



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 OF 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 ASSISTANCE

If a local government has limited capacity, staff from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and Department of Planning (MDP) will be available to assist local government officials through the application process.

Please contact your Regional Project Manager at DHCD if you would like to request or learn more about this assistance (see page iv for contact information).

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES BENEFITS

The benefits of a Sustainable Community designation are substantial. The SC designation is a threshold requirement for application to several Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development revitalization programs (such as the Community Legacy Program and Strategic Demolition Fund listed below). Other programs from both the Department and other State agencies offer additional points or preference in the application process. The Sustainable Communities designation provides access to a suite of resources that can support housing and community development, local transportation enhancements, tax credit programs and programs to support a healthier environment. Taken together, these resources can promote safer, healthier and more attractive communities for families to live and put down roots.

Community Legacy Program is administered by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development and provides local governments and community development organizations with financial assistance to strengthen communities through such activities as business retention and attraction, encouraging homeownership and commercial revitalization. Community Legacy funds are restricted to Sustainable Community Areas.

Strategic Demolition Fund is administered by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development and provides grants and loans to local governments and community development organizations for predevelopment activities including demolition and land assembly for housing and revitalization projects.

The Strategic Demolition Fund catalyzes public and private investment in the reuse of vacant and underutilized sites. These funds are restricted to Sustainable Communities.

Application Eligibility and Threshold Requirements

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

Eligible applicants are to convene 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;
- 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 Evaluation

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

Priority Funding Areas

All Sustainable Communities must be located entirely within a Priority Funding Area. Applicants can verify Priority Funding Area boundaries by visiting the MDP website at:

<http://www.mdp.state.md.us/OurProducts/pfamap.shtml>

Application Training

The Department will be hosting various webinars for communities planning to submit a renewal application. Attendance at a minimum of one application training session is strongly encouraged for all applicants. Contact your Regional Project Manager (contact information page iv) to schedule an application training or verify when the webinars will be scheduled.

Application Submission

Applications will be submitted both electronically/digitally and via postal mail. Each applicant must submit **one** hard copy of their application with all required attachments. DHCD reserves the right to not consider incomplete applications.

The first printed page of the electronic application is a Table of Contents (see page vii). This should also serve as a checklist and be used to provide corresponding tabs. In addition to the digital copy of the application, all pictures and maps are to be submitted on a CD-ROM or flash drive. Pictures should be burned to the CD in a JPEG format and maps should be burned to the CD in a pdf format. Please ALSO include GIS shapefiles of Sustainable Community boundaries and other GIS related data if a boundary change is requested. Be sure to label your files on the CD-ROM appropriately, i.e., “Proposed Sustainable Community Boundary,” “Current Sustainable Community Boundary,” etc.

No incomplete applications will be accepted.

Deliver Sustainable Community Applications to:
Sustainable Community Application
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Department of Housing and Community Development
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Site Visits, Follow-up Discussion

During the application review process, the review team may make site visits, hold meetings or have for follow-up discussions with applicants prior to designation approval.

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.

Contact Information

All questions related to application content, please contact your regional project manager. Regional contacts listed in the table on the next page.

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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN ELEMENTS

Ongoing designation as a Sustainable Community is contingent upon the continuation, expansion, and/or modification of a multi-year investment strategy that addresses the topic areas of Environment, Economy, Transportation, Housing, Quality of Life, and Land Use/Local Planning. The table below provides a non-exhaustive list of ideas that can be incorporated into each element as they are addressed in the sections that follow in this application.

ENVIRONMENT: Environmental accomplishments and objectives may include improvement of quality of land, water, air or watersheds, increased tree canopy, mitigation or adaptation to issues related to sea level rise, reduction of carbon footprint, improved energy conservation, access to local foods, green infrastructure, stormwater infrastructure/management, construction of parks, trails and other recreation facilities, recycling, improved water and sewer capacity, etc.

ECONOMY: Economic accomplishments and objectives may include increased regional accessibility, business attraction/retention, improved health of the business district and decreased commercial vacancies, improved accessibility to employment opportunities and economic drivers, adopted local policies/regulations that encourage economic growth, enhanced marketing and tourism, improvements to cultural and historic assets, etc.

TRANSPORTATION: Transportation accomplishments and objectives may include increased access to transit corridors, improved pedestrian safety and increased accessibility/sidewalks, alternative modes of transportation, such as bikeways and trails, public transit, such as bus and rail, carpooling, improved parking and road conditions, etc.

HOUSING: Housing accomplishments and objectives may include an increase in affordable, workforce or market rate housing, either for homeownership or rental, improved housing conditions and values, increase in housing programs, reduction in foreclosures and residential vacancies, increase in property values and home sale values, etc.

QUALITY OF LIFE: Quality of life accomplishments and objectives may include crime, socio-economic demographics, educational opportunities, museums, libraries, historic and cultural assets, civic amenities, faith-based organizations, economic health of households, sense of place, etc.

LAND USE/LOCAL PLANNING: Land use accomplishments and objectives may include changes to zoning, improved land use policies, increase/decrease in taxes and fees, etc.

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. Qualitative and Comprehensive 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.

CHECKLIST AND TABLE OF CONTENTS

APPLICANT: City of Crisfield

NAME OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY: City of Crisfield

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**
- Section B – Sustainable Community Renewal Report (Projects, Strategies and Partners)**
- Section C – Sustainable Community Renewal Action Plan Update (Matrix)**
- Section D – Sustainable Communities Workgroup Roster**
- Section E – Signature Letter (acknowledging Disclosure Authorization and Certification)**
- Section F – CD-ROM:** The CD-ROM should include the following contents:
 - If requesting a boundary modification, map in pdf format of the proposed Sustainable Community
 - **GIS shapefiles of the modified Sustainable Community boundary (if requesting a modification) and other GIS related data**
 - Pictures (jpeg format) of your accomplished projects of the last five years (as indicated in Section B)
 - Digital copy of completed Sustainable Communities Renewal Application

I. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY RENEWAL APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Sustainable Community:

City of Crisfield

Name of Renewal Applicant:

City of Crisfield

Applicant's Federal Identification Number: 526000785

Applicant's Street Address: 319 W Main Street

City: Crisfield County: Somerset State: MD Zip Code: 21817

Phone Number: 410-968-1333 Fax Number: 410-968-2167 Web Address: www.cityofcrisfield-md.gov/

Sustainable Community Renewal Application Local Contact:

Name: Richard Pollitt Title: City Manager

Address: 319 W Main Street City: Crisfield State: MD Zip Code: 21817

Phone Number: 410-968-1333 Fax Number: 410-968-2167 E-mail: rpollitt@crisfieldcityhall.com

Other Sustainable Community Contacts:

Name: Kristie Eberly Title: Circuit Rider

Address: 319 W Main Street City: Crisfield State: MD Zip Code: 21817

Phone Number: 410-968-1333 Fax Number: 410-968-2167 E-mail: keberly@crisfieldcityhall.com

I. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY – General Information

A. Sustainable Community Boundary and Description

(1) Are you requesting any changes to your Sustainable Community boundary? Describe why or why not? No changes are requested

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

- 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: 1,920

(4) Existing federal, state or local designations:

Main Street Maple Street

X National Register Historic District Local Historic District X Arts & Entertainment District

XState Enterprise Zone Special Taxing District BRAC State Designated TOD

X Other(s): Opportunity Zone Designation

Crisfield is working with Somerset County Economic Development to promote its Opportunity Zone designation. A county wide workshop, held on May 3 at the Crisfield Library, provided information to residents of the benefits of an Opportunity Zone and was well attended.

(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?

At the time of the initial application in 2012, Crisfield had 2,726 residents, 1,632 households of which 496 are owner occupied, and 330 HUD subsidized units of public housing. The US Census Population Estimate (as of July 1, 2017) is 2,602. The 2017 data gives 1,391 total housing units with 997 units occupied and 418 of these owner-occupied. There has been a decrease in the number of residents and the number of owner-occupied homes in the past 5 years.

From https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/community_facts.xhtml?src=bkmm

B. Organizational Structure, Experience and Public Input:

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

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The workgroup has not been active in recent years. Renewing the Sustainable Communities application has renewed interest in this Workgroup and activities. The Workgroup will meet as needed for project implementation and will hold an annual meeting to ensure adherence to the goals laid out in this application.

The Workgroup is composed of city staff including the City Manager, Code Enforcement Officer, City Clerk, Public Utilities Director, and Circuit Rider as well as the Crisfield Chamber of Commerce Director, Somers Cove Marina Director, Tawes Museum Director, McCreedy Memorial Hospital representative, Sherwin Williams representative, Somerset County Economic Development Director, Somerset County Department of Technical and Community Services Director, Somerset County Commissioner representing Crisfield, Crisfield Arts & Entertainment District Project Chair, Crisfield Ministerial Alliance Chair, Somerset County Schools Superintendent and Crisfield Police Chief.

- (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 include a readiness of multiple organizations to work towards goals which benefit all.

Challenges include that all workgroup members attend many meetings already and often are limited on time to devote to additional meetings. Another challenge is that the City often is faced with unplanned issues of urgency that addressing the goals given in the Sustainable Communities application. The largest challenge is a lack of funding, including a lack of funding for meeting the match when grants require a match. As the City's population shrinks, so does its tax base. It is hoped that addressing some of the issues in this document will help increase both the population and this tax base.

- (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?
- (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.

Yes, we would like assistance identifying funding sources.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY RENEWAL REPORT

PART I: QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT

Purpose:

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

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

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

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

Example – Accomplishment 1

Outcome: Improved stormwater management

Projects:

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

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

Partners:

Chesapeake Bay Trust – provided technical assistance

MD DHCD – provided financial assistance in form of a Community Legacy grant (totaling \$50,000).

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

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

Accomplishment 1:

Outcome: Wind turbine

Projects:

Installation of 302-foot wind turbine to provide electricity for the wastewater treatment plant, which has an annual electric bill of \$150,000.

Partners: The total project cost was \$4,183,000 including funding from the Maryland Department of the Environment, Community Development Block grant, and the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA).

Impact: Reduction of City's electric bill by approximately \$75,000 annually

Accomplishment 2:

Outcome: Received State Designation as an Arts & Entertainment District

Projects:

The Crisfield Arts and Entertainment District was designated July 1, 2018.

The Crisfield A & E is managed by the Crisfield Arts and Entertainment District (CAED) Project, a 501 c 3 non-profit, in, in coordination with the City of Crisfield. The CAED Project has successfully raised \$20,000 for marketing and management of the A & E in 2019.

Partners: Maryland Dept. of Commerce, Somerset County Government, Somerset County School System, Smith Island community, Somerset County Commissioners, Crisfield Chamber of Commerce, Somerset County Economic Development, Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Area, Somers Cove Marina
Somerset County Arts Council, Friends of Crisfield.

Impact: The Arts & Entertainment District is still in its infancy but has already resulted in wide community support and increased event activity. Please see CrisfieldArts.org to see events and participating artists.

Accomplishment 3:

Outcome: Funding for sewer system upgrades

Projects:

Rubberset pumping station replacement

Rubberset area inflow and infiltration repair

Cove Street pumping station replacement

Cove Street area inflow and infiltration inspection and repair

Partners: Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) , US Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Maryland Council

Impact: As of this time, only part of the Rubberset area inflow and infiltration has been completed. This work was done with a \$125,000 Rural Maryland Council grant and made a radical improvement to sewer system functioning. MDE is funding \$1,542,700 in a loan and \$1,500,000 in a Loan Principal Forgiveness . USDA will provide a loan of \$1,293,000 to complete project costs. In 2019 second Rural Maryland Council grant for \$250,000 will address the sewer lines in the Cove Street area.

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

Outcome: Main Street designation

Narrative: Crisfield has not pursued Main Street designation due to the funding required to support this program. The City does intend to apply for Main Street designation in the long term, and in the near term will apply for Main Street Affiliate status.

Outcome: Storm water management

Narrative: 26 tide gates were funded through a FEMA grant but due to the expense of installation and turnover in staff, only 14 were installed. The City has applied for FEMA funding for an additional 11 tide gates, plus two stormwater pumping stations for the Somers Cove Marina and Housing Authority area. The City is also working on identifying funding for a drainage study plan and ditch maintenance.

Outcome: Continue to support new activities within the community through our event planner to attract more people to the downtown districts.

Narrative: The City budget did not allow for the replacement of the event planner when she moved on to a new position. However, the Circuit Rider grant does allow the Circuit Rider to serve as the Arts & Entertainment District Coordinator 10 hours per week, and the close partnership and Memorandum of Understanding with the 501 c 3 Crisfield Arts & Entertainment District Project leverages the efforts of this organization and their partnerships with the Crisfield Chamber of Commerce, the Crisfield Heritage Foundation, and other area organizations to actively promote existing events as well as create new ones. See CrisfieldArts.org for events.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY RENEWAL REPORT

PART II: COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT

Purpose:

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

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

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

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

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

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ENVIRONMENT	YES	NO	N/A	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
1. Has there been an improvement in water quality?	X			Two repairs were made to breaks in the sewer line near the Rubberset pumping station.
2. Has the amount of impervious surface in your Community been reduced? (Amount in SF)			N/A	
3. Have there been improvements and/ or additions to your park and/ or recreational green space?	X			Green Space added in the City Dock area
4. Did the Sustainable Community implement any recycling or waste reduction programs?	X			Curbside recycling is provided by the Public Works Department.
5. Do all residents have access to healthy food options (i.e. fresh food grocery stores, farmers markets etc.) within the Sustainable Community?	X			Major chain supermarket available (Food Lion). Spring through fall local farmer brings produce for sale. Community garden next to City Hall.
OTHER:				

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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		An approximately equal number of businesses have opened and closed. Detailed reporting will be available with future Arts & Entertainment District annual reports.
2. Did the Municipality/ Sustainable Community area receive any designations that support local economic development?	X			Arts & Entertainment District
3. Has there been an increase in foot traffic in the Main Street/commercial district?	X			4 th Saturday Bay Strolls once a month from May through October attract approximately 200 visitors each.
4. Have the number of commercial vacancies decreased?		X		Vacancies may have increased. Local income levels limit shopping.
5. Has there been an increase in local jobs within the Sustainable Community for its residents?		X		The major employers, McCready Memorial Hospital and the Sherwin-Williams plant, remain the same.
OTHER:				

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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			A 4.5 mile hiker/biker trail has been funded for the Route 13 corridor between Crisfield and Marion Station, with construction to begin shortly.
2. Have there been improvements to the public transit infrastructure?		X		Remains the same.
3. Has there been an increase in sidewalks? (Amount in linear feet)	X			Community Legacy funding provided sidewalks with the following grants: 1317 -02 in 2013 provided \$75,000 for sidewalks, curb and gutter to downtown areas and was implemented on Wynfall Ave, Maple St, Chesapeake Ave, and Locust St. SRP-CL-2015-Crisfield-00129 provided \$75,000 for sidewalks for a new sidewalk, approximately 370 feet, was also put in with Community Legacy funding at across from the new library at 100 Collins Street. Paving was also of approximately 50 feet was also done at the Goodsell Alley.
4. Have there been any roadway improvements that support "Complete" or "Green" streets?	X			
5. Has traffic congestion along major roads decreased? (Amount in percent)		X		Traffic congestion is limited and remains the same. Parking can be an issue when many people leave their cars in Crisfield to travel by ferry to Smith or Tangier Island, or when large events are occurring.

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OTHER:				
HOUSING	YES	NO	N/A	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
1. Have any residential facades been improved?		X		Some residential facades have been improved with private funds but no grant funds have been received or applied for this purpose.
2. Has the home ownership rate increased?		X		Poverty and foreclosures.
3. Has there been an increase in the number of housing units in the Sustainable Community area? What number and/or percent are affordable?		X		The Housing Authority has 330 affordable housing units.
4. Has there been demolition of blighted properties?		X		No funds are available for the demolition of blighted properties. Demolition grants require plans to rebuild or to convert the area to park. Funds are not available to rebuild, and converting parcels to parks further reduces an already small tax base.
5. Has the residential vacancy rate decreased?		X		Poverty and foreclosures have led to more vacancies.

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OTHER:				
QUALITY OF LIFE	YES	NO	N/A	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
1. Has there been a decrease in crime rate?	X			51 total offenses in 2012 with decreases each year. 14 total offenses in 2018.
2. Have there been improvements and/ or additions to your public spaces (i.e. museums, community centers, public plazas)?	X			Addition to scenic walking trail to city park. New Green Space next to City Dock.
3. Has there been an increase in public art/ arts & entertainment programs/venues (i.e. murals, movie theatre, music events)?	X			4 th Saturday Bay Strolls began in 2017 and take place May through October. These are a partnership of the Somerset County Arts Council, the City of Crisfield, WBYC 107.3 Crisfield Community Radio, and the Crisfield Arts and Entertainment District.
4. How many historic properties were renovated/improved?	X			The historic Customs House has received \$320,000 in Federal funds for renovations. The Tawes Library and Ward Brothers Workshop have also received funding for renovations.
5. Are there any residential health and wellness opportunities in place (i.e. athletic facilities, recreational indoor/ outdoor courses or groups)?	X			Approximately 450 feet of walking trail has been added near the new library at 100 Collins Street, using Community Legacy funding.

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OTHER:				
LAND USE/ LOCAL PLANNING	YES	NO	N/A	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
1. Have there been any infill developments?		X		Low property value and frequent flooding.
2. Has there been an increase in the amount of preserved/protected land?	X			New Green Space near City Docks with \$73,000 DNR funds.
3. Have there been any developments hindered by growth constraints?			X	Critical area and floodplain restrictions place restrictions on construction.
4. Have there been any zoning or any policy changes that have fostered growth in your Sustainable Community?	X			A DNR CoastSmart grant written by Tracey Gordey of the Maryland Department of Planning provided for a new zoning ordinance and map which were just completed. The new ordinance is organized to much easier for the public to interpret and is updated and modernized.
5. Have there been any significant improvements to the municipal infrastructure within the Sustainable Community (i.e. street lighting, water/sewer lines)?	X			The city had a camera & cleaning of portions of our sewer system from Maryland Avenue to 7 th Street. (\$125,000 funded by the Rural Maryland Council.) A \$250,000 similar project of an additional portion of sewer will be completed with Rural Maryland Council funds this year.

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Community Legacy (CL): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1317 -02 in 2013 \$75,000 for sidewalks, curb and gutter to downtown areas (Wynfall Ave, Maple St, Chesapeake Ave, Locust St • SRP-CL-2015-Crisfield-00129-\$75,000 – sidewalks for library area, 10th St, Goodsell Alley • 	DHCD			
Strategic Demolition Fund (SDF): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • 	DHCD			
Community Safety & Enhancement Program:	MDOT			
Maryland Bikeways Program:	MDOT			
Sidewalk Retrofit Program:	MDOT			

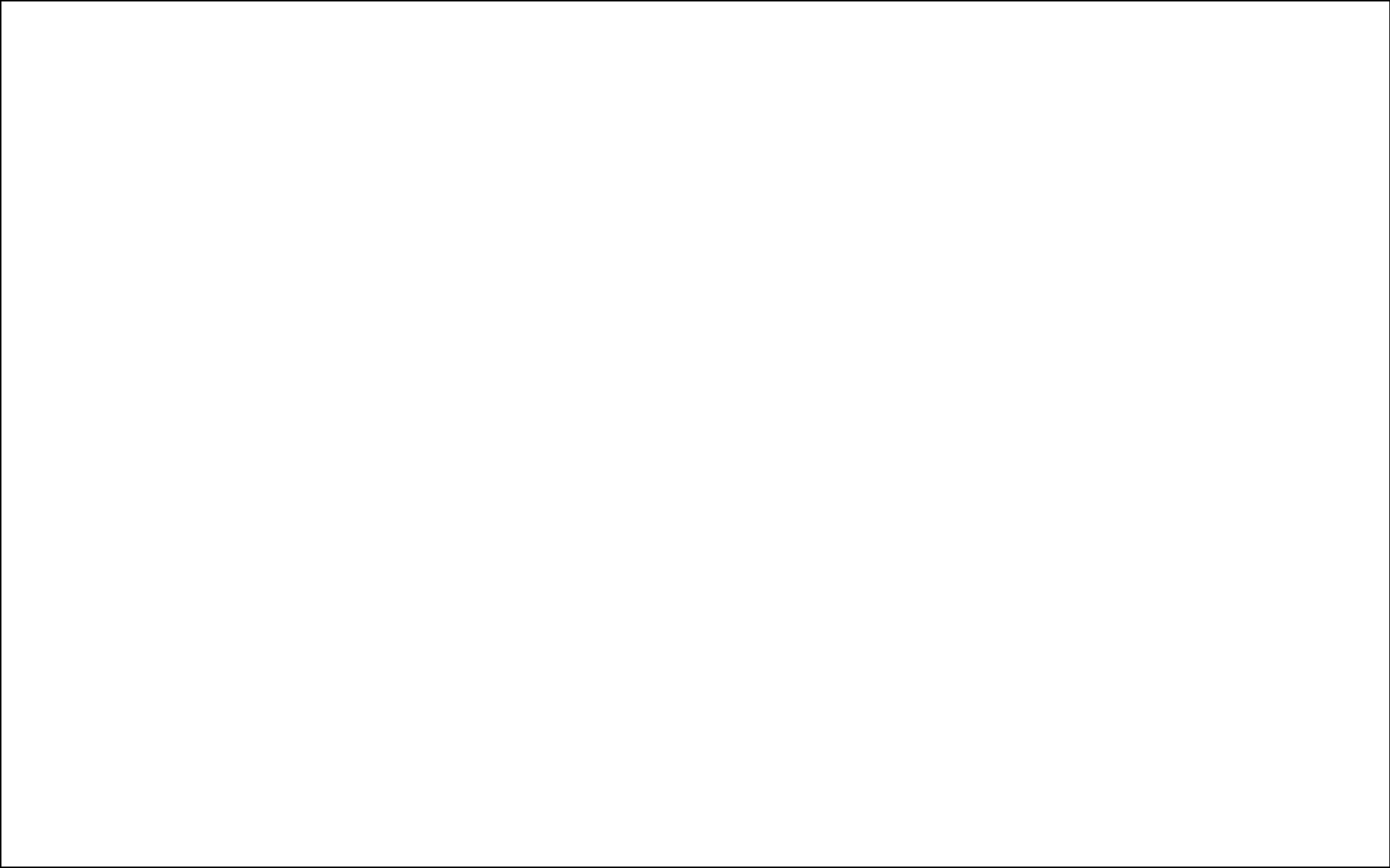
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Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund:	MDE			
<p>Other Funding Programs: <i>examples are U.S. HUD Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), or grants from USDA, EPA, Appalachian Regional Commission, Chesapeake Bay Trust, Maryland Heritage Areas Association, Preservation Maryland, Safe Routes to School, Maryland Rural Development Corporation, Maryland Energy Administration, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, etc.</i></p> <p>*Please add more rows if necessary</p>				
Rural Maryland Council	State	\$125,000	N/A	
Rural Maryland Council	State	\$250,000	N/A	
MDE Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration	State	\$1,542,700 loan, \$1,500,000 in a Loan Principal Forgiveness	N/A	
USDA	Federal	\$1,293,000 loan	N/A	
Maryland State Arts Council Technical Assistance	State	\$2,500	N/A	

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CDBG – It Takes A Village Child Care Center	State	\$800,000	N/A	

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



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III. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN UPDATE

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

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

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

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Action Plan Guidance

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

- 1) **For each of the different sections, pinpoint essential strengths and weaknesses of your community.**
Example Transportation: Strength - Good sidewalk connectivity. Weakness - Insufficient amount of downtown parking.
- 2) **Based on those strengths and weaknesses, formulate specific outcomes that address the most pressing issues or greatest potentials. Include a means of measuring the success of said outcome.**
Example Economy: Outcome – Expand broadband fiber optics in Town. Progress Measure - Linear measurement of fiber laid and number of residential and business connections.
- 3) **After defining the outcomes, list detailed strategies (break down to several action steps if needed) that will serve as the means to achieve those goals.** Example Economy: Strategy - Increase number of Town sponsored events → Develop with community input, a series of weekend events that the Town could host.
- 4) **List potential partners that can support the successful implementation of these strategies through different types of resources.** Example Economy: DHCD (Community Legacy program), Small Business Administration (Services and financial assistance) etc.

Sustainable Community Action Plan

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Environment

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

<u>Strengths</u>	<u>Weaknesses</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wetlands help dissipate the energy from storm surge and tidal action, and provide habitats for local wildlife Trails will be completed by Fall 2018 City is in a coastal region and has a number of pocket parks and a nature preserve; these are assets for drawing visitors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Crisfield is susceptible to coastal flooding and storm surges, in part due to low elevation above sea level and coastal access. City has documented drainage issues due to aging storm water system and lack of system maintenance. City of Crisfield is located within the 100-year floodplain with the exception of a few elevated areas. Aging water and sewer infrastructure Aside from individuals who own watercraft there is limited public access to the water No local Farmer's Market and limited access to local foods.

<u>Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures</u>	<u>Strategies and Action Items</u>	<u>Implementation Partners</u>
<p>Based on the strengths and weaknesses identify the strengths on which you would like to build and the challenges you would like to address. What outcomes are you trying to achieve? Where/ in what area do you want those changes to happen? →</p> <p>Progress Measure: Identify how you will know that you have achieved your outcome.</p>	<p>Identify strategies that will help your community to achieve each identified outcome to the left. If applicable, break down each strategy into specific action items that outline different steps of the strategy. Specify how you are planning to achieve the desired outcomes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">→</p>	<p>Which community stakeholders need to be involved to realize each action step and strategy? Name specific public and/or private sector partners.</p>
<p>Outcome 1: Address flooding and drainage issues</p> <p>Progress Measures: Fewer number of flood occurrences</p>	<p>Strategy A: Develop strategies to address issues of floodplain and road inundation, property damage and infrastructure damage.</p> <p>Strategy B: Engage with the Working Waterfront Program, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Community Resilience Grants Program for funding to support tactical interventions and planning</p>	<p>Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Department of the Environment, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Federal Emergency Management Agency</p>

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<p>Outcome 2: Address aging water and sewer infrastructure</p> <p>Progress Measures: Replacement and/or rehabilitation of water and sewer lines, pumping stations and water valves</p>	<p>Strategy A: Apply for grant funding to upgrade system</p>	<p>Maryland Department of the Environment, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, Maryland Department of Planning</p>
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Economy

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

<u>Strengths</u>	<u>Weaknesses</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crisfield has a number of small businesses. • Designated Arts and Entertainment District. • The Crisfield Heritage Foundation manages the Tawes Museum, Crisfield Customs House (currently under renovation) and Ward Brothers Workshop. • Many natural assets which draw visitors, such as fishing, boating, bird-watching and a state park. • Designated Opportunity Zone • Seafood Industry • Tourism opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many commercial buildings are underutilized in the central business district. • 60 percent of all establishments in Crisfield have fewer than five employees. • The City has a labor force participation rate of 53%.



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<p>Outcome 1: Attract a large-scale anchor employer in Crisfield area</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of jobs created</p>	<p>Strategy A: Invest in Green Energy Production Plant</p> <p>Strategy B: Develop a job training incubator for local population to keep workers in both Crisfield and Somerset County</p>	<p>Crisfield Chamber of Commerce, Somerset County Economic Development Commission, Maryland Department of Commerce, Department of Housing and Community Development</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Expansion of broadband to attract and expand more small businesses.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of square miles broadband will reach</p>	<p>Strategy A: Continuation of fiber optic installation.</p> <p>Strategy B: Apply for multiple funding sources to expand broadband access.</p>	<p>Crisfield Chamber of Commerce, Maryland Department of Planning, Maryland Department of Commerce, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, Maryland Broadband Cooperative</p>
<p>Outcome 3: Increase sustainability of small businesses.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Increase in tax assessed, value of small business properties and increase in number of small businesses.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Work closely with the Crisfield Chamber of Commerce, Somers Cove Marina, Crisfield Arts & Entertainment District and the Crisfield Library to promote businesses to visitors.</p> <p>Strategy B: Pursue Main Street Affiliate status and, in the long term, Main Street status.</p> <p>Strategy C: Provide funding to small businesses for rehabilitation of buildings.</p> <p>Strategy D: Create marketing plan and app to help visitors find local businesses.</p> <p>Strategy E: Façade Improvement Program</p>	<p>the Crisfield Chamber of Commerce, Somers Cove Marina, Crisfield Arts & Entertainment District, Crisfield Library, Somerset County Tourism, Maryland Department of Commerce, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development</p>

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Transportation

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

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shore Transit provides scheduled bus service between Crisfield and Salisbury with stops en route in Princess Anne and Westover.• Crisfield is a walkable and bikeable community. New Rails to Trails section connecting Crisfield to Westover has been completed.• Golf cart traffic has been approved and is permitted within the city limits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many roads which are used to access public facilities (schools, city hall, etc.) are only three feet in elevation above sea level and prone to flooding.• Off street parking continues to be an issue, particularly overnight parking for tourist taking the ferry to Smith Island or Tangier Island.• City roads in need of repair.• Lack of ADA compliant sidewalks.

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures →

Strategies and Action Items →

Implementation Partners

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<p>Outcome 1: Address off street and overnight parking issues</p> <p>Progress Measures: Increased opportunities for off street and extended stay parking.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Increase signage to help people find off street and extended stay City owned parking.</p> <p>Strategy B: Advocate for increased golf cart transit.</p>	<p>Crisfield Mayor and City Council, Local Business owners</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Address road inundation issues.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Reduced number of road inundation issues.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Develop a comprehensive plan to address flooding, beginning with a drainage study</p> <p>Strategy B: Work with state agencies and the county to address flooding on roads in Crisfield.</p> <p>Strategy C: Explore the option of elevating roadways at critical locations.</p>	<p>Maryland Department of Transportation, Somerset County, Maryland Department of Planning, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Federal Emergency Management Agency</p>
<p>Outcome 3: Continue to seek opportunities to develop additional Complete Streets.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Additional Complete Street projects in the city</p>	<p>Strategy A: Explore grant opportunities to fund additional Complete Street projects.</p>	<p>Maryland Department of Transportation, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, Maryland Department of Planning</p>

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Housing

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

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mix of housing structure types (Attached and detached single family; multi-family housing; mobile and RV homes). Housing Authority manages 330 units (24 percent of all housing units; 28 percent of all occupied housing units). There is a lot of potential for infill development to make for a more dense housing market. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Of all Somerset County municipalities, Crisfield has the highest percentage of vacant structures (13.6 percent). Median Home Value of Owner Occupied units is only \$67,000. The public housing community appears to be physically detached from the City at large and has a negative impact on the city's tax base. Homeownership within Crisfield is less than 25 percent. Poor condition of housing stock. Lack of senior and affordable housing. The elevation of housing stock is an issue due to flooding.

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Create more connectivity between downtown/commercial business district and public housing in Crisfield.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of public housing residents that are able to work or use services in the downtown area.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Create job programming where public housing residents can train with local businesses particularly in the commercial business district.</p> <p>Strategy B: Provide improved connections to healthcare, food and transportation.</p>	<p>Public Housing Authority, Residents, Local business owners, Crisfield Mayor and City Council, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Increase home ownership in Crisfield.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of net new home owners.</p>	<p>Strategy A: The Community-Based Housing Revolving Loan Fund provides low-interest loans to those serving a targeted population (income restrictions, etc.)</p> <p>Strategy B: Create a residential façade program to increase the appearances and needed exterior upgrades of homes within Crisfield.</p> <p>Strategy C: Reach out to a housing counseling non-profit that could provide homeownership and/or foreclosure counseling to current and potential residents.</p>	<p>Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Maryland Department of Planning; Crisfield Chamber of Commerce, Shore Up, Inc.</p>

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	<p>Strategy D: Explore the option of conversion of some public housing units to market rate units.</p> <p>Strategy E: Partner with a housing developer to acquire and rehabilitate vacant homes to provide affordable housing.</p>	
<p>Outcome 3: Effectively manage rentals</p> <p>Progress measures: rental units up to code, information on availability of properties to those interested in renting</p>	<p>Strategy A: City has developed a Rental License Program.</p> <p>Strategy B: City will be inspecting public housing units for potential violations.</p>	<p>Crisfield Mayor and City Council, Public Housing Authority, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</p>

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Quality of Life

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

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Schools are operating over capacity. There is a new Crisfield Library. City of Crisfield has a Head Start and afterschool program for students. Crisfield has a number of festivals and events. The Tawes Museum and Ward Brothers Workshop are cultural attractions. Designated Arts & Entertainment District July 1, 2018. Maritime/Seafood Culture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crisfield residents have a considerably lower median household income than nearby municipalities (\$17,979). Public water access is limited to several boat ramps and the beach the City leases from the local VFW post. Between 1960 and 2000, the City population decreased by 817 residents, or by 23 percent (compared to 26.1 percent growth in Somerset County). Opioid addiction is heavy in Crisfield.

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items →	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Intervention with opioid addiction in Crisfield.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">→</p> <p>Progress Measures: Decrease in the number of opioid-related deaths or increase in the number of people in recovery.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Establish a rehab center with ongoing addition education strategies.</p> <p>Strategy B: Continue to work with the county and local organizations in increasing substance abuse awareness and prevention through such programs as “Somerset Rains Purple”.</p>	<p>Crisfield Police Department, Somerset County Sheriff, Somerset County Health Department, Somerset County Opioid Team, Maryland Department of Health</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Continue to promote waterfront activities.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Encourage residents and visitors alike to use the waterfront by hosting events that access waterfront facilities.</p>	<p>Chamber of Commerce, City of Crisfield, Somerset County</p>

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Progress Measures: Number of people using public waterfront access	Strategy B: Market the public beach.	Tourism, Maryland Department of Natural Resources
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Local Planning and Land Use

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

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In recent years, many of the buildings that formerly housed processing plants have become vacant, and several sites have been redeveloped into multi-family residential projects.• Somers Cove Marina is the prominent feature of the waterfront, occupying 50 acres of land.• Development is isolated to the existing city center, maintaining the natural resources and undeveloped land uses of the surrounding region. Development work outside of the city center has been low-density, accessible by a network of rural roads or in agricultural or open space use.• City-owned buildings available to be rehabbed for public use include the Corbin Memorial Library and the Armory.• Newly adopted zoning ordinance and zoning map	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sewage infrastructure is old and dilapidated.• The City of Crisfield owns a lot of land, primarily residential parcels.• There is a lack of public meeting space with ADA accessibility.• Comprehensive Plan is in need of update.



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<p>Outcome 1: Develop a public meeting space with ADA accessibility</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of public meeting spaces with ADA accessibility</p>	<p>Strategy A: Rehabilitate the armory building for use as a public meeting space and community center (need verification if this is still owned by the State).</p> <p>Strategy B: Investigate which state agencies will provide grants/funding for increasing ADA accessibility (ex, MDOT, etc.).</p>	<p>Maryland Department of Transportation, Maryland Department of Planning, Maryland Department of Housing and community Development</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Update the water and sewage systems in City of Crisfield</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of linear feet of updated pipes, etc.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Coordinate with on best strategies for updating and maintaining the water and sewage systems.</p> <p>Strategy B: Coordinate with MDE, USDA, and RMC in rehabilitating and replacing water and sewer infrastructure.</p>	<p>United States Depart. Of Agriculture, Maryland Depart. of Environment, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Maryland Depart. of Housing and Community Development, Rural Maryland Council</p>
<p>Outcome 3: Update Comprehensive Plan</p> <p>Progress Measures: Newly adopted plan</p>	<p>Strategy A: Coordinate with MDP and DHCD to find grant funds to hire a planning consultant.</p>	<p>Crisfield Mayor and City Council, Maryland Department of Planning, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development</p>

SIGNATURE LETTER

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

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

Authorized Signature

Richard Pollitt, City Manager

Date