



SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION RENEWAL

Eligible Applicants:

*Local Governments with a Sustainable Communities
Designation*

*Local Government Consortiums with a Sustainable
Communities Designation*

Application must be submitted
on or before the expiration date of
Sustainable Communities designation.

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Overview of Sustainable Communities

The Sustainable Communities Act of 2010 established a framework for reinvestment and revitalization of Maryland’s existing communities creating a single, locally designated geographic focus area. Since that time the “Sustainable Communities” designation has provided an efficient means of targeting scarce public and private resources for multiple State agency investments and prioritizations.

Purpose or Renewal and Streamlined Application

The Sustainable Communities (SC) designation must be renewed every five years. This renewal application provides an opportunity for local governments to update their existing SC action plan and report on the accomplishments made over the past five years. Through the renewal process, local governments can request additional technical assistance and highlight any areas from the original action plan for which progress must still be made.

Application Eligibility and Threshold Requirements

Local governments (municipal or county) are eligible to apply.

Eligible applicants are to reconvene their **Sustainable Communities Workgroup** to discuss the accomplishments and challenges of their Sustainable Community Action Plans in addition to any update they may like to make to the Action Plan. The applicant may choose to select new members to participate in the Workgroup. The purpose of this workgroup is to continue and reinforce working relationships and collaborations among local governmental departments and better align community development priorities and strategies. In addition, this is an opportunity to assess if the Workgroup would like technical assistance from State government agencies to implement certain action items or develop strategies to address local challenges.

Threshold Requirements

All Sustainable Community applications must meet the following threshold requirements:

- 1) Sustainable Community Area boundaries must be entirely within a Priority Funding Area (PFA) and should be an area in need of renewal and reinvestment that would benefit from a targeted long-term strategy. Applicants can verify Priority Funding Area boundaries by visiting the MDP website at: <http://www.mdp.state.md.us/OurProducts/pfamap.shtml>
- 2) The proposed Sustainable Community is within or near a town center or transportation center, or there is a need for financing assistance for small businesses, nonprofit organizations, or microenterprises.
- 3) The updated Plan must be consistent with other existing communities or comprehensive plans.
- 4) A Sustainable Communities Workgroup is re-convened, and a roster of members should be provided with the application.

Applications that do not meet these threshold requirements will not be considered.

Application Submission and Evaluation

The Sustainable Community application will be evaluated based on a thorough assessment of strengths and weaknesses and how well-desired outcomes, strategies, and action steps are connected to the local conditions.

The first page of the electronic application is the Table of Contents. This should also serve as a checklist and be used to provide corresponding tabs.

Please submit all materials (application, maps, pictures, and/or shapefiles) via email to the Sustainable Communities project management team.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Deliver Sustainable Community Applications via email:

To: Carter Reitman

carter.reitman@maryland.gov

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Site Visits, Follow-up, and Technical Assistance

Attendance of at a minimum of one application consultation session or training is mandatory for all applicants. Consult with Carter Reitman at 410-209-5849 or by email at carter.reitman@maryland.gov if you would like to schedule a meeting.

If requested, the Department can provide technical assistance to local governments to prepare their Sustainable Communities applications. When needed, the Department may offer technical assistance, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Planning, to local governments with limited capacity to prepare their Sustainable Communities applications.

During the application review process, the review team may make site visits and/or hold meetings with applicants. In addition, applicants may be contacted by the Department for follow-up discussions before awards.

Approval

Approval of applications will be made by the Governor's Smart Growth Coordinating Committee on the recommendation of an inter-agency review team. The review team is coordinated by the Department of Housing and Community Development. The Governor's Smart Growth Coordinating Committee can defer the approval of a Sustainable Communities renewal to the Governor's Smart Growth Subcabinet.

For all questions related to the application, please contact Carter Reitman at 410-209-5849 or by email at carter.reitman@maryland.gov or your regional project manager, found at this link: <https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Documents/SRP/PM-Map-ContactInfo.pdf>

RENEWAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Sustainable Communities application for renewal has **three** sections:

A. Contact information, General Information, Organizational Capacity:

In this section, applicants are asked to update their contact information, provide information about demographic shifts over the past five years, discuss the strengths and weaknesses of their Sustainable Communities workgroup, and share any technical assistance needs the workgroup may have.

B. Report on accomplishments over the past five (5) years:

The report is an opportunity to reflect on any accomplishments achieved in the Sustainable Community area. It is a tool used to evaluate if the SC applicant achieved its intended outcomes and identify what state resources were used, if any, to achieve those outcomes. Renewal applicants are encouraged to discuss how priorities, actions, and objectives were or were not achieved across the Sustainable Communities plan elements, including how any of the elements may have been interrelated during the five initial years of SC designation.

C. Sustainable Communities Action Plan Update:

The Sustainable Communities Action Plan details revitalization outcomes and strategies to achieve those outcomes over the next five years. Renewal applicants are encouraged to use their previous Sustainable Communities applications as a basis for their updated Action Plan. You may identify which weaknesses have not yet been addressed or which strategies have not yet been implemented. Include your revitalization priorities for the next five years, basing them on your community's current strengths and weaknesses.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN ELEMENTS

The table below describes each subject area/element of the Sustainable Communities Action Plan. Included are examples of common strengths and weaknesses within each subject area and the types of projects that might be implemented to address said strengths and weaknesses.

ENVIRONMENT: Describes projects involving the natural environment, our use of natural resources, and our relationships to the natural environment.

This category includes projects focusing on (but not limited to): the quality of land, water, and air; watershed maintenance and preservation; tree canopies and green spaces; climate change mitigation and adaptation; energy conservation; green infrastructure; stormwater infrastructure and management; water and sewer capacity; recycling, pet waste, and organic waste programs; the mitigation of environmental hazards; and parks and recreation.

ECONOMY: Describes projects centered on economic growth and management.

This category includes projects focusing on (but not limited to): business attraction & retention; improving and maintaining the health of business districts, downtowns, and main streets; commercial vacancy reduction; workforce attraction and retention; employment/job training; marketing, branding, and tourism; improving or creating economic impact of cultural and historic assets; providing technical and financial assistance to businesses; commercial building acquisition, rehabilitation and/or adaptive re-use; and creating a sense of place and vibrancy through streetscaping and beautification.

TRANSPORTATION: Describes projects involving the way people in your community get from place to place.

This category includes projects focusing on (but not limited to): 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; and road conditions.

HOUSING: Describes projects involving the homes in which people in your community live and which make it easier for them to find and stay in a place to call home.

This category includes projects focusing on (but not limited to): affordability; increasing homeownership; increasing rental housing; diversifying the kinds of housing available; improving housing conditions (interior or exterior); housing programs; aging in place; preventing foreclosures; and reducing residential vacancies.

COMMUNITY HEALTH & QUALITY OF LIFE: Describes projects concerned with public health, community culture, and the day-to-day life of community residents.

This category includes projects focusing on (but not limited to): the improvement of public safety and the reduction of crime; libraries; educational facilities and programs; health and wellness facilities and programs; senior facilities and programs; youth facilities and programs; facilities and programs for the disabled; civic amenities, access to quality food options; collaborations with faith-based organizations; arts and entertainment education; and homelessness prevention, services, and facilities.

LOCAL PLANNING & STAFFING CAPACITY: Describes projects concerned with a local government's ability to plan for the community's future and to meet the current needs of residents.

This category includes projects focusing on (but not limited to): updating zoning ordinances or land use; updating municipal/local policies, taxes, fees, etc.; increasing local government staff capacity; and updating planning documents like sector plans or comprehensive plans.

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 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 reflect changes in external factors affecting the community or changes in the priorities of the applicant.

Action Plan Guidance

1) For each element, identify the essential strengths and weaknesses of your community.

Example:

Strength - Good sidewalk connectivity

Weakness - Insufficient bicycle infrastructure

2) Based on those strengths and weaknesses, formulate specific outcomes that address the most pressing issues or greatest opportunities. Identify a way to measure the success of that outcome.

Example:

Outcome - Expand fiber optic broadband Internet connections in the Town

Progress Measure - Linear measurement of broadband fiber laid

3) After defining the outcomes, list detailed strategies and discrete actions that will serve as the means to achieve those goals.

Example:

Strategy A - Increase the number of Town sponsored events

Action A - Organize a workgroup tasked with planning weekend events

Action B - 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:

Partner 1 - DHCD (Community Legacy program)

Partner 2 - Small Business Administration (Services and financial assistance)

CHECKLIST AND TABLE OF CONTENTS

APPLICANT: Town of Brentwood

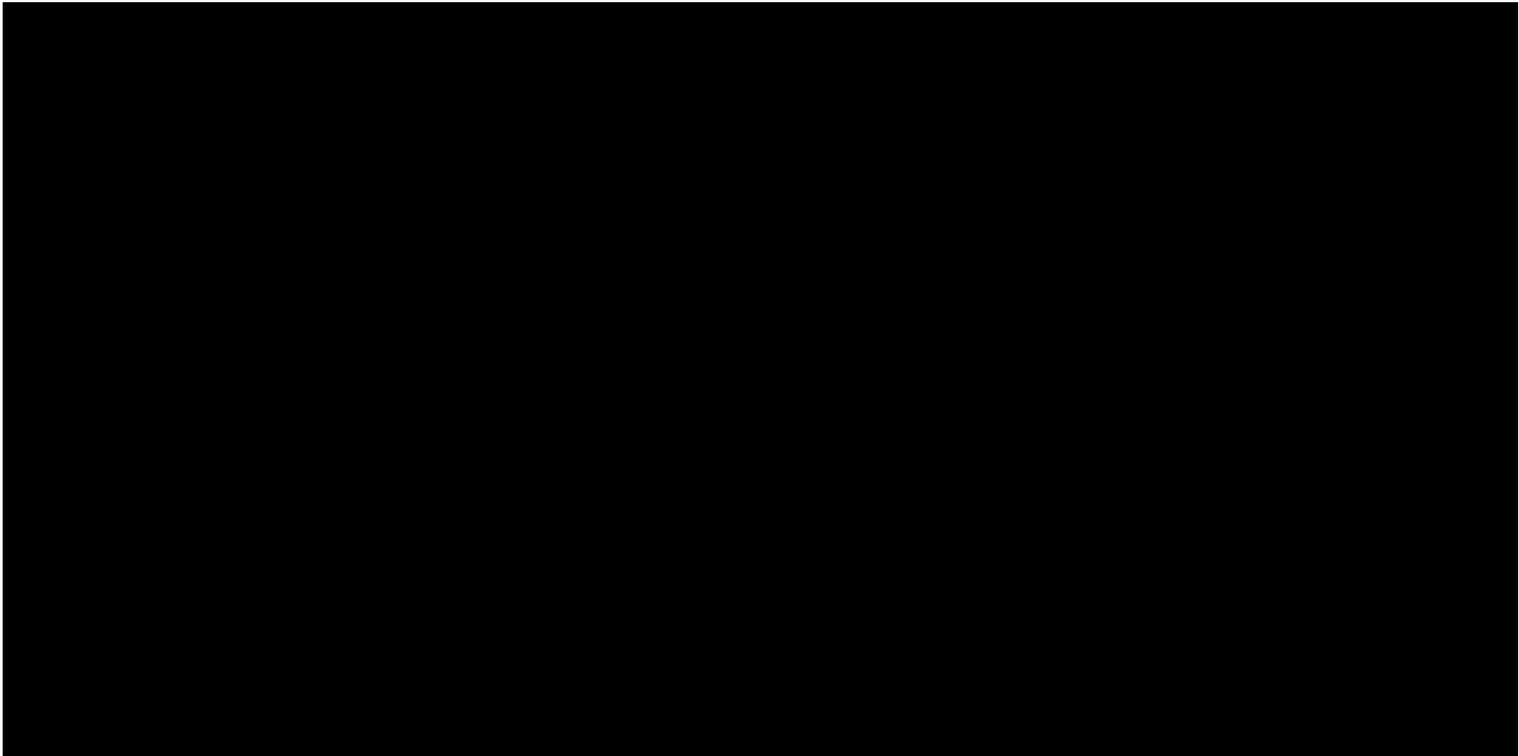
NAME OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY: Town of Brentwood

Please review the checklist of attachments and furnish all of the applicable attachments. Contents of the application should be tabbed and organized as follows:

- X **Section A - Sustainable Community Renewal Applicant Information**
 - [Applicant Information](#)
- X **Section B – Sustainable Community Renewal Report (Projects, Strategies and Partners)**
 - [Part 1: Qualitative Assessment](#)
 - [Part 2: Competitive Funding](#)
- X **Section C – Sustainable Community Renewal Action Plan Update (Matrix)**
 - [Action Plan](#)
- X **Section D – Sustainable Communities Workgroup Roster**
- X **Section E – Signature Letter (acknowledging Disclosure Authorization and Certification)**
 - [Disclosure Authorization](#)
- X **Section F – Additional Files:** The following contents should be included:
 - If requesting a boundary modification, map in pdf format and a GIS shapefile of the proposed Sustainable Community boundary
 - Photos (jpeg format) of your aforementioned accomplished projects of the last five years

SECTION A - SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY RENEWAL
APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Sustainable Community:		Town of Brentwood	
Name of Applicant:		Town of Brentwood	
Applicant's Federal Identification Number:		5260000778	
Applicant's Street Address:			
City: Brentwood	County: Prince George's	State: MD	Zip Code:20722
Phone Number:301.927.3344	Fax Number:	Web Address:www.brentwoodmd.gov	



- **Sustainable Community Boundary and Description**

- (1) Are you requesting any changes to your Sustainable Community boundary? Describe why or why not. *Negative*
- (2) If yes, Include the following as an attachment:
 - 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 the entire SC Area: *243.2 or 05 square miles*

(4) Existing federal, state or local designations:

- Main Street National Register Historic District Local Historic District
 Arts & Entertainment District State Enterprise Zone Special Taxing District BRAC
 State Designated TOD Other(s): Enterprise Zone Gateway Arts and Entertainment District, Maryland, Milestone, and ATHA Trails Heritage Area.

(5) Describe the SC Area’s current demographic trends (concerning 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?



Over the last five years, Brentwood demographics have grown more diverse.

• **Organizational Structure, Experience, and Public Input:**

- 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 the implementation of the SC Area Plan?

The Town has maintained a Sustainable Communities Workgroup in the last five (5) years. Many of the action items in the last SC Action Plan were successfully implemented, completed, continued, and some were initiated or designed but are continuing toward implementation. The Workgroup members and town liaisons have changed and some continue in varied levels of engagement. The Committee has a new liaison Town Representative Council Member Lauren Rauk.

- What have been the strengths and challenges of the capacity of the Sustainable Communities Workgroup concerning the implementation of the SC Plan?

The Town was incorporated in 1922. The history of the Town has resulted in some hurdles from a complicated past. The entire Town needs ADA compliance and as new construction such as new sidewalks and new buildings, the Town is meeting the ADA requirements. Strengths include new and continued partnerships with county, state, and federal partners and stakeholders; committed municipal budget toward strategies and action items; town leadership and commitment to continue improving the town and providing opportunities for community participation and engagement. Challenges are focused around constrained and fluctuating resource capacity, external influences and impacts (i.e. COVID-19 pandemic, supply chain issues, redirection of resources).

- 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?

Sustainable Communities Renewal Application - Section A

The new Town representative has an engaging Committee that meets regularly to discuss issues and create possible solutions for a sustainable environment. The Committee also includes representatives from the Public Works Committee, Brentwood Equity and Accessibility Committee, Vision Zero Committee, and Brentwood Police Department. The committee members have been active participants. The Action Plan is based on multiple plans and strategies: the Gateway Arts District, Legacy Mixed Use Town Center plan, Gateway CDC, Vision Zero and Safe Streets for All, Maryland and Prince George's County Climate Action Plan, Plan Prince George's 2035, and committee plans.

- 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.

The Town would like to continue work with the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center to achieve a certified Sustainable Maryland Designation. The Town is seeking grants to address the flooding in the Town. The Town would welcome technical assistance from Maryland Energy Administration, Department of the Environment and Department of Natural Resources as it addresses flooding and stormwater risks and implements recommendations from Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission on climate planning, and to identify funding opportunities to renovate the municipal building for public safety and community services; Department of Housing and Community Development to focus on reviewing and implementing the Legacy Mixed Use Town Center Plan including providing assistance to current and future businesses; Department of Transportation to address equitable transit and to implement recommendations from the Safe Streets and Roads for All recommendations plan; Department of Housing and Community Development to ensure rent stabilization and affordable housing, improving rental conditions, and aging in place opportunities; Department of Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Human Services and Department of Service and Civic Innovation to continue improving public safety, accessible mental health care, access to quality food options, arts and entertainment; and state assistance to increase local government staff capacity and update planning documents like sector plans or comprehensive plans.

SECTION B - 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.

About 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 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) **Photos:** Please also include pictures that depict your accomplishments.

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

Example – Accomplishment 1

Outcome: Improved stormwater management

Projects:

Project 1: Stormwater Retrofit Plan – In October 2014, the Town Council approved the Town's stormwater 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 stormwater 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, bioswales 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 stormwater runoff. The streets with the newly constructed bioswales no longer experience flooding.

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

Accomplishment 1: New Town Center

Outcome: New Town Center for the Town of Brentwood (ongoing project) to enhance livability, centralize services, improve municipal energy efficiency, improve environmental health

Project 1: The Town will relocate the Administrative Support staff and municipal leadership to the old Brentwood Fire Station. A long-term capital campaign, over the past five years, the Town has successfully moved the project forward significantly. A \$2.5 million project, architectural and engineering plans have been delivered, construction has continued and overcome significant challenges, cable engineering and landscaping plans have advanced, and residents are able to tour the construction bi-weekly.

Partners:

Milestone Construction, Smith Architects, Denison Landscaping – delivering the project

Department of Health and Community Development – provided financial assistance in form of a Community Legacy Grant (2019: \$150,000); in the form of a National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund grant (2022: \$270,000; 2023: \$250,000; 2024: \$100,000)

Brentwood Cable Committee – provided input and direction on the technological tools

Brentwood Native Plant Network and Tree Committee – reviewed and amended landscaping

District 47 legislators – provided ongoing support

Impact: The continued economic expansion and growth of the Town. The health and safety of municipal staff and leaders as the new Town Center meets the current health, safety, and environmental standards. Technological advancements will support workforce development, participatory governance, and provide a central hub for urban planning and strategy. Community pride from engagement, involvement, and investment made in the new construction. Enhanced community engagement and support with the old Town Hall transformed into a Public Safety center and a dedicated Community Meeting room in the future.

Accomplishment 2: Stormwater Management

Outcome: Climate resilience, stormwater management, environmental health

Project 1: The Town has conducted a complete Tree Survey to address urban tree canopy including tree health, identification of trees that needed to be removed and pruned, and mapping of tree locations. The Tree survey was used to identify areas needing stormwater management, trees and limbs removal that were blocking the sewer system after severe weather episodes. Several dead trees were removed along with dozens of trees that needed a trim.

Project 2: The Town entered into an MOU with MDOT to plant and maintain trees along Rhode Island Avenue / SHA Route 1.

Project 3: Streetscape upgrades to Allison St. add tree boxes/rain gardens and re-direct stormwater flows

Project 4: Revitalizing parks in Brentwood, including a pocket park at 4408 40th St. and Veteran's Park at Upshur St. and 37th St.

Project 5: Obtained a bronze level certification from Sustainable Maryland

Partners:

Prestige Tree Experts delivered the Tree Survey in 2019-2020

MDOT SHA met with Brentwood officials and agreed to an MOU with Brentwood for trees on Route 1 / Rhode Island Avenue in 2021

Chesapeake Natives contributed native tree for planting in 2023

Prince George's County Audubon, Master Gardeners provided guidance and design consultation for revitalizing parks

Brentwood Tree Committee, Brentwood Green Team, Brentwood Native Plant Network provided strategic plans, guidance, proposals, and volunteer involvement

Impact: The implementation of the projects had a significant impact on the community by improving stormwater runoff, health and livability, public safety, flood mitigation strategies, and climate resilience.

Accomplishment 3: American Rescue Plan Act and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility

Outcome: Community and business resilience, improving housing conditions, health and wellness, racial equity

Project 1: The Town received over \$600,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funding to residents and businesses to address stormwater and emergency home repairs. This included intense outreach efforts to help low-income and senior residents.

Project 2: Continued support of our community schools, including Safe Routes to School promoting safe pedestrian pathways throughout the town and pursuit of and receipt of Safer Streets for All federal grant.

Project 3: Windom Road historic barrier memorial and park including constructing a park that recognizes the local history of Brentwood and North Brentwood and charts a path forward together.

Project 3: The Town reassessed remaining ARPA funding to direct funds toward micro grants for businesses and emergency relief for residents.

Partners:

U.S. Department of the Treasury provided ARPA grant funding in 2021 for \$600,000

Mount Rainier and Thomas Stone Elementary Schools and Prince George's County Public Schools partnership to deliver support for safety and school improvements

U.S. Department of Transportation provided \$160,000 in 2023 for Safer Streets for All Vision Zero planning

MD DOT provided support to access the federal funding for Safer Streets for All

Multiple partners have worked on the Windom Road barrier memorial and park including Neighborhood Design Center, Town of North Brentwood, Gateway CDC, Gateway Arts District to facilitate collaboration toward a path forward.

Impact: Several homeowners are now able to remain in homes and several seniors can age in place, businesses retention and attraction, maintaining health of businesses, public safety, health and wellness, and racial equity. The Town also committed significant resources to connect with and involve seniors and provide all community event and outreach material in English and Spanish.

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

Outcome: Address flooding in the community by implementing the Stormwater Management Plan

Narrative: Due to constrained resources and unforeseen COVID-19 pandemic emergency, the Town was able to implement activities toward addressing flooding but is now currently pursuing a Stormwater Management Plan.

Outcome: Expand health food options for residents

Narrative: A farmers' market was not launched due to market profile information and unforeseen, uncontrollable circumstances like COVID-19 pandemic. The Town provided multiple free grocery events for residents and businesses during the pandemic, including health food options.

Outcome: Rehabilitate vacant commercial property

Narrative: Due to COVID-19 pandemic, resources were redirected.

Outcome: Improve Bicycle Connectivity within Brentwood

Narrative: With Safer Streets for All Vision Zero, the Town will include bicycle connectivity within the Vision Zero design plan and will work with neighboring communities to extend the recently expanded Trolley Trail.

Outcome: Advocate for senior housing options in all new developments

Narrative: The Town has not coordinated with MNCPPC to get agreements with developers for senior housing options due to changes in town leadership and staffing and constrained resources, including COVID-19 pandemic emergency responses.

Part II: Competitive Funding

Use the rows below to list completed funds sought for sustainability or revitalization projects since receiving the 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): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$270,000 (2022) ● \$150,000 (2019) ● \$250,000 (2023) ● \$100,000 (2024) 	DHCD	\$270000	The Town is renovating the current Town Hall into an updated public safety center. The new Police Station and Community are in dire need of an upgrade.	National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund
Strategic Demolition Fund (SDF): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● N/A 	DHCD		The Town would like to learn more about this program.	
Community Safety & Enhancement Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● N/A 	MDOT		The Town would like to learn more about Placemaking; Environmental Health and Justice; Cameras, Lighting and Related Safety Services.	
Maryland Bikeways Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● N/A 	MDOT		The Town would like to learn more about this program in advance of pursuing funding to implement Vision Zero design recommendations.	
Sidewalk Retrofit Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● N/A 	MDOT		The Town would like to learn more about sidewalk programs on non-highway transitways.	
Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● N/A 	MADE		The Town would like to learn more about Nonpoint Source Pollution Prevention programs and funding.	
<p>Other Funding Programs: <i>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.</i></p> <p>*Please add more rows if necessary</p>				
Prince George's County Stormwater Grant	Chesapeake Bay Trust	\$66,560		
Safer Streets and Roads for All	U.S. Dept of Transportation	\$160,000		

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Planning Assistance to Municipalities and Communities	MNCPPC	\$213,135		
ARPA affordable housing, stormwater management, business improvement	UST	\$600,000		

COMPETITIVE FUNDING: Are there any types of projects/needs for which your Sustainable Community needs funding; however, there isn't a funding source?

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The Town is seeking funding for the next capital campaign to renovate the old town hall building. There are likely disparate sources to be attained, but the Town welcomes any guidance from DHCD and other State partners. The Town is approaching MEA and Maryland Clean Energy Center.

SECTION C - SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACTION PLAN

Town of Brentwood

Submitted on March 18, 2024 and amended on April 6, 2024

Example Section

<u>Strengths</u>	<u>Weaknesses</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Insert bulleted list of strengths (provide some detail as to why and how this is a strength in your community) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Insert bulleted list of weaknesses (provide some detail as to why and how this is a weakness in your community)

<u>Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures</u>	<u>Strategies and Action Items</u>	<u>Implementation Partners</u>
<p>Outcomes should be considered the results of actions and strategies. Based on the strengths and weaknesses, identify the strengths on which you would like to build and the challenges you would like to address.</p> <p>Progress Measure: What will you use to measure success toward outcome? Is it quantifiable or qualifiable?</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Which community stakeholders need to be involved to realize each action step and strategy? Name specific public and/or private sector partners.</p>

Environment

This section describes projects involving the natural environment, our use of natural resources, and our relationships or access to the natural environment.

This category includes projects focusing on (but not limited to): the quality of land, water, and air; tree canopies and green spaces; green infrastructure; habitat improvement, climate change mitigation and adaptation; nuisance flooding, stormwater infrastructure and management; water and sewer capacity; energy conservation; recycling, pet waste, and organic waste programs; the mitigation of environmental hazards; and parks and recreation improvements.

<u>Strengths</u>	<u>Weaknesses</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Designated as a Tree City USA for the ten (10) years. ● The Town has three (3) green spaces, Bartlett Park, Veterans Park, & Pocket Park ● Active Brentwood Tree Committee, Green Team, Brentwood Native Plant Network ● MNCPPC partnership to deliver a Flooding and Stormwater Mitigation Plan and Climate Action Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Town has resource constraints to complete multiple major improvement projects. ● Severe Flooding in Bartlett Park ● Lack of public space to plant trees outside of parks or right-of-way areas ● Cultural and language barriers to connect with underreached and underserved communities.

<u>Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures</u>	<u>Strategies and Action Items</u>	<u>Implementation Partners</u>
<p>Outcome 1: Maintain and improve current green spaces</p> <p>Progress Measures: Submit grant proposal to hold a charrette with residents, businesses and community partners.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Explore stormwater management opportunities and flood reduction and mitigation strategies in Bartlett Park to address the flooding issue while ensuring inclusion and accessibility.</p> <p>Strategy B: Establish design for Pocket Park and plant native plants in one-quarter of the park.</p> <p>Strategy C: Maintain active Tree Committee.</p>	<p>Chesapeake Bay Trust, Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, Defensores de la Cuenca, EcoLatino, Nature forward, Sustainable Maryland, Brentwood committees</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Climate Action Plan and Flooding and Stormwater Hazard Mitigation Analysis</p> <p>Progress Measures: CAP approved for implementation by Mayor and Council. Flooding and</p>	<p>Strategy A: Finalize CAP study and flooding/stormwater recommendations and secure mayor and council approval.</p> <p>Strategy B: Maintain a Certified sustainable Maryland Designation</p>	<p>MNCPPC Charles P Johnson Assoc RIH LLC Town of North Brentwood Sustainable Maryland</p>

Sustainable Communities Renewal Application - Section B

<p>stormwater hazard analysis and recommendations approved by Mayor and Council.</p>		
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Economy

This section is centered on economic growth and management.

Strengths and weaknesses might focus on the following: business attraction & retention; improving and maintaining the health of business districts, downtowns, and main streets; commercial vacancy reduction; workforce attraction and retention; employment/job training; marketing, branding, and tourism; improving or creating economic impact of cultural and historic assets; providing technical and financial assistance to businesses; commercial building acquisition, rehabilitation and/or adaptive re-use; and creating a sense of place and vibrancy through streetscaping and beautification.

<u>Strengths</u>	<u>Weaknesses</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Designated as an Opportunity Zone ● Strong revenue from the tax base ● 10% increase in the population in the past four (4) years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lack of sit-down restaurants ● Few employers within Town limits ● Aging Commercial Facades along US 1

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Improve the attractiveness of current commercial units and attract new business.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Facades improved/New Businesses attracted.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Develop and implement a commercial façade program for commercial corridors along Route US 1.</p> <p>Strategy B: Investigate ways to market and leverage the Arts District Designation.</p>	<p>The Town has offered grants for Façade improvements and other business upgrades.</p>

Transportation

This section describes the way people in your community get from place to place.

Strengths, weaknesses, and outcomes can focus on: 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; and road conditions.

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located along US Route 1 with access to Metrobus, Capital bikeshare and County mobility services. • Metro train station 1 mile from Town Center, includes protected pedestrian and bike pathways to Station. • The Town has installed 2,500 feet of new sidewalk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 6,000 square feet of sidewalk repairs are needed plus an additional 15,000 square feet of installation. • Limited on-street parking . • US Route 1 divides the community, creating difficulty for pedestrian ingress and egress. • Absence of bike lanes.
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Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
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<p>Outcome 1: Improve Bicycle Connectivity with the NW Branch Trail from the City of Hyattsville to the border of Mt. Rainer, MD Progress Measures: Meetings with MDOT SHA to determine feasibility for new bike path. Safe Streets for All design recommendations. Outcome 2: Increase pedestrian mobility by improving and adding sidewalks. Progress Measures: 10,000 square feet of sidewalk improvements and installations</p>	<p>Strategy A: Explore the possibility of a bike lane from Charles Armentrout Drive to the Town Border of Mt. Rainer on US Route 1 Strategy B: Safe Streets for All Vision Zero design is approved by the Mayor and Council for pedestrian safety, accessibility, bikeability, and safe transit. Strategy C; Contract to build and repair sidewalks.</p>	<p>MDOT, Town of North Brentwood, City of Mt. Rainer, City of Hyattsville, Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Inc.</p>

Housing

This section focuses on the homes in which people in your community live and the efforts that make it easier for them to find and stay in a place to call home.

Strengths, weaknesses, and outcomes might focus on the following: affordability; increasing homeownership; increasing rental housing; diversifying the kinds of housing available; improving housing conditions (interior or exterior); housing programs; aging in place; preventing foreclosures; and reducing residential vacancies.

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town has several homes that are market price for sale. • A new owner of one of the apartment complexes has indicated improvements for the building are coming. • ARPA funding was able to assist multiple homeowners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town is addressing several abandoned and dilapidated homes via Code Enforcement.

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Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Improve housing quality within Brentwood.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Upgraded and Renovated properties.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Continue outreach efforts to inform residents of programs to help low-income and senior residents to upkeep their property.</p> <p>Strategy B: Provide homeowners, renters, business owners with information on how to plan for and mitigate flooding, stormwater, excess heat, air pollution, and energy efficiency.</p>	<p>MNCPPC, Interfaith Partners of the Chesapeake, Defensores de la Cuenca, Nature Forward, county and state departments</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Advocate for Senior Housing Options and provide funding for current residents to repair, upgrade, and maintain their homes.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Info sessions attended and legislative advocacy.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Attend info session on building more aging-in-place networks/intergenerational villages in the county.</p>	<p>Prince George’s County Village Connection</p>

Community Health and Quality of Life

This section is concerned with public health, community culture, and the day-to-day life of community residents.

This category includes projects focusing on (but not limited to): the improvement of public health including improving community design to promote healthy behaviors such as walking and strengthening community support and connectedness through health and wellness programs and facilities that create inclusive communities. These projects may include built environments, indoor spaces, and outdoor environments such as increasing community gardens and access to services including educational facilities and programs; health and wellness facilities and programs that serve multi-generations; senior facilities and programs; youth facilities and programs; facilities and programs for the disabled; civic amenities, access to quality food options; collaborations with faith-based organizations; arts and entertainment education; and homelessness prevention, services, and facilities. Projects should include community engagement that includes participation in the selection of strategies and outcomes, progress reports, and evaluation.

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continued Community involvement with Cultural activities, Brentwood Day, Black History Month, National Night Out (NNO) Juneteenth event, Hispanic Heritage Day, International Day, etc. ● Funding for community outreach services program coordinator. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Current residents are in the service industry. This means the residents cannot attend events due to work schedules. ● No dedicated community space for meetings and activities.

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- Engaged Senior Society participating in wellness, arts and education programs.

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Engage seniors in community activities and provide resources to age in place.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of Seniors participating and number of activities.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Engage the Seniors with organized activities. Strategy B: Use the passenger van for transportation for quarterly field trips.</p>	<p>AARP, Brentwood Police Department</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Issue a resident survey on environmental barriers and interests.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of surveys completed and results shared with Mayor, council, and staff.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Identify barriers and interests in town’s environmental activities, property usage, preferences, understanding of climate change and climate resilience.</p>	<p>Brentwood Green Team</p>
<p>Outcome 3: Apply National League of Cities Race, Equity, and Leadership principles to town policies and practices</p> <p>Progress Measures: Establish a committee on racial equity and accessibility.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Hold meeting to share NLC REAL principles. Strategy B: Kick-off committee to identify areas of improvement.</p>	<p>National League of Cities</p>

Local Planning and Staffing Capacity

This section is concerned with a local government’s ability to plan for the community’s future and to meet the current needs of residents.

Strengths, weaknesses, and outcomes might focus on the following: updating zoning ordinances or land use; updating municipal/local policies, taxes, fees, etc.; increasing local government staff capacity; and updating planning documents like sector plans or comprehensive plans.

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are engaged to address community concerns. • Legacy Mixed Use Town Center designation. • Gateway Arts District designation and unique economic development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County is undergoing a change in zoning • Resource constraints has challenged the Town in strategic plan for development.

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Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Create a designated Community Center for residents to host events.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Renovation of the current Town Hall into a Police Station and Community Center.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Seek grants to assist with the renovations of the Police Station and Community Center.</p>	<p>Maryland Energy Administration Maryland Clean Energy Center DHCD</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Increase business space for artists and community events.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Support local businesses converting existing industrial buildings into artist space.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Support interested art-based businesses to facilitate ownership within Town limits.</p>	<p>Gateway CDC</p>

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