



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 community 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 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:

Subject Line: Sustainable Community Application

To: Carter Reitman

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Site Visits. Follow-up Discussion, Technical Assistance

Attendance at a minimum of one application consultation session or training is mandatory for all applicants. Consult with Carter Reitman at 410-298-5849 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 prior to 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.

All questions related to the application, please contact Olivia Ceccarelli-McGonigal at 410-209-5826 or by email at olivia.ceccarelli@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 past five 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, implemented the strategies initially envisioned, and identify what resources were used. Renewal applicants are encouraged to discuss how priorities, actions, and objectives were or were not achieved across the six elements listed on the previous page (v), including how any of the elements may have interrelated during the five initial years of SC designation.

C. Sustainable Communities Action Plan Update:

The Sustainable Communities Action Plan has been revised so that it is less time consuming and focused on developing a strategic implementation plan. 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 provides a description of 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): 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.

Additional Guidance for Developing the Sustainable Communities Action Plan

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 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

The Action Plan section 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 section, 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.

CHECKLIST AND TABLE OF CONTENTS

APPLICANT: County Commissioners of Calvert County

NAME OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY: Calvert County (Unincorporated areas: Town Centers of Dunkirk, Prince Frederick, Lusby, and Solomons; Incorporated Municipalities: Town of Chesapeake Beach, and Town of North Beach

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

- ☒ **Section A - Sustainable Community Renewal Applicant Information**
 - [Applicant Information](#)
- ☒ **Section B – Sustainable Community Renewal Action Plan Update (Matrix)**
 - [Action Plan](#)
- ☒ **Section C – Sustainable Community Renewal Report (Projects, Strategies and Partners)**
 - [Part 1: Qualitative Assessment](#)
 - [Part 2: Comprehensive Assessment](#)
 - [Competitive Funding](#)
- ☒ **Section D – Sustainable Communities Workgroup Roster**
- ☒ **Section E – Signature Letter (acknowledging Disclosure Authorization and Certification)**
 - [Disclosure Authorization](#)
- ☐ **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:		Calvert County	
Name of Applicant:		County Commissioners of Calvert County	
Applicant's Federal Identification Number:		52-6002810	
Applicant's Street Address:		175 Main Street	
City: Prince Frederick	County: Calvert	State: MD	Zip Code: 20678
Phone Number: (410) 535-1600	Fax Number: (410) 414-3082	Web Address: www.calvertcountymd.gov	

Sustainable Community Application Local Contact:

Name: Danielle Russell		Title: Grants Management Program Specialist	
Address: [REDACTED]	City: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Phone Number: [REDACTED]	Fax Number: [REDACTED]	E-mail Address: [REDACTED]	

Sustainable Community Contact for Application Status:

Name: Danielle Russell		Title: Grants Management Program Specialist	
City: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Phone Number: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Other Sustainable Community Contacts:

Name: Holly Wahl		Title: Town Administrator, Town of Chesapeake Beach	
Address: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Phone Number: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Name: Stacy Milor		Title: Town Clerk, Town of North Beach	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Sustainable Community Boundary and Description

- (1) Are you requesting any changes to your Sustainable Community boundary? Describe why or why not?

No. We would like to continue to focus on these areas for the next five years.

- (2) If yes, Include the following in 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 entire SC Area: 4,366

- (4) Existing federal, state or local designations:

☐Main Street ☐Maple Street

☐National Register Historic District ☒Local Historic District ☐Arts & Entertainment District

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

☒Other(s): Southern Maryland National Heritage Area, Target Investment Zone: Town of Chesapeake Beach, Town of North Beach, and Solomons Town Center, Federal Opportunity Zone: Portion of Lusby Town Center, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Designation

- (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?

Data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey for the years 2013 and 2017 are shown in the tables below. It is important to note that the geographic area of the U.S. Census Bureau's Census Designated Places for Dunkirk, Lusby, and Prince Frederick and the municipality of Chesapeake Beach is larger than their respective Sustainable Community designated area.

CDP = Census Designated Place

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

American Community Survey Demographic and Housing Estimates

2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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Population

Population	Total			Race – White, Once Race			Race – Black, One Race		
	2013	2017	2021	2013	2017	2021	2013	2017	2021
Chesapeake Beach Town	5,764	5,930	6,356	89.7%	83.9%	76.0%	5.2%	8.0%	11.0%
North Beach Town	2,128	2,596	2,146	82.0%	86.2%	70.4%	7.6%	7.5%	12.8%
Dunkirk CDP	2,527	2,490	2,431	81.7%	90.6%	83.0%	8.4%	5.1%	6.0%
Prince Frederick CDP	2,901	3,065	3,226	61.8%	58.4%	55.3%	33.7%	26.2%	26.9%
Lusby CDP	1,857	1,809	2,072	76.1%	88.7%	66.3%	19.7%	9.0%	20.9%
Solomons CDP	1,852	2,168	2,650	96.6%	93.5%	85.4%	2.5%	2.0%	5.7%

Source: US Census

Median Age

Population	Median Age		
	2013	2017	2021
Chesapeake Beach Town	33.4	34.5	42.5
North Beach Town	39.5	36	29.8
Dunkirk CDP	43.8	45.4	42.4
Prince Frederick CDP	34	38.3	43.7
Lusby CDP	34.5	34.5	32.3
Solomons CDP	65.8	67.4	63.9

Source: US Census

Occupied Housing Units

Household Size	Chesapeake Beach Town			North Beach Town			Dunkirk CDP			Prince Frederick CDP			Lusby CDP			Solomons CDP		
	2013	2017	2021	2013	2017	2021	2013	2017	2021	2013	2017	2021	2013	2017	2021	2013	2017	2021
1-person household	19.4%	23.6%	31.9%	36.8%	37.3%	33.6%	18.1%	13.7%	17.6%	34.5%	43.2%	49.9%	32.7%	36.5%	26.6%	60.1%	34.2%	27.7%
2-person household	29.1%	26.7%	26.8%	38.8%	27.9%	31.9%	36.7%	43.6%	33.3%	28.2%	20.9%	17.6%	23.6%	30.4%	42.6%	32.9%	50.0%	53.3%
3-person household	20.0%	19.5%	18.3%	8.9%	15.7%	13.9%	17.1%	11.8%	16.8%	18.0%	12.5%	15.7%	16.9%	8.8%	16.7%	3.5%	3.3%	12.8%
4-or-more-person household	31.6%	30.2%	23.0%	15.5%	19.1%	20.6%	28.1%	30.9%	32.3%	19.3%	23.4%	16.9%	26.9%	24.3%	14.1%	3.6%	12.6%	6.2%

Source: ACS 5-Year Estimates

Income and Benefits

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Total Household	Chesapeake Beach Town			North Beach Town			Dunkirk CDP			Prince Frederick CDP			Lusby CDP			Solomons CDP		
	2013	2017	2021	2013	2017	2021	2013	2017	2021	2013	2017	2021	2013	2017	2021	2013	2017	2021
< \$10,000	2.2%	5.8%	0.0%	6.1%	4.4%	2.7%	0.9%	1.8%	1.8%	8.0%	7.8%	5.5%	5.2%	9.3%	7.9%	8.2%	3.4%	0.0%
\$10,000 - \$14,999	1.0%	3.7%	4.2%	3.6%	4.7%	3.3%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.9%	6.7%	9.3%	4.5%	6.5%	4.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	1.9%	0.3%	8.2%	5.1%	6.2%	4.6%	6.9%	3.1%	1.5%	15.0%	21.3%	17.0%	14.5%	7.8%	4.9%	13.7%	2.3%	3.8%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	1.6%	3.1%	3.4%	5.6%	7.3%	5.2%	5.5%	4.4%	1.5%	10.9%	11.8%	10.1%	3.3%	3.7%	7.9%	1.9%	4.7%	9.0%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	20.3%	12.8%	8.7%	12.4%	9.6%	12.3%	3.8%	4.5%	3.8%	13.5%	10.4%	4.8%	5.9%	2.4%	2.5%	12.4%	19.4%	6.1%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	12.0%	11.4%	6.9%	20.5%	16.0%	25.4%	8.2%	11.0%	13.6%	12.8%	12.4%	11.6%	5.9%	20.7%	21.7%	26.7%	10.8%	13.5%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	14.9%	10.3%	10.6%	17.5%	23.6%	13.0%	17.8%	13.7%	5.5%	9.8%	8.8%	7.7%	30.6%	10.3%	4.1%	6.1%	15.9%	12.2%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	26.3%	28.9%	25.0%	15.6%	16.0%	21.9%	31.4%	29.7%	27.7%	10.2%	14.2%	11.5%	23.4%	19.4%	27.5%	19.9%	21.6%	26.9%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	14.5%	13.7%	17.1%	6.1%	4.9%	6.3%	15.3%	13.1%	15.1%	6.4%	4.2%	13.9%	4.1%	9.7%	6.5%	5.0%	6.0%	18.6%
\$200,000 or more	5.3%	10.0%	16.1%	7.5%	7.1%	5.3%	9.1%	18.9%	29.4%	1.5%	2.4%	8.6%	2.5%	10.3%	13.0%	6.2%	15.9%	9.9%
Median income (\$)	92,695	102,679	120,194	67,875	78,145	71,932	111,652	126,875	140,278	38,914	40,761	55,977	89,792	74,808	86,019	62,955	86,181	113,235
Mean income (\$)	107,204	113,880	132,117	85,733	94,574	91,079	111,580	131,225	159,487	57,263	59,299	82,864	83,782	92,021	106,769	81,745	141,692	142,738

Source: ACS 5-Year Estimates

Educational Attainment

Educational Attainment	Chesapeake Beach Town			North Beach Town			Dunkirk CDP			Prince Frederick CDP			Lusby CDP			Solomons CDP		
	2013	2017	2021	2013	2017	2021	2013	2017	2021	2013	2017	2021	2013	2017	2021	2013	2017	2021
< 9th grade	0.7%	2.0%	1.2%	1.3%	1.0%	1.7%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	4.1%	6.9%	4.2%	2.4%	4.6%	2.5%	5.7%	3.8%	3.3%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	6.0%	3.8%	4.4%	6.8%	4.5%	3.7%	1.2%	3.7%	2.8%	14.5%	9.3%	4.8%	6.9%	5.2%	5.8%	2.9%	1.8%	0.5%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	26.1%	25.9%	18.6%	35.4%	29.8%	25.4%	29.0%	25.6%	22.3%	37.9%	36.3%	36.6%	49.1%	20.8%	26.2%	14.6%	19.4%	25.8%
Some college, no degree	29.1%	26.9%	19.3%	19.0%	28.0%	21.5%	23.0%	26.1%	20.4%	21.2%	21.1%	21.8%	27.0%	26.3%	33.9%	14.9%	22.7%	12.6%
Associate's degree	7.7%	5.8%	9.4%	4.6%	8.2%	9.7%	7.5%	10.5%	11.3%	3.9%	6.6%	12.9%	3.7%	6.2%	10.4%	9.6%	5.2%	12.3%
Bachelor's degree	18.3%	16.8%	22.2%	21.9%	14.4%	21.3%	27.5%	23.0%	28.8%	10.8%	13.2%	11.2%	4.7%	15.2%	9.6%	30.1%	22.3%	18.0%
Graduate or professional degree	12.1%	18.8%	24.9%	11.0%	14.3%	16.7%	10.0%	11.2%	14.5%	7.7%	6.6%	8.5%	6.2%	21.6%	11.6%	22.3%	24.8%	27.5%
High school graduate or higher	93.3%	94.2%	94.4%	91.9%	94.5%	94.6%	97.0%	96.3%	97.2%	81.4%	83.8%	91.0%	90.7%	90.2%	91.7%	91.4%	94.4%	96.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	30.4%	35.6%	47.1%	32.9%	28.7%	38.0%	37.5%	34.1%	43.3%	18.5%	19.8%	19.6%	10.9%	36.8%	21.2%	52.4%	47.1%	45.4%

Source: ACS 5-Year Estimates

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Housing Units

Housing Units	2013	2017	2021
Chesapeake Beach Town	2,222	2,287	2,694
North Beach Town	1,078	1,124	1,062
Dunkirk CDP	887	848	780
Prince Frederick CDP	1,087	1,211	1,145
Lusby CDP	686	779	1,197
Solomons CDP	1,472	1,396	1,294

Source: ACS 5-Year Estimates

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?

The Sustainable Communities Workgroup described in the 2012 application included an internal group and an external group. The internal group included representatives from the county departments of Economic Development, Finance & Budget, General Services, Planning & Zoning, and Public Works, and municipal staff from Chesapeake Beach and North Beach. Due to restructuring of the county departments in 2017 and expansion of membership, the workgroup includes those departments plus the Department of Parks and Recreation. The co-leaders of the workgroup were the department of Planning & Zoning and Finance & Budget. The workgroup is now led by the Office of the County Administrator, with guidance from the Department of Planning & Zoning. The Department of Finance & Budget takes the lead for coordinating the funding of projects through the Capital Improvements Program (CIP). For Chesapeake Beach, the Town Administrator has the lead for implementing Sustainable Community projects. For North Beach, the Town Clerk has the lead for implementing Sustainable Community projects.

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

Strengths:

- Diversity of group members
- Experience working with state grant programs
- Experience working with capital projects
- Cooperation among the county and municipal staffs
- Annual Capital Improvements Program (CIP) process

Challenges:

- Other priorities competing for staff time
- Competition with other local governments for grant funding
- Convening the external group members

- (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?

The Sustainable Communities Action Plan update is based upon local plans, including but not limited to the county's and municipalities' comprehensive plans; the Calvert County Land Preservation, Parks, and Recreation Plan; and the Calvert County Economic Development Strategic Plan Update. These plans have been or are in the process of being updated.

Calvert County's Department of Planning & Zoning led the county government's effort to update the Calvert County Comprehensive Plan, which had last been updated/amended in 2010. The Calvert County Comprehensive Plan is the county's official policy document that sets forth a vision of the county's future. The plan serves as a guide for future planning to be implemented through local laws and public investments over the next 20 to 25 years. After a multi-faceted public participation process, the Calvert County Planning Commission recommended that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the plan. The Board adopted the

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Comprehensive Plan in August 2019. In 2022, the Comprehensive Plan was amended by the Board the reduce or remove the future expansions of four of the designated Town Centers.

The Chesapeake Beach Comprehensive Plan's purpose is to bring about the careful development of the community and the conservation of what is most exceptional about it. Upon its adoption, this Plan guides public and private decisions on the use of land, protection of the environment, improvement of infrastructure, and other matters related to growth and development through the year 2040. Seeking community input, the Planning Commission conducted multiple public workshops beginning in Fall 2018. Through the winter of 2019, the Town held working sessions to reflect on what was learned and to draw nearer to a broad vision that could sum up the insights and ideas that would ultimately shape this Plan. They also oversaw a survey of Town residents. Through the Summer of 2021 the Commission conducted additional work sessions as the draft plan came together. The Planning Commission's public hearing was held on November 9, 2021, and then on January 26, 2022, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a resolution transmitting it to the Mayor and Town Council with a recommendation for adoption.

The Comprehensive Plan for North Beach is the official policy document that provides for private and public decisions to be made concerning development and future growth during the planning period. It focuses on the town's physical development; addresses public policy for government spending and provision of public services; and serves as a guide to be used when evaluating proposed projects and drafting and implementing land use regulations and ordinances. It is intended to assist the Town in managing growth in the built environment while preserving the natural environment. The North Beach Planning Commission has started the process to update the 2012 Town of North Beach Comprehensive Plan. One of the first steps for updating the plan is to survey the residents of the incorporated limits of the Town of North Beach regarding their properties and town-provided services.

The Calvert County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) guides land conservation and development of outdoor recreation opportunities over the next five years. The Program Open Space Law, as most recently amended, requires the county to prepare a local land preservation and recreation plan at least every five years and submit it to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Maryland Department of Planning. The Plan aims to provide Calvert County's citizens and visitors with safe and easily accessible amenities; encourage the enjoyment and stewardship of Maryland's natural world; and balance outdoor recreation land use with natural and cultural resource protection. The LPPRP is based upon the goals and actions set forth in the Calvert County Comprehensive Plan and utilized multiple methods to collect data, inventory existing conditions, engage the community and evaluate input, and gauge the overall level of service provided by public parks, open spaces, and recreation amenities in Calvert County. It also serves as the basis for the Calvert County Program Open Space Annual Program and qualifies the county to receive Program Open Space funding from the state. Calvert County's current plan was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on August 23, 2022 and the next plan will be due in 2027.

The Calvert County Department of Economic Development maintains a Strategic Plan which guides and focuses staff in its annual outreach activities, helps set clear and actionable business development goals and priorities, outlines indicators for success and highlights objectives to support, attract and retain strong, healthy and dynamic companies of all sizes and industries. In February 2021, the department contracted with the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) to develop a three-year Strategic Pivot Plan and help establish economic priorities in Calvert County for the period 2021-2024. In crafting this plan, IEDC and departmental staff engaged a number of local stakeholders, reviewed all prior economic development and planning documents, conducted in-depth economic, demographic and budgetary data analyses and developed a strength, weakness, opportunity and threat (SWOT) analysis for the county. The final document was received in June 2021.

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- (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.

The Sustainable Communities Workgroup would like assistance from the State agencies that provide benefits for Sustainable Communities to learn more about their programs and receive guidance when applying for funding.

SECTION B - SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACTION PLAN

Calvert County, Maryland

Example Section

Strengths

- Insert bulleted list of strengths (provide some detail as to why and how this is a strength in your community)

Weaknesses

- Insert bulleted list of weaknesses (provide some detail as to why and how this is a weakness in your community)

Desired Outcomes and Progress

Measures

Outcomes should be considered end 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.

Progress Measure: What will you use to measure success toward outcome? Is it quantifiable or qualifiable?

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.

Implementation Partners

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

Example Outcome 1: Code violations and complaints are reduced in the Sustainable Community residential areas.

Example Progress Measures: Code violations reduced by 25% in Sustainable Community residential areas

Example Strategy A: Review and revise, as needed, code compliance program to reduce frequency and number of residential code violations.

Example Action 1: Complete analysis of code violations over the past five years to determine areas, both geographically and topically, for which code violations are most frequent.

Example Action 2: Conduct outreach program to determine barriers to code compliance.

Maryland Department of Planning, Maryland Department of Housing, County Planning Department, local homeowners association

	<p>Example Action 3: Analyze code compliance program for potential inefficiencies and opportunities for proactive engagement.</p> <p>Example Action 4: Pursue façade improvement funding to assist low-income homeowners overcome barriers to code compliance.</p>	
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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>
<p>Calvert County Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Six convenience centers located throughout the county• Weekly collection from county office buildings• Monthly paper shred and biannual HHW events <p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased resource conservation (RC) districts through rezoning approximately 300 acres of land to RC protecting environmentally fragile areas from development.	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limited curbside collection available by subscription only• Recycling is not available for all materials (including single-use batteries, plastic film)• Transportation costs to deliver recyclable materials to processors <p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limited areas of resource that are publicly owned. The majority of the newly zoned RC district is privately owned, which limits the Towns ability to convert them to nature areas that are publicly accessible or through trails.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong group of volunteers willing to improve the Towns sustainability efforts. • Reduced the Towns carbon footprint. • Expanded the Towns urban forestry program. • Reduced impacts of runoff into the Chesapeake Bay <p>North Beach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Recycling Collected Once a Week • The town has installed Pet Waste Stations for residents and vendors to pick up after their animals • Town has the designation as Tree City • Town has completed a Nature Center for individuals to visit to learn about the Environment on the Chesapeake Bay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RT 261 is prone to flooding and connection issues for residents of the Twin Beaches to access their homes and emergency services. • RT261 flooding prevents access issues to the Chesapeake Beach Water Reclamation Treatment Plant (CBWRTP) that services citizens, businesses and schools in Calvert County, Anne Arundel County, the Town of North Beach (“Partners”) and the Town of Chesapeake Beach (“Plant Operator”). • Increased infiltration and inflow (I&I) to the CBWRTP from all jurisdictions due to high rain events and tidal activity. <p>North Beach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of Rt 261 is still prone to flooding which causes some homes to flood. • A flood pump should be installed at 7th and Atlantic to assist with Town Flooding.
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<u>Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures</u>	<u>Strategies and Action Items</u>	<u>Implementation Partners</u>
<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Outcome 1: Increase Residents’ Engagement in Recycling Programs</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid Waste Division will organize at least 4 workshops a year for 	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Strategy A: Enhance Education and Outreach. Develop and implement workshops, training, and other activities for different age groups of Calvert County residents. Recycling workshops at Calvert County libraries will be available for school students, adults, and HOA representatives. The emphasis will be not only on educating residents but also on training people how to recycle right.</p>	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Department of Public Works Citizens of Calvert County Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) HOAs</p>

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<p>different age groups of Calvert County residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid Waste Division will create at least 1 report a year analyzing recycling options for new materials or items. • Solid Waste Division will host at least 4 meetings a year with Calvert County community leaders involved in recycling. 	<p>Strategy B: Investigate additional recycling options. Perform waste stream analysis and create a list of items that can be included in recycling or reuse programs (e.g., DME, books, plastic bags).</p> <p>Strategy C: Implement a Community Ambassador program to communicate information better on a day-to-day basis. Calvert County Government's SWD already has connections with community leaders involved in recycling. These connections need to be expanded and strengthened through outreach and training.</p>	<p>Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Maryland Recycling Network (MRN)</p>
<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Outcome 2: Increase Cost Efficiency of Recycling Programs</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid Waste Division will create at least 1 report a year analyzing recycling markets to look into alternative recycling vendors. • Solid Waste Division will create at least 1 report a year analyzing the cost of running recycling programs. • Solid Waste Division will update guidelines for Calvert County residents and Landfill/Convenience Center users participating in recycling programs at least once a year. 	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Strategy A: Research alternative vendors. Analyze in-state and out-of-state recycling markets to compare prices for materials and services offered by various suppliers.</p> <p>Strategy B: Optimize transportation to reduce costs and carbon footprint by analyzing various transportation routes for recyclable materials and providing recommendations for their optimization. With reduced transportation costs, accepting commercial curbside recycling may be more economically attractive to the county.</p> <p>Strategy C: Implement recyclable materials sorting to reduce contracted processing costs and increase revenue from recyclable commodities, including cardboard and scrap metal. Conduct a feasibility study to expand the operations of the County recycling program with manual or mechanical sorting of certain types of waste. Accepting commercial curbside recycling may be more economically attractive to the county with reduced processing costs.</p>	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Department of Public Works Citizens of Calvert County Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) HOAs Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Maryland Recycling Network (MRN)</p>

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<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Outcome 3: Upgrade Prince Frederick Wastewater Treatment Plant #1 to increase treatment level and flow capacity.</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional land acquired to facilitate more spray fields by Q12024. • Design is in progress with a goal of final design by Q32025. • Construction of plant upgrade and new discharge area begin by Q42025 and construction complete by Q42027. • Ability to increase treatment and discharge by 0.4 MGD • Able to give spray fields more down time with additional discharge area added. • The new plant functions as designed. 	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Strategy A: Upgrade for biological nutrient removal (BNR) or enhanced nutrient removal (ENR)</p> <p>Strategy B: Improve the efficiency of the existing treatment train.</p> <p>Strategy C: Implement beneficial reuse of the treated effluent.</p> <p>Strategy D: Increase capacity by 0.4 MGD.</p>	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Department of Public Works Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Public Sewer customers of Calvert County Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)</p>
<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Outcome 4: Provide a more reliable and efficient receiving facility for regional septage by upgrading the Solomons Waste Water Treatment Plant Septage Receiving Facility</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p>	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Strategy A: Ability to receive two trucks at the same time.</p> <p>Strategy B: Credit card customers can pay easily at the discharge location.</p>	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Department of Public Works Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greasezilla comes online by Q12024. • Ability to accept and process grease separately from sewerage. • Final design of septage receiving expansion by Q12024. • Construction of septage receiving expansion by Q12025. • Ability to accept multiple trucks at same time. • Capacity to accept additional septage and grease. • The Septage Receiving Facility upgrade is complete and functional. 	<p>Strategy C: The upgrade will separate grease from the waste stream and be recycled.</p>	<p>Public Sewer customers of Calvert County Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)</p>
<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Outcome 5: Increase efficiency by reducing repumping from Prince Frederick's force main extension, Pump Station #3, to the force main on 231.</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design beginning Q32024 and final design in Q32025. • Construction of pump station upgrade by Q22026. • Flow capacity is increased. • Repumping is reduced. • System efficiency increased. 	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Strategy A: Reduce the burden on Pump Station #2</p> <p>Strategy B: Increase efficiency in the system</p> <p>Strategy C: Increase flow capacity for PS#2 and PS#3</p>	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Department of Public Works Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Public Sewer customers of Calvert County Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The force main extension functions as designed. 		
<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Outcome 6: Become a tree city.</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain tree inventory with DNR Apply for Tree City designation Host sessions to plant new trees on public spaces throughout the Town to increase tree coverage, shade and improve stormwater management 	<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Strategy A: Coordinate with the Department of Natural Resources to implement a tree inventory.</p> <p>Strategy B: establish a budget that protects Town trees.</p> <p>Strategy C: remove vines hindering Town trees.</p>	<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Chesapeake Beach Green Team Department of Technology Services</p>
<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Outcome 7: Improve the health of the Bay</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule reef ball-making activities to engage the public in the creation and deployment of the reef balls into the Bay on the Town's oyster sanctuary 'Old Rock Reef' Partner with Calvert County Public Schools to facilitate reef ball construction annually totaling 350 reef balls 	<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Strategy A: establish reef balls, deploy reef balls</p> <p>Strategy B: educate Calvert County Public Schools children (approximately 1500 a year) on the importance of oysters to keep our bay clean</p> <p>Strategy C: place approximately 200,000 oysters a year on Old Rock Reef</p>	<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society Calvert County Public Schools</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct recurring water testing to ensure the health of the Bay and the Fishing Creek 		
Chesapeake Beach Outcome 8: Mitigate risks of RT 261 flooding. Progress Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan the additional access roadway Obtain the private property easements and rights of way required to make the connection Construct additional access roadway 	Chesapeake Beach Strategy A: Construct an additional access road to the CBWRTP. Strategy B: Engage SHA MDOT on issues related to road elevation.	Chesapeake Beach State Highway Administration (SHA) Maryland Department of Transportation (MD
Chesapeake Beach Outcome 9: Lower carbon footprint Progress Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install new LED lights for the Kellams Field converting all field lights to LED University of MD students expect to provide the Town with an Energy Study in November 2023 	Chesapeake Beach Strategy A: Engage in a Carbon Footprint study with students at the University of Maryland. Strategy B: Convert to LED lighting throughout Town.	Chesapeake Beach Baltimore Gas and Electric University of Maryland University of Maryland Finance Center
North Beach Outcome 1: North Beach will continue to seek funding to explore policies, procedures, new techniques, and practices along with	North Beach Strategy A: Install a stormwater pump at 7th Street and upgrade the stormwater pump at 9th Street.	North Beach North Beach Department of Public Works North Beach Staff

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<p>implementing environmental strategies that seek to protect the sea level rising.</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a report of homes and land that are acquired to mitigate flooding• Host education events for residents• Create a report of new Green Streets added• Visitors understand the protection of the Bay and adhere to sustainable practices while visiting	<p>Strategy B: Educate residents on water conservation practices and sustainable uses to assist and not destroy the Bay. Protecting the Bay while understanding that climate change to the area and its erosion to the shoreline.</p> <p>Strategy C: Address streets that flood with elevated walkways, streets or safe crossings for emergency vehicles, safe passage for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicular traffic.</p> <p>Strategy D: Creation of a series of programs to educate the youth in sustainable practices towards recycling, trash and proper disposal and how it can harm our water and clog our drains.</p> <p>Strategy E: Continue to seek innovative solutions towards renewable energy solutions.</p> <p>Strategy F: Continue to add Green Streets throughout the Town that will reduce the amount of impervious surfaces with more permeable surfaces that will filter and manage stormwater while protecting the Bay.</p> <p>Strategy G: Continue to work along with Calvert County and all of the partnering towns to seek alternative and sustainable methods in exploring sewer education, water conservation, recyclable programs and practices and policies to protect the Bay.</p> <p>Strategy H: Continue shoreline protection programs and beach maintenance.</p>	<p>State of Maryland Calvert County Government Town of Chesapeake Beach</p>
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	Strategy I: Explore the possibility of acquiring land that may need to be purchased to mitigate flooding activity and preserve living shoreline and open space.	

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>
Calvert County Government <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Proximity to metro centers● Tourism destinations● Resilience to economic shocks● High residential wealth● Excellent school system● Committed economic development staff and partners Chesapeake Beach <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Thriving local businesses with varying offerings● Fishing Creek offers public access to over 6,000 recreational boaters a year North Beach <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Partnered with the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce for the event Experience Calvert in 2023	Calvert County Government <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Limited housing options● Limited broadband access● Workforce attraction● Isolation and limited access to transportation networks● Limited community amenities to support diversity in housing and attraction● Lack of clear avenues to service for businesses● Lack of water and sewer infrastructure at identified growth centers● Appearance of a lack of unified economic development effort among community resource partners Chesapeake Beach <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Integration of business and residential activities● A centralized main street area is not defined in the Town North Beach <ul style="list-style-type: none">● During the summer season parking is limited to residents due to visitors to the Town.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners with End Hunger for the Dragon Boat Race to assist with their local food pantry • Conduct a festival in North Beach the 1st Friday each month May – October • Town works closely with Town Businesses owners to promotes their specials and businesses weekly • Town residents frequent Town businesses keeping them profitable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing is limited for ownership • Rental properties have an increase in cost making the home expensive for families and young professionals to afford. • The Town does not have a business group for new businesses to contact for assistance and information. • Local food store Chesapeake Bounty closed in North Beach due to the owner of the property not re-newing their lease.
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Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Outcome 1: Business Development & Retention - Showcase Calvert as business-friendly with a strong link among community resource partners and enhance workforce attraction opportunities.</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy A: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resource page development: Completion of a resource development page that showcases grant opportunities for businesses. ○ Number of Grants Listed: Measure the number of funding opportunities listed 	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Strategy A: Maintain a Calvert County Economic Development grants resource listing to showcase funding opportunities to local businesses and non-profit organizations throughout the recovery process.</p> <p>Strategy B: Identify opportunities to partner with or support workforce development programs, including apprenticeships and for retraining workers.</p> <p>Strategy C: Identify women, minority-owned, or other historically underserved businesses and assess vulnerability/recovery needs, including gaps in recovery assistance or economic development services. Create a plan for special incentive opportunities to support or attract businesses owned by vulnerable or underserved populations.</p> <p>Strategy D: Reach out to the utility providers about public-private partnership opportunities coming to Maryland.</p>	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Department of Economic Development Office of the County Administrator College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Tri-County Council Chamber of Commerce Minority Chamber of Commerce Calvert County Library System County business associations Department of Planning and Zoning Calvert County Federal Grants Specialist</p>

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<p>in the online resource directory.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Website Traffic: Track the website traffic and user engagement with the resource directory.○ Utilization Rate: Monitor how frequently local businesses and non-profit organizations use the resource listing. Measured by the number of link clicks. <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Strategy B:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Number of Partnerships Established: Track the number of partnerships with workforce development organizations in the Southern Maryland Region.○ Number of Apprenticeships: Measure the number of apprenticeships or worker retraining programs initiated or supported.○ Employer Engagement: Assess the involvement of local employers in supporting these workforce development initiatives,	<p>Strategy E: Assess barriers to development and create a plan to address issues of TDRs.</p> <p>Strategy F: Identify locations and support mixed-use development projects, including accessible retail, housing, and dining. Act as an advocate for initiatives already underway or stalled due to process barriers.</p>	<p>Department of Communications and Media Relations</p>
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<div><div>including the number of businesses participating.</div><div><div>○ Participant Satisfaction: Conduct surveys or evaluations to gauge the satisfaction and feedback from apprentices and retrained workers regarding the quality and effectiveness of the programs.</div><div>● Strategy C:<div><div>○ Number of Businesses Identified: Quantify the number of women, minority-owned, or historically underserved businesses identified.</div><div>○ Incentive Program Participation: Track the participation of minority or vulnerable population businesses in Department sponsored programs (i.e., grants, workshops and marketing campaigns).</div><div>○ Feedback from Businesses: Conduct surveys or interviews with supported businesses to collect feedback and assess the</div></div></div></div></div>		
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<p>effectiveness and satisfaction with the programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategy D:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Number of Opportunities Presented to County Administrator’s Office: Measure the number of potential public-private partnership contacts and the discussions initiated.• Strategy E:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Barriers Identification Document the specific development barriers in the area.○ Plan Development: Track progress on creating a plan to address the identified barriers, including clear objectives and action steps.○ Development Project Approvals: Track the number of development projects that have gained approval as a result of the barriers being addressed, and assess the economic impact of these projects.• Strategy F:		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Number of Mixed-Use Projects: Track the number of mixed-use development projects that receive approvals and permits, including any that were previously stalled. ○ Investment Value: Measure the total investment value secured for supported mixed-use projects, which includes financial investments, grants, and other resources. ○ Economic Impact: Evaluate the economic impact of the mixed-use developments, such as increased revenue, job creation, and enhanced property values. 		
<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Outcome 2: Tourism – Promote continued visitation to Calvert County while expanding and diversifying its audience base</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy A: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Number of Linkage Opportunities Identified: 	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Strategy A: Identify opportunities for linkages between existing and potential tourism hubs in the Southern Maryland region, especially tourism strategies that include opportunities with the statewide Maryland Department of Tourism. Linkage opportunities may include joint digital marketing campaigns, the creation of unique business/destination trails, opportunities to deliver regional programs, and more.</p>	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Department of Economic Development Department of Parks & Rec Department of Public Works Calvert Attractions Calvert Municipalities Bicycle Infrastructure Advisory Committee</p>

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<p>Quantify the number of potential opportunities for linkages between tourism hubs in the Southern Maryland region and the Maryland Department of Tourism.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Collaborative Marketing Campaigns: Measure the number and success of joint digital marketing campaigns and partnerships with tourism hubs and the Maryland Department of Tourism.○ Unique Business/Destination Trails: Track the number of unique business or destination trails currently in place and created, as well as their popularity and utilization.○ Participation in Statewide Programs: Determine the number of tourism programs in which Calvert County participates in through linkages with the Maryland Department of Tourism.	<p>Strategy B: Invite businesses to collaborate on weekend and day trip itineraries that showcase the county's capacity to host visitors for longer trips with various attractions and activities.</p> <p>Strategy C: Identify opportunities for locally owned restaurants to locate or expand in tourism centers. Emphasize walkability between restaurants and tourism sites, retail, and hotels: create a space with small-town charm that you would want to visit.</p> <p>Strategy D: Pursue downtown revitalization projects that promote walkability and placemaking in town centers and advocate for these items to be included in Master Plan updates and other strategic plans for Calvert's municipalities. List the top three revitalization projects, prioritize them, and develop a plan to start the first project.</p>	<p>Maryland Destination Marketing Organization Association</p> <p>Maryland Office of Tourism Development</p> <p>Maryland State Highway Administration</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Visitor Numbers: Track the number of visitors to the region.● Strategy B:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Number of Collaborations Established: Quantify the number of collaborations formed with local businesses to create weekend and day trip itineraries.○ Attraction Inclusions: Track the variety and number of attractions and activities included in the itineraries.○ Visitor Feedback: Collect and analyze feedback from visitors who followed the itineraries to assess their satisfaction and suggestions for improvement.● Strategy C:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Number of Businesses Identified: Quantify the number of locally owned restaurants that have been identified as potential partners for locating or expanding in tourism centers.		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Walkability Enhancements: Assess the improvements made to create a more walkable environment between restaurants, tourism sites, retail, and hotels, such as pedestrian-friendly pathways, signage, and lighting.● Strategy D:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Identify and Prioritize the Top Three Revitalization Projects: The three projects based on criteria such as community impact, economic feasibility, readiness for implementation, and alignment with strategic goals.○ Monitoring and Evaluation: Development completion, foot traffic, business revenue growth, and visitor feedback.○ Project Approval: Track the number of revitalization projects that receive official approval and funding.		
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<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Outcome 3: Agriculture – Produce Agricultural programs that increase productivity, improve food security, and promote economic opportunities leading to improved livelihoods for farmers and their families.</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategy A:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Participation Rate: Measure the number of agricultural businesses that actively participate in the virtual sales and other e-commerce opportunities.○ Training and Resources: Track the number of training sessions, workshops, or resources provided to help agricultural businesses utilize e-commerce effectively.• Strategy B:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Land Areas Identified: Quantify the number of specific land areas identified for preservation to maintain the rural character of the county.	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Strategy A: Support technologically innovative initiatives such as the virtual farmer’s market and other opportunities to link agricultural businesses to e-commerce.</p> <p>Strategy B: Support County initiatives and partnerships with land trust organizations to preserve certain land areas that keep the rural feel of the County intact.</p> <p>Strategy C: Increasing access to healthy and nutritious food for all community members.</p> <p>Action Item 1: Establish a strong knowledge of local Farmers Markets through various advertising initiatives.</p> <p>Action Item 2: Establish a Farm to School Program with implementation partner, Calvert County Public Schools.</p>	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Department of Economic Development Calvert County Farm Bureau Maryland Destination Marketing Organization Association Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission Calvert County Farmers Market Association Calvert County Public Schools</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Partnership Formation: Measure the number of partnerships established with land trust organizations or other stakeholders to facilitate land preservation.● Strategy C:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Number of Advertising Initiatives: Quantify the number of advertising initiatives launched to promote local farmers markets.○ Advertising Reach: Measure the reach of advertising campaigns, including the number of impressions, website visits, social media engagements, and other relevant metrics.○ Public Awareness: Assess the level of public awareness and knowledge of local farmers markets through surveys or community feedback.○ Vendor Engagement: Measure the number of vendors participating in farmers markets.		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Number of Participating Schools: Quantify the number of schools that participate in the Farm to School Program. ○ Volume of Local Food Procured: Track the amount of local, healthy food procured and integrated into school meals. 		
<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Outcome 4: Improve the economy, appearance, and image of Calvert County's downtown business districts.</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan Alignment: Measure the completion of tasks necessary to ensure alignment, such as zoning updates or policy changes. • Task Force Formation and Meeting: Establishment of a task force or committee. Set a schedule for task force meetings and track their adherence to the schedule. • Assessment Completion: Completion of the comprehensive 	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Strategy A: Pursue Main Street Maryland Program official designation as a state-recognized Main Street.</p> <p>Action Item 1: Align with the updated Prince Frederick Town Center Master Plan.</p> <p>Action Item 2: Establish a task force or committee that will work to meet the designation requirements and guide the application process for the designation.</p> <p>Action Item 3: Conduct a comprehensive assessment of the Main Street area, evaluating specific criteria to ensure compliance with the designation requirements. These criteria include population evaluation, assessment of program manager feasibility, the impact of the designation, analysis of business activity, evaluation of investments made, and identification of improvements needed.</p> <p>Action Item 4: Request technical assistance from the Main Street Maryland Program to research and plan for designation application.</p>	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Department of Economic Development</p> <p>Department of Planning & Zoning</p> <p>Department of Public Works</p> <p>Department of Community Resources</p> <p>Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Minority Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>County business associations</p>

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<p>assessment of the Main Street area, addressing specific criteria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compliance with Designation Criteria: Completion of Main Street area evaluation against specific designation criteria, noting areas of compliance and non-compliance.• Recommendations for Improvement: Completion of Identification process listing specific improvements needed based on the assessment, with a clear plan for addressing these needs.• Technical Assistance Received: Measure the support and guidance received from the Main Street Maryland Program in preparation for designation application.• Stakeholder Participation: Track engagement efforts with local businesses and community stakeholders, such as surveys, workshops, or public meetings.• Collaborative Initiatives: Track specific collaborative efforts launched as a result of stakeholder engagement.• Designation Application Submission: Submission of the Main Street Maryland Program designation application.	<p>Action Item 5: Engage local businesses and community stakeholders in a collaborative effort to support downtown revitalization initiatives and gather input for the Main Street Maryland designation application</p>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official Designation: Attain official recognition as a state-recognized Main Street by the Main Street Maryland Program. 		
<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Outcome 5: Create a main street feel in Town</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track commercial space in Town Review areas for possible commercial expansion to create a main street feel consistent with the Town's updated Comprehensive Plan 	<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Strategy A: Adopted the 2040 comprehensive plan update that includes rezoning several sections along the entrance to Town to serve as a main street for commercial businesses.</p> <p>Strategy B: Define ways to attract businesses such as cafes to the center of the Town</p>	<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Chesapeake Beach Economic Development Commission Chesapeake Beach Business Alliance Group</p>
<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Outcome 6: Coordination between Town and Commercial activity to provide support to local businesses.</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate conversation with the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce and local businesses to create a business roundtable to discuss ways the Town can support businesses and the ways businesses 	<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Strategy A: Participate in a local business alliance group to further understand how the Town and local Town businesses can work together in support of a healthy and vibrant community.</p> <p>Strategy B: Engage participation from local businesses to join the Taste the Beaches event at the center of Town to market local businesses.</p> <p>Strategy C: Ensure that the Fishing Creek channel remains open for the Town's economic vitality and waterman activities. One of our longstanding businesses, Abner's Crab house, crabs over 600 crab pots a day and maintains close to 10 acres of oyster aquacultural acres in</p>	<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Chesapeake Beach Economic Development Commission Chesapeake Beach Business Alliance Group Calvert County Chamber of Commerce</p>

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<p>can also support a sense of community in Chesapeake Beach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold an annual Taste the Beaches event and attract 2,500+ guests to the center of the Town • Develop amenities for recreational boaters at the six public boat ramps to continue to provide this free access to all Marylanders 	<p>the Bay. The channel is home to over 5,000 Maryland recreational boaters a year as it is some of the best fishing grounds in the area.</p> <p>Action Item 1: Advocate for the completion of the jetty wall improvements by the US Army Corps of Engineers to reduce the channel from filling in with material</p> <p>Action Item 2: Remove the dredge yield from the Dredge Material Placement site to prepare for future dredging activities</p>	
<p>North Beach</p> <p>Outcome 7: The Town of North Beach will continue to contribute, invest, educate the art community and small businesses.</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host art sculpture contests for the Mark R. Frazer Sunrise Garden • Host/publish new sustainability program 	<p>North Beach</p> <p>Strategy A: Continue beautification along the waterfront to make the area attractive for residents and guests through the rotation of the Art and Sculpture at the Mark R Frazer Sunrise Garden.</p> <p>Strategy B: Continue to search for areas or buildings or partner with building owners that could be used for sites of a small business incubator that would grow businesses, vitality, local organization, design, promotion and sustainability.</p> <p>Strategy C: Create and Develop a program towards sustainability for businesses that encourage smart sustainable practices for their businesses.</p>	<p>North Beach</p> <p>Town of North Beach Mayor and Town Council Town of North Beach Staff Town of North Beach Environmental Commission</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
Calvert County Government <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Increased pedestrian connectivity throughout each Town Center.● Upgrade in public transit dispatch software to create greater operational efficiency.● Improvements to the Route 4 Corridor in the center of Prince Frederick consist of additional travel lanes, including dedicated bicycle lanes and sidewalks, which provide heightened pedestrian accessibility.● Solomons – Upgraded sidewalks enhancing pedestrian, bicycle, and alternative transportation accessibility.● Completion of the Dunkirk and Prince Frederick Bikeways Feasibility Study● EV (Electronic Vehicle) Chargers have been installed and are slated for use at multiple publicly owned and accessible locations throughout the Dunkirk, Lusby, and Prince Frederick Town Centers.● Calvert County has acquired multiple rights of way from private landowners to facilitate the establishment a public trail system along the Baltimore/Drum Point railroad bed in Prince Frederick. Chesapeake Beach <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Established a Town walkable community advisory group that created a master walkability plan that sets the foundation for improved walkability in Town.	Calvert County Government <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Sporadic deficiencies in the Town Center sidewalk networks● Sections of MD Route 2/4 need to be modernized along the northern and southern portions of the Town of Prince Frederick to align with the center upgraded section.● Calvert County does not possess a comprehensive bicycle and trail plan to direct implementation of future pedestrian or alternative transportation opportunities. Chesapeake Beach <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Several unsafe areas remain in Town and require coordination with other jurisdictions to make improvements.

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North Beach <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bike Path along Bay Avenue• Increase in walking trails in Wetlands Overlook Park	North Beach <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continuation of Bike Path into Anne Arundel County to connect communities• Construction of walking path from North Beach to Anne Arundel County	
Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
Calvert County Government Outcome 1: Initiate Comprehensive Bike/Trail Plan Progress Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approved scope of work for contracted services• Signed contract with vendor	Calvert County Government Strategy A: Planning and Zoning will coordinate with Parks & Recreation, Public Works, and consultants to create a comprehensive plan linking appropriate trails and alternative transportation infrastructure. Action Item 1: Establish a trail-focused task force/team comprised of interdepartmental county agencies, municipal and regional agencies and develop a resource sharing agreement. Action Item 2: The inter-departmental team will meet to discuss potential additional partners, grant opportunities, a Trails/Bike plan clearinghouse and next steps. The inter-departmental team will hold inter-departmental meetings as necessary throughout the process. Action Item 3: The inter-departmental team will conduct outreach to the Town of Chesapeake Beach, the Town of North Beach, land trusts and other interested parties to coordinate efforts and resources. Action Item 4: The inter-departmental team will identify and create an inventory of grant funding opportunities and prepare grant applications per deadlines.	Calvert County Government Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) Department of Planning and Zoning Department of Parks and Recreation Department of Public Works Consultants

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	<p>Action Item 5: The inter-departmental team will create a clearinghouse of existing resources (i.e., programs, regulations, the Calvert County Comprehensive Plan, park, trail, and bikeway-related plans, existing dedicated trails, land trust holdings, etc.) that may contribute towards informing the contents of the Bike/Trail Plan.</p> <p>Action Item 6: The inter-departmental team will prepare a scope of work for contracted services, solicit RFPs, and select a vendor, contingent upon grant funding.</p> <p>Action Item 7: Once grant funding is awarded, the inter-departmental team will seek BOCC approval, accept grant award, and commence plan preparation with the selected vendor.</p>	
<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Outcome 2: Transit Transfer Station</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase transfer rate by 10% within the first 2 years of new transfer station operations. 	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Strategy A: Community Resources shall work with Public Works and Planning & Zoning to determine the optimal location for establishing a Transit Transfer Station.</p> <p>Action Item 1: Narrow location to 5 possible locations in Prince Frederick. Deliverable will be a needs assessment and selection study to determine preferred site location, in written and graphic format by December 31, 2023.</p> <p>Action Item 2: Site Development & NEPA Study by July 1, 2024</p> <p>Action Item 3: Design & Engineering by July 1, 2025</p> <p>Action Item 4: Construction Completion December 31, 2026</p>	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Department of Community Resources</p> <p>Department of Public Works</p> <p>Department of Planning and Zoning</p> <p>Department of Economic Development</p> <p>Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)</p>
<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Outcome 3: Safe walkways on major roadways</p>	<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Strategy A: Establish a safe crossing at RT 260/RT 261</p>	<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA)</p>

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<p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete a Safe Routes to School SRTS project for the 100% design of sidewalks from Beach Elementary School to the southern portions of Town that do not currently have safe walkways 	<p>Strategy B: Establish a safe crossing at RT 261 & Mears Ave</p> <p>Strategy C: Establish a safe crossing along RT 260 near the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department</p>	<p>Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)</p> <p>Chesapeake Beach Walkable Communities Committee</p>
<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Outcome 4: Establish further bikeways and trails</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create several walking paths looping around the Town that take pedestrians to our green team community gardens, and pocket parks 	<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Strategy A: Expand the Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail</p> <p>Strategy B: At an access point to the northern side of Kellam's field</p>	<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Chesapeake Beach Walkable Communities Committee</p>
<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Outcome 5: Enhance pedestrian safety.</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate with SHA MDOT for the improvement to pedestrian safety to include upgrading to continental crosswalks and overhead pedestrian safety signs and submitted a feasibility study for a safe crossing on RT 261 on the east side 	<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Strategy A: Engage SHA MDOT on safety concerns at several intersections in Town.</p> <p>Strategy B: Implement the addition of art components to reduce speed.</p> <p>Strategy C: Expand the 30% design of the safe walkway along RT 261 on the east side of the sidewalk.</p>	<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Chesapeake Beach Walkable Communities Committee</p> <p>State Highway</p>

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North Beach Outcome 6: Continue to seek alternative methods to encourage walking, riding bikes, and people moving systems that will bring people to the area and provide exercise to residents and visitors. Progress Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Install kayak launching ramps from the Town’s pier and install kayak storage racks• Pursue grant funding to create walking and biking trails in the Town	North Beach Strategy A: Continue to seek additional ways to boats through water ways transportation methods with use of kayaks, boats or a ferry systems to allow for passenger travel. Strategy B: Develop walking trails around the town. Strategy C: Encourage and develop a bicycle paths that expand existing paths to Anne Arundel County and expand to Chesapeake Beach Strategy D: Elevate the walkway to allow for access during flooding Strategy E: Design, Develop or explore people moving systems such as different modes of transportation such as buses, rental bikes, rental scooters, mini-bus, trolleys, tour buses and more.	North Beach Town of North Beach Anne Arundel County Town of Chesapeake Beach North Beach Department of Public Works Mayor and Council of North Beach Calvert County Government

Housing

This section focuses on the homes in which people in your community live and efforts which 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
<p>Calvert County Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increased # MAP Coordinators and Aging Case Managers to support seniors/disabled adults ● Most of the rental stock is relatively new (built since 2000) ● Increase in project-based rental housing vouchers for special populations ● Encourages homeownership through House Keys 4 Employees program ● Increased livability improvements and reduction in energy costs for homeowners made possible through the Healthy Homes program ● Increased rates of homeownership ● Residential vacancies are low <p>Chesapeake Beach</p>	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Growing % of vulnerable renters and homeowners (aging population) ● Increasing rents and cost-burden rates ● Some affordable housing communities outside of the town centers ● Shortage of affordable housing units (30% AMI) ● Very high-income levels for some of the population (coupled with homeownership rates) limit potential state and federal program investments ● More than 50% of renters in Calvert County spend more than 30% on housing costs ● Shortage of crisis, short and long-term supportive housing options for individuals with behavioral health issues or chronic homelessness ● Homeowners on fixed incomes (disabled/seniors) in aging homes have difficulty funding major repairs/upgrades to septic, well, stormwater repairs, tree removal, etc. ● Improvements needed in housing conditions <p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Diversified kinds of housing opportunities

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primarily owner-occupied housing in Town 		
<div> <div> North Beach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to monitor rental properties through the Rental Housing program Continue to monitor Vacation Rental Homes through Board of Appeals Process </div> <div> North Beach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Properties do not register with the Town Hall when they are converted from a primary property to a rental property either long-term or short-term Properties require inspections and the inspection officer's time is limited </div> </div>		
Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
Calvert County Government Outcome 1: Addressing blight or major repair needs of homeowners and affordable housing development through extended use agreements or available grants Progress Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 95% of affordable housing units remain occupied for at least 90% of the year (Strategy A) 90% of homeowners receiving assistance can remain in their home for at least one year (Strategy B) 	Calvert County Government Strategy A: Apply for available state and federal funds to address major repairs to affordable housing developments Strategy B: Develop a Homeowner Revitalization Program (drawing on available federal and state grants)	Calvert County Government Housing Authority of Calvert County Department of Community Resources Department of Planning & Zoning Southern MD Tri-County Community Action, Inc. Calvert Affordable Housing Alliance Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development
Chesapeake Beach Outcome 2: Improve housing conditions	Chesapeake Beach Strategy A: Decrease uninhabitable properties in Town	Chesapeake Beach Town code enforcement

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<p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partner with developers to make upgrades and retrofits to existing fire suppression systems for life safety coordinating expertise with the local fire department	<p>Strategy B: Inspect properties to ensure living conditions are safe and appropriate for rental properties before licensing rentals in the Town.</p>	<p>Code enforcement professional groups</p>
<p>North Beach</p> <p>Outcome 3: Continue the Town livability Code through monitoring rental properties.</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updated Livability Code	<p>North Beach</p> <p>Strategy A: The Town of North Beach will continue the monitoring of the Livability Code for all properties in North Beach, placing close attention to rental properties. Rental properties require a license and inspection, which must meet certain requirements.</p>	<p>North Beach</p> <p>Town of North Beach</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): 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 environment, indoor spaces, 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
Calvert County Government <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Calvert County, Chesapeake Beach, and North Beach have long had strong ties to the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, enjoying associated maritime and waterfront traditions and - in many cases - livelihoods.• There are substantial lengths of shoreline within the Sustainable• Communities designated areas, including public parks and fishing piers, available to the public.• Rich historic infrastructure and character.• Solomons is home to the Calvert Marine Museum.• Solomons is home to Annmarie Garden.• Chesapeake Beach is home to the Chesapeake Railway Museum.• Large civic involvement from business associations and Fire/Rescue Squads.• Large quantity of places of worship.• Vibrant community centers located in the Prince Frederick Town Center	Calvert County Government <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of public water access.• Lack of trail connections.• Rural nature of the area creates infrastructure difficulties, such as the lack of water/sewer connectivity.• Lack of public art.• Opioid problems are prevalent.• Adolescent and young adult violence on the rise• Limited competitive funding for homeless prevention services• Limited placement options for crisis homeless cases (shelter full, limited supportive housing options, case management capacity)

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- (Harriet E. Brown Community Center), the Lusby Town Center (Southern Community Center), and Chesapeake Beach (Northeast Community Center. All are operated by Calvert County's Department of Parks & Recreation.
- The County's only indoor aquatic facility is in the Prince Frederick Town Center (Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center).
- Senior Centers are in the Prince Frederick Town Center, Lusby Town Center, and North Beach.
- Calvert Library is located in Prince Frederick with satellite locations in Solomons, Chesapeake Beach, and near the Dunkirk Town Center in Owings. A new location in the Twin Beaches will come online during this cycle.
- Health & wellness collaborations between Calvert County Public Schools, Calvert County Government, CalvertHealth, and Calvert Heath Department.
- The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation offers programs in all areas addressing health & wellness, serving youth, seniors, and those with a disability.
- Collaborative partnerships between homeless prevention programs, i.e., Homeless Services Board engagement
- Strong HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) involvement and triage approach to high-risk cases
- ERAP and CARES/ARPA Funding to support additional rental assistance, homeless outreach and case management, and emergency sheltering. Funding supported growing engagement and resource support for landlords and Sheriff's Office.

Chesapeake Beach

- Active group of citizen advisory committees focused on health and reduction of opioid

Chesapeake Beach

- Resources are obtained through coordination and are not housed within the Town; however, the Town has established great

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased community gardens and sitting areas, and activity areas for all ages <p>North Beach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town has created passive parks for residents and visitors to enjoy Parks proximity are related to the Chesapeake Bay Construction of the Twin Beach Library Branch is estimated to be completed in March 2023 The Town continues to operate the Bayside History Museum Construction of the North Beach Nature Center 	<p>partnerships with local nonprofits, government agencies, and partners to bring programs to residents.</p> <p>North Beach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of outdoor recreational facilities for seniors Lack of affordable housing
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Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Outcome 1: Enhance Services and Facilities</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results seen from customer service surveys Analysis of number of events permitted Analysis of field usage numbers Analysis and update to recreation programming matrix Projects requested and funded in capital improvement plan and capital outlay budgets Completion of ADA accessibility plan 	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Strategy A: Establish and utilize customer satisfaction surveys for all facilities and programs with annual analysis of results.</p> <p>Strategy B: Develop a plan for consistency and efficacy of park informational and wayfinding signage.</p> <p>Strategy C: Increase the quality, playability, and safety of the playing surfaces throughout the parks through better drainage, irrigation, specialized equipment, and properly trained staff.</p> <p>Strategy D: Provide more opportunities for modern day sports enthusiasts such as Pickleball, futsal, e-sports, cycling, and more.</p> <p>Strategy E: Explore opportunities for more year around activities and amenities.</p>	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Department of Parks & Recreation Community Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Department of Community Resources Department of Public Works Various service contracts</p>

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	<p>Strategy F: Continue to implement a plan to install and upgrade outdoor lighting structures throughout parks to increase playability.</p> <p>Strategy G: Assess accessibility for program opportunities for participants of all ability levels and develop an accommodation plan.</p> <p>Strategy H: Develop a master plan for bike and pedestrian trails.</p> <p>Strategy I: Expand water-based activities and program opportunities throughout the department</p> <p>Strategy J: Research and develop programming for cultural activities and regional trends for diverse programming opportunities.</p>	
<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Outcome 2: Further Enhance Our Engaged Community</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of social media analytics • Analysis of objectives met in marketing & outreach plan • Analyze number of public meetings held • Record all volunteer hours • Analysis and update to recreation programming matrix • Results seen from customer surveys 	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Strategy A: Continue to increase and enhance the quality of social media presence.</p> <p>Strategy B: Further develop and expand marketing efforts to expand reach throughout Calvert County and regionally to better inform the public.</p> <p>Strategy C: Provide more opportunities for the public to interact with County Parks & Recreation staff.</p> <p>Strategy D: Utilize an integrated service delivery model that creates and sustains a user base that drives program attendance and improves staffing.</p>	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Department of Parks & Recreation Division of Communications and Media Relations Department of Community Resources Community Parks & Recreation Advisory Board</p>

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	<p>Strategy E: Improve the volunteer experience within Parks & Recreation by defining roles, skills needed/required, evaluation, and recognition, and ensure that volunteers are seen as authentic department representatives.</p> <p>Strategy F: Develop a comprehensive survey for customers that are more specific, measurable, and attainable across Parks & Recreation Department.</p>	
<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Outcome 3: Meet Present & Future Needs of Community through Parks & Recreation Services</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results seen from customer surveys • Record and analyze number of events permitted • Analysis of field usage numbers • Analysis and update to recreation programming matrix • Projects requested and funded in capital improvement plan and capital outlay budgets 	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Strategy A: Develop a priority list for updates to remaining park master plans and begin implementation of updating plans.</p> <p>Strategy B: Produce an optimum mix of programming that provides for the community's recreation needs, creating lifelong participants.</p> <p>Strategy C: Make progress on the implementation of the Harriet E. Brown Park Master Plan</p> <p>Strategy D: Replace and repair aging boardwalks, piers, and decks.</p> <p>Strategy E: Update Therman Gray Scholarship Program criteria for expanded community accessibility and awareness.</p>	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Community Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Parks & Recreation Advisory Board</p>
<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Outcome 4: Expanding support for chronic homeless individuals</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p>	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Strategy A: Acquire and renovate a Prince Frederick town center facility to serve as an inclement weather shelter and homeless day service programming space.</p>	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Maryland Department of Housing & Community On Our Own of Calvert County Lifestyles of Maryland, Inc.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 95% of homeless in encampments engaged in receiving case management services 80% of homeless in encampments participate in day program services 		Calvert County Health Department Local Behavioral Health Authority Department of Community Resources Homeless Services Board Continuum of Care Maryland Balance of State
Calvert County Government Outcome 5: Improving Domestic Violence Programs service quality. Progress Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% of domestic violence victims referred to services 80% of sheltered individuals transferred to housing with a safety plan 	Calvert County Government Strategy A: Transitioning the current Domestic Violence Program and Shelter to a new vendor	Calvert County Government Calvert County Health Department Calvert County Commission for Women State's Attorney's Office Department of Social Services Continuum of Care Safe Harbor, Inc. Various service contracts
Chesapeake Beach Outcome 6: Improve access for seniors to low-impact workout spaces. Progress Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of a low-impact workout space at Kellam's field 	Chesapeake Beach Strategy A: Install low-impact workout equipment. Strategy B: Partner with Calvert County Department of Parks and Recreation to provide programs for activity at the new location	Chesapeake Beach Department of Parks and Recreation

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<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Outcome 7: Community outreach programs related to health and wellness</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host an annual Health Fair engaging 40+ community health and wellness partners • Host community walks on the railway trail to include the BecomeOne Project for suicide awareness and mental health 	<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Strategy A: Hold an annual health fair</p> <p>Strategy B: Hold a bike ride or 5 k</p> <p>Strategy C: Hold a basketball tournament/competition</p>	<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Calvert County Parks and Recreation CalvertHealth Medical Center Calvert County Health Department</p>
<p>North Beach</p> <p>Outcome 8: Construction of the North Beach Education and Nature Center</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host educational programs at the center • Document visitation to the center by individuals to demonstrate increase in attendance 	<p>North Beach</p> <p>Strategy A: With the completion of the North Beach Education and Nature center, the Town will now focus on potential education sessions to teach children, residents and guests of North Beach on how to become Stewards of the Chesapeake Bay.</p>	<p>North Beach</p> <p>Town of North Beach State of Maryland</p>
<p>North Beach</p> <p>Outcome 9: Study and Design a parking plan</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p>	<p>North Beach</p> <p>Strategy A: The Town of North Beach would like explore options to conduct, study and design a parking plan in North Beach. North Beach is a small, beach town with the influx of guests in the summer months. It</p>	<p>North Beach</p> <p>Town of North Beach Mayor and City Council Calvert County Government State of Maryland</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create one-way streets to accommodate additional parking	is imperative a solid plan is in place to preserve parking for town residents.	

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	
Calvert County Government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural landscapes Land preservation policies Growth management strategies Geography (Water Access) Proximity to Washington, DC Metro Area Proximity to Patuxent River Naval Air Station Chesapeake Beach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated Town comprehensive plan Updated Town zoning map Updated Town land use table North Beach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated Town Comprehensive Plan Updated Town Zoning Ordinance Updated Town Zoning Map 		Calvert County Government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historic growth patterns Transportation (geographic restraints) Dated Town Center Master Plans for Dunkirk and Prince Frederick Chesapeake Beach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outsourced planning and zoning guidance with limited in-house planning and zoning staff resources. North Beach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outsourced the updating of Comprehensive Plan, additional assistance may be required for updating other zoning documents. 	
Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items		Implementation Partners
Calvert County Government	Calvert County Government		Calvert County Government

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<p>Outcome 1: Calvert County: Preserve Rural Character.</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised or amended ordinances and policies Goal of preserving 40,000 acres through the Priority Preservation Program, Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF), the Rural Legacy Program, the Maryland Environmental Trust, the county's TDR program, Purchase and Retirement (PAR), and Leveraging and Retirement (LAR).. 	<p>Strategy A: Land preservation policies</p> <p>Action Item 1: Amend the zoning ordinance to include the one-mile radius of the Dunkirk, Owings, Huntingtown, and St. Leonard Town Centers that permits new residential development at an increased density through Transferable Development Rights (TDRs). By codifying the one-mile radius boundary for the Dunkirk, Owings, Huntingtown, and St. Leonard Town Centers, the intent is to preserve the county's rural character by encouraging commercial, retail, and institutional growth within these Town Centers and new residential development at an increased density within the one-mile radius of these Town Centers. Public water and sewer serve these areas.</p> <p>Action Item 2: Determine if allowing potential increased residential density through TDRs, located in the Rural Residential Zoning District is consistent with the county's policy to preserve rural character and encourage the location of new residential development within the one-mile radius of the Dunkirk, Owings, Huntingtown, and St. Leonard Town Centers. Consider revisions to the program.</p> <p>Action Item 3: Review and evaluate the Purchase and Retirement (PAR) and Leveraging and Retirement (LAR) Programs to assess future implementation strategies and incentivize the retirement of TDRs. Consider revisions to the programs.</p> <p>Strategy B: Direct growth to Town Centers and other designated growth areas</p>	<p>Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Planning Commission Economic Development Advisory Commission Planning & Zoning Department Economic Development Department Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board Calvert Farm Bureau</p>
<p>Calvert County Government</p>	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Strategy A: Adopt an updated master plan for the Prince Frederick Town Center.</p>	<p>Calvert County Government</p> <p>Department of Planning & Zoning</p>

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<p>Outcome 2: Calvert County: Update Town Center Master Plans for Prince Frederick and Dunkirk.</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 updated Town Center master plans: Prince Frederick and Dunkirk. 	<p>Action Item 1: The Department of Planning and Zoning will hire the consultant WPA USA to update the Prince Frederick Town Center Master Plan, including assisting with satisfying public participation requirements. The Department of Planning and Zoning, Long Range Planning Section will manage the contract and coordinate with inter-departmental staff, as required.</p> <p>Action Item 2: The Long Range Planning Section will coordinate with the Department of Communications and Media Relations to conduct public outreach via the Calvert County website, create PSAs and informational videos, and manage the virtual aspect of community and public meetings.</p> <p>Action Item 3: The Long Range Planning Section will work with the Department of Technology Service, GIS to create maps for the master plan update.</p> <p>Strategy B: Adopt an updated master plan for the Dunkirk Town Center.</p> <p>Action Item 1: The Department of Planning and Zoning, Long Range Planning Section will manage the Dunkirk Town Center Master Plan update and coordinate updates to chapters of the master plan with inter-departmental staff, including assisting with satisfying public participation requirements.</p> <p>Action Item 2: The Long Range Planning Section will coordinate with the Department of Communications and Media Relations to conduct public outreach via the Calvert County website, create PSAs and informational videos, and manage the virtual aspect of community and public meetings.</p> <p>Action Item 3: The Long Range Planning Section will work with the Department of Technology Service, GIS to create maps for the master plan update.</p>	<p>Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Planning Commission County Departments Local, regional, and state agencies</p>
<p>Chesapeake Beach</p>	<p>Chesapeake Beach</p>	<p>Chesapeake Beach</p>

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<p>Outcome 3: Ease the process for permitting</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release new software to provide ease of submitted permits to the Town • Migrate outsourced permitting resources to in house permitting resources to provide further assistance to residents and businesses who have questions related to permitting or the permitting process 	<p>Strategy A: Implement new permitting software</p> <p>Strategy B: Align staff resources to focus on assistance with permitting.</p> <p>Strategy C: Provide integrated tracking for permits with ease of public view</p>	<p>Department of Planning & Zoning Department of Public Works Calvert County Health Department</p>
<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Outcome 4: Housing consistency throughout Town</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement a new Housing and Compatibility standards ordinance and design standards for Town Houses to bring consistency to the housing styles in Town 	<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Strategy A: Implement housing design standards.</p>	<p>Chesapeake Beach</p> <p>Department of Planning & Zoning Department of Public Works</p>
<p>North Beach</p> <p>Outcome 5: Home, equality, and livability standards</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p>	<p>North Beach</p> <p>Strategy A. Implement new billing software for water accounts which permits can be incorporated into.</p> <p>Strategy B: Train additional staff to assist with scheduling inspections.</p>	<p>North Beach</p> <p>North Beach Planning Commission Calvert County Government</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">Updated water billing system that incorporates permits	Strategy C: Update Chapters of the Zoning Ordinance where required.	Maryland Department of Planning

SECTION C - 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) **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.

Calvert County Government - Accomplishment 1:

Outcome: Constructed or upgraded transportation, public water, public sewerage, and solid waste infrastructure essential for Calvert County citizens and the economy, explored the management of stormwater waste BMP and other hard-to-manage waste.

Projects: The following infrastructure has been constructed or upgraded within the past five (5) years:

Prince Frederick:

- Added new water lines to loop several areas of the Prince Frederick system to increase reliability as part of the Prince Frederick Water line improvement project.
- Added Beechtree Sewer Pump Station.
- Upgraded Chapline Sewer Pump Station.
- Recoated South Prince Frederick water tower.
- Recoated North Prince Frederick water tower.
- Lined an integral sewer line across Route 4 on Dares Beach Road (Dares Beach Road to Walmart).
- Replaced critical aging force main sewer line on Main Street.
- Improved and widened existing Fairgrounds Road.
- Restabilized and repaired a section of Clay Hammond Road after Tropical Storm Isaias.
- Restabilized and repaired an area in Simmons Ridge development from severe erosion.

Dunkirk:

- Helped upgrade Ward Farm Recreation and Nature Park.

Lusby:

- Replaced Southern Pines Sewer Pump Station.
- Performed significant overhauls of both leachate pumping stations.

Solomons:

- Major pumping station overhaul at Solomons Headworks
- Lined gravity sewer main and rehabbed manholes on Solomons Island from the causeway to Charles Street
- Repaved and relined Solomons Island
- Replaced and improved sidewalks and crosswalks on Solomons Island
- Improved and widened Dowell Road

The Solid Waste Division provides bi-annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection events for Calvert County residents. Residents can dispose of hard-to-manage waste at these events, including oil-based paints, solvents, pesticide/herbicides, household chemicals, mercury-containing devices, medications, ammunition, and more.

Partners: Citizens of Calvert County, Maryland Department of the Environment, Commercial Development Community, Calvert County Board of County Commissioners, Clean Harbors: Environmental and Industrial Services

Impact: The benefits of providing public infrastructure include, but are not limited to:

- Improved, safer access for pedestrians, bicycles, cars, and emergency vehicles.
- Provided improved stormwater management systems to manage proper drainage.
- Protected citizens' health, property, air, and environment.
- Improved the quality and volume of drinking water.
- Citizens can dispose of hazardous wastes in an environmentally responsible manner.

Calvert County Government - Accomplishment 2:

Outcome: Enhanced economic competitiveness through improved marketing of unique events and activities.

Projects:

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- Distributed several million dollars in grant funds due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Calvert County Government was the pass-through agency for many federal and state grant funds opened due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Department of Economic Development served as the liaison for grant opportunities for the business community.
- Developed several driving trails to promote increased cooperation between local businesses/attractions and encourage citizens and visitors to frequent local businesses. The Department of Economic Development organized multiple new trails, including the award-winning birding trail in coordination with Calvert County Parks & Recreation, to encourage local businesses and attractions to partner to promote one another as a part of a larger “trail.” This project also encouraged citizens and visitors to visit several businesses/attractions to complete the trail.
- Coordinated the inaugural Christmas on Main Street initiative to bring the feeling of the holidays to the local community. Calvert County Government organized a community event to encourage community among local citizens, businesses, and government officials. The event was well attended and will be built on in the following years to make it an annual program hosted on Main Street.
- Buying local is easy with an abundance of fresh food from Calvert County’s farmers, agri-businesses and watermen. Patrons can find local produce, meat, bedding plants (vegetables and herbs) and a bounty of other offerings. The Calvert County Farmers Market Association offers “producers only” markets in Prince Frederick, Dunkirk and Lusby. All vegetables, fruits, herbs, tree nuts, meats, flowers, plants and other products sold at the markets must be grown or produced by a local farmer or vendor.

Partners: Calvert County Departments of Economic Development, Finance & Budget, Communications & Media Relations, County Administrators Office, County Attorney’s Office, BOCC Office, Calvert County Parks & Recreation, Community Resources, Calvert County Office on Aging, Calvert Pines Senior Center, Calvert High Chorus, Hidden Lake Christmas Tree Farm, Bulrushes Café, Calvert Garden Club, local businesses, local attractions

Impact:

- The distribution of COVID-19 grant funds to the local business community helped sustain business operations, such as payroll, rent, and utility payments, during forced business closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Once businesses could reopen, later grant rounds provided businesses with funds to upgrade their equipment, software, etc., to accommodate changes in business operations, like providing carry-out or online food ordering.
- Increased cooperation among local businesses/attractions and increased visitors to trail stops.
- The Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA) recognized the new Calvert County Birding Trail as an “inspiring cooperative COVID-era project” that other communities across the state of Maryland might like to replicate to promote to their residents and visitors.
- Promoted the small-town charm contributing to the quality of life that makes Calvert County unique.
- From 2019 -2022 hosted 2,991 events in Calvert County (based on the tourism calendar).
- Tourism visitor counts from the major County attractions:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
JAN	13,072	8,921	16,848	21,836	11,767
FEB	15,211	10,996	20,418	12,203	24,532
MAR	21,322	19,087	12,991	33,901	30,799
APR	35,151	36,657	20,577	37,254	49,841
MAY	39,326	38,634	35,527	44,453	49,285
JUN	65,634	67,154	34,843	62,647	59,100
JUL	75,774	80,443	39,290	66,945	67,555
AUG	73,193	76,619	38,189	54,372	57,835
SEP	41,753	43,135	32,591	46,469	46,480
OCT	31,980	36,494	29,949	45,268	38,623
NOV	16,204	19,536	28,625	34,935	28,632
DEC	33,231	44,181	44,186	51,335	54,808
TOTAL	461,851	481,857	354,034	511,618	519,257

- Farmers participating in the county farmer’s markets:

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
13	24	16	16	10

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Calvert County Government - Accomplishment 3:

Outcome: Decreased the percentage of residents paying more than 30% on housing costs

Projects:

- Housing Authority of Calvert County applied for and received ten additional mainstream vouchers and five housing choice vouchers.
- Housing Authority of Calvert County coordinated with a developer to bring 65 affordable, LIHTC-funded units (30, 50, and 60% AMI) at the new Calvert Hills development at 395 Elizabeth Drive, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

Partners: Osprey Development, Housing Authority of Calvert County, DHCD, U.S. Treasury, HUD

Impact:

- 80 additional affordable units

Calvert County Government - Accomplishment 4:

Outcome: Enhanced existing services and facilities

Projects:

- CCPR, in collaboration with Planning & Zoning, completed the 5-year Land Preservation, Parks & Recreation Plan (LPPRP) for Calvert County in 2022.
- The Department completed Master Plan for the Harriet E. Brown Community Center and Park for future development in 2022.
- Therapeutic Recreation Services collaborated with community organizations and departments in CCG to provide TR Healthy Lifestyles classes to young adults with disabilities.
- Recreation staff acted creatively to offer the community as many experiences as possible throughout the pandemic, including safe and socially distanced in-person events, the Get Out & Play modified summer camp program, and the Virtual Activity Center.
- Department staff worked collaboratively with Calvert County Health Department to safely allow sports participants to return to play, making Calvert County one of the first recreational leagues in the State to offer youth soccer during the pandemic.
- Aquatics increased the number of certified pool operator staff, offered multiple lifeguarding certification courses, and offered water fitness and swim lessons in response to demand.
- Department staff updated the Master Plan for Cove Point Park.
- Established walking trail with water view access at Solomons Town Center Park.
- The department expanded its Meadow Management program with controlled burns.
- BOCC adopted Chapter 82 of the Calvert County Code. The first time laws have been in place for parks & recreation facilities and programs.
- Hosted the first adult pickleball league due to the sport's growing popularity.
- Completed the construction of a new playground for Dunkirk District Park, the first in Calvert County to include custom pieces.
- Upgraded the tennis court lighting at Cove Point Park to LED.
- Repaired the big water slides at Cove Point water park.
- Retaining walls were installed at Cove Point Park Playground to reduce erosion.
- Lighting upgrades to Cove Point field 1.
- Repaved Solomons Boat Ramp.
- The department completed lighting projects at all 3 district parks.
- The department installed new park entry signage at seven parks.
- The department established 1st in-County hybrid playing surface at Solomons Town Center Park.
- Completed irrigation project at Solomons Town Center Park.
- Resurfaced Dunkirk District Park basketball courts
- Rebuilt all pitching mounds within the park system.
- Repaired and replaced all park perimeter fencing and backstops

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- Installed additional pickleball court lines at Cove Point Park.
- Completion of Solomons Boat Ramp project.

Partners: Calvert County Parks & Recreation, Calvert Health, ARC of Southern Maryland, The Center of Life Enrichment, The Connection, Calvert County Public Schools (Learning for Independence, Infants and Toddlers, Judy Center, Head Start), Linda Kelly Animal Shelter, The Pottery Patch

Impact:

- The Department received our CAPRA Accreditation at the NRPA National Conference in September 2022. CCPR is now one of only 183 accredited agencies nationwide and the fifth accredited agency in the state of Maryland.
- We held the County's inaugural Pickleball Tournament, hosting 184 matches over two days.
- 55 event permits issued
- Recreation Program Matrix updated in 2021
- 65 customer service survey responses
- 73,640 field reservations

Calvert County Government - Accomplishment 5:

Outcome: Developed Engaged Citizenry

Projects:

- Events & Marketing worked to increase engagement across all social media platforms. Facebook pages for Parks and Recreation, Chesapeake Hills Golf Course, Breezy Point Beach and Campground, and the Hall Aquatics Center total more than 19,000 followers.
- Parks & Recreation installed a new user interface for our WebTrac online registration software. The new interface allows customers to use mobile phones to register for our programs. It creates a user-friendly and easy-to-follow process for our customers for online registration.
- A mobile-friendly Water Access Map was launched to help paddlers, anglers, and others who enjoy the water discover other amenities around the different water access locations. This includes restaurants, accommodations, heritage sites, and other sites.
- Therapeutic Recreation staff cooperated with Calvert County Public Schools Special Education Department and other county early intervention services agencies to create a webinar entitled "Effective Collaboration: How Do the Pieces Fit Together?"
- Aquatics implemented an online reservation system for pool lanes and therapy pool use to comply with COVID-19 capacity restrictions and allow public access to water fitness opportunities.
- BOCC adopted Revenue & Fee Policy, Manual, and Fee Schedule; adopted Marketing & Outreach Plan; adopted Adopt-A-Park/Beach program.

Partners: Calvert County Parks & Recreation, Calvert County Public Schools

Impact:

- Marketing & Outreach Plan, adopted 2019, updated 2022
- Recreation Programming Matrix, updated 2021
- From 2019-2022, Natural Resources staff facilitated more than 733 public programs, reaching more than 9,813 participants.
- From 2019-2022, Calvert Steward volunteer program participants recorded 23,568 hours of service. The dollar value of this volunteerism is \$612,768.
- Assisted 31 individuals with Eagle Scout projects.

Calvert County Government - Accomplishment 6:

Outcome: Improved Opioid Services throughout the county

Projects:

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- Expanded treatment and counseling services from a small office in the community center to a new standalone Lusby Behavioral Health Facility, a former pediatrician office located at 11845 H G Trueman Rd, Lusby, MD 20657.
- CalvertHealth Medical Center's 2020 needs assessment ranks behavioral health as one of the most pressing issues in Calvert County. Lusby, Prince Frederick, and Chesapeake Beach are areas of greatest service demand.
- Calvert County Behavioral Health Rapid Response Team launched in March 2018 as more medication-assisted treatment providers became available. The team partners with the Sheriff's Office and EMS. Half of overdose victims are seen within 24 hours. As of 2022, Calvert is the third lowest per capita overdose fatality rate in MD.

Partners: Calvert County Department of Community Resources, Calvert County Health Department, Calvert County Behavioral Health;

Impact:

- Service access to behavioral health services in Lusby increased, resulting in transitioning a prescriber to site from 2 days/week to 4 days/week; and increasing therapists from two full-time to equivalent of 4 full-time and 2 part time.

Calvert County Government - Accomplishment 7:

Outcome: Preserved rural character

Projects:

- Calvert County Planning & Zoning Department led the county government's effort to update the Calvert County Comprehensive Plan, which had been updated/amended in 2010. After a multi-faceted public participation process, the Calvert County Planning Commission recommended that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the plan. The Board adopted the Comprehensive Plan in August 2019. In 2022, the Comprehensive Plan was amended by the Board to reduce or remove the future expansions of four of the designated Town Centers.
- The Planning & Zoning Department led the process of updating the Calvert County Transportation Plan. The Board adopted the updated plan in June 2020 and replaced the prior plan adopted in 1997.
- After adopting the Comprehensive Plan, the Planning Commission endorsed a three-phase process to update the seven Town Center master plans. Since 2020, two master plan updates have been initiated, Prince Frederick and Dunkirk. The first two public meetings for the Prince Frederick Town Center Master Plan Update were held in person. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the county developed new ways for residents, business owners, and other interested people to participate in the update process by changing the in-person format to a virtual format.
- In 2022, the Board of County Commissioners strengthened and expanded the county's adequate public facilities requirements. The Department of Planning & Zoning led the inter-department process to strengthen the adequacy requirements for roads and to include water and sewer; stormwater management; solid waste and recycling; fire, rescue, and emergency management services; and law enforcement services to the types of public facilities that are reviewed during the development review processes. Calvert County Government has increased its growth management capacity by expanding and strengthening the adequacy tests.

Partners: Calvert County Government, Planning & Zoning, Planning Commission, Citizens of Calvert County

Impact:

- The Calvert County Comprehensive Plan sets forth a goal to preserve 40,000 acres. The county comprises approximately 140,000 acres, so the goal is approximately 29% of the county's total acreage. In 2017, there were 27,702 acres preserved through county and state preservation programs. As of January 17, 2023, there were 32,187 acres preserved, which is 80% of the goal and 23% of the county's total acreage.
- The county government added a new option for its internationally-known agricultural preservation program. In 2021, the Board of County Commissioners adopted new regulations that establish a Development Rights Reserve "for the conservation of lands valuable to the heritage of Calvert County." (Ordinance 45-21)

Chesapeake Beach - Accomplishment 8:

Outcome: Over \$7M contributed to maintaining open access to the Fishing Creek Channel.

Projects:

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- Over the last five years, the Town has coordinated with State and Federal Partners to maintain open access to the Fishing Creek channel. The Fishing Creek channel is a vital economic driver to the Town, County, State, and the US. Activities included two partial dredges of the channel, two dredge material placement site rehabilitations, and one federal dredge.

Partners: US Navy, US Army Corps of Engineers, Maryland MDE, Maryland DNR.

Impact:

- A passable channel to over 30 commercial charter captains, the US Navy, and over 6000 Maryland recreational boaters who access the channel for free thanks to the support of the Town and Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Chesapeake Beach - Accomplishment 9:

Outcome: Provided continued education for the community on sustainable initiatives.

Projects:

- Initiatives over the last five years include rain barrel workshops open to the public, bay-wise certifications for community members, vine removal from trees to ensure their longevity, holding multiple outreach sessions to expand awareness of how to mitigate invasives, planted trees, planted native plants, started the process to become a Tree City by passing a resolution and forming a Tree Board.
- The Town held community clean-ups and paddle and pathway events in coordination with the Calvert County Parks and Recreation.

Partners: Seagrant, University of Maryland finance center, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Calvert County Parks and Rec Northeast community center

Impact:

- Further education for the public on how citizens can make a direct impact.

Chesapeake Beach - Accomplishment 10:

Outcome: Educating members of the public on the importance of a clean Chesapeake Bay. Directly improve the health of Chesapeake Bay.

Projects:

- Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society (CBOCS) held public sessions to build reef balls, deployed reef balls in the Bay, contributed over 900,000 new oysters in the Bay over the five years, educated over 7,500 Calvert County Public Schools children on the need for oysters to save our Bay and the importance of a Clean Bay, conducted water quality testing measures to monitor the health of the bay and survivability of the oysters placed in the Bay on Old Rock Reef.

Partners: Calvert County Public Schools, Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Impact:

- A clean Chesapeake Bay and an educated community for improved awareness of the importance of continuing this effort.

Chesapeake Beach - Accomplishment 11:

Outcome: Improved Coastal resiliency through established planning processes

Projects:

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- The Town was awarded a coastal resiliency grant from the State of Maryland which funded updates to the Town's GIS mapping to determine flooding impacts. The Town completed surveys to determine infrastructure at risk for flooding. The Town is outlining concerns with flooding through all lines that run to the Chesapeake Beach Water Reclamation Treatment Plant, including lines from Anne Arundel County, Calvert County, and the Town of North Beach. Progress can be found on the Town website linked [here](#).
- Buffer Gardens – The Town of Chesapeake Beach Green Team planted several buffer gardens throughout the town in areas that experience flooding to treat stormwater and prevent erosion.
- Completed a risk assessment with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to evaluate the need to install an additional access road to the Chesapeake Beach Water Reclamation Treatment Plant. The project identified the cost avoidance of over \$1M by installing a redundant emergency access road out of the flood plain to gain access to the 24/7 treatment plant for deliveries and general operating needs.

Partners: Chesapeake Beach Green Team, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Town of North Beach, Anne Arundel County, Calvert County

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.

Chesapeake Beach - Accomplishment 12:

Outcome: Protected approximately 300 acres of resource conservation through an updated comprehensive plan update

Projects:

- Expanded resource conservation areas in the Town limits limited development of natural areas sensitive to flooding and ecological support bordering the Fishing Creek and Chesapeake Bay.

Partners: Chesapeake Beach Planning and Zoning Commission

Impact:

- Increased plans for green space and naturally protected sensitive areas.

Chesapeake Beach - Accomplishment 13:

Outcome: Increased green space and open space throughout Town.

Projects:

- Through the 2040 Comprehensive rezoning, the Town increased requirements for green space and lot size for development.

Partners: Chesapeake Beach Planning and Zoning Commission.

Impact:

- Increased green space
- Increased open space

North Beach - Accomplishment 14:

Outcome: North Beach will continue to seek funding to explore policies, procedures, new techniques, and practices along with implementing environmental strategies that seek to protect the sea level rising.

Projects:

- Installation of new water meters and well house.
- Cleaning of the 8' stormwater pipe on 5th Street to assist with storm flooding.

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- Installation of a new, more efficient pump at the Chesapeake Avenue pump station.
- Creation of the Stormwater/Flood Mitigation Committee
- Completed work on Phase 1 of the Stormwater Comprehensive Plan for the entire Town.
- Construction started on MD Route 261 Roadway Reconstruction Project by the State Highway Administration, which included raising 261. The improvements were; raising the roadway elevation, constructing a new bridge with wide shoulders, inlet and culvert replacement, and ADA-compliant sidewalk construction between 8th and 9th Streets.
- Planning, implementation, and the start of construction for the new Twin Beach Library Branch,
- Upgrade to the Greenwood Avenue pump station, along with two higher capacity pumps and a new inline flow meter installed.
- Hired a consultant to conduct an in-depth assessment of all town-related flooding issues and to develop a Compound Flood Action Plan.
- Completed the upgrade to the 5th Street stormwater Pumping Station.
- Implemented the iamGIS Geo-Asset Management system to map infrastructure.

Partners: Calvert County Government, State of Maryland, Maryland Energy Administration, State Highway Administration

Impact: The benefits of providing public infrastructure include, but are not limited to:

- Improved, safer access for pedestrians, bicycles, cars, and emergency vehicles.
- Provided improved stormwater management systems to manage proper drainage.
- Reduced air, water, and land pollution.
- Protected citizen health and environment.
- Increased quality and volume of drinking water.
- Improved fire protection for the community.
- Reduced health risks associated with contaminated standing surface water.
- Conserved more natural resources because it reduces the need for raw materials.
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions, a contributing factor to global warming

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.

Calvert County Government

Outcome: Constructed or upgraded transportation, public water, public sewerage, and solid waste infrastructure essential for Calvert County citizens and the economy, explored the management of stormwater waste BMP and other hard-to-manage waste.

Project: Update the Prince Frederick Wastewater Treatment Plant #1 to Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) capabilities while increasing treatment capacity and meeting more stringent discharge limit requirements.

Narrative: The concept plan for the plant design is complete, and discharge options are currently being identified.

Economy, Outcome 2: Promote business continuity planning and emergency preparedness. Business continuity planning is the process of creating systems of prevention and recovery to deal with potential threats to a company. Any event that could negatively impact operations is included in the plan.

Narrative:

Housing, Outcome 1: Increase capacity to assist need-based homeowners with major home improvements

Narrative: This goal was postponed. With the onset of COVID-19 in 2020, the Department of Community Resources had to redirect plans to support the pandemic response. Department of Community Resources was responsible for administering over \$ 5,000,000 in grants to support rental and utility assistance through ERAP, economic relief grants for nonprofits through ARPA, and developing case management, quarantine sheltering, and travelling nurse programs that address

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vulnerable populations impacted by the pandemic through CDBG. As these grants are winding down, we are hoping to apply for federal and state grants – Older Adults Home Modification Program or Healthy Homes Grant Program to provide cost-saving opportunities to our residents so they can age in place, particularly for replacement of wells, septic, and roofs; tree removal; mold remediation; or other repairs that would potentially make the property unsafe or unlivable.

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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? Have you completed any projects intended to improve water quality? Ex. impervious surface reduction, stormwater improvements etc.	X			<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repaired and reestablished stormwater conveyance at Cove Point Park in Lusby and Dunkirk District Park in Dunkirk <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Made stormwater improvements to reduce runoff into the Bay, including requiring a filtering system for parking lot runoff near Mears Ave with new Rod n Reel location development as mitigation. The town abandoned a failed sewer line along the waterfront. <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Made stormwater improvements to reduce runoff into the Bay by cleaning out an eight foot pipe on 5th street.
2. Have you improved wildlife habitat in your community? Ex. native plantings, pollinator gardens, rain gardens	X			<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not in the communities designated. <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planted several native gardens and buffer gardens through the Chesapeake Beach Green Team. Maintained pollinator gardens and bat boxes along the railway trail. Held rain barrel workshops in coordination with other jurisdictions. <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed a State Highway Mitigation Project in Wetlands Overlook Park, where 144 Native Trees, shrubs, and wildflowers were planted in beds to create a buffer along the edge of the wetlands. Designed and planted a Pollinator Pathway Garden with volunteers at the Mark R. Frazer Sunrise Garden.
3. Have you increased access to green space, parks or outdoor recreational opportunities?	X			<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added lines for pickleball courts, extended park hours in the offseason, and added/improved field lighting at ball fields in Lusby and Dunkirk for extended play. Southern Maryland has been designated as a National Heritage Area, which increases funding to promote tourism, conserve natural landscapes, and enhance the local economy. Any development in the Solomons Town Center is subject to meeting tree canopy requirements.

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				<p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added new open hours to the Kellam’s complex whereas it was previously locked, now it is open for public access with the establishment of a recreational division. <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constructed the North Beach Nature Center in Overlook Park. This facility will become the hub of Community Conservation events and programs. Internal displays with live animals, aquariums, kids’ corner, birding, and a science station have been completed. Completed repairs to the Town pier, boat slips, and boardwalk along Atlantic Avenue.
<p>4. Have you implemented operational sustainability practices (example: town hall enhancements) and/or community-based practices? (ex. Rain barrels or rain gardens at residences, recycling, composting etc)</p>	X			<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parks & Recreation has an Environmental Policy adopted by the Board of County Commissioners. The Solid Waste Division operates a county office building recycling route. Recycling Technicians collect recyclable paper and commingled containers from 48 county office spaces. In addition, residential recyclables are collected at each of the six customer convenience centers in Calvert County. Recyclable materials accepted include mixed paper, commingled containers, metal, rigid plastic, cooking oil, used motor oil and antifreeze, textiles, electronics, rechargeable batteries, lead acid batteries, lightbulbs, and more. <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town held rain barrel workshops. The Town supports recycling by providing containers to citizens and provide educational outreach on how to effectively increase recyclable materials. <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Beach has always had a recycling plan, with recycling collected weekly in Town provided recycling bins. In addition to the weekly recycling, the North Beach’s Environmental Committee displayed recycling information for Earth Day Everyday at the Mark R. Frazer Sunrise Garden yearly. A recycling campaign was created with door tags for residents to inform them of items that can be and cannot be recycled.
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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			<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three hundred thirty-three new businesses have opened between 2018-2022. Many of these new businesses have located within Commercial Districts designed as Sustainable communities. <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Towns planning and zoning commission established further commercial zoning uses in Town to expand commercial zones and a main street concept. The Town received several new businesses, such as a popcorn shop, dry cleaners, a coastal Italian kitchen, and a jewelry shop. <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town of North Beach has seen some businesses relocate outside the area, and new businesses have taken their place.
2. Did the Municipality/ Sustainable Community area receive any designations that support local economic development?	X			<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Portions of the Lusby Town Center are in a Federal Opportunity Zone. <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town received recertification for Sustainable Maryland designation. <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town of North Beach received its recertification of the Sustainable Maryland designation in 2021. The Town still manages the Healthy Living Home program, helping 56 homes since 2019 in Calvert County.
3. Has there been an increase in foot traffic in the Main Street/commercial district?	X			<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New retail offerings, community events, and activities have increased foot traffic in several commercial districts. According to the Calvert County Department of Economic Development, tourism visitor counts have increased by 11% since 2018. <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town of Chesapeake Beach has an increased the level of foot traffic and a considerably higher amount after the reconstruction of the Fishing Creek bridge providing ease of access for cars, boats and pedestrians with wide open lanes and paths. <p>North Beach –</p>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town of North Beach grid creates a walkable community from every section of the Town. The ability to walk in Town creates easier access for residents and guests.
4. Have the number of commercial vacancies decreased?		X		<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The commercial vacancy rate has slightly increased from 3.838% in 2018 to 4.702% in 2023. This is still well below the DC metro region rate of 15.293%. <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial vacancies have not decreased. <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No commercial property sits vacant longer than 90 days in North Beach.
5. Has there been an increase in local jobs within the Sustainable Community for its residents?		X		<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There has been a loss of about 1,300 local jobs from 2018 to 2022. <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, local employers consistently have job openings, and the Town is home to two major employers for Calvert County: the Rod N Reel Resort and the Chesapeake Beach Water Park. <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, local residents have the ability to apply for any position open in the Town.
6. Has there been an increase in workforce development training or other opportunities for connecting potential employees to well-paying jobs?	X			<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several workforce development opportunities and apprenticeship programs exist in partnership with the College of Southern Maryland and the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland. <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, the Town partnered with local businesses to expand the reach of awareness for local work. <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There has been an increase in local jobs in Town due to the business establishments which have opened. Several new restaurants/bars have employed individuals along with the influx of summer employment for the Town of North Beach.
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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		<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calvert County recently completed the Dunkirk and Prince Frederick Bikeways Feasibility Study. Implementation of suggested bike paths/connections in Dunkirk and Prince Frederick are being considered through future upgrades. <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, the Town has increased bike paths on the Fishing Creek bridge. <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town has not created any additional trails and or bike paths. The Town currently has approximately one mile of bike paths
2. Have there been improvements to the public transit infrastructure?	X			<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, Calvert County recently upgraded their dispatch software. Calvert has increased the number of daily round trips in the Dunkirk, Prince Frederick and Lusby Town Centers. A route evaluation was conducted for the 2021 Transportation Development Plan which provided guidance to implement more productive transit service to the Town Centers. Calvert County Department of Transportation has received funding and coordination with the Maryland Transit Administration for a feasibility study and design for a Transit Transfer Station to be constructed in the Prince Frederick Town Center. <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town of North Beach created a municipal parking lot off Bay Avenue after the start of the construction of the Twin Beaches Library. This parking lot was necessary since the State Highway utilized the former municipal lot for commuter buses.
3. Has there been an increase in sidewalks? (Amount in linear feet). Were accessibility elements added, such as more ADA-accessible ramps and signage/signals? Has there	X			<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, approximately 26,970 linear feet of new sidewalk has been added (cumulatively) to the Dunkirk, Prince Frederick, Lusby and Solomons Town Centers. The most notable area of increased pedestrian activity is in the Solomons Town Center. As development occurs, sidewalks have been added to connect existing infrastructure to local amenities. <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p>

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been a noticeable increased use of these walking places?				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town of Chesapeake Beach received updated ADA sidewalks from the State Highway Administration throughout RT 261 and RT 260. <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State Highway Administration upgrades to Route 261 included the installation of ADA-compliant sidewalks between 8th and 9th Street. The Town surveyed all sidewalks and completed repairs to any potential injury/trip hazard locations.
4. Have there been any roadway improvements that support “Complete” or “Green” streets?	X			<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Calvert and St. Mary’s Metropolitan Planning Organization, which includes the Solomons and Lusby Town Center(s), finalized their Complete Streets Plan in 2021. Calvert County has implemented a portion of one of the suggested planning projects on Appeal Lane in the Lusby Town Center (sidewalks). <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After completing the Rt 261 enhancements, this road will complete a “Green Street.”
5. Has traffic congestion along major roads decreased? (Amount in percent)		X		<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No, Calvert County has one major state roadway through the county that serves the northern most community (Dunkirk) to the southern end of the county (Solomons). County staff have been working diligently with the State Highway Administration to complete widening projects in Prince Frederick to help to increase highway capacity. <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Fishing creek bridge renovation decreased traffic congestion substantially by removing the bottle neck and providing a turn lane. <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No, traffic has not decreased. The Town of North Beach encounters an increase of traffic during peak summer seasons.
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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 or interiors been improved? Has the energy efficiency of any housing units been increased?	X			<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Authority of Calvert County completed repairs to affordable senior apartments at Calvert Pines I (roof, elevators, doors, brick repairs, alarms/security, vinyl flooring), which supports 58 units, and to Calvert II (flooring, fire pump, new drainage system) which supports 42 units. Housing Authority has spent \$ 1.29 million in energy efficiency upgrades to older housing stock (Calvert Pines I, Calvert Pines II, and Southern Pines I) <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town of Chesapeake Beach coordinated with the Courtyards at Fishing Creek to establish updated sprinkler systems in the town home units that did not require replacement from the recent fire that took two lives. This upgrade brought the other buildings up to the standard of current code to prevent dangers in the future of loss of life. The Town coordinated with the North Beach Volunteer Fire department to make recommendations and coordinated with the owner to ensure implementation. <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Beach Apartments upgraded their roof. Residents have made improvements to their own homes inside and outside.
2. Has the homeownership rate increased?	X			<p>In the past five years in Calvert County, there have been an additional 2,153 owner-occupied units, with a 3.4 % increase in owner-occupied units.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 27,936 owner-occupied units/ 85.3% owner-occupied, <i>American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates, Selected Housing Characteristics, 2017 – 2021</i> 25,783 owner-occupied units/ 81.9% owner-occupied, <i>American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates, Selected Housing Characteristics, 2012 - 2016</i> <p>Homeownership rate breakouts by Sustainability Area census tract or place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dowell – Increase 72.5% to 87.3% Solomons CDP – Increase 45.7% to 66.6% Lusby CDP – Increase 63% to 77.9% Prince Frederick CDP – Increase 46.6% to 51.7% Town of North Beach – Increase 49.9% to 54.2% Town of Chesapeake Beach – Decrease 75.8% to 73.6% Dunkirk – Decrease 90.5% to 89.9% <p><i>American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates, Homeownership Rate, 2012-16 and 2017-2021 for zip code and CDPs.</i></p>

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				Dowell, Solomons, and Lusby saw significant increases in homeownership rates, likely attributed to landlords selling properties during the pandemic. Prince Frederick also saw an increase in homeownership, despite two major rental developments, Beechtree and Calvert Hills, opening. Chesapeake Beach and Dunkirk saw minor declines.
3. Has there been an increase in the number of housing units in the Sustainable Community area? What number and/or percent are affordable? How many are within .5 miles of a transit stop?				<p>Yes, two apartment complexes have been built in Prince Frederick Town Center, Beachtree and Calvert Hills.</p> <p>The increases have been in the following zip code or census tracts within the Sustainability map from 2016 to 2021 (according to 2021 ACS, 5-year estimates):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dowell – 279 to 497 • Solomons CDP – 1484 to 1580 • Lusby CDP – 747 to 866 (67 affordable senior units opened in June 2018, and they are located along multiple transit routes) • Town of Chesapeake Beach – 2278 to 2542 • Town of North Beach – 1131 to 1143 • Prince Frederick CDP – 1262 to 1362 (96 affordable housing units opened in 2021 and they are located along multiple transit routes.) <p>Only one area saw a decrease in housing units:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dunkirk CDP – 868 to 866
4. Has there been demolition of blighted properties?				<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of the 2 demolitions performed in the past five years, both were in sustainable community areas but they were not for blight. <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, one demolition of a blighted property. <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been no demolitions of blighted properties. Rather, ownership has changed hands and properties have been rehabbed.
5. Has the residential vacancy rate decreased?	X			<p>The number of vacant housing units has decreased by 384 units, with the homeowner vacancy rate decreasing by 0.9%. Even though it is a much smaller share of our housing units, the rental vacancy rate has increased by 4.3%, primarily due to landlords raising rent and evictions related to the pandemic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,750 Vacant Housing Units with a 0.5 % Homeowner Vacancy Rate/ 8.2% Rental Vacancy Rate, <i>American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates, Selected Housing Characteristics, 2017-2021</i> • 3,134 Vacant Housing Units with a 1.4 % Homeowner Vacancy Rate/ 3.9% Rental Vacancy Rate, <i>American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates, Selected Housing Characteristics, 2012-2016</i>

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<p>6. Has the jurisdiction partnered with any community development corporations to improve its housing stock, increase the availability of affordable housing, or support those experiencing homelessness or being threatened with eviction? Has the jurisdiction initiated any of its own programs to do the same?</p>	<p>X</p>			<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Housing Authority of Calvert County partnered with Osprey Development to develop Calvert Hills, which opened in 2021. The property has 96 units of rental housing in Prince Frederick, with 31 units designated as affordable (30, 50, and 60% AMI units). The property was developed using HUD/FHA loan, CDA Home Loan, and private equity Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC). • Calvert County Government conveyed property to Calvert Affordable Housing Alliance to develop an affordable single-family home for a veteran, which is currently in design. • A new nonprofit, C4, is working on a development plan to establish an affordable homeownership community with wraparound support for targeted population groups where generational poverty is prevalent (descendants of enslaved people, indigenous peoples, public servants, and the aging population). • Calvert County Government’s Department of Community Resources administered over \$ 5,000,000 in federal and state grant funding for rent and utility assistance, non-congregate sheltering, homeless services, pantry food and kid kit distribution, housing stability services, case management, and a senior nurse program. • In 2022, Calvert County purchased a property in downtown Prince Frederick, using CDBG funds, to develop an Inclement Weather Shelter and Homeless Day Services Program, estimated to open in 2024. • Department of Community Resources created a new Special Projects Manager position to administer capital and technology projects and support grants to address identified human service needs. <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town has coordinated with the Calvert County Health Department to facilitate coordination of transfer to homeless shelter for residents experiencing issues. In addition the Town has coordinated with the Calvert County Public Schools to coordinate services for students in need within the Town. <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town of North Beach does not offer these services, but residents may access the service through Calvert County.
<p>7. Has there been an increase in homeownership counseling services or individuals accessing such services?</p>	<p>X</p>			<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG_CV-2-5) Calvert County allocated \$50,000 to support Homeownership Counseling to support 98 clients through Southern MD Tri-County Community Action, Inc. <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No.

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				North Beach – • No.
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COMMUNITY HEALTH & 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. How many historic properties were renovated/improved? To your knowledge, did the renovations mitigate certain environmental hazards such as lead and asbestos?	X			<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linden (Prince Frederick TC). Cellar work partially necessary due to increased storm events. John Gray, Jr. House (Prince Frederick TC). Roof damage accelerated by increased storm events. Lore Oyster House (Solomons TC). Much of the damage accelerated by sea-level No mitigation projects for lead or asbestos. <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/a <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/a
2. Have there been improvements and/or additions to your public or community available spaces? Examples include museums, community centers, public plazas, murals and public art.	X			<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wifi was added for use at community centers and senior centers. The Chesapeake Hills Golf Course clubhouse is to be completed in September 2023. Improvements were made to the southern community / senior center to add more public use space. Calvert Library Prince Frederick had an outdoor solar power charging station and seating area added (2020) and seating furniture upgrades made throughout (2022). Calvert Library Owings had a teen zone and new book display remodel (2019) The Community Resources Building had siding repairs and painting done on exterior, along with major work removing bamboo on the grounds which meet with the historic Phillip's House. <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased spaces for green space in coordination with the Northeast Community Center through partnerships for Field Days and other family events. <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town constructed a pavilion on the waterfront to hold activities such as concerts, starting lines for 5k walks, and general shade for the beach. The Town construct the North Beach Nature Center in Wetlands Overlook Park.
<p>3. Are there opportunities for residents to gather, communicate and celebrate? Do they serve multi-generations and all populations in the community? Examples are wide-ranging and may include fairs, community history days, neighborhood meetings, etc.</p>	X			<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <p>All activities and events offered by CCPR and Office on Aging are coordinated and promoted through a quarterly activity guide mailed to all residents and available electronically. This includes special events, programs, activities, volunteer opportunities, and educational sessions. The following are highlights of some annual events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Night Out neighborhoods countywide – August Farmer’s Markets – CalvertHealth (Prince Frederick) Neighborhood Watch Meeting – Monthly at Harriet Elizabeth Brown Community Ctr Community Resource Day – annual housing and benefits assistance resource fair at various locations in Prince Frederick Historical Society – Linden Open House in Prince Frederick Calvert Library (Prince Frederick, Chesapeake Beach, Owings, Solomons) – Book Clubs, Storytime, Game Nights, Lawyers in the Library, Veteran Workshops, Employment Workshops, Make/Play/Learn activities, Monday night movies, STEAM events, Community Baby Shower – May at Calvert Library, Prince Frederick Breezy Blast Off Home for the Holidays Halloween Drive Through Easter Egg Hunt Lower Marlboro Day Chesapeake Hills Golf Classic Hall Aquatic Center Community Day Youth Fishing Day Back to School Carnival World's Largest Swimming Lesson <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <p>The Town holds several events and outreach education / community involvement activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stars and Stripes festival – a weeklong Memorial Day ceremony / event Taste the Beaches – a fall festival where guests can taste local restaurants and shop local vendors at the center of Town. Fourth of July fireworks – held by the Town at the center of the Town

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				<p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Fridays in North Beach (Art Fair and Craft Show) • The Town of North Beach continues its summer series of Movies on the Beach, story time in the parks led by the Calvert County Library, and the annual Film Festival. • At the newly constructed North Beach Nature Center, programs related to Native plants, animals, the Chesapeake Bay, and the surrounding ecosystems will be conducted.
<p>4. Have there been any changes in access to health and wellness services? Examples include mobile clinics, hospitals, telehealth opportunities.</p>	X			<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <p>New and expanded health programs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two new Health Fair (CalvertHealth) opportunities in Prince Frederick, Women’s Health Fair in May and a Men’s Health Fair in June. • Mobile Health Center (CalvertHealth) provides primary care, dental and prevention care, with visits throughout the county on a weekly basis at churches, schools, libraries, senior centers. • Local Care Team (Community Resources) expanded to state mandated and transitioned to Zoom meetings which allowed for more frequent meetings to meet increased referrals • New Mobile Crisis (Calvert County Health Department) initiated for opioid response and transitioned to meet other crisis needs in conjunction with the Sheriff’s Office. • New Highway to Health (Calvert County Health Department) provides health screenings and links residents to insurance, health educational programs, transportation, case-management, targeting clients with chronic health needs in Lusby, Chesapeake Beach and North Beach. • New Assertive Community Treatment (Cornerstone Southern MD) wraparound and mobile psychiatric care for clients with crisis mental health needs • New Wheels to Wellness (CalvertHealth) provided transit to hospital system clients off the public transportation routes/schedules to meet physician appointments or regular visits to dialysis or chemotherapy. • New travelling senior nurse and case management programs (Office on Aging) for homeless and at-risk of homelessness as part of pandemic response • Behavioral health services (Calvert County Health Department) transitioned to allow opportunities for telehealth in some circumstances. <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town holds an annual Health and Wellness Fair where resources for Health and Wellness are provided at the center of the Town. These services are integrated into all Town events as well as mental health and opioid abuse services. <p>North Beach –</p>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town of North Beach has partnered with CalvertHealth and they bring their mobile health van to Town on a regular basis.
5. Are there any residential health and wellness opportunities in place (i.e. athletic facilities, recreational indoor/outdoor courses or groups)?	X			<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All activities and events offered by CCPR and Office on Aging are coordinated and promoted through a quarterly activity guide mailed to all residents and available electronically. This includes special events, programs, activities, volunteer opportunities, and educational sessions. Facilities include parks, pools, a golf course, and community centers. <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town of Chesapeake beach hosts hundreds of youth recreational practices and games on the Kellams complex. The Town hosts summer camps from the Calvert County Parks and Recreation on the Kellams complex. <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town of North Beach welcomes over 200,00 guests each summer to the beach. The waterfront is the perfect location to get in your steps on the boardwalk or swim some laps in the Bay. The Town has re-vamped its summer events, implementing our First Fridays from May to October. This event has replaced the every Friday Night Farmer's Market. The Town's Farmer's Market has been moved to Saturday mornings, giving the feel of a hometown market with vendors selling their fruits, vegetables, plants, baked goods, meats, and cheeses. At the market, the vendors are always excited to engage with their customers providing tips and tricks to preparing healthy meals with local products. North Beach continues its other events, such as the annual polar bear plunge, movies on the beach, and Halloween and Christmas Events. All activities bring residents and guests out to enjoy the beauty of North Beach.
6. Do all residents have access to healthy food options such as fresh food grocery stores, farmers markets, community gardens, etc., within the Sustainable Community?	X			<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Calvert County Farmers Market Association offers “producers only” markets in Prince Frederick, Dunkirk and Lusby. All vegetables, fruits, herbs, tree nuts, meats, flowers, plants and other products sold at the markets must be grown or produced by a local farmer or vendor. <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town markets the local farmers markets through North Beach and the County. <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town of North Beach has revamped the North Beach Farmer's Market. The market is held Saturday mornings from 8 am to 11 am in the North Beach Senior

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				<p>Center parking lot. You can purchase fresh fruits and vegetables, meats, baked items, local cheese, and honey at the market.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Along with the Town of North Beach, the local food pantry run by the Calvert County Ladies of Charity distributes fresh food to seniors and families in need twice a week.
7. Has there been a decrease in crime rate?	X			<p>There has been a significant decrease in the crime rate in Calvert County since the County's last designation renewal. Based on the Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) data, Part I Crimes decreased from 1086 per 100,000 residents in 2017 to 624 per 100,000 residents in 2022. This is a decrease of 42.5% over five years.</p>
8. Do all residents have access to the Internet and other basic utilities and services?	X			<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through a public/private partnership with Comcast, the BOCC has made significant investments in expanding services throughout the county to ensure everyone has access to the opportunities and resources the internet provides. A grant awarded to Comcast through the state's Connect Maryland Network Infrastructure Grant Program will expand broadband access to an additional 36 homes in the county and add nine miles of infrastructure. Calvert County is home to approximately 90,000 residents. The majority of county residents are served by private water systems, individual wells and traditional septic systems. Public water and sewerage service is provided to pocket communities and town centers through the Water and Sewerage Division. The county's wastewater system is comprised of 5 wastewater treatment plants, 47 wastewater pump stations, 32 miles of force main and 34 miles of gravity sewer outfalls. The water system is comprised of 19 water systems, 77 miles of water main, 14 elevated storage tanks, and 7 hydropneumatic tanks. The Solid Waste Division monitors the operation of the Appeal Landfill, Appeal Transfer Station, six convenience center locations, recycling activities, a bulk item pick-up program and environmental monitoring for the Appeal and Barstow landfills. <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town extends offerings of public internet access through the Twin Beaches Library. <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town of North Beach currently has a franchise agreement with Comcast which offers internet services. Residents have the opportunity to enroll in their services. The Town has several public wi-fi locations for public use.
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LOCAL PLANNING & STAFFING CAPACITY	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			<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since 2018, many properties in the Dunkirk, Prince Frederick, Lusby, and Solomons Sustainable Community designated areas have been developed as infill or redevelopment projects. Examples include commercial properties along West Ward Road in the Dunkirk Town Center; commercial properties along MD 2/4 and residential development along Prince Frederick Blvd. in Prince Frederick Town Center; and commercial and residential properties on Solomons Island and residential development in the Avondale and Dowell peninsula areas in the Solomons Town Center. <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several lots have been utilized for infill considering the low inventory of developable land in the Town. The board of appeals has reviewed and approved changes on lots to make them developable. <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The only project in The Town of North Beach is the construction of the new Twin Beach Library located at the corner of 5th and Chesapeake Avenue.
2. Has there been an increase in the amount of preserved/protected land?	X			<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2017, there were 27,702 acres preserved through county and state preservation programs. As of January 17, 2023, there were 32,187 acres preserved. The county has received Maryland Board of Public Works approval to expand the Northern Calvert and Calvert Creeks Rural Legacy Areas, so now more properties are eligible to participate in this Maryland Department of Natural Resources land preservation program. <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town's Planning and Zoning Commission protected over 300 additional acres of land under Resource Conservation (RC) zoning. <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town of North Beach has not acquired any additional land.
3. Have there been any developments hindered by	X			<p>Calvert County Government –</p>

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growth constraints? If so, please describe. Example constraints could be inadequate infrastructure, insufficient zoning density/intensity, or lack of buildable land.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adequate Public Facilities (APF) regulations are a growth management tool that facilitates orderly development and growth in accordance with a comprehensive plan. Calvert County adopted APF regulations for roads and schools in 1988. The Calvert County Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2019 and amended in 2022, includes actions to consider potential changes to the APF regulations for roads, to periodically review the APF regulations for schools and adjust if necessary, and to consider expanding the regulations to include water & sewer; stormwater management; solid waste & recycling; fire, rescue and emergency management services (EMS); and law enforcement services. After presentations and work sessions with the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and the Planning Commission (PC), the BOCC and PC held a joint public hearing on November 29, 2022. The BOCC adopted the APF requirements. With this adoption, Calvert County Government is enabled to provide adequate public facilities in a timely manner and achieve the controlled growth objectives of the Comprehensive Plan. Over the past five years, areas in the northern part of the county, including the Dunkirk Town Center, have had school districts over 100 percent of APF capacity. Thus, these areas have been closed to recording residential subdivisions and developments. Such projects can proceed once adequate capacity or six years have passed. <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Planning and Zoning Commission and Town Council recently adopted a building height restriction that limits development. The Commission and Council also adopted a minimum lot size which also limits development. These actions were in direct response to citizens feeling that the Town was becoming over developed and crowded and wanting to limit additional development. <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None at this time.
4. Have there been any zoning or policy changes that have fostered growth or redevelopment in your Sustainable Community?	X			<p>Calvert County Government – Calvert County has had several Zoning ordinance amendments that have fostered growth in our Sustainable Communities. The Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program also focuses growth in the Town Centers, including Prince Frederick, Lusby, Solomons, and Dunkirk.</p> <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All changes have been to limit growth. <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None at this time.
5. Have there been any significant improvements to the municipal infrastructure	X			<p>Calvert County Government – Refer to the Transportation and Environment sections for Dunkirk, Prince Frederick, Lusby, and Solomons Sustainable Community designated areas.</p> <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p>

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within the Sustainable Community (i.e. street lighting, water/sewer lines)?				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town has invested in new lighting throughout the Town. The Town has upgraded water/ sewer lines where there were failed saddles to prevent down time of services. <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town has replaced water meters and the water/sewer program for a more efficient system. 																																																																						
6. Have you hired any new staff members, reassigned duties, or procured the services of a contractor to increase or better align local capacity? Have you implemented any professional development programs?	X			<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <p>Planning & Zoning Hires: 2018 - 2023</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Positions</th> <th>2018</th> <th>2019</th> <th>2020</th> <th>2021</th> <th>2022</th> <th>2023</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Director</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deputy Director</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>2</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Planning Commission Adm</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Principal Planner</td> <td>2</td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Planner II</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td>4</td> <td>1</td> <td>4</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Planner III</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td>3</td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zoning Planner</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Environ. Planning Regulator</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>4</td> <td>0</td> <td>12</td> <td>3</td> <td>6</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>Learning Plans:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customer Service Excellence HR101 HR Fundamentals Supervisor Development Workday for Buyers Workday for Employees Workday for Exec Admins Workday for HR Partners Workday for Managers <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town has realigned staff responsibilities on an ongoing basis to streamline work and continue to work productively with approximately 25 full time staff for a full-service community of just over 6,000. The Town has aligned code enforcement to work in conjunction with public works increasing coverage in the field of issues related to blighted properties. 	Positions	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Director				1			Deputy Director			2				Planning Commission Adm			1		1		Principal Planner	2		1				Planner II	1		4	1	4		Planner III	1		3		1	1	Zoning Planner			1				Environ. Planning Regulator				1			TOTAL	4	0	12	3	6	1
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				<p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town of North Beach has not hired any additional staff. Staff duties have been reassigned and aligned to fulfill the Town's needs.
<p>7. Has your community initiated or completed any planning efforts that will support the Sustainable Community area, including comprehensive planning, small area planning, or planning studies?</p>	X			<p>Calvert County Government –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An updated <i>Calvert County Comprehensive Plan</i> was adopted in 2019, replacing the 2010 plan. In addition, the <i>Comprehensive Plan</i> was amended in December 2022. Amendments reduced or eliminated future expansion areas for four Town Centers, of which three are designated Sustainable Communities: Prince Frederick, Lusby, and Solomons. Regarding small area plans, County Government initiated the updates to the master plans for two Town Centers: Prince Frederick in 2020 and Dunkirk in 2021. The <i>Calvert County Transportation Plan</i> was adopted in 2020. Calvert County and St. Mary's County worked together on the Complete Streets Study for the Calvert—St. Mary's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The plan was completed in 2021. The MPO area encompasses the Lusby-Solomons-Lexington Park area. Calvert County is nearing completion of the Dunkirk and Prince Frederick Town Centers Bikeways Feasibilities Study, funded in part by a grant from the Maryland Department of Transportation. <p>Chesapeake Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town just completed the 2040 Comprehensive Plan updating the Zoning Text extensively. <p>North Beach –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The North Beach Planning Commission is in the beginning stages of completing an update to the North Beach Comprehensive Plan.
OTHER:				

Part III: 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): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twin Beaches Library (Town of North Beach) - 2018 • North Beach Lights the Boardwalk - 2019 • Project ECHO Thrift Store & Gift Shop - 2022 	DHCD	\$ 250,000 \$ 50,000 \$ 175,000		
Strategic Demolition Fund (SDF): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • 	DHCD			Calvert County Government is submitting an FY24 Strategic Demolition Fund grant application for the demolition of the Prince Frederick Armory building and pre-development activities.
Community Safety & Enhancement Program:	MDOT			
Maryland Bikeways Program:	MDOT			The Town of Chesapeake Beach plans to apply for funding in 2023 and 2024 to improve bikeways. This funding will support additional bikeways and paths per the Town's Master Walkability Plan.
Sidewalk Retrofit Program:	MDOT			
Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund:	MDE			

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Other Funding Programs: *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

Calvert County Government					
Rural Maryland Council		MDA			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural Maryland Economic Development Fund – Open-Air Pavillion Project 			\$100,000		
CDBG		DHCD			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End Hunger Warehouse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Award 1 - 2020 Award 2 – 2022 Emergency Shelter 			\$800,000		
			\$565,000		
			\$800,000		
Emergency Rental Assistance Program		DHCD			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Award 1 Award 2 			\$1,801,998		
			\$2,089,878		
State Capital Grants					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aging Capital Grant (Calvert Pines Senior Center expansion) Library Capital Grant (Twin Beaches Library) 		MDOA	\$800,000		
		MD State Library	\$4,500,00		
State Earmarks		DGS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calvert Pines Stormwater (Calvert Pines I) 			\$630,000		
MDOT/MTA Capital Grants		MDOT/MTA			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prince Frederick Fuel Depot (Design) Transfer Station (Feasibility) 			\$360,000		
			\$118,450		
Chesapeake Beach:					
Maryland Department of Natural Resources Waterway Improvement Fund		DNR	Approx. \$1,500,000		The Town plans to continue to work with the state to ensure that the Fishing Creek channel remains

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				open for the Town's economic vitality.
Maryland Program Open Space	DNR	\$300,000		The Town received funding to implement several pocket parks in Town for open green space and to improve a playground at the center of the Kellams complex.
Maryland Department of Transportation SHA	SHA MDOT	\$400,000		The Town completed a 30% design to add sidewalks from Beach Elementary School, funded at 80/20 State/Town. The Town entered an MOU with the State to complete the 100% design to bring the sidewalks to fruition.
North Beach:				
Maryland's Community Parks & Playgrounds Program	DNR			
• Wetlands Overlook Park Nature Center		\$110,000		
Critical Area Grant	DNR	\$5,700		
State Highway Mitigation Planting Project	SHA	\$25,000		
Energy Efficiency Grants	MEA			
• Healthy Home Program		\$350,000		

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

Calvert County's Sustainable Communities Program Application for Designation Renewal 2023
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Additional Input:

Presentations on the Sustainable Communities Designation Renewal were delivered to the following stakeholders:

- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - April 12, 2023
- Economic Development Advisory Commission – May 10, 2023
- Planning Commission – May 17, 2023

Calvert County Government conducted a public input campaign for the Sustainable Communities Designation Renewal. In addition to two public presentations before the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County on both the process (April 4, 2023) and the final draft (June 27, 2023), a survey was posted to the county's website for citizens to submit a project/projects from the last five years they wanted to see celebrated and project/projects that they would like to see accomplished in the next five year. The survey was advertised via social media.