



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

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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: Baltimore County Department of Planning
NAME OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY: Greater Dundalk/Sparrows Point

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:		Greater Dundalk / Sparrows Point	
Name of Applicant:		Baltimore County Department of Planning	
Applicant's Federal Identification Number:		52-6000889	
Applicant's Street Address:		105 W Chesapeake Ave	
City: Towson	County: Baltimore County	State: MD	Zip Code: 21204
Phone Number: 410-887-3480	Fax Number: 410-887-5862	Web Address: baltimorecountymd.gov	

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Sustainable Community Boundary and Description

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

We are not requesting to expand the boundary but have redrawn the lines to a 200-scale map standard. The original acreage of 11,670 is now 11,416 acres. The boundary was realigned to follow the County boundary, shorelines, railroad, and a few parcel lines.

- (2) If yes, Include the following in as an attachment:

- PDF or JPEG of modified Sustainable Communities boundary map,
- GIS shapefiles of modified Sustainable Community boundary (mapped to the parcel boundary),

- (3) Approximate number of acres of entire SC Area: 11,416.00

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

☒ **Main Street** ☒ **National Register Historic District** ☐ Local Historic District
☐ Arts & Entertainment District ☐ **State Enterprise Zone Special Taxing District**
☐ BRAC ☐ State Designated TOD ☒ **Other(s): Star Spangled Banner Historic Trail Route, County Commercial Revitalization Area, Community Enhancement Area, ARPA Areas**

- (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?

The Dundalk/Sparrows Point Sustainable Community area ("SC area") has an estimated 2022 population of 67,216, representing an increase of 4,323 individuals since 2018.

Approximately 15.7 % of the SC area's population is 65 years of age and over. This age bracket's share of the total population increased by 0.12% from 2018. Additionally, 32.48% of the SC area's population is 24 and younger, which increased by 1.57% since 2018.

The racial profile of the SC area is predominantly white, with 64.36% of the population in the "White alone, Not Hispanic or Latino" racial group. This percentage decreased from 2018, when 73.43% of the population was white. Relatedly, the "Black or African American alone, Not Hispanic or Latino" population has increased by 4.58% since 2018, and the "Hispanic/Latino of any race" population increased by 4.63% since 2018 (individuals of this ethnicity may be of any race, according to the federal definition).

There are 27,233 housing units in the SC area. 25,205 are occupied, representing a 92.55% occupancy rate. Since 2018, occupancy rate has steadily increased while the total number of vacant units declined by 2.92%. Housing occupancy was split with 63.24% of units being owner occupied and 36.76% being renter occupied, whereas in 2018 64.75% of units were owner occupied and 35.25% were renter occupied.

Among individuals 25 years old or over in the SC area, 84.7% graduated with a high school diploma or equivalent and 14.1% of individuals in the same range hold a bachelor's or advanced educational degree. These two figures have only slightly changed since 2018, and educational attainment in the

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SC area remains lower than countywide averages (91% for high school or higher, and 37% for bachelor's or higher). The area's median household income increased by \$4,700 to \$76,000 since 2018. It is still lower than the county's median income of \$88,157.

Overall, the SC area has maintained a relatively steady population, has become racially diverse, and has increased housing opportunities.

	ACS 2018 5-Year Estimates	ACS 2022 5-Year Estimates	Change
B01003 <i>Total Population</i>			
Total estimated population:	62,893	67,216	+ 4,323
B01002 <i>Median Age by Sex</i>			
Median Age	40.3	40	-
B01001 <i>Sex by Age</i>			
Estimated population 65 and older	9,796	10,552	+ 756
Estimated population 24 and younger	19,443	21,833	+ 2,390
B03002 <i>Hispanic/Latino Origin by Race</i>			
Estimated White population	46,180	43,258	- 2,992
Estimated Black/African American population	7,357	10,946	+ 3,589
Estimated Hispanic/Latino (of any race) population	4,449	7,861	+ 3,412
B25002 <i>Occupancy Status</i>			
Total housing units	26,007	27,233	+ 1,226
Vacant housing units	2,697	2,028	- 669
Occupied housing units	23,310	25,205	+ 1,895
B25003 <i>Tenure</i>			
Occupancy – owner occupied	15,093	15,939	+ 846
Occupancy – renter occupied	8,217	9,266	+ 1,049
B15003 <i>Educational Attainment for the Pop. 25 and over</i>			
Age 25 and over with high school diploma/equivalency or higher	34,950 (80.4%)	38,458 (84.7%)	+ 3,508
Age 25 and over with bachelor's degree or higher	5,470 (12.6%)	6,410 (14.1%)	+ 940
B19013 <i>Median Household Income</i>			
Average median household income of tracts within expanded area	\$71,300	\$76,000	+ \$4,700

***Source:** 2018 & 2022 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables

***Selected Geography:** 4201, 4202, 4203.01, 4203.02, 4203.03, 4204.01, 4204.02, 4205, 4206, 4207.01, 4207.02, 4208, 4209, 4210, 4211.01, 4211.02, 4212, 4213, 4523, 4524, 4525, 4927

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

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leaders, and how will/did the Workgroup advisor or staff manage implementation of the SC Area Plan?

The Sustainable Communities Workgroup is comprised of different partners compared to the 2018 application process. Baltimore County Department of Planning has remained the lead for the renewal process, and workgroup members have been comprised of both Baltimore County Agency representatives as well as local organizations and stakeholders. Baltimore County will be responsible for managing and monitoring the implementation of the SC Area Plan through partnerships with other County Agencies, and local stakeholders and organizations.

The official Greater Dundalk/Sparrows Point Workgroup for the 2024 renewal included the following representatives:

- Nick Staigerwald – Dundalk Renaissance Corporation
- Latasha Gresham-Jones – Dundalk Renaissance Corporation
- Dr. Frank M. Neighoff, Jr- Chesapeake Bay Association, Inc., Millers Island Residents Association, Inc.
- William Feuer – Precinct 12 Community Police Alliance
- Jessica Lilli – Old Dundalk Neighborhood Association
- Phyllis Joris – Neighborspace of Baltimore County
- Gloria Nelson – Turner Station Conservation Team
- Kristin King – Tradepoint Atlantic
- Aaron Tomarchio - Tradepoint Atlantic
- Francis Taylor - North Point Peninsula Council
- Mitchell Posner – Community Assistance Network
- Dante Jones – Jones Enterprise, Inc.

In addition to the above local workgroup members, representatives from Baltimore County and Maryland State Agencies were invited to participate in the public engagement process and workgroup meetings. Included agencies:

- Baltimore County Recreation and Parks
- Baltimore County Department of Economic and Workforce Development
- Baltimore County Department of Public Works and Transportation
- Baltimore County Department of Housing and Community Development
- Baltimore County Department of Environmental Sustainability
- Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspections
- Baltimore County Department of Health and Human Services
- Baltimore County Police Department
- Baltimore County Public Schools
- Maryland Department of Transportation – State Highway Administration
- Maryland Department of Transportation – Maryland Transit Administration

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

The SC workgroups have been able to create innovative solutions to addressing our revitalization goals. The Dundalk Renaissance Corporation (DRC) is focusing their ongoing work primarily on the

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Dundalk Avenue corridor, and within that corridor, on the neighborhoods that feed into Dundalk Elementary School: Turner Station, DunLogan, St. Helena, Old Dundalk, and Graceland Park.

The Turner Station Conservation Team (TSCT) has also had a significant impact in the community through hosting events that connect community members with local support services such as the yearly Community Resource Information Fair. TSCT also has teams that focus in on certain community needs such as the Housing Team that has the goal of finding affordable housing for community members.

Working with different workgroups who have a wide range of priorities and trying to find a common ground to focus their efforts can be a challenge.

- (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?

During this Renewal Application process, the Baltimore County Department of Planning (BC Planning) led an extensive public engagement process to ensure the community could provide as much input as possible. The County held a series of public meetings and conducted several public surveys to collect input. On June 14, 2023, at North Point Library there was an Open House event where community input was gathered. There were also two workgroup virtual meetings held on August 29 and 31, 2023, to meet with local stakeholders and allow them an opportunity to discuss strengths, weaknesses, and potential outcomes or action steps for each of the six topics. Additionally, there was a survey created and distributed to gather further input on the six action plan topics between June and July of 2023.

The Action Plan update is based on community needs heard during the public engagement process, the previous 2018 Action Plan, existing County plans for projects to take place in the next five years, and existing initiatives being conducted, or soon to be conducted, by local organizations.

Many plans in the area are outdated, the majority of input to guide the development of the action plan was collected through public input, workgroup meetings, and discussions with implementation partners, agencies, and organizations. Existing plans include:

- Eastern Baltimore County Revitalization Strategy (1996)
- Eastern Baltimore County Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Plan (2006)
- Greater Dundalk-Edgemere Community Conservation Plan (2000)

- (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 community needs assistance with streetscaping. State roads such as Merritt Boulevard could use revitalization that will increase the overall appearance of the community and will help in creating a better sense of place.

SECTION B - SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACTION PLAN

[Greater Dundalk/Sparrows Point]

Example Section

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

<u>Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures</u>	<u>Strategies and Action Items</u>	<u>Implementation Partners</u>
<p>Outcomes should be considered 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.</p> <p>Progress Measure: What will you use to measure success toward outcome? Is it quantifiable or qualifiable?</p>	<p>Identify strategies that will help your community to achieve each identified outcome to the left. If applicable, break down each strategy into specific action items that outline different steps of the strategy. Specify how you are planning to achieve the desired outcomes.</p>	<p>Which community stakeholders need to be involved to realize each action step and strategy? Name specific public and/or private sector partners.</p>
<p>Example Outcome 1: Code violations and complaints are reduced in the Sustainable Community residential areas.</p> <p>Example Progress Measures: Code violations reduced by 25% in Sustainable Community residential areas</p>	<p>Example Strategy A: Review and revise, as needed, code compliance program to reduce frequency and number of residential code violations.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Example Action 2: Conduct outreach program to determine barriers to code compliance.</p> <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>	<p>Maryland Department of Planning, Maryland Department of Housing, County Planning Department, local homeowners' association</p>

Environment

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

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

Strengths

- Through the Operation ReTree Baltimore County program 738 native trees have been planted in the SCA. Another 86 trees were planted through other county programs and non-profit partners.
- Since the last application in 2018 the land acres treated by stormwater management has increased. At the time this application was prepared about 1,000 of 10,493 (~10%) land acres within this SCA drain to SWM facilities that provide water quality enhancement. This is an increase from 6.7% when this application was previously submitted.
- The SC Area falls within two watersheds; the area drains to Baltimore Harbor to the south, while a small portion of the SCA drains to Back River to the northeast. Within those drainage areas are three watershed planning areas in which Small Watershed Action Plans (SWAPs) have been developed; Upper Back River, Tidal Back River, and Baltimore Harbor (Bear Creek and Old Road Bay) SWAPs have assessed water resources, water quality influences, and opportunities for restoration within the area of interest.
- Several potential projects to improve water quality were identified in the County's SWAPs, including stream restoration, stormwater conversion, stormwater retrofit, and tree planting. Additional opportunities are assessed for the possibility of citizen participation in restoration, such as rain barrel/rain garden installation potential.
- The SC Area, being proximal to major water bodies, may result in a community that already feels a close connection with the water, allowing for greater citizen awareness and motivation for water quality improvement that may be realized from potential future action.

Weaknesses

- The Greater Dundalk SCA is estimated to have about 3,851 acres of impervious surface. It experienced an increase of about 111.5 acres (or about 3%) of impervious surface between 2017 and 2020. The latest impervious GIS data the county has is from 2020; impervious gains and losses after 2020 cannot be captured for this application.
- The area is vulnerable to coastal flood hazards from periodic weather events in addition to possible increases in flood hazards with projected sea level rise due to future climate change.
- A few neighborhoods in the Bread and Cheese Creek subwatershed of Back River, as well as many neighborhoods most proximal to Bear Creek in multiple subwatersheds of the Baltimore Harbor drainage have been identified as having higher potential contributions of water pollution.
- In the portions of this SCA within the Back River drainage, the SCA may be impacted by waterway segments of limited water quality relating to Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) established for nutrients, PCBs, chlordane, and sediments with additional identified impairments due to chlorides, and sulfates. In the portions of this SCA draining to Baltimore Harbor, the SCA may be impacted by waterway segments of limited water quality relating to TMDLs established for nutrients, sediment, PCBs, and chlordane, with additional identified impairments due to chlorides, sulfates, stream channelization, and inadequate riparian forest buffers.
 - The impairments by toxic substances (PCBs and chlordane) create conditions which make it less safe to consume several

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">Multiple neighborhoods identified in the SWAPs have at least a moderate opportunity for environmental restoration actions. Additionally, relatively few of the neighborhoods assessed were considered to be of high pollution potential.This Sustainable Community has extensive access to the waterfront, including on public parks land like Merritt Point Park, Fleming Center, and Chesterwood Park. There are a variety of kinds of parks and recreational amenities available, including athletic fields, ball diamonds, multipurpose courts, pavilions, boat ramps, and community centers.	species of fish and shellfish from the tidal waters surrounding the SCA.
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<u>Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures</u>	<u>Strategies and Action Items</u>	<u>Implementation Partners</u>
<p>Outcome 1: Expand access to community greenspaces and improve tree canopies in residential areas</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tree canopy - Measure tree canopy of the SC boundary when new land use data is available. It may take several years after trees are planted for them to be detected in the land use maps. Current tree canopy is 12% (determined using 2017/2018 LiDAR and 2017/2018 NAIP (Chesapeake Conservancy High Resolution Land Cover)).Community Greenspaces – Identify community greenspaces that can contribute to further tree canopy	<p>Strategy A: Encourage redevelopment and new development projects to add shade trees and other vegetation to areas</p> <p>Strategy B: Identify locations for additional tree planting in new and historic residential areas</p> <p>Strategy C: Continue and expand Operation ReTree or similar urban tree canopy planting programs within the SC.</p> <p>Strategy D: Improve environmental assets in residential spaces such as Veterans Park and Sparrows Point Park</p> <p>Strategy E: Identify locations for additional community greenspaces and recreational assets, such as pocket parks, in residential areas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and SustainabilityBaltimore County Recreation and ParksBaltimore County Public SchoolsBaltimore County Department of PlanningLocal community organizations
<p>Outcome 2: Improve water quality in tidal waters and non-tidal streams.</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Progress on TMDLs: reductions in pollutant loads and/or progress on TMDL Implementation Plan actions.	<p>Strategy A: Utilize redevelopment projects in the area to allow for implementation of up-to-date SWM requirements. This may be especially impactful surrounding the main commercial areas near Eastpoint Mall, and along Merritt Blvd where water quality BMPs are lacking.</p> <p>Strategy B: Complete capital restoration projects, such as shoreline enhancement and stormwater pond conversions to provide enhanced water quality treatment in addition to water quantity management, and operational</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and SustainabilityBaltimore County Department of Public WorksBack River Restoration CommitteeClean Bread and Cheese Creek

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced severity or elimination of water quality impairments. Increase in drainage areas of Stormwater Management ponds that provide water quality improvement in addition to water quantity management. (GIS analysis of county SWM pond drainage layers. Current coverage at ~10%) 	<p>projects, such as street sweeping and reductions in the quantity of road salt applied.</p> <p>Strategy C: Continue to implement and refine monitoring programs to better understand movements of toxics throughout watershed, and develop remediation plans as practicable.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local community/business associations/civic councils Baltimore County Public Schools Maryland Waterways Foundation Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake Local community organizations
<p>Outcome 3: Improve shoreline resilience and waterfront recreation amenities</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased shoreline access for community members Maintenance of current shoreline health and quality 	<p>Strategy A: Pursue shoreline renovations initiative, including living shoreline projects on public and private waterfront land.</p> <p>Strategy B: Continue partnership with the Turner Station community to complete the Fleming Park Restoration and Resilience project</p> <p>Strategy C: Complete park improvement projects, including playground and pavilion replacements, boat launch renovations, and additional renovations as needed</p> <p>Strategy D: Complete the Sparrows Point Park and Community Center project</p> <p>Strategy E: Increase local resiliency in Turner Station and support sustainability infrastructure projects to protect the area from climate threats.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks Baltimore County Department of Planning Office of Budget – Property Management Division Local community organizations

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.

Strengths

Weaknesses

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tradepoint Atlantic (TPA) is developing a multimodal industrial site that capitalizes on its deep-water access, and excellent rail and highway access to connect Baltimore County to world markets. • Excellent multi-modal transportation access, with immediate connection to I-695 and I-95, a Class I freight railroad, Martin State Airport, MARC regional transit, and just a few miles from the Port of Baltimore. • Dundalk Marine Terminal and the Port of Baltimore • CCBC-Dundalk Campus • Business community with deep roots and a proud industrial tradition. • Proximity to the Eastpoint American Job Center supporting jobseekers and incumbent workers with resume building, training, and job placement. • Holabird Business Park, Amazon warehouse facility • Johns Hopkins Bayview • Dundalk Renaissance Corporation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing local issues with unemployment amongst area residents • Commercial vacancies in historic commercial areas • Aging infrastructure (buildings and roads) that serve commercial uses need upgrades and continued maintenance • Limited transit, poor connectivity between commercial and residential areas
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Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Attract additional jobseekers in the Dundalk area to make use of the services provided by Eastpoint American Job Centers and other job training and placement facilities.</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase number of people visiting the American Job Center • Increase number of hiring events within community 	<p>Strategy A: Promote American Job Center services through local civic, faith-based, and non-profit organizations and through local community facilities.</p> <p>Strategy B: Partner with area businesses to plan hiring events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCBC • Dundalk community and faith-based organizations • Department of Economic and Workforce Development • Dundalk Renaissance Corporation
<p>Outcome 2: Continue working with Tradepoint Atlantic with permitting, infrastructure, and workforce services to create additional economic benefits and permanent jobs at Sparrows Point</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased number of hiring events within community 	<p>Strategy A: Continue regular meetings between County, community, and TPA stakeholders.</p> <p>Strategy B: Partner with TPA businesses to plan hiring events and on-the-job training opportunities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCBC • Tradepoint Atlantic • Department of Economic and Workforce Development

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<p>Outcome 3: Improve the aesthetic, safety and functionality of the Historic Dundalk Town Center to support existing businesses and attract new businesses.</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase number of businesses within HDTC • Increase overall foot traffic within HDTC 	<p>Strategy A: Increase opportunities for improvement of signage and building façades within the Historic Dundalk Town Center</p> <p>Strategy B: Research and develop traffic calming tactics that have increased walkability and pedestrian safety in similar historic commercial spaces.</p> <p>Strategy C: Partner with the Baltimore County Police Department to develop strategies to increase security in the commercial area and adjacent neighborhoods and community facilities.</p> <p>Strategy D: Develop a strategy to create a makersspace targeted at supporting new uses of retail and commercial spaces in the Historic Dundalk Town Center.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dundalk Renaissance Corporation • Police Department • CCBC • Department of Economic and Workforce Development • Department of Public Works and Transportation • Baltimore County Department of Planning, Historic Preservation
<p>Outcome 4: Identify and actively attract business types that are desired in portions of Dundalk</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New business openings 	<p>Strategy A: Continue ongoing engagement with local community organizations, non-profits, and businesses in order to identify needs or gaps in the commercial and retail offerings in Dundalk.</p> <p>Strategy B: Develop strategies to identify and actively attract business types that are desired by the community in portions of Dundalk, such as grocery stores, cafes or coffee shops, and restaurants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCBC • Baltimore County Department of Economic and Workforce Development • Baltimore County Department of Planning • Local community organizations

Transportation

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

Strengths, weaknesses and outcomes can focus on: access to transit corridors; pedestrian safety and accessibility; sidewalks; alternative modes of transportation, such as bikeways and trails; public transit, such as bus and rail; carpooling; proximity to transportation centers; parking; and road conditions.

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantial existing transportation network • Excellent highway access • Walkable Historic District and Main Street • Bike Lanes • Bus services: CityLink Navy, CityLink Orange, QuickLink 40, LocalLink 59, LocalLink 63, LocalLink 62, LocalLink 65, Express BusLink 160, Express BusLink 163 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of public transit to several major commercial areas • Hard for older adults to age in place due to lack of transit • Poor quality roads deteriorated due to heavy trucks • Land Use Conflicts (noise from trains next to houses, truck traffic, etc.)

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Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Improve the connectivity of the Dundalk area's active transportation network.</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase miles of bike lanes and sidewalks • Better community access for pedestrians and bikers • New traffic calming improvements 	<p>Strategy A: Require additional walkability improvements and biking facilities or infrastructure for new developments.</p> <p>Strategy B: Increase crosswalks and accessibility improvements between commercial and residential areas</p> <p>Strategy C: Increase public transit access between residential and business corridors</p> <p>Strategy D: Coordinate with community groups to identify areas to target for new automobile traffic calming improvements or expanded maintenance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baltimore County Department of Public Works and Transportation • Developers • Baltimore County Department of Planning • Maryland State Highway Administration • Maryland Transit Administration
<p>Outcome 2: Promote infrastructure investments that alleviate congestions and buffer industrial truck traffic from neighborhood streets and local commercial corridors</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New traffic calming improvements • Capital improvement plan for truck traffic buffering 	<p>Strategy A: Coordinate with community groups to identify areas to target for new automobile traffic calming improvements or expanded maintenance</p> <p>Strategy B: Provide timely information to local community groups about upcoming physical infrastructure repairs and updates for County roads</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baltimore County Department of Public Works and Transportation • Baltimore County Department of Planning • Local community organizations

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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wide range of housing types, among the most affordable in the region • Several housing opportunity programs offered by the County, DRC, Eastside CDC and TSCT to improve housing stock, create homeownership opportunities, to promote aging in place, to stimulate the development and redevelopment of high-quality multifamily housing for County renters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dundalk: Newer homes and high homeownership rates ○ Sparrows Point: TPA development will have positive impact on housing options ○ Turner Station: Housing Team focused on increasing homeownership and creating new housing opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deteriorating housing conditions and vacant housing • Lower income homebuyers have limited means to make updates to older homes that need renovations • Insufficient aging in place housing stock to accommodate older population

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Increase home ownership, range of housing choices and improved market conditions</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher number of mortgages generated 	<p>Strategy A: Utilize Baltimore County's and DRC's housing financing opportunities, homebuying counseling programs, and incentives to promote homebuying in Dundalk</p> <p>Strategy B: Expand the supply of quality affordable housing for families, first time homebuyers, and disabled and elderly households</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dundalk Renaissance Corporation • Baltimore County Department of Housing & Community Development • Private developers • Private investors • Local community organizations
<p>Outcome 2: Target specific Neighborhood Revitalization</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased home values 	<p>Strategy A: Prioritize deteriorated houses that are for sale in target neighborhoods for support through DRC's Market Boost program</p> <p>Strategy B: Identify vacant and abandoned properties in Turner Station neighborhood that could benefit from revitalization</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baltimore County Department of Housing & Community Development • Eastside CDC

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvement of overall block appearances improved Increase homeowner confidence 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turner Station Conservation Teams Private developers Private investors Local community organizations
<p>Outcome 3: Complete Affordable Homeowner, Housing Rehab and Sale efforts</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed rehabilitation of rental units Sale of new homes 	<p>Strategy A: Market new homes available in long-standing neighborhoods to attract new homebuyers and renters</p> <p>Strategy B: Continue efforts to rehab and revitalize rental properties in Dundalk</p> <p>Strategy C: Target renovation efforts to aging housing stock to support aging in place for existing homeowners.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baltimore County Department of Housing & Community Development Eastside CDC Local community organizations

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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This region has cultural resources celebrating its history at Fort Howard Park and will soon have exhibits featuring its industrial history at Sparrows Point Park. There are many parks and recreational amenities available to residents. Extensive access to the waterfront, including on public parks land like Merritt Point Park, Fleming Center, and Chesterwood Park. There are a variety of kinds of parks and recreational amenities available, including athletic fields, ball diamonds, multipurpose courts, pavilions, boat ramps, and community centers. Close proximity to downtown Baltimore and to I- 695 and I- 95 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some recreational amenities are aging and in need of renovations. Ongoing trash/littering issues Decreasing number of community, civic, and religious organizations Low ease of access to grocery stores for many residents

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dundalk National Register Historic District, town center, and a 100-year-old town plan. The Old Dundalk, a planned community and a key asset that presents charming architecture in homes originally built for steel mill and ship building employees during World War I.• The Dundalk Main Street designated a Maryland Main Street in 2004, features the Historic Dundalk Town Center• Neighborhoods along the corridor also feature parks with recreational amenities such as ball fields and/or basketball courts, a dog park (St. Helena), a Y aquatics center (Heritage), playgrounds (St. Helena, Watersedge, Fleming), walking paths (Cimaglia Park, Sollers Point), multipurpose community recreation buildings (St. Helena, Heritage, Sollers Point, Fleming), a library branch (Sollers Point) waterfront views/boat ramps/fishing piers (Watersedge, Fleming), and picnic areas (all).• Within or immediately adjacent to the neighborhoods along the corridor are the Ateaze and Fleming Senior Centers.• Close proximity to Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical and the Community College of Baltimore County.• Access to North Point State Park and Todd’s Inheritance Museum and Interpretive Site.	
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Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Incorporate placemaking principles into community events and physical improvements to improve the sense of place in the Dundalk area</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of placemaking projects completed• Amount of public or non-profit funding directed towards their completion	<p>Strategy A: Identify locations for public art to distinguish culturally and economically significant areas of the Dundalk community</p> <p>Strategy B: Continue holding annual community events in the Turner Station, the HDTC area, and other parts of Dundalk</p> <p>Strategy C: Identify opportunities to incorporate designated design choices into public and private improvements of structures, streetscapes, and other components of the physical environment to highlight the distinguishing characteristics of Dundalk</p> <p>Strategy D: Identify cultural resources and assets in the Dundalk/Sparrows Point area and determine strategies for their ongoing maintenance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks• Baltimore County Department of Planning• Baltimore County Department of Economic and Workforce Development• Baltimore County Property Management• Local community organizations
<p>Outcome 2: Connect residents with the history of the Dundalk/Sparrows Point region</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p>	<p>Strategy A: Create the Bear Creek Heritage Trail with signage to inform residents about the history of the battle of North Point and the North Point Peninsula Trail to connect Fort Howard Veteran’s Park to Todd’s Inheritance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NeighborSpace of Baltimore County• Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the resources available to residents to learn about the area's history 	<p>Strategy C: Incorporate signage and design elements to reference Sparrows Point's history into Sparrows Point Park</p> <p>Strategy D: Incorporate signage and design elements highlighting historic elements significance into commercial and residential areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baltimore County Department of Planning • Local community organizations
<p>Outcome 3: Improve community health outcomes in the Dundalk area</p> <p>Progress Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction of food insecurity • Outreach events regarding local drug treatment efforts with community organization 	<p>Strategy A: Identify strategies to combat food insecurity and the development of food deserts in the Dundalk area, such as attracting new grocery stores to underutilized commercial areas</p> <p>Strategy B: Identify strategies to inform and incorporate community groups into local drug and opioid treatment efforts through increased outreach to relevant organizations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baltimore County Department of Health and Human Services • Department of Economic and Workforce Development • Baltimore County Department of Planning • Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspections

Local Planning and Staffing Capacity

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

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

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoning and land use reflect that of a multi-faceted community with significant areas zoned for residential, commercial, and industrial. • County and State Historic Rehabilitation Tax credits are available for those properties and projects that qualify for the program • Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative designation for the Dundalk area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing need for proactive code enforcement • Barriers to high density, high-quality development (policies, development approval processes) • Limited flexibility in residential zoning to allow for appropriate small-scale commercial uses to serve the needs of more remote communities.

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Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Increase County support of the Historic Dundalk Town Center (HDTC) through planning processes</p> <p>Project Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiated targeted planning processes for the HDTC Number of Planning documents the HDTC is incorporated into 	<p>Strategy A: Initiate targeted planning process or initiatives to support the vitality HDTC</p> <p>Strategy B: Incorporate support of the HDTC into relevant planning process and documents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baltimore County Department of Planning Local community organizations
<p>Outcome 2: Expand the provision of Code Enforcement services in the Dundalk area</p> <p>Project Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Code enforcement complaints in the Dundalk area Issues cited by proactive sweeps in the Dundalk 	<p>Strategy A: Continue ongoing outreach to community and business groups to provide information on the services provided by Baltimore County Code Enforcement</p> <p>Strategy B: Continue the increase in regular proactive enforcement sweeps by code enforcement inspectors in the Dundalk area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspections, Code Enforcement Local community organizations
<p>Outcome 3: Maintain existing Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative designation in Dundalk and continue the ongoing utilization of the associated programs</p> <p>Project Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of BRNI projects 	<p>Strategy A: Provide any necessary technical support to Dundalk Renaissance Corporation to maintain the existing BRNI designation and apply for funding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dundalk Renaissance Corporation Baltimore County Department of Planning Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development
<p>Outcome 4: Encourage redevelopment of aging commercial and residential structures and the creation of new mixed-use development in the Dundalk area</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New mixed-use developments Redevelopment of existing structures 	<p>Strategy A: Identify potential zoning changes to encourage the development of high-quality, mixed-use development along major corridors in the Dundalk area.</p> <p>Strategy B: Provide suitable incentives for key redevelopments of aging commercial and multi-family properties in the Dundalk area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baltimore County Department of Planning Baltimore County Economic and Workforce Development Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspections Private developers

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.

Accomplishment 1: Awarded \$2 million for Maryland Works for Wind (MWW)

Outcome: A workforce that is skilled in the green energy sector.

Projects: In 2023, Baltimore County was awarded \$2 million from American Rescue Plan. Baltimore County Department Economic Workforce Department will serve a regional convener for Central Maryland. This includes connecting residents to training programs and apprenticeship.

Partners:

Maryland Department of Labor
Tradepoint Atlantic
Ørsted Offshore North America
US Wind

Impact: Creating a highly competitive workforce in green energy sector.

Accomplishment 2: Improved food access

2a

Outcome: Improve access to nutritious foods in Turner Station through our State Partnerships in Nutrition and Equity grant

Projects: conduct food survey of Turner Station residents; provide outreach, education, and referral regarding chronic disease and resource linkage to fresh healthy food options; provide free transportation to local grocery stores; strengthening relationships with community stakeholders; conduct nutrition education classes and food demonstrations

Partners:

Turner Station Conservation Team
Department of Public Works and Transportation
Department of Aging, Office of Community Engagement
Maryland Department of Health

Impact: provided outreach and education to over 130 Turner Station residents, conducted nutrition education class at Fleming Senior Center, administered the American Diabetes pre-diabetes risk assessment screening tool to approximately 50 residents and connected them with public health nurses for follow-up as needed; strengthened relationships with community and faith-based organizations

2b

Outcome: Improved Food Environment and Nutrition Services for Children and Mothers

Projects: Implementation of late hours and weekend hours twice per month at the Dundalk WIC office. Summer Farmer's Markets held annually.

Partners: Farmer's Market vendors – participated in Farmer's Market

Impact: WIC participation at this site increased by 600+ between January 2020 and May 2023



Figure 1 <https://explore.baltimoreheritage.org/items/show/382>

Accomplishment 3: Improved Health Access

3a

Outcome: Accessible health care for students

Projects: Holabird Middle School, Dundalk High School, Dundalk Elementary School Center provide health services to students in school during the school day. Dundalk Elementary School and Holabird Middle School approved as Vaccines for Children sites in May 2023, increasing access to immunizations.

Partners: Baltimore County Public Schools

Impact: Over 1400 students seen and 1700 immunizations administered at these SBWCs in this time period.

3b

Outcome: Improved access to health services for general public

Projects: Addition of colposcopy services for women at Dundalk Health Center in May 2022. Addition of evening and weekend clinic hours in 2023. Addition of COVID-19 vaccines and COVID-19 testing. Testing was done in a separate trailer at DHC to accommodate testing clients without entering clinic.

Partners: Dundalk Health Center

Impact: Over 50 colposcopies performed since May 2022. Over 4000 COVID-19 PCR tests administered at Dundalk Health Center trailer.



Figure 2 <https://www.northpointbuilders.com/wp-content/gallery/dundalk-elementary/Dundalk-Elementary-School-slide-13new.jpg>

Accomplishment 4:

Outcome: Improved access to the water

Projects:

Chesterwood Park Kayak/Canoe Soft Launch completed in spring 2023. This will allow kayakers and canoers to enter the water and explore our natural environment. This project also included shoreline restoration, improving the habitat and resilience of the shore found in this park.

Merritt Point Park Boat Launch replaced in spring 2023: This improves access to the water, helping residents explore our natural environment. This project also included a new Kayak/Canoe soft launch to incorporate many boaters.

Partners:

Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks

Impact: Water-based recreation helps to connect Baltimore County residents with our natural resources, promoting stewardship. In addition, new kayak/canoe soft launches promote active recreation for residents' health. Finally, the shoreline improvements that took place alongside the development at Chesterwood Park improve natural habitat and make the shoreline more resilient.



Figure 3 <https://patch.com/maryland/dundalk/chesterwood-and-merritt-point-park-pavilion-rentals-0>

Accomplishment 5:

Outcome: Acquire additional parkland

Projects:

Sparrows Point Park, a 21.5-acre site, was donated by Tradepoint Atlantic in 2022. This is the future site of a community center, turf field, and destination playground. The community center is expected to have activity rooms and a gymnasium. It will incorporate design elements and displays to highlight the history of Bethlehem Steel and Sparrows Point's industrial history.

Partners:

Tradepoint Atlantic

Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks

Impact: This is a large recreational facility for the community, with both indoor and outdoor amenities. It will help residents stay healthy and will be a community space for communal activities.



Accomplishment 6:

Outcome: Improve recreational amenities

Projects:

- *Fleming Center Park Improvements: recent improvements to Fleming Center include the existing pier, construction of a new walking path, and a pavilion.*
- *Sollers Point Multipurpose Center Park Improvements: the natural turf field was replaced with an improved drainage system and the existing track area was repaved.*

Partners: Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks

Impact: These are significant improvements to the recreational amenities of the area. The new pier will enable improved connection with the shoreline resources. Walking paths at both Fleming Center and Sollers Point Multipurpose Center are valuable for improving community health, and the new pavilion provides an additional place for community gatherings.



Figure 4 <https://www.google.com/url?sa=i&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dundalkusa.org%2Fplaces%2Ffleming-community-center-and-park%2F&psig=AOvVaw1ARuXl8kgdrlRrCuRGZQeL&ust=1705690332775000&source=images&cd=vfe&opi=89978449&ved=0CBEQjRxqFwoTCKCTgubN54MDFQAAAAAdAAAAABAD>

Accomplishment 7:

Outcome: Improve waterfront habitat

Projects: Chesterwood Park, Stansbury Park, and Watersedge Park Shoreline Restoration Projects: Shoreline restorations were completed at three parks.

Partners: Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability

Impact: These restorations improve habitat and provide greater resilience for our shoreline.



Figure 5 https://imagescdn.homes.com/i2/2ADbiYKNV_s4pyOBtszod5JLIPGCXLoXGxCxhUMyrkQ/117/watersedge-park-dundalk-md.jpg?p=1

Accomplishment 8:

Outcome: Improve waterfront habitat

Projects: Turner Station Resiliency

Partners: Turner Station Conservation Team, Baltimore County Resilience Authority, Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability

Impact: Baltimore County was awarded \$2 million in funding to support climate resiliency efforts in the Turner Station

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>One bio-swale stormwater bmp was installed in the SCA in 2020, this practice treats 2.4 acres of impervious surface.</p> <p>3 shoreline enhancement projects have been completed in the SCA since the last application.</p> <p>There may be insufficient water quality monitoring data available at this time in this SCA to arrive at a definitive conclusion about the improvement of water quality. Water quality monitoring stations may be absent or very limited in this area, and nearby stations may only receive a limited influence directly from this SCA.</p>
2. Have you improved wildlife habitat in your community? Ex. native plantings, pollinator gardens, rain gardens	X			<p>824 native trees have been planted in the SCA since the last application. 738 of those trees were planted as a part of the County's Operation ReTree program, an equity-based program with the goal of increasing the county's tree canopy.</p> <p>A shoreline restoration project was completed by the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability at Chesterwood Park, improving wildlife habitat</p>
3. Have you increased access to green space, parks or outdoor recreational opportunities?	X			<p>Sparrows Point Park Site was donated by Tradepoint Atlantic, adding 21.5 acres of parkland to this sustainable community. New kayak/canoe soft launches have been added to Chesterwood Park and Merritt Point Park and a boat launch was replaced at Merritt Point Park, improving access to water-based recreation. Sidewalk repairs at Fleming Center and Dundalk Heritage Park are making it easier for people to enjoy these parks. Pier repairs at Fleming Center and Stansbury Park will also make it easier for people to enjoy the water.</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)	X			<p>28 rain barrels have been installed in the SCA since the last application. Many of these rain barrels were purchased through the County's annual rain barrel and compost bin sale.</p>

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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		Data not available. There has not been an increase in the number of new business due to the long-term effects of the pandemic.
2. Did the Municipality/ Sustainable Community area receive any designations that support local economic development?		X		Did not apply for any
3. Has there been an increase in foot traffic in the Main Street/commercial district?			X	Unable to calculate the foot traffic.
4. Have the number of commercial vacancies decreased?	X			Yes. The pandemic caused existing businesses to pivot to a new direction. 2021 Q3 vacancies spiked to 8%. Which is due to the effects of the pandemic. 2023 Q2 and Q3 have been steady with a 2.5% vacancy rate.

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5. Has there been an increase in local jobs within the Sustainable Community for its residents?	X			New tenants at Tradepoint Atlantic. In 2017, TPA started with 20 tenants. TPA has 18 vacant parcels. Below is a short list of the new tenants. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Niagara - US Wind - Floor and Décor - Orsted
6. Has there been an increase in workforce development training or other opportunities for connecting potential employees to well-paying jobs?	X			Maryland Works for Wind (MWW) was awarded \$2 million to connect residents to regional training programs and apprenticeships for career paths in offshore wind industry through Good Jobs Challenge (grant) and the American Rescue Plan.
OTHER:				

TRANSPORTATION	YES	NO	N/A	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
1. Has the amount of bike trails/paths increased? How many linear feet do the trails cover?	X			600 LF of bicycle lanes and signage on Merritt Avenue 4960 LF of bicycle lanes and signage on Trappe Road There are 5600 feet of trails within parks
2. Have there been improvements to the public transit infrastructure?			X	LocalLink 63 began service in February 2018 Express BusLink 163 began service in August 2021 LocalLink 62 now operates on North Point Road between Eastern Ave and Merritt Boulevard

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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 been a noticeable increased use of these walking places?			X	
4. Have there been any roadway improvements that support “Complete” or “Green” streets?		X		No planned improvement within the SC area. The main thoroughfare, Merritt Blvd is a state road.
5. Has traffic congestion along major roads decreased? (Amount in percent)		X		This is congestion due to industrial truck traffic adjacent to residential streets and local commercial corridors. Increased truck traffic from TPA Development and trucks are not restricted just to Broening Highway but the neighborhood roads like Holabird Avenue also encounter truck traffic issues.
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 or interiors been improved? Has the energy efficiency of any housing units been increased?			X	DHCD has no data demonstrating an increase in energy sufficiency in housing units in the project area.

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2. Has the homeownership rate increased?		X		According to the ACS, Dundalk's homeownership rate decreased from about 65% in 2018 to 63% in 2022. This represents a decrease of about 3%. For the renewal period, Dundalk's homeownership rate is, on average, lower than Maryland's overall homeownership rate of 71%.
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?	X			<p>According to the ACS, there has been an increase in the number of housing units in this community. As of 2022, there were approximately 29,380 units in Dundalk. This is about a 9% increase over the 27,060 units available in 2018.</p> <p>Nearly 20% of Dundalk community residents utilize public transportation for their commute to work. The average commute to work time is about 27 minutes. This is about 15% less of the average commute time in Maryland of 31 minutes.</p> <p>There are 568 income-restricted, affordable rental units located in this community. These units were, financed in part, by the County's development capital.</p>
4. Has there been demolition of blighted properties?		X		No demolitions of blighted properties have occurred during the review period. As the County has introduced legislation to update its vacant property definition, there is a high probability that demolitions and renovations of blighted properties will increase at least by 5- 10% over the next five (5) years in the project area.
5. Has the residential vacancy rate decreased?	X			Dundalk's residential vacancy rate decreased from 9.72% in 2018 to about 7.55% in 2022. This represents about a 25% decrease.
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	X			DHCD has partnered with six (6) community development organizations across the County for the provision of housing counseling services. This includes first-time homebuyer education, advocacy, financial planning, loss mitigation counseling, and in some cases, emergency rental assistance. The agencies providing these services work to assist low-to-moderate income families with home purchasing and to ensure their mortgages are in good standing for the entire loan term. Additionally, they serve as a gateway to DHCD's housing products including: the Settlement Expense Loan Program (SELP) and the Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Program. With Maryland DHCD's establishment of the Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) in 2020, the County's contracted Housing Counseling Agencies work expended to include intake

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the jurisdiction initiated any of its own programs to do the same?				and pre-counseling for this program – assisting constituents who were behind in mortgage payments.
7. Has there been an increase in homeownership counseling services or individuals accessing such services?	X			There has been an increase in homeownership counseling services and individuals accessing such services over the reporting period to include aforementioned programs like Eviction Prevention services and the Homeowner Assistance Fund. Historically, the County’s contracted counseling agencies did not serve families over 80% of the area median, but this changed with the introduction of pandemic-associated relief programming. Eight (8) local non-profits assisted the County in the administration of Emergency Rental Assistance programming including Associated Catholic Charities, St. Vincent DePaul, and the United Way of Maryland. These groups led the provision of \$1,468,458.97 in rental assistance in the Dundalk community.
OTHER:				
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>There are nine (9) Baltimore County Final Landmarks, two (2) properties individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and two (2) National Register Historic Districts (Dundalk Historic District & Day Village Historic District) located within the project area.</p> <p>Plans were approved for additional improvements to Final Landmark, Battle Acre Park, included – new lighting, memorial monuments, and fence/gate installation.</p> <p>Day Village Historic District received Federal, State, and County commercial tax credit approvals improvements and updates to the apartment complex. It is unknown if any mitigation for lead or asbestos will occur during this project.</p> <p>While not a designated historic site, the property donated by Tradepoint Atlantic to become Sparrows Point Park has historical significance in the industrial history of the region. The community center to be built will highlight aspects of the area’s history in informational displays/exhibits. This property has undergone environmental remediation.</p>

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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			The new pavilion at Fleming Park provides an improved gathering space for the community. Additionally, the new track at the Sollers Point Multipurpose Center provides an improved place for residents to socialize while walking.
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.	X			The Dundalk area has a variety of seasonal celebrations and festivals, including the Dundalk Heritage Festival hosted at Heritage Park.
4. Have there been any changes in access to health and wellness services? Examples include mobile clinics, hospitals, telehealth opportunities.	X			<p>In the past 5 years, BCDH hosted 20 COVID-19 vaccination and testing clinics in Dundalk at the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dundalk Health Center • Holabird Middle School • Dundalk Elementary School • Dundalk High School <p>Clinics included on-site Spanish interpretation services. All flyers and education materials we offered in alternative languages as part of COVID-19 outreach.</p> <p>BCDH also offers rapid HIV testing at Dundalk High School.</p> <p>Harm Reduction clinics are held every other Friday at Dundalk Health Center and BCDH recently installed a syringe return kiosk for residents to safely dispose used syringes. In the past five years, BCDH's Harm Reduction Program hosted 3 community clean-ups in Dundalk and installed Narcan boxes in 5 motels.</p> <p>Starting in 2019, MCHP offered in-person application assistance at Dundalk Health Center to encourage eligible customers residing in those areas the opportunity to apply for benefits.</p>

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				All Baltimore County residents may access BCDH's programs and services to help improve health outcomes. Residents may access these services and learn more about their eligibility by contacting their local Health Department.
5. Are there any residential health and wellness opportunities in place (i.e. athletic facilities, recreational indoor/outdoor courses or groups)?	X			<p>As a component of our State Partnerships in Nutrition and Equity (SPINE) grant, Health Department staff conducted nutrition classes to parents of children who attend the Headstart Program at Fleming Senior Center in Dundalk.</p> <p>Dundalk Health Center offers colposcopy services and continues to offer COVID-19 vaccines and testing.</p> <p>Harm Reduction conducts monthly Community Advisory Board meetings in Dundalk to engage residents.</p> <p>Within this sustainable community, there are 63 outdoor athletic fields, including 1 turf field. There are 82 ball diamonds, 65 multipurpose courts, 5 pickleball courts, 22 tennis courts, 3 tracks, 3 outdoor roller hockey rinks, a volleyball court, and 29 playgrounds. There are 4 boat launches and 10 piers. There are 15 pavilions, which may be reserved for group events, and one community center.</p>
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>BCDH's SPINE grant offers a free food shuttle in Turner Station, Dundalk to help increase access to fresh and healthy foods</p> <p>There are 14 markets within the areas of 2500 Sparrows Point Road and 3447 Dundalk Avenue. Some of the ways residents can access healthy food options include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Greater Dundalk Chamber of Commerce Farmers Market (Farmers Market Nutrition Program, SNAP, WIC) •Women Infants and Children (WIC), Dundalk Office •Department of Social Services, Dundalk Office •Baltimore County Public Library Free Summer Meals program, Sollers Point Branch •Maryland Food Bank Pantry Partner sites •Faith-based pantry sites •Student Support Network (Dundalk High and Battle Monument School) •Eating Together Congregant Meal Program, Ateaze, Edgemere, Fleming, Parkview and St. Luke's Senior Centers.

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7. Has there been a decrease in crime rate?			X	Data unavailable.
8. Do all residents have access to the Internet and other basic utilities and services?			X	Unknown. All Baltimore County residents may apply for assistance with their utility bills through the Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP). They may also apply for internet access through the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). Residents may learn more about eligibility for MEAP, ACP, and other community resources by contacting their local health department.
OTHER:				
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	The County does not track the number of infill development projects.
2. Has there been an increase in the amount of preserved/protected land?	X			Sparrows Point Park Site was donated by Tradepoint Atlantic, adding 21.5 acres of parkland to this sustainable community.

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3. Have there been any developments hindered by growth constraints? If so, please describe. Example constraints could be inadequate infrastructure, insufficient zoning density/intensity, or lack of buildable land.			X	The County does not track this information.
4. Have there been any zoning or policy changes that have fostered growth or redevelopment in your Sustainable Community?			X	Zoning changes occur through the County's CZMP process in which any person can request a zoning change on any property, approved or denied by the County Council. This last took place in 2020. The 2024 CZMP cycle is currently underway.
5. Have there been any significant improvements to the municipal infrastructure within the Sustainable Community (i.e. street lighting, water/sewer lines)?	X			The County has renovated 90,000 feet of water lines in the Dundalk area through the Dundalk Water Lines Capital Project.
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			The Department of Planning has added a Special Project Manager and Project Manager to support plan implementation efforts countywide.

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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?	X			The 2030 Baltimore County Master Plan process was undertaken by the Planning Department from 2021 to 2023.
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
Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative (BRNI)	DHCD	2020 - \$505,000 2021 - \$575,000 2022 - \$260,000 2023 - \$375,000		
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> *Please add more rows if necessary				
Sollers Point Multipurpose Center Field and Track Renovations (Rec and Parks)	State – Program Open Space	\$450,000		Not Competitive; Complete
Sparrows Point Park Development (Rec and Parks)	State – Program Open Space	\$4,000,000		Not Competitive; In Progress
Merritt Point Park Boat Ramp (Rec and Parks)	Federal – Waterways Grant	\$323,648.25		Not Competitive; Complete
Merritt Point Park Boat Ramp (Rec and Parks)	State – State Waterway Improvement Fund Grant	\$107,882.75		Not Competitive; Complete
Main Street Improvement Program	Maryland Dpt. of Housing & Community Development	2023 - \$25,000 2022 - \$25,000		

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Main Street Business Relief	Maryland Dpt. of Housing & Community Development	2021 - \$174,305		
Technical Assistance Grant	Maryland Dpt. of Housing & Community Development	2023 - \$15,000 2022 - \$15,000		
BCAUSE Partnership (senior home repair)	Weinberg Foundation	2022-2023 - \$425,000		
“Dundalk Strong” housing financial counseling	Baltimore County	2022 - \$20,000		
Dundalk Revitalization Activities	Baltimore County	2022 - \$100,000		
Commission on Arts & Sciences	Baltimore County	2022 – \$9,500		
Community Grant	Johns Hopkins Bayview	2021 - \$40,000 2022 - \$100		
COVID 19 Recovery	Baltimore County	2021 – \$7,500		

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Changemaker Challenge	United Way of Central Maryland	2021 - \$7,500 2022 - \$10,000		
Commercial Revitalization Action Grant (CRAG)	Baltimore County	Dundalk Renaissance Corporation: 2019: \$10,000 2020: \$10,000 2021: \$13,000 2022: \$10,000 2023: \$21,005 Dundalk Chamber: 2019: \$10,000 2020: \$9,954.75 2021: \$21,875 2022: \$9,635.70 2023: \$6,719		
CARES Act	Federal – Recovery Grant	2021 - \$62,000		

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

SIGNATURE LETTER

On behalf of Baltimore County Government, I hereby approve the application for renewal of the Sustainable Communities designation for Greater Dundalk/Sparrows Point. 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

STEPHEN LAFFERTY, DIRECTOR
Type Name and Title DEPT. OF PLANNING

3/1/2024
Date