the Plan since tasks can be assigned to the group(s) whose mission, resources, and expertise best aligns with the specific issue being addressed,

Responsible Parties /Key Stake Holders for Plan Implementation:

City Departments (Director or designee) include:
Planning and Community Development
Public Works
Police
Parks and Recreation
Cares
City Manager's Office (Economic Development Coordinator & Public Information Officer)
Finance and Administrative Services
Advisory Board/Committee Chairs or designee (Involvement will be issue driven)
State and County Agencies (As appropriate)

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Home Owner/Condo Associations (For neighborhood specific Issues)
Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (For issues specific to GHI community)

> (2) What have been the strengths and challenges of the capacity of the Sustainable Communities
> Workgroup with respect to implementation of the SC Plan?

One of the key strengths of the approach the City has taken in essentially having multiple Sustainable
Communities working groups with one designated plan manager is the ability to work on multiple initiatives
and projects concurrently. This has led to the City accomplishing the majority of tasks/initiatives outlined in its
2014 Sustainability Action Plan. A multi-group approach allows staff and community resources to be directed
where most appropriate/needed to accomplish a specific task, providing for efficiency and effectiveness.

Challenges include senior staff turnover, workload and funding for implementation of key projects.

> (3) How did residents and other stakeholders in the community provide input to the Sustainable
> Communities Action Plan update? On which existing local plans (comprehensive plans, economic
> development plans, sector plans, etc.) is the Sustainable Communities Action Plan based?

In preparing the City's renewal application City staff relied on community planning efforts that have been
completed over the last few years. These include, but are not limited to, Recreation and Parks Master Plan,
Economic Development Study, Budget Preparation, Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, Prince George's
County Zoning Re-write, Prince George's County Transit Study, Community Survey Concerning Community &
Economic Development Goals, 2018 City Council Goal Setting Session, Green Team 2017 Update to
Sustainable Maryland Certification and Annual City Council Work Sessions with Key Stakeholders.

The City Council is also planning to undertake a visioning session this fiscal year and it is anticipated that the
City's Sustainable Community's Action Plan will be updated following this effort.

> (4) Would you like any technical assistance from State agencies to help expand the capacity of your SC
> Workgroup or implement your SC plan? Please describe with which revitalization strategies you
> would like assistance.

No technical assistance is needed at this time.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY RENEWAL REPORT
PART I: QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT

Purpose:

The purpose of this assessment is to capture significant projects/ improvements that have been completed since the approval of your local government's Sustainable Communities designation.

In relation to the goals stated in your local government's Sustainable Community Action Plan, **please highlight at least three major accomplishments from the last five years**, including how you achieved them. When writing your narrative, consider the questions below and refer to the six elements discussed in the General Information section of this document (page iv) – Environment, Economy, Transportation, Housing, Quality of Life, and Land Use/Local Planning.

1) **Outcome**: Which outcomes identified in your Sustainable Community plan were you able to achieve?
2) **Projects**: Which projects did you implement in order to achieve the outcome? Also indicate when you started and completed these projects.
3) **Partners**: With whom (i.e. state agencies, local stakeholders) did you partner to complete projects?
4) **Impact**: What kind of measurable impact did the achieved outcome have on your community? Are there other intangible benefits?
5) **Pictures**: Please also include pictures that depict your accomplishments.

[EXAMPLE] Descriptive Narrative: Please list the most significant accomplishments that apply

Example – **Accomplishment 1**
Outcome: Improved storm water management

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Projects:
Project 1: Storm water Retrofit Plan – In October 2014, the Town Council approved the Town's storm water retrofit plan which outlines various strategies and capital budget expenditures over the next five years. Strategies include reducing the amount of impervious surface in the community and improving storm water management. One of the plan recommendations is to pass an ordinance that assesses an environmental protection fee on municipal permits.

Project 2: Green Streets – The Town added green elements to approximately 600 linear feet of roadway that had been experiencing severe flooding. Specifically, bio swales were constructed and trees were planted.

Partners:
Chesapeake Bay Trust – provided technical assistance
MD DHCD – provided financial assistance in form of a Community Legacy grant (totaling $50,000).

Impact: The implementation of the projects had a significant impact on the community by improving storm water runoff. The streets with the newly constructed bio swales no longer experience flooding.

Descriptive Narrative: Please list the most significant accomplishments that apply.

Accomplishment 1:
Outcome: Economic Development

Project 1: Economic Feasibility Study – The City has completed two economic development studies since being designated a Sustainable Community. These documents contained a series of economic development recommendations and strategies from leaders in the field of economic development.

Project 2: Marketing Materials – One of the studies the City undertook included building an economic development tool kit for the City including the following: Creation of a business section on the City's website, development of a restaurant guide, inventory of businesses, and small business start-up guide and marketing materials.

Project 3: Economic Development Coordinator – In 2018 the City hired its first Economic Development Coordinator.

Project 4: Business Breakfasts – The City has begun holding quarterly business breakfasts with local business owners. Frequently a key note speaker is invited to highlight state and/or regional economic development issues.

Partners: Business Community and Prince George's Economic Development Corporation

Impact: The City's investment in economic development initiatives has had positive impact on the business community. The City has forged stronger relationships with its business owners and commercial property managers and has assisted them in marketing their businesses. The City has also gained a greater understanding of the needs and desires of its business community. City residents have benefited from the marketing materials that are now available advertising available services within the City.

Accomplishment 2:
Outcome: Environmental Sustainability

Project 1: Sustainable Maryland Certified Community (Green Team Action Plan) – In 2014 the City became a Sustainable Maryland Certified Community, and in 2017 it renewed its designation (received 600 points).

Project 2: Urban Forest Master Plan – In 2018 the City completed an Urban Forest Master Plan. The Plan followed a Forest Health Assessment that was completed in 2017 and a street tree inventory completed in 2013.

Project 3: Alternative Fuel Vehicles - The City of Greenbelt has a fleet of environmentally responsible vehicles in service. The City is currently running three (3) compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles: a Honda Civic, a Pickup truck, and a Dodge van; nine (9) hybrid Ford Fusions, two (2) hybrid Ford Escape; and one (1) all electric Gem Polaris. In 2017 we acquired two (2) more hybrid Ford Fusion. In summer 2018 the City of added 3 new Chevy Bolts to its fleet. Two of the cars are being used by City Code Enforcement to make their inspection rounds and the other is with the Department of Public Works. The electric cars are part of the City's commitment to utilize alternative fuel and powered vehicles whenever it is feasible and a car is replaced in its fleet. The City also recently installed an Electric Vehicle Charging Station in Roosevelt Center.

Project 4: Recycling Program – The City has implemented several recycling and waste reduction programs. In addition to curbside recycling the City provide textiles recycling, paper and cardboard, motor oil, filters and antifreeze. The City has six TerraCycle Campaigns and collects hard plats and odd metals on Fridays. In FY 2018 the City collected over 2,830 pounds of recycling, representing a recycling rate of 63%.

Project 5: Installation of solar panels on Springhill Lake Recreation Center. In 2018 the City installed solar panels on the rooftop of a city owned recreation center.

Project 6: The City partnered with Prince George's County Cleanwater Partnership on upgrades to the two forebays that discharge into Greenbelt Lake.

Partners: Greenbelt's Green Team, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, University of Maryland, Davey Resource Group (Consultant), Maryland Energy Administration

Impact: The projects above are only a sampling of projects the City has undertaken to achieve its environmental sustainability goals. These projects had, and continue to have, a significant impact on the Community by promoting a cleaner and more eco-friendly way of life.

Accomplishment 3:

Outcome: Multi-Modal Transportation Network Improvements

Project 1: Implementation of Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan – In 2014 the City adopted the Greenbelt Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan. Since its adoption the City has been actively working to implement the recommendations within the plan. The City has dedicated a minimum of $20,000 per year to implement bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects. The City has leveraged these funds to obtain grant funding to assist with major improvement projects. Projects include installation of a raised crosswalk and ADA compliant curb ramps, installation of sharrows and improved striping and installation of bike racks.

Project 2: Complete and Green Street Policy- In July 2019, the City adopted a Complete and Green Street Policy. The Policy was guided by a Complete and Green Street project for Cherrywood Lane that was initiated in 2014 with grant funds awarded by the Chesapeake Bay Trust

Project 3: Trails Map- Several years ago the City completed a bicycle and pedestrian trails map. The City received a grant from Maryland Milestones/ATHA to complete updates to the map and to print the map which had been out of print for a couple of years.

Project 4: Bus Stop Improvements- In 2013 the approved a Bus Stop Safety and Accessibility Study. The Study used volunteers to assess every bus stop within the City for safety and accessibility, and the Study made a series of recommendations to improving bus stops throughout the City. The City has been implementing the recommendations in the Study including installing new ADA accessible bus pads, improving sidewalk connectivity, and installing bus shelters.

Partners: Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, State Highway Administration, Urban Land Institute, Neighboring Jurisdictions, Maryland Milestones/ATHA, Inc., Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments , Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board

Impact: The City is committed to investing its pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. Providing safe and accessible multi-modal opportunities within the City is critical to supporting high quality residential and commercial development, and in promoting a healthy lifestyle and a strong quality of life In addition, providing increased opportunities for walking and bicycling reduces residents' reliance on the motor vehicle which has numerous environmental advantages as well. These projects so improve residents' access to major destinations, both locally and regionally.

Descriptive Narrative: Please use this section to describe any major outcomes or projects from your last Sustainable Communities Action Plan that have <u>NOT</u> been accomplished and why.

Outcome: Implementation of bikeshare program

Narrative: In its previous Sustainable Community Action Plan the City identified the completion of a bikeshare feasibility study followed by implementation as a specific benchmark. While the City did partner with the County on the completion of a bikeshare feasibility study, implementation has been delayed. The feasibility study did result in the County developing a bikeshare program in which Greenbelt is included in Phase 2 of the County's implementation program. It is anticipated that the County will initially be installing five bikeshare stations within the City in the summer of 2020. The City plans to work closely with the County on the funding and installation of additional bikeshare stations.

Outcome: Installation of Gateway signage

Narrative: The Greenbelt City Council has approved three types of gateway signs to be installed at key entrances to the City. To date, no gateway signs have been installed. The City experienced delays in sign design and implementation. On a positive note, the City recently received a Community Legacy grant to fabricate and install a monument sign at the entrance to Historic Greenbelt and to install three pole mounted signs on key entrance points to the City. It is anticipated that these signs will be installed in the fall of 2020. The City plans to continue to seek grant funding for the implementation of the remainder of its Gateway Sign project.

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Outcome: Increase affordable housing opportunities

Narrative: Since achieving Sustainable Community designation, the City has not added to its inventory of affordable housing. The City faces a number of challenges with achieving this goal including lack of County incentive programs, developer resistance and limited new development opportunities. The City has been supportive of County efforts towards providing opportunities for affordable housing. Prince George's County recently completed a Comprehensive Housing Strategy, and it is expected that the Strategy will lead to new housing programs aimed at providing affordable, high-quality, housing options—for a range of income levels, preferences, and phases of life. The City will be monitoring the efforts of the County closely, and advocating for policies and programs that will help the City to achieve its affordable housing goals. The City will also continue to advocate for affordable housing in proposed residential development projects.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY RENEWAL REPORT
PART II: COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT

Purpose:

The purpose of the comprehensive assessment is to capture indicators of accomplishments in each Sustainable Community. Indicators should reflect the five year time period since the adoption of the Sustainable Communities Action Plan. Thus, the following questions focus on the common outcomes that were identified in the various Sustainable Community Action Plans approved by the State. The assessment will be grouped in the sections of Environment, Economy, Transportation, Housing, Quality of Life, and Land Use.

Please answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge.

Check "**YES**" if applicable to your community. If you answer "**YES**" please quantify the accomplishment (i.e. Q: Has there been an increase in the number of businesses in your Main Street/commercial district? A: YES 4 new businesses have opened in the past five years). If necessary, please also provide a short description of the accomplishment.

Please check "**NO**" if the question item did not have any impact on your community. If you answer "**NO**" please briefly summarize what kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes.

Check "**N/A**", if the question item does not apply to your Sustainable Community.

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ENVIRONMENT	YES	NO	N/A	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
1. Has there been an improvement in water quality?	X			The City does not have data on pollution and sediment reduction; however it has undertaken a number of projects that are proven to achieve improvements to water quality. These efforts include, but are not limited to, installation of rain gardens, rain cisterns, permeable pavement, stream restoration projects, extensive native plantings, and volunteer shoreline clean-ups.
2. Has the amount of impervious surface in your Community been reduced? (Amount in SF)	X			The City installed permeable pavement in an existing parking lot at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, resulting in a decrease of 15,000 square feet of impervious pavement. Engineers estimated the project mitigates nitrogen and phosphorous for the 1.2 inch storm event resulting in 1.93 acres (84070.8SF) being treated. It is further estimated that 469,037 gallons of runoff annually is being infiltrated. The City recently supported a privately funded community amenities improvement plan that will reduce impervious area by .28 acres (12196.8SF). The City is also in the permitting phase of a project aimed at reducing impervious area in a city owned parking lot through the introduction of environmental site design elements.
3. Have there been improvements and/ or additions to your park and/ or recreational green space?	X			The City added 2.26 acres of city parkland and almost 5,000 linear feet of hiker bike trail in Greenbelt West as result of an approved residential subdivision know as Greenbelt Station South Core. In the next two years the City is scheduled to accept an additional close to 16 acres of parkland in the Greenbelt Station South Core development. Improvements to existing parks and recreation facilities are on-going; these include installation of pet waste stations, playground renovations, trail/path maintenance and installation of fitness station.
4. Did the Sustainable Community implement any recycling or waste reduction programs?	X			The City has implemented several recycling and waste reduction programs. In addition to curbside recycling the City provides textiles recycling, paper and cardboard, motor oil, filters and antifreeze. The City has six TerraCycle Campaigns and collects hard plats and odd metals on Fridays. In FY 2018 the City collected over 2,830 pounds of recycling, representing a recycling rate of 63% (refer to attached spreadsheet for additional data regarding recycling totals).
5. Do all residents have access to healthy food options (i.e. fresh food grocery stores, farmers markets etc.) within the Sustainable Community?	X			Greenbelt has had a farmer's market since 2008. Farmers that have been accepted into the market sell their food and processed food items on Sunday morning, May through November from 10am to 2pm. There is also a food co-op in the center of town, a Safeway in Greenbelt East and a Giant in Greenbelt West. In historic Greenbelt there are community gardens offering residents and opportunity to grow their own vegetables. In Greenbelt West a food forest was installed on City property.

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OTHER:

ECONOMY	YES	NO	N/A	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years. If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
1. Has there been an increase in the number of new businesses in your Main Street/ Commercial District?			X	Greenbelt has over 800 businesses with active commercial leases according to data analysis from CoStar, a research and data analytics company for commercial properties. New businesses move to Greenbelt frequently because of its prime location between Baltimore and Washington DC; access to highways, rails and buses; and proximity to major institutions like NASA Goddard, Space and Flight Center, University of Maryland College Park and the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. Historically, the City did not have an established system for consistently reporting the number of businesses within the city limits and unable to report on year-over-year business growth. However, Greenbelt recently hired an Economic Development Coordinator who is responsible for business attraction and retention efforts as well as reporting on the number of businesses.
2. Did the Municipality/ Sustainable Community area receive any designations that support local economic development?	X			The City of Greenbelt renewed its Sustainable Maryland Certification in October 2017. This certification has significant implications for Greenbelt's local economy. There are many local businesses that are focused on sourcing their raw materials locally and purchasing their products from other local businesses. Businesses like the New Deal Café, Greenbelt Co-Op Supermarket, Old Greenbelt Theatre, and Wylo Dry Cleaning Services incorporate sustainable practices by sourcing products locally and ensuring that goods are minimally processed to reduce their carbon footprint. Through their expertise of Green ACES (Greenbelt Advisory Committee for Environmental Sustainability) partnered with an organization to install electric vehicle charging stations, helping to increase the number of people coming to Greenbelt to charge their vehicles. Green ACES is also working to help the City reduce the cost of electricity for its municipal buildings by participating in solar net metering. This could potentially save the city approximately $1 million over the next 15 years. Greenbelt also has a weekly Farmers Market for residents to purchase fresh produce from local farms. Looking ahead, the Economic Development Department is looking to provide tools to help Greenbelt businesses adopt sustainable practices.

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		YES	NO	N/A	
3. Has there been an increase in foot traffic in the Main Street/commercial district?				X	Greenbelt does not currently track foot traffic in and out of the commercial districts, especially in the three main shopping centers. However, Greenway Shopping Center, Roosevelt Shopping Center and Beltway Plaza Mall have been hubs of local activity throughout the years. Greenway Shopping Center, located in the eastern part of Greenbelt, is a heavily trafficked shopping center because of the 30 plus retail stores located within the plaza. Roosevelt Center, located in Historic Greenbelt is home to several annual events, such as the Labor Day Festival, which is one of the largest all-volunteer run events in the region, Beltway Plaza Mall, located in the western part of the city hosts a variety of community events throughout the year. Also, they have two major retail anchors, Target and Giant, which attract customers to the mall.
4. Have the number of commercial vacancies decreased?		X			At the end of 2014, Greenbelt's office vacancy rate stood at 21.7%. By the end of 2018, the office vacancy rate dropped to 13.4%.
5. Has there been an increase in local jobs within the Sustainable Community for its residents?				X	Historically, Greenbelt has not tracked the number of jobs created by new businesses that have moved into the city.
OTHER:					

TRANSPORTATION	YES	NO	N/A	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
1. Has the amount of bike trails/paths increased? How many linear feet do the trails cover?	X			The City has added approximately 4,804 linear feet of hiker biker trail to its trail network.

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	YES	NO	N/A	
2. Have there been improvements to the public transit infrastructure?	X			Since receiving certification the City has constructed five bus shelters and installed at least ten concrete pads at exiting bus stops. The City also has improved ADA accessibility through curb ramps and sidewalk improvements.
3. Has there been an increase in sidewalks? (Amount in linear feet)	X			Approximately 10,000 linear feet of new sidewalk has been constructed in association with a new residential development in Greenbelt West. Sidewalk constructed by the City Public Works Department per fiscal year is as follows: FY 2016- 5,384 SF, FY 2017- 12,032 SF, FY2018 – 6,064 SF and FY 2019 – 7,827 SF.
4. Have there been any roadway improvements that support "Complete" or "Green" streets?	X			The City has installed sharrows along 2 major roadways. Bicycle lanes were installed by the State Highway Administration along the MD 193 Corridor. Since being designated the City has invested in the replacement and addition of street trees. As mentioned in #3 the City has installed and/or repaired a significant amount of sidewalk. In additional bus stop pads have installed during street reconstruction projects and at least six new bus shelters have been installed since the City received its designation.
5. Has traffic congestion along major roads decrease? (Amount in percent)		X		The City does not track vehicle volumes, but a recent traffic study completed by a local developer for a proposed project leads to the conclusion that there has not been a reduction in traffic congestion on major roads in the City.

OTHER:

HOUSING	YES	NO	N/A	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
1. Have any residential facades been improved?			X	This was not a goal listed in the previous application.

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	YES	NO	N/A	
2. Has the home ownership rate increased?	X			According to the American Community Survey (ACS) the homeownership rate has stayed relatively static between the years 2012 and 2017. The City has seen an influx of development as well as development proposals in the last few years. A development that is nearing completion includes a number of for-sale residential options.
3. Has there been an increase in the number of housing units in the Sustainable Community area? What number and/or percent are affordable?	X			Yes, the Greenbelt Station development has added approximately 800 market rate housing units to the Sustainable Community Area. These units include townhomes, two over two units, and apartments. The previous application mentions that the City did not have housing units with modern amenities that would appeal to young professionals. Units in this housing development have addressed this missing housing choice. The City is also seeing an influx of development proposals within the City. During talks with all potential developers the City stresses the importance of including workforce housing, senior housing, and cooperative housing.
4. Has there been demolition of blighted properties?			X	This was not a goal of the previous application.
5. Has the residential vacancy rate decreased?	X			The residential vacancy rate has decreased slightly from 2012. According to the American Community Survey, the vacancy rate in 2012 was 7.2%. In 2017 the vacancy rate dropped to 6.5%.
OTHER:				
QUALITY OF LIFE	**YES**	**NO**	**N/A**	**If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years. If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?**
1. Has there been a decrease in crime rate?	X			The City's crime rate decreased 9% in 2018, from 920 reported incidents to 840. In 2018, the Greenbelt Police Department experienced a 6% decrease in calls for service. Adult arrests decreased 18% from 348 to 284 arrests, while juvenile arrests decreased 15% from 56 to 47 arrests. Violent crime decreased by 25 between 2017 and 2018.

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2.	Have there been improvements and/ or additions to your public spaces (i.e. museums community centers, public plazas)?	X	The City continually works to improve public spaces including its parks, playgrounds, and community center. Within the new residential development of Greenbelt Station, the City has accepted a newly constructed 2.25 acre park and a recreational trail called Indian Creek Stream Valley Trail. The City also replaced an older playground at the Community Center with a new playground. The City aims to update one or two playgrounds a year, as resources allow. There is also an ongoing project to complete an addition to the Greenbelt Museum. In March 2016, the city was able to purchase the adjoining home to the museum. The new space will house a Greenbelt Museum visitor center, a research and reading room, collection storage and office space. Consolidation of museum functions at 10A will allow for expanded hours for the museum.
3.	Has there been an increase in public art/ arts & entertainment programs/venues (i.e. murals, movie theatre, music events)?	X	The City has included in the budget $5,000 for the maintenance of public art. The City has also adopted a public art policy that will guide the implementation of art. During the review of development proposals, the City pushes for new developments to include public art. In 2003 the City purchased the Greenbelt theater in order to preserve this historic building. In the years 2014-2015 the City undertook the renovation of the theater. This renovation included, a complete overhaul of the inner and outer lobby, installing a new concession counter, and restoring Old Greenbelt Theater to its original beauty. The City is currently renovating the theater roof and the HVAC system.
4.	How many historic properties were renovated/improved?	X	Several historic properties have been renovated / improved, including the Old Greenbelt Theater which the City purchased on 2003 and the ongoing project at the Greenbelt Museum. The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program also has a partnership with Habitat for Humanity which has been utilized to renovate properties in Historic Greenbelt (GHI).
5.	Are there any residential health and wellness opportunities in place (i.e. athletic facilities, recreational indoor/ outdoor courses or groups)?	X	The City has almost 1,700 acres of park land within its boundaries. Public recreation amenities include 8 athletic fields, 10 tennis courts, 1 fitness course, 1 dog park and 22 playgrounds. The City continually works to improve public spaces including its parks, playgrounds, and community/recreation centers. Within the new residential development of Greenbelt Station, the City has accepted a newly constructed 2.25 acre park and a recreational trail called Indian Creek Stream Valley Trail. The City also replaced an older playground at the Community Center with a new playground. The City aims to update one or two playgrounds a year, as resources allow. There is also an ongoing project to complete an addition to the Greenbelt Museum. In March 2016, the city was able to purchase the adjoining home to the museum. The new space will house a Greenbelt Museum visitor center, a research and reading room,

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				collection storage and office space. Consolidation of museum functions at 10A will allow for expanded hours for the museum.

LAND USE/ LOCAL PLANNING	YES	NO	N/A	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
1. Have there been any infill developments?	X			A hotel was recently constructed in the Greenway Shopping Center and the City is currently reviewing two pending development proposals, one commercial and one residential. The new Greenbelt Station South Core development continues to be under construction and is slated to be completed by the end of 2019.
2. Has there been an increase in the amount of preserved/protected land?			X	The City has been working with the developer of a new residential development in Greenbelt West to identify opportunities for land preservation and protection. The City has agreed to accept ownership of 15.6 acres of environmentally sensitive lands, and is in discussions with the developer on the potential to accept an additional 22 acres of environmentally sensitive lands.
3. Have there been any developments hindered by growth constraints?		X		The City is not aware of any developments that have been hindered by growth constraints. The City does have limited availability of developable properties within its boundaries.
4. Have there been any zoning or any policy changes that have fostered growth in your Sustainable Community?	X			Prince George's County recently adopted a new zoning ordinance that will go into effect in 2020. The new zoning ordinance proposes all new zones for the County, and is targeted at promoting mixed use development and higher density development where appropriate. While the County is just beginning the Countywide Map Amendment process it is anticipated that implementation of the new zoning ordinance will impact development within the City. In addition, the County recently adopted a zoning text amendment that expands the type of uses permitted in the Commercial Office Zone and this is having a direct impact on a commercial property in the City.

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| 5. Have there been any significant improvements to the municipal infrastructure within the Sustainable Community (i.e. street lighting, water/sewer lines)? | X | The Washington Suburban Sanitation Commission (WSSC) has been updating sewer and waterlines throughout the City. PEPCO undertook a major pole replacement project and vegetation management plan over the last five years. The City has been upgrading facility and street lighting to more energy efficient fixtures. Over the last few years the City has approved a number of construction in the right-of-way permits to fiber optic communication companies. Most recently the City adopted a small cell ordinance. |

OTHER:

COMPETITIVE FUNDING: Use the rows below to list competed funds sought for sustainability or revitalization projects since receiving Sustainable Communities designation.	Source (federal, state, foundation, etc.)	Amount Received	If no funding was received, what technical or other assistance from the state would help with future applications?	Other Notes
Community Legacy (CL): • FY 17: City of Greenbelt Gateway Signage •	DHCD	$50,000		
Strategic Demolition Fund (SDF): • •	DHCD		The City has not had a need for demolition funding.	
Community Safety & Enhancement Program:	MDOT		The City has a number of safety and enhancement projects that it believes would be eligible for this project and would welcome assistance from the State in successfully securing funding under this program.	

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Program	Agency	Amount	
Maryland Bikeways Program: • Hanover Parkway Bikeway Feasibility Study • Bikeshare (Not awarded)	MDOT	$50,000	
Sidewalk Retrofit Program:	MDOT		
Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund: • Greenbelt Lake Dam Repairs	MDE	$2,000,000	
Other Funding Program: *examples are U.S. HUD Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), or grants from USDA, EPA, Appalachian Regional Commission, Chesapeake Bay Trust, Maryland Heritage Areas Association, Preservation Maryland, Safe Routes to School, Maryland Rural Development Corporation, Maryland Energy Administration, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, etc.* *Please add more rows if necessary			
Chesapeake Bay Trust -Community water quality and litter workshops - Anacostia interpretive signage at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center - Design and construction of several stormwater best management practices at the Buddy Attick Park parking lot -Engineered Design-Cherrywood Lane Green and Complete Street Retrofit	Non profit	$250,000	
Chesapeake Bay Trust: Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns (G3) -Cherrywood Lane Engineered Design Plans ($56,000)	EPA	$56,000	
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Federal	$147,900	

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MWCOG: Transportation Land Use (TLC) Connection - Assessment of existing barriers and needs related to Greenbelt's increasing senior populations - Cherrywood Lane Complete and Green Street Retrofit Project	State	$110,000
Maryland Smart Energy Communities-Maryland Energy Administration - Indoor LED Retrofits at Youth center and Public Works buildings -MSEC-MEA grant: purchase and install solar panels at Springhill Lake Recreation Center	Maryland Energy Administration	$108,000
Community Development Block Grant -Street Reconstruction Projects	HUD	$538,000
Program Open Space -Recreation Improvements & Parkland acquisition	DNR	$767,500
Community Parks and Playground -Playground Improvements	DNR	$474,800
Safe Routes to School -Springhill Drive Improvements	MDOT	$184,767
MD State Arts Council	State	$171,656
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program	Federal	$58,161

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Bullet Proof Vest Grant	Federal	$184,767
Office of Justice Programs	Federal	$12,727
Traffic Safety and Vehicle Theft	State	$163,970
Maryland Historical Trust	State	$29,500
Maryland Department of Agriculture Spay Neuter Grant	State	$75,000
Bond Bill Funding -Greenbelt Lake Dam Repairs -WMATA Trail Connection	State	$360,000
Department of Aging – Gail	State	$58,000
MDE/MET Cleanup Greenup	State	$9,248
Smart Energy Communities	State	$352,400

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Maryland Heritage Area Authority/Maryland Historical Trust	State	$5,000	
Anacostia Trails Heritage Area/Maryland Milestone	State	$2,000	
County Grant Programs -Various programs for a variety of projects	County	$2.2M	

III. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN UPDATE

The Sustainable Community Action Plan (SC Plan or Plan) is meant to be a multi-year investment strategy – a strategic set of revitalization initiatives and projects that local partners believe will increase the economic vitality and livability of their community, increase prosperity for local households and improve the health of the surrounding environment. The Plan should be flexible enough to be updated regularly and renewed every five years as the community envisions new goals. The priority initiatives and projects identified in the action plan are your priorities for improving the livability of community places -- residential, commercial, or other public or private properties – and the sustainability of new work, retail, recreational and housing opportunities for residents. At the same time, the plan should only discuss the strategies that will impact the geographic area targeted for revitalization, so that resources have the best opportunity to have the intended effect. These projects can also be designed to reduce the environmental impact of the community through water and energy resource conservation and management strategies. In this way, the Plan can be a road map for local stakeholders as well as State agencies to work together to create a more a livable and sustainable community.

All communities submitted an SC Plan when the community earned its original designation. Some applicants may want to take advantage of the designation renewal process to outline new strategies, set new priorities or reaffirm existing strategies for their Sustainable Community. Changes to SC Plans may be due to changes in external factors affecting the community or changes in the priorities of the applicant.

Guidance for completing the Action Plan can be found on the next page.

Action Plan Guidance

The document has been broken down into the same six categories as the Comprehensive Assessment section of this document. These parts address key components of your Sustainable Community Action Plan. Follow the guidelines below to fill out the matrix.

1) **For each of the different sections, pinpoint essential strengths and weaknesses of your community.** Example Transportation: Strength - Good sidewalk connectivity. Weakness - Insufficient amount of downtown parking.

2) **Based on those strengths and weaknesses, formulate specific outcomes that address the most pressing issues or greatest potentials. Include a means of measuring the success of said outcome.** Example Economy: Outcome – Expand broadband fiber optics in Town. Progress Measure - Linear measurement of fiber laid and number of residential and business connections.

3) **After defining the outcomes, list detailed strategies (break down to several action steps if needed) that will serve as the means to achieve those goals.** Example Economy: Strategy - Increase number of Town sponsored events → Develop with community input, a series of weekend events that the Town could host.

4) **List potential partners that can support the successful implementation of these strategies through different types of resources.** Example Economy: DHCD (Community Legacy program), Small Business Administration (Services and financial assistance) etc.

Sustainable Community Action Plan.

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Environment

(Environmental strengths and weaknesses can include but are not limited to quality of land, water, air, watersheds, tree canopy, risk of sea level rise, carbon footprint, energy conservation, access to local foods, green infrastructure, stormwater infrastructure/management, parks, trails and recreation, recycling, water and sewer capacity, etc)

Strengths

- Sustainable Maryland Certified signifying the City's success in implementing environmental sustainable policies and program
- Sustainable Plan Framework that reduces negative environmental impacts
- Department of Natural Resources Forest Stewardship Plan
- 62 percent tree canopy (Tree City USA)
- Sustainable Procurement Policy
- Numerous recycling programs
- Zero Waste initiatives
- Farmers Market, Food Forest and community gardens providing increased access to local foods
- Over 1,700 acres of Parkland
- Forest Preserve legislation protecting the City's valuable forestlands
- Extensive trail system

Weaknesses

- Stormwater issues especially due to increased storm events poses drainage and runoff challenges
- Aging infrastructure
- Highway noise impacts quality of life
- Road widening projects threatening quality of life and the environment

Desired Outcomes and Progress

Measures

Based on the strengths and weaknesses identify the strengths on which you would like to build and the challenges you would like to address. What outcomes are you trying to achieve? Where/ in what area do you want those changes to happen?

Progress Measure: Identify how you will know that you have achieved your outcome.

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Strategies and Action Items

Identify strategies that will help your community to achieve each identified outcome to the left. If applicable, break down each strategy into specific action items that outline different steps of the strategy. Specify how you are planning to achieve the desired outcomes.

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Implementation Partners

Which community stakeholders need to be involved to realize each action step and strategy? Name specific public and/or private sector partners.

Outcome / Progress Measures	Strategies	Responsible Parties
Outcome 1: Responsibly Manage/Reduce the City's ecological footprint **Progress Measures:** Reduction in carbon footprint, investment in energy efficiency strategies/programs, reduction in greenhouse emissions, number of zero waste programs, amount of tons recycled and annual investment in sustainable infrastructure and amenities.	**Strategy A: Invest** in the implementation of the City's Sustainability Framework Plan addressing energy efficiency, stormwater management, health living, greenhouse gas emission, carbon footprint, etc. **Strategy B: Promote** free and low cost sustainability programs, grants resources and education to all residents **Strategy C: Utilize** alternative fuel and powered vehicles whenever feasible **Strategy D: Continue** to add Electric Vehicle (EV) sharing stations to City park lots and encourage installation in commercial corridors **Strategy E: Protect** the City's Forest Preserves **Strategy F: Review** development proposals for environmental impacts and work to avoid/minimized impacts to the maximum extent possible.	• Maryland Energy Administration • Greenbelt's GreenTeam • Maryland Department of Natural Resources • Prince George's County • Private property owners/residents
Outcome 2: Protect the City's natural resources and environmentally sensitive lands **Progress Measures: Number** of acres protected, reduction in impervious pavement, volume of stormwater treated, number of trees planted/protected and funds programed for natural resource conservation programs	**Strategy A: Increase** the City's parkland inventory in Greenbelt West by capitalizing on opportunities to acquire sensitive environmental lands associated with the development of Greenbelt Station South Core **Strategy B: Implement** improvements to the parking lot at Buddy Attick Lake Park that will reduce impervious surfaces and improve water quality **Strategy C: Complete** updates to the City's stewardship guidelines for the City's Forest Preserve areas and undertake stewardship programs **Strategy D: Protect** and expand on the City's tree canopy	• Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation • Private developer • Greenbelt Forest Preserve Advisory Board • University of Maryland

Economy

(Economic strengths and weaknesses can include but are not limited to regional accessibility, business attraction/retention, health of the business district and commercial vacancies, workforce/employment and economic drivers, local policies/regulations, marketing, tourism, cultural and historic assets)

Strengths	Weaknesses
- Proximity to DC and Baltimore - Proximity to Interstate 495/Baltimore-Washington Parkway - Public transportation via Metro, MARC, Prince George's County The Bus - Proximity to anchor institutions – NASA Goddard Space & Flight Center, University of Maryland College Park, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Doctors Hospital - Greenbelt Historic Center National Historic Landmark designation - Multi-sector business community	- Commercial office vacancy rates higher than county and region - Outdated commercial office parks and shopping centers - Lack of cohesive business attraction/retention goals, strategies and marketing materials - County permitting and licensing process that often prevents or stalls business attraction/retention efforts - Lack of central place for businesses to obtain more information about sustainability and reducing carbon footprint - Inability to bike or walk, seamlessly throughout entire city due major roadways dividing City - Limited housing availability - Challenges in recruiting local talent to businesses

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures →	Strategies and Action Items →	Implementation Partners
Outcome 1: Develop a strategic vision and plan for City's economic development to guide business attraction/retention goals Progress Measures: Completed strategic plan, targeted focus on key industries, and development of materials to support business	Strategy A: Engage City leadership, local politicians and other key stakeholders in outlining economic development priorities Strategy B: Compile feedback from residents on economic development ideas Strategy C: Engage local businesses to understand long-term needs and goals Strategy D: Partner with local anchor institutions to identify strategic priorities and alignment with City priorities Strategy E: Identify consultant or other independent party to facilitate strategic planning process Strategy F: Put together final strategic plan for review and approval Strategy G: Implement strategic plan	- City Council - Local businesses - Local residents - Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation - Greenbelt Community Development Corporation

retention/attraction.		
Outcome 2: Build sustainability program and toolkit to help businesses adopt more sustainable practices and reduce carbon footprint. Progress Measures: Completion of comprehensive sustainability program and toolkit; number of businesses that sign up to adopt sustainable practices; types of sustainable practices adopted.	Strategy A: Define sustainability goals and objectives Strategy B: Determine the types of tools and resources needed to support business adoption of sustainable practices Strategy C: Compile sustainability resources for businesses. Strategy D: Perform outreach to businesses to encourage adoption of sustainable practices Strategy E: Develop mechanism for tracking the number of businesses that adopt sustainable practices Strategy F: Develop mechanism for tracking different types of sustainable practices adopted by businesses to reduce carbon footprint	- Local businesses - Greenbelt Advisory Committee for Environmental Sustainability - Greenbelt Community Development Corporation

Transportation

(Transportation strengths and weaknesses can include access to transit corridors, pedestrian safety and accessibility/sidewalks, alternative modes of transportation, such as bikeways and trails, public transit, such as bus and rail, carpooling, proximity to transportation centers, parking, road conditions)

Strengths	Weaknesses
• Access to major roadways: I-295, I-495, US Route 1, MD 193 • Access to Greenbelt Metro and MARC Station and neighboring New Carrollton Metro Station • Access to transit: TheBus, Metrobus, UMD Shuttle, Greenbelt Connection and RTA bus service • Bicycle infrastructure and amenities (in road bicycle facilities, sharrows, bike racks, etc.) • Pedestrian infrastructure (i.e., sidewalks, trails, underpasses, overpasses, etc.) • Investment in Road maintenance/improvements • Newly adopted complete and green street policy • Pedestrian and bicycle master plan • Pedestrian and bicycle trails map	• Limited weekend bus service, lack of frequent service hours and too long of headways • No direct pedestrian/bicycle access from new residential development in Greenbelt West to Greenbelt Metro Station (in planning and permitting phase) • Lack of contiguous and safe sidewalks and bicycle lanes along MD 193 corridor • Missing links in the city's pedestrian and bicycle trails system • Lack of local circulator service to provide enhanced transit services to all residents, connecting them with major destinations • City divided by major highways creating connectivity challenges • Delay in County implementing bike share system

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
Outcome 1: Improve the City's pedestrian and bicycle network Progress Amount of LF of sidewalk constructed, amount of investment in bicycle infrastructure, number of bike share stations installed and number of bike share subscriptions purchased	Strategy A: Construct bicycle and pedestrian trail from Greenbelt Station South Core to Greenbelt Metro/MARC Station Strategy B: Transform MD 193 into a complete and green street Strategy C: Partner with the County on installation of bike share stations Strategy D: Implementation of the City's Pedestrian and Bicycle Mater Plan and update as needed.	• State Highway Administration • Neighboring Jurisdictions • Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board and Bicycle Task Force • Private Property Owners • Developers • Prince George's County Department of Public Work sand Transportation

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		• Urban Land Institute • WMATA • Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission • ATHA/Maryland Milestones
Outcome 2: Enhance residents access to transit services **Progress Measures: Number of bus shelters installed, investment in bus stop improvements, Increase in frequency and reduction ion headways**	**Strategy A:** Study the feasibility of a local circulator route/service **Strategy B:** Install Next Bus signs at Roosevelt Center bus stops and other highly used stops **Strategy C:** Work with WMATA on improvements to the Greenbelt Metro Station **Strategy D:** Implement the recommendations of the City's Bus Stop and Accessibility Plan	• WMATA • State Highway Administration • Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation • Commercial Property Owners • Neighboring Jurisdictions

Housing

(Housing strengths and weaknesses can include affordability, homeownership vs rental, housing stock diversity, housing condition and value, housing programs, foreclosures, residential vacancies, property values, home sale values)

Strengths	Weaknesses
- Balance of housing stock: Single-family detached, townhouses, cooperative, condominiums and apartments - Central location in Washington-Baltimore corridor - Quality of life - Relatively affordable housing stock compared to region - Walkability and tranquility - Highway access - Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program - Opportunities for new multi-family residential development - Strong property maintenance program - Limited residential vacancies - County adopted comprehensive housing strategy	- Aging housing stock and infrastructure - Limited ADA accessible multi-family housing - Little to no incentives for the development of affordable housing - Very low inventory of developable land for single-family detached housing - Demand for affordable/work force housing - Schools are at, or above capacity - Limited programs to help the homeless - Limited availability of senior housing

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
Outcome 1: Promote affordable and senior housing Progress Measures: Increased affordable/senior housing units	Strategy A: Advocate for the adoption of affordable housing legislation at the County level as a planning tool to ensure the long-term affordability within Prince George's County Strategy B: Support new development projects that will create affordable rental .Strategy C: Promote infill development and other redevelopment options for underutilized residential or commercial lots. Strategy D: Build upon programs that are aimed at assisting homeowners to be able to age in place.	Maryland DHCD Prince George's County DHCD Housing Initiative Partnership Prince George's County Housing Authority Habitat for Humanity Developers
Outcome 2: Promote home ownership Progress Measures: Increased homeownership	Strategy A: Partner with local/state housing organizations to create housing initiatives that support/encourage homeownership. Strategy B: Support development projects that include a range of housing types and costs	Maryland DHCD Prince George's County DHCD Housing Initiative Partnership Habitat for Humanity

Strategy C: Support programs that assist homeowners that are facing foreclosure

Quality of Life

(Strengths and weaknesses can include crime, socio-economic demographics, educational opportunities, museums, libraries, historic and cultural assets, civic amenities, faith-based organizations, economic health of households, sense of place, etc)

Strengths	Weaknesses
• Designated National Historic Landmark • Diverse socio-economic population • Strong sense of community and political engagement • Strong community involvement/advocacy • Superior public recreation and cultural amenities and programs (i.e., parks, playgrounds, pools, gyms, classes, camps, special events, etc.) • Cooperatively owned businesses • Historic Greenbelt Theatre • Greenbelt Museum • Roosevelt High School and Greenbelt's Elementary and Middle Schools • Public library • Arts and entertainment venues • Strong arts community and programs • Proximity to NASA, BARC, University of Maryland and Doctors Hospital • High quality and expansive city services and civic amenities • City full-service police department and strong pro-active community – oriented policing • Commitment to environmental preservation/conservation (i.e., large amounts of natural woodlands, stream networks, etc.) • Greenbelt Farmers Market • Community gardens • Access to transit • Greenbelt Cares Programs	• Aging infrastructure • Limited opportunities for expanding recreation facilities • Limited protection for historic properties • City divided by major roadways • Limited funding • Poor wayfinding signage • Limited opportunities to diversify tax base • Schools at or nearing capacity and not all residents are attending schools within the City • Lower median household income relative to the County

- Responsive governing

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
Outcome 1: Protect and Preserve Historic Greenbelt Progress Measures: Signs installation, NCO Zone adoption, investment in improvements/maintenance of historic resources	Strategy A: Adopt a Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone for Historic Greenbelt Strategy B: Install gateway and wayfinding signs Strategy C: Complete improvements to Greenbelt Museum Strategy D: Complete improvements to Historic Greenbelt Theatre and continue to support operations Strategy E: Support the economic viability of Roosevelt Center, Farmers Market, theatre, etc. Strategy F: Maintain strong community development/property maintenance program	Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission ATHA/Maryland Milestone Maryland Historical Trust Friends of the Greenbelt Museum Property owners/residents Greenbelt Farmers Market Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre Greenbelt Community Development Corporation
Outcome 2: Enhance Public Safety Progress Measures: Number of officers hired, crime statistics, community engagement events and new technology employed	Strategy A: Focus on reaching staff goals, developing greater use of technologies and use of innovative strategies in the area or predictive policing Strategy B: Community Safety: Focus efforts in the areas of community outreach, enforcement, staff development and the use of technology Strategy C: Establish partnerships and build trust within the community Strategy D: Provide city police staff with training, career opportunities, education and promotion that will reduce turn over and create a stable department to meet the needs of the community	Maryland Police (Grants) State Highway Administration Prince George's County Residents

Local Planning and Land Use

(Strengths and weaknesses in the local planning and land use subject area include but are not limited to zoning, land use, policies, taxes and fees, historical patterns of development, lot sizes and shapes, etc.)

Strengths	Weaknesses
• Opportunities for infill development and redevelopment • Designated National Historic Landmark • Three commercial centers located within the City • Prince George's County updating zoning ordinance • Greenbelt Metro Area and the MD 193 corridor are designated centers and corridors in the County's General Plan • Strong Advisory Planning Board	• City has limited planning and zoning authority • Outdated Master Plan • Limited developable land remaining • Limited protection for Historic Greenbelt • Expansive surface parking lots • County permitting and approval process can be challenging and lengthy

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
Outcome 1: Actively Participate in the County's Countywide Map Amendment process for implementing new zones Progress Measures: Adoption of a Comprehensive Map Amendment that the City supports	Strategy A: Monitor the County's Comprehensive Map Amendment process Strategy B: Actively participate in the mapping of new zones for Greenbelt and ensure appropriate zones are proposed/approved	• Maryland- National Capital Park and Planning Commission • Property Owners
Outcome 2: Draft a Greenbelt Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone Progress Measures: Adoption of Greenbelt Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone	Strategy A: Work with the County to develop a project schedule, stakeholders list and public engagement plan Strategy B: Complete a Neighborhood Study Strategy C: Draft Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone regulations Strategy D. Gain community support for proposed Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone regulations Strategy E: Lobby the Prince George's County Council to approve a Greenbelt Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone	• Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission • Property Owners • Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone

SIGNATURE LETTER

On behalf of the City of Greenbelt I hereby approve the application for renewal of the Sustainable Communities designation for the City of Greenbelt. I understand that the Disclosure Authorization and Certification from the original Sustainable Communities application continues to apply to the applicant local government, and as such the applicant agrees that not attaching an objection constitutes consent to the information being made available to the public, and a waiver of any rights the applicant may have regarding this information under Maryland's Access to Public Records Act, State Government Article, Section 10-611 et seq. of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

I also confirm that I am named or a former holder of my current title is named as an authorized official for the Sustainable Communities designation for my local government in the Local Government Authorization submitted with the original application.

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Authorized Signature

Emmett V. Jordan, Mayor

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Type Name and Title

August 19, 2019

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Date