

Sustainable Community Renewal Application for Prince George's County Glassmanor and Oxon Hill

March 16, 2021

Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development

I. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY – General Information

A. Sustainable Community Boundary and Description

- (1) Are you requesting any changes to your Sustainable Community boundary? Describe why or why not? No, the workgroup agreed to keep the boundary as currently designated.
- (2) Include the following in as an attachment (if requesting a modification to your current boundary):
 - a. PDF or JPEG of modified Sustainable Communities boundary map,
 - b. GIS shapefiles of modified Sustainable Community boundary (mapped to the parcel boundary),
- (3) Approximate number of acres of entire Sustainable Community (SC) area: 1,486± acres
- (4) Existing federal, state or local designations:
 - U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Historically Underutilized Business Zones (HUB Zone)
 - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Qualified Census Tracts (2015)
 - Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) Enterprise Zone Focus Area
 - Opportunity Zone Designation
 - Revitalization Tax Credit
- (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 following is U.S. Census demographic trends complied by Neustar for the Glassmanor and Oxon Hill Sustainable Community (SC) area.

Population Summary	2010 Census	2020		
Population	17,222	17,527		
	30	05 (1.8%)		
Population Growth 2010 census to 2020				

Total Household Income	2010 Cer	nsus	2020	
Average HH Income	\$60,884.00		\$71,520.00	
Median HH Income	\$50,308.00		\$56,328.00	
HH Income Below 10k	475	7.1%	406	5.9%
HH Income 10k-15k	123	1.8%	233	3.4%
HH Income 15k-20k	307	4.6%	172	2.5%
HH Income 20k-25k	434	6.5%	193	2.8%
HH Income 25k-30k	266	4.0%	426	6.2%
HH Income 30k-35k	369	5.5%	351	
HH Income 35k-40k	390	5.8%	231	3.4%
HH Income 40k-45k	566	8.4%	414	6.1%
HH Income 45k-50k	400	6.0%	474	6.9%
HH Income 50k-60k	827	12.3%	824	12.0%
HH Income 60k-75k	773	11.5%	795	11.6%
HH Income 75k-100k	707	10.5%	1,005	14.7%
HH Income 100k-125k	511	7.6%	533	7.8%
HH Income 125k-150k	301	4.5%	342	5.0%
HH Income 150k-200k	206	3.1%	198	2.9%
HH Income Above 200k	56	0.8%	246	3.6%
Housing Unit Occupancy	2010 Ce	nsus	2020	
Oumon Occupied IIIIa	2,195	30.0%	2,149	30.1%
Owner-Occupied HUs	4,517	61.7%	4,694	65.7%
Renter-Occupied HUs	606	8.3%	307	4.3%
Vacant HUs:	000	0.570	507	1.5 /0
Home Value	2010 Ce	nsus	2020	
Average HU Value	\$244,118		\$288,571	
Median HU Value	\$232,503		\$268,133	
HU Value Less Than 100k	89	1.2%	139	1.9%
HU Value 100k-200k	741	10.1%	417	5.8%
HU Value 200k-300k	823	11.2%	761	10.6%
HU Value 300k-400k	406	5.5%	644	9.0%
HU Value 400k-500k	100	1.5%	26	0.4%
	25	0.3%	161	2.3%
HU Value 500k-1mil	4	0.1%	101	0.0%
HU Value Above 1mil	T	0.170	1	0.070

Education	2010 Ce	nsus	2020)
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No High School Diploma	1,671	15.5%	2,364	20.4%
High School Diploma	4,429	41.0%	4,099	35.4%
Some College	3,219	29.8%	3,519	30.4%
Bachelor's Degree	1,050	9.7%	863	7.5%
Advanced Degree	425	3.9%	719	6.2%

Survey reflects ages 25 and over

Race	2010 Ce	ensus	202	20
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White Alone	1,108	6.4%	1,464	8.4%
Black Alone	15,505	90.0%	15,337	87.5%
Native American Alone	70	0.4%	95	0.5%
Asian Alone	197	1.1%	229	1.3%
Pacific Islander Alone	25	0.1%	39	0.2%
Two Or More Races	318	1.8%	364	2.1%

Employment	2010 Ce	ensus	2020)
Armed Forces	43	0.3%	32	0.2%
Civilian Employed	8,669	65.6%	9,213	67.3%
Unemployed	1,372	10.4%	1,038	7.6%
Not in Labor Force	3,132	23.7%	3,406	24.9%

Commuting	2010 Ce	ensus	2020		
Take Car Or Truck To Work	5,937	68.1%	6,453	69.8%	
Take Public Transportation To	2,383	27.4%	2,223	24.0%	
Work					
Other Means Of Transport To	187	2.1%	419	4.5%	
Work					
Work At Home	205	2.4%	149	1.6%	
Travel Below 30 Min To Work	3,127	36.8%	3,333	36.6%	
Travel 30-60 Min To Work	3,211	37.7%	3,419	37.6%	
Travel Above 60 Min To Work	2,168	25.5%	2,344	25.8%	

B. Organizational Structure, Experience and Public Input:

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

The Sustainable Community boundary was approved in 2016, including the Glassmanor and Oxon Hill Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative (TNI) boundary. The TNI program involved concentrating government resources in areas of the County that are facing health, economic, public safety, and educational challenges in an effort to reduce the disparity between communities. The Glassmanor and Oxon Hill TNI Team comprises representatives from various County agencies, area residents, and business owners in the community who led the efforts to implement the SC area Plan.

When County Executive Angela Alsobrooks took office, the TNI program was restructured to expand government resources to neighborhoods not previously served by the TNI program. As a result, Councilmanic District program managers were appointed to collaborate with the County Council member offices to facilitate the implementation of the Action Plan.

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

Strength:

The Sustainable Community Workgroup comprises elected officials and local governmental entities that provided stability, strong community engagement and implementation, and collaboration with County agencies.

Challenge:

The restructure of the TNI program and administrative staff within the Sustainable Community Workgroup affected continuity and slowed program momentum.

(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?

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, virtual meetings were held in preparation of the renewal application. The first meeting was held Monday, December 7, 2020. The discussion focused on the accomplishments from the past five years and grant funding for sustainability or revitalization projects. The second meeting was held January 19, 2021. The discussion focused on the strengths and weakness in the SC area to identify strategies in support of the SC Action Plan. The attendees included representatives from the County Executive's Office and Councilwoman Monique Anderson-Walker's office, community leaders, and residents.

The SC Action Plan is based on recommendations from the Prince George's County General Plan (Plan 2035), 2014 Approved Eastover/Forest Heights/Glassmanor Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment, the 2000 Approved Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for the Heights and Vicinity and the previous approved 2016 Glassmanor and Oxon Hill Sustainable Community application.

- (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.
 - Establish a partnership with the Maryland Department of Environment and Prince George's County Department of Environment to develop strategies to resolve stormwater flooding issues in the area.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY RENEWAL REPORT

PART I: QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT

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

Accomplishment 1: Improved the aesthetics and environmental quality of the SC area.

Outcome: Improve the health of the Oxon Run Watershed.

Strategy: Reduce litter and illegal dumping that contributes to stormwater runoff and contaminates waterways.

Projects:

- Installed trash receptacles to near the bus stops. <u>https://pgcproud.com/campaign-in-action</u>
 a. Part of upgrade for Birchwood Community Center.
- 2) Countywide anti-litter campaign Beatification Initiative: see <u>https://pgcproud.com/about-the-campaign-2</u>
 - a. The community partnered with the County in this program for more than 11 years, participated in numerous comprehensive cleanups, with the most recent occurring in 2018.
- 3) Comprehensive Community Cleanups
 - a. Glassmanor: 9/30/19 10/10/19
 - b. Birchwood City/Clearview Manor/Eastover Knolls: 4/09/18 4/19/18
- 4) The community partnered with the Litter TRAK program for more than three years. The program provided supplies and mechanical support for cleaning up designated areas.

Partners: Department of Environment (DoE), Department Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T), Valley View Elementary School, District of Columbia

Impact: Accomplishment 1 addressed the following weaknesses identified in the original Action Plan:

- There are more requests for litter and illegal dumping removal in the area than the countywide average.
- Water quality is rated "very poor" and listed on the EPA's 303(d) list of Impaired Waters.

Additionally, this accomplishment improved the aesthetics and environmental quality of the area, while also providing community-building and educational activities that work to reduce future illegal dumping and contamination of waterways and habitat.

Accomplishment 2: Stream bank stabilization and restoration

Outcome: Improve the health of the Oxon Run Watershed.

Strategy: Replace impervious surfaces using low-impact development/green infrastructure to reduce stormwater runoff.

Projects:

1. August -December 2019, stream bank stabilization and restoration of 458 linear feet of Owens Stream/ Barnaby Run in August. The stream enters Owens Road Channel at Kennebec Street. The restoration took place at 1112 Owens Road. This project equates to 20.26 acres of treated impervious area and received 20.30 restoration credits.

- a. Stream was restored using natural channel design practices and bioengineering techniques. These included:
 - Re-grading the channel dimensions to a stable bank full geometry.
 - Reconnecting the stream to a new floodplain bench, helping to dissipate and direct flood energy using boulder structures and stabilizing stream banks using bioengineered structures.
 - Realigning the channel to create a more stable plan and profile.
- 2. In 2016, stream restoration of 654 linear feet of Oxon Creek tributary at 1400 Iverson Street (project name: Oxon Run 7). The project received 13.08 restoration credits.
- 3. Clean Water Partnership Work
 - a. In November 2016, Potomac High School eliminated 0.3 acres of impervious surface, received 0.2 restoration credits and installed a sand filter and micro-bioretention pond.
 - b. In July 2019, Valley View Elementary School installed a bioretention pond.
 - c. In May 2018, Gilpin Property at 901 Southern Avenue installed 10 micro-bioretention and treated 3.71 acres of impervious surface.
 - d. In October 2018, Colonial Village Apartments at 809 Marcy Avenue installed four microbioretention ponds, grass swale and treated 0.39 acres of impervious surface.

Partners: DoE, Clean Water Partnership, Valley View Elementary School, Potomac High School, Colonial Village Apartments, and Gilpin property owners

Impact: Accomplishment 2 addressed the following weaknesses identified in the original Action Plan:

- A majority of the streams have been piped, channelized, or removed.
- Water quality is rated "very poor" and listed on the EPA's 303(d) list of Impaired Waters. There are 427 acres of impervious surface, totaling 29 percent of the area, that contribute to stormwater runoff in the Oxon Run Watershed.

Additionally, this accomplishment treated a total of 24.66 acres of impervious surface. This is expected to improve water quality in the downstream network through the reduction of erosion and sediment release from streambanks and through improved biological uptake of polluting nutrients.

Accomplishment 3: Instituted a Façade Improvement Program

Outcome: Enhance and improve the aesthetics within the Sustainable Community (SC) Area.

Projects:

- 1. Façade Improvement Program Phase I, II, and III
 - a. In November 2019, Phase I improved 10 residential façades.
 - b. In June 2020, Phase II improved 13 residential façades.
 - c. In January 2021, Phase III improved seven residential façades.

Partners: Housing Options & Planning Enterprises, Inc. (HOPE), property owners and homeowners

Impact: Accomplishment 3 addressed the following weakness identified in the original Action Plan:

• The median home value is 16 percent lower in the area than the County median.

This accomplishment improved the façades of 30 houses within the SC area.

Accomplishment 4: Installed buffer bike lanes along Wheeler Road

Outcome: Improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the SC area.

Projects:

• In 2016-17, approximately 4,620 feet of buffered bike lanes was installed on Wheeler Road between Iverson Street and Owens Road.

Partners: DPW&T

Impact: Accomplishment 4 addressed the following weakness identified in the original Action Plan:

• There are no bicycle facilities (e.g., bike lanes, bicycle racks and lockers, bicycle repair stations).

This accomplishment improved bicycle access to neighborhoods in the SC area and promotes the use of more sustainable, multimodal transportation.

Glassmanor and Oxon Hill Community Renewal Application

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY RENEWAL REPORT

PART II: COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT

Glassmanor and Oxon Hill Community Renewal Application

EN	VIRONMENT	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?	Х			 In 2019, DoE conducted a stream restoration at Owens Stream/Barnaby Run. Through the Clean Water Partnership, numerous green infrastructure projects were also completed in the community. See Accomplishment 2: Stream bank stabilization and restoration for more details.
2.	Has the amount of impervious surface in your Community been reduced? (Amount in SF)	X			 In November 2016, Potomac High School eliminated 1,3068 square feet of impervious surface. In May 2018, Gilpin Property at 901 Southern Avenue treated 16,1607 square feet of impervious surface. In October 2018, Colonial Village Apartments at 809 Marcy Avenue treated 16,988 square feet of impervious surface. In August -December 2019, the restoration at 1112 Owens Road treated 882,525 square feet of impervious surface. See Accomplishment 2: Stream bank stabilization and restoration for more details.
3.	Have there been improvements and/ or additions to your park and/ or recreational green space?	X			 In 2018, 27 trees were planted at Birchwood Community Center. In 2019, 14 trees were planted at Valley View Elementary School via Arbor Day Every Day. There were 1,101 trees planted within community via the Right Tree Right Place program. Forty-nine trees were planted on private properties from a Chesapeake Bay Foundation grant.
4.	Did the Sustainable Community implement any recycling or waste reduction programs?	Х			Bigbelly trash and recycling bins were installed within the SC area. Residents were also provided additional trash pickup locations in Glassmanor, Birchwood City, Clearview Manor, and Eastover Hills.

5. Do all residents have access	X	There are fresh food grocery stores along MD 210 (Indian Head Highway) and
to healthy food options (i.e.		MD 414 (Barnabas Road) within a mile of the most densely populated residential
fresh food grocery stores,		areas in the existing SC area. However, the less-densely populated areas would be
farmer markets etc.) within		outside of the one-mile boundary making accessibility to fresh food grocery stores
the Sustainable Community?		and healthy food options more challenging for residents without automobile, but
		not unobtainable.

EC	ONOMY	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		The retail real estate continues to maintain moderate occupancy rates. The retail demand is driven by proximity to the District of Columbia, and shopping centers along MD 210 (Indian Head Highway) and portions of Livingston Road and MD 414 (Saint Barnabas Road).
2.	Did the Municipality/ Sustainable Community area receive any designations that support local economic development?	X			Within the past five years, a portion of the SC area boundary received the Opportunity Zone designation (shown on attached Map 2). Opportunity Zones are a community development program established by Congress in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 to encourage long-term investments in low-income urban and rural communities nationwide.
3.	Has there been an increase in foot traffic in the Main Street/commercial district?		X		The SC area does not include a designated Main Street/commercial district; however, the SC's commercial area has remained the same. There was a new housing development in the vicinity that generated minor additional foot traffic.
4.	Have the number of commercial vacancies decreased?	X			The commercial vacancy rate decreased by 0.5 percent from 3.2 percent in 2010 to 2.7 percent in 2020. The SC area continues to lack national brand retailers and does not provide offerings in several key categories such as sit-down/casual dining, quality discount clothing stores, and other lifestyle retailers.
5.	Has there been an increase in local jobs within the Sustainable Community for its residents?			N/A	There was no data analysis within the small geographic boundary to determine if jobs were created.

TRA	ANSPORTATION	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			 Approximately 4,620 linear feet of buffered bike lanes were installed on Wheeler Road between Iverson Street and Owens Road. MD 414 (Saint Barnabas Road) has "Bikes May Use Full Lane" signage along its entire alignment.
2.	Have there been improvements to the public transit infrastructure?	X			 In 2016-2017, there was a safety and resurfacing project within the SC area that included minor improvements to bus stops to provide standing areas for bus riders conducted by Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) In 2020, DPW&T increased bus frequency for Route 33 by 25 percent.
3.	Has there been an increase in sidewalks? (Amount in linear feet)		X		There were no funded projects in the SC area other than the Safety and Resurfacing project on MD 414 (Saint Barnabas Road).
4.	Have there been any roadway improvements that support "Complete" or "Green" streets?	Х			While no comprehensive "Complete" streets initiative was forwarded, MDOT SHA did increase pedestrian safety by reducing the speed limit from 35 to 30 mph on MD 210 (Indian Head Highway) between Bald Eagle Road and Southern Avenue and upgrading crosswalks to continental crosswalk markings in 2019.
5.	Has traffic congestion along major roads decreased? (Amount in percent)			X	There is no available data to determine an increase or decrease of congestion on major roadways. Anecdotally, COVID-19 would have decreased traffic on roadways because of the rise in virtual activities.

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?
 Have any residential faça been improved? 	des X			Birchwood/ Clearview Community partnered with Housing Options and Planning Enterprise Inc. (HOPE) to improve façades of 30 houses through Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's façade improvement program. Additional residential façade improvements were completed in Glassmanor.
2. Has the home ownership rate increased?	X			In 2010, the home ownership rate for the SC area was 30 percent. In 2020, the home ownership rate increased by 0.1 percent to 30.1 percent. The numbers reflect an increase in owner-occupied units versus renter-occupied units as the average housing value increased from \$244,118 in 2010 to \$288,571 in 2020.
3. Has there been an increa in the number of housing units in the Sustainable Community area? What number and/or percent a affordable?				Within the past nine years, the number of housing units in the SC area has increased by 1.9 percent. In 2010, the number of housing units was 6,712 compared to 6,842 in 2020.
4. Has there been demolition of blighted properties?	'n	X		There was no record of blighted properties demolished in the SC area.
5. Has the residential vacan rate decreased?	cy X			The SC area is a substantially built-out and a stable community. Within the past 10 years, the vacancy rates have decreased from 8.3 percent in 2010 to 4.3 percent in 2020.

QU	ALITY 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?
	as there been a decrease in rime rate?			X	There is no data that solely focuses on the SC area. However, the SC area is served by Prince George's County Police Department, District IV. There is a continual collaboration between business/property owners and residents in the areas to combat crime.
ai sr co	ave there been improvements nd/ or additions to your public paces (i.e. museums, ommunity centers, public lazas)?	Х			 Birchwood/ Clearview Wayfinding and Landscaping Improvements created new designs for the entrance and installed new landscaping/ gardens. This contributed to community beautification and placemaking, improving quality of life, and promoting walkability. Installed entry-way signage at Birchwood Community Center Planted gardens and installed new landscaping at the Birchwood Community Center and along Mystic Avenue.
pı eı pı	as there been an increase in ublic art/ arts and ntertainment rograms/venues (i.e. murals, novie theatre, music events)?		X		There has been no known increase in public art/ arts and entertainment programs/venues.
	ow many historic properties vere renovated/improved?		X		There are no historic properties or designated historic sites in the SC area.
aı pl re	re there any residential health nd wellness opportunities in lace (i.e., athletic facilities, ecreational indoor/ outdoor ourses or groups)?	X			Healthy eating and exercise classes were provided by the Birchwood/Clearview Community Association.

LAND USE/ LOCAL PLANNING	YES	NO	N/A	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
 Have there been any infill developments? 	X			The SC area is primarily built-out; however, in 2016, construction was initiated for a residential development on Devitt Road and Maury Place. Once completed, the development will consist of 63 townhouses.
2. Has there been an increase in the amount of preserved/protected land?		X		There has been no increase to the amount of preserved/protected land in the SC area. The SC area is generally built-out, and the existing environmental envelope remains.
3. Have there been any developments hindered by growth constraints?		X		There are no new regulatory constraints that would hinder development.
4. Have there been any zoning or any policy changes that have fostered growth in your Sustainable Community?	X			The 2014 Approved Prince George's County General Plan (Plan 2035) and the 2014 Approved Eastover/Forest Heights/ Glassmanor Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment contain policies, strategies and recommendations for land use and development. It is anticipated that the approval of Prince George's County Zoning Rewrite in 2018 will allow more flexibility to construct mixed-use development projects, promote adaptive reuse and streamline the development review process. The new Zoning Ordinance does not go into effect until completion of the Countywide Map Amendment.The Countywide Map Amendment, which will place new mixed-use zones on properties, is in progress.
5. Have there been any significant improvements to the municipal infrastructure within the Sustainable Community (i.e., street lighting, water/sewer lines)?				 Approximately 4,620 linear feet of buffered bike lanes were installed on Wheeler Road between Iverson Street and Owens Road. In 2019, DoE conducted a stream restoration of the contributing Owen's Stream. Through the Clean Water Partnership, numerous green infrastructure projects were also completed in the community. In 2019, MDOT SHA improved pedestrian safety by reducing the speed limit from 35 to 30 mph on MD 210 (Indian Head Highway) between Bald Eagle Road and Southern Avenue and upgrading crosswalks to continental crosswalk markings.

COMPETITIVE FUNDING: Use the rows below to list competed funds sought for sustainability or revitalization projects since receiving Sustainable Communities designation.	Source (federal, state, foundation, etc.)	Amount Received	If no funding was received, what technical or other assistance from the state would help with future applications?	Other Notes
Community Legacy (CL):			Reasonable notification, extended application windows, and technical assistance for smaller jurisdictions to prepare and manage grant applications	
Strategic Demolition Fund (SDF):	Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)	No Funding	Reasonable notification, extended application windows, and technical assistance for smaller jurisdictions to prepare and manage grant applications	
Community Safety & Enhancement Program:	MDOT	No Funding	Reasonable notification, extended application windows, and technical assistance for smaller jurisdictions to prepare and manage grant applications	
Maryland Bikeways Program:	MDOT	No Funding	Reasonable notification, extended application windows, and technical assistance for smaller jurisdictions to prepare and manage grant applications	
Sidewalk Retrofit Program:	MDOT	No Funding	Reasonable notification, extended application windows, and technical assistance for smaller jurisdictions to prepare and manage grant applications	

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Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund:	MDE	No Funding	Reasonable notification, extended application windows, and technical assistance for smaller jurisdictions to prepare and manage grant applications	
U.S. HUD Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)	Federal			
Chesapeake Bay Trust	Foundation			
Maryland Department of Natural Resources	State			
Maryland Energy Administration	State			
Electric Vehicle Institute	Foundation			
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Planning Assistance to Municipalities and Community Program (PAMC)	M-NCPPC			

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Institute for Public Health Initiative	Public/Private Enterprise			
Bureau of Justice Assistance	U.S. Department of Justice			
Governor's Office of Crime Control Prevention – Byrne Justice Assistance Grants	State			
Governor's Office of Crime Control Prevention	State			
Local Government Insurance Trust	Local Government Insurance Trust			
Local Government Insurance Trust	Local Government Insurance Trust			
Driving Under the Influence Grant	State			
Domestic Violence Resource Coordinator	State			

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School Bus Safety Enforcement 2015-2018	State			
Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968)	Federal Administered by State			
Community Oriented Policing Services	Federal			
Maryland Highway Safety Office, 2015 and 2016	State			
Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention; 2015, 2018 and 2019	State			
Other Funding Programs: examples are U.S. HUD CDBG, or grants from USDA, EPA, Appalachian Regional Commission, Chesapeake Bay Trust, Maryland Heritage Areas Association, Preservation Maryland, Safe Routes to School, Maryland Rural Development Corporation, Maryland Energy Administration, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, etc. *Please add more rows if necessary				

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Transportation Alternative Program (TAP)	Federal	\$55,660		Glassmanor Elementary School, TAP Grant Work, proposing four signs, 14 crosswalks, six stop bars, and one rectangular rapid flashing beacon

III. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Sustainable Community Action Plan

Glassmanor-Oxon Hill Sustainable Community

Submitted by Prince George's County

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Environment

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

Strengths	Weaknesses
 The Eastover Shopping Center maintains their property by performing biweekly litter collection. There are eight parks totaling 167 acres of parks and open space; representing 11 percent of land use. There are approximately eight miles of tributaries flowing through the area into the Potomac River. There are three distinct high points in the area that provide scenic vistas of the District of Columbia. Prince George's County's Department of Corrections performs litter pickup along Southern Avenue on a regular basis. 	 Illegal dumping of trash is a persisting issue for the communities in the SC area. There are approximately 403 acres of impervious surface that contribute to stormwater runoff in the Oxon Run Watershed. A majority of the streams have been piped, channelized, or removed. The Oxon Run Watershed continues to be impaired and suffers from contamination from stormwater runoff, trash, and other sources. The majority of the eating establishments are fast food restaurants, and access to healthy food choices is limited for residents without automobiles.

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
Outcome 1: Improve the health of the Oxon	Strategy A: Restore/ naturalize Oxon/Barnaby Run (prioritizing	Community and civic
Run Watershed.	section along Southern Avenue) Action Item:	organizations, Prince George's County DoE, M-NCPPC Prince
Progress Measures:	1. Work with DPW&T and the Oxon Run Watershed	George's County Department
Improved water quality through	Restoration workgroup to explore plans to naturalize	of Parks and Recreation;
meeting the Environmental Protection	the channel.	Prince George's County
Agency's mandate for Total Maximum	 Consider application to the Maryland DoE 	Permitting, Inspections, and
Daily Load (TMDL) and other water	Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund for this	Enforcement (DPIE); MDOT
quality measures	project.	SHA, DPW&T
An increase in enrollment and		
participation in water quality	Strategy B: Promote and participate in the County's water quality	
improvement-based programs	awareness and protection programs and events.	

Completion of water resources inventory/study	 Action Item: Participate in the County's Adopt-A-Stream program Participate in the County's Storm Drain Stenciling programs Strategy C: Inventory, study, and monitor (water quality) of all waterways/ water bodies in project area Action Item: Request a waterways assessment and study. 	
Outcome 2: Decreased frequency and severity of flooding in the SC area Progress Measures: • Fewer complaints of flooding incidents • A reduction in the amount of impervious surfaces in the SC area • Improvement to stormwater facilities • Low-Impact Development/ Green Infrastructure projects completed • An increase in the number of households with rain barrels	Strategy A: Partner with Prince George's County DoE to conduct a study to identify the flooding issues. Action Item: 1. Initiate stormwater study (special focus should be given to affected areas in the Birchwood/Clearview Community) Strategy B: Replace and/or treat select impervious surfaces using low-impact development (LID)/green infrastructure to reduce stormwater runoff. Action Items: 1. Facilitate the private ownership and installation of rain barrels, rain gardens, and other LID. 2. Facilitate updates to stormwater infrastructure. 3. Increase tree canopy coverage (especially near waterways and large expanses of impervious surface) 4. Promote and work with Clean Water Partnership to identify eligible projects in the Sustainable Community area for green infrastructure retrofit. a. Provide local, small, and minority businesses the opportunity to compete and secure contracts to build water infrastructure systems.	Community and civic organizations, DoE (Clean Water Partnership), Prince George's County Office of Community Relations

	 b. Refer interested workers to the Urban Watershed Restoration Contractor Training Course offered at Prince George's Community College. c. Focus on identified flood-prone areas and Eastover Shopping Center Areas 	
Outcome 3: Reduced litter and trash Progress Measures: Reduction in residents' complaints Quantity of trash in new installed bins Tons of trash removed per year (report to Litter TRAK)	 Strategy A: Educate residents on the importance of recycling. Action Items: Develop and disseminate recycling awareness and education materials. Strategy B: Identify problem areas and install trash and recycle bins. Action Items: Promote the use of 311-On-The-Go to identify and address littered areas and illegal dumping. Facilitate installation of more (Bigbelly) trash/recycling receptacles. Focus on intersection of Southern Avenue and MD 210 (Indian Head Highway) Strategy C: Mobilize community action to remove trash, prioritizing areas near waterways, commercial/retail areas, and Livingston Road between Oxon Hill Rd and MD 210 (Indian Head Highway). Action Items: Continue to promote and participate in Prince George's County (bi-annual) Going Green with Pride community cleanups. Participate in the County's Clean Sweep Initiative Continue to perform litter cleanups along Southern Avenue between Wheeler Road and MD 210 (Indian Head Highway). Report trash collection to the County's PGC Litter TRAK program 	DPIE, DoE, Community and Civic organizations

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

Strengths	Weaknesses
 Proximity to the District of Columbia and MD 210 (Indian Head Highway), MD 414 (Saint Barnabas Road) and I-495. The area has the following designations that provide economic incentives: Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development Enterprise Zone and Enterprise Zone Focus Area United States SBA Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUB Zone) Maryland Department of Planning Priority Funding Area Prince George's County Revitalization Tax Credit Area A portion of SC area is designated as an Opportunity Zone. 	 Deteriorating shopping centers and commercial façades. Lack of well-paying jobs in the SC area. Overpopulated neighborhood businesses and service providers in the SC area (laundromats, nail salons, liquor stores, gas stations, pawn shops, etc.), and lack of quality restaurants. Lack of Education-To-Work Training Program in the immediate SC area.

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
Outcome 1: Decreased unemployment for residents of the Sustainable Community area. Progress Measures: Percentage reduction in unemployment in the Sustainable Community area by 2026	 Strategy A: Conduct local job readiness seminars for area residents to reduce transportation barriers. Action Item: Collaborate with Employ Prince George's/American Jobs Center for job training. Continue to provide career readiness resources at schools. 	Residents, Prince George's Economic Development Corporation (EDC), Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, Employ Prince George's, American Jobs Center, Prince George's County Public Schools
Outcome 2: Enhanced commercial corridor along MD 210 (Indian Head Highway) and Southern Avenue. Progress Measures: • Number of commercial façades improved	 Strategy A: Work with key commercial property owners to implement façade improvements. Action Items: Form a business owner's roundtable (with Eastover Shopping Center, Rivertown Commons, and Oxon Hill Plaza) for the Glassmanor-Oxon Hill area to address façade improvements within the commercial corridors. Pursue Redevelopment Authority programs and funding opportunities. Promote and facilitate engagement in the Maryland DHCD's Neighborhood Business Works Loan Program to commercial properties. Apply for a Community Legacy grant from the Departmnet. of Housing and Community Development Program and Community Impact Grants to improve the appearance of commercial properties. 	EDC, Neighborhood Design Center, Prince George's County DHCD, DPW&T, Redevelopment Authority

Transportation

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

Strengths	Weaknesses	
 Proximity to the District of Columbia and MD 210 (Indian Head Highway), MD 414 (Saint Barnabas Road) and I-495. The area is located less than one mile from the Southern Avenue Metro Station. The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) P12 line provides bus service from the Eastover Shopping Center to the Southern Avenue Metro station and serves several residential neighborhoods in between. Prince George's County's TheBus provides bus service within the area along Southern Avenue, MD 210 (Indian Head Highway), Owens Road, and Wheeler Road (Bus Routes 33 and 35). 	 Limited trail network throughout SC area. Some sidewalks and streets need repairs to accommodate pedestrians and vehicles for better access and conformance to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards in the communities. Poor connectivity and pedestrian access to local shopping centers and retailers. High traffic volume and speeds along MD 210 (Indian Head Highway). Unmarked "Bike Trail" on Livingston Road between Oxon Hill Road and MD 210 (Indian Head Highway) section of the in-use trail. 	

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
 Outcome 1: Improved pedestrian, non-vehicular, and public transit commuter safety and experience Progress Measures: Percent increase in public transit usage Number of amenities and wayfinding devices installed at bus stops 	Strategy A: Explore modern improvements to public transitinfrastructure.Action Items:1. Coordinate with WMATA, MDOT SHA and DPW&T to:a. Provide bus shelters with benches, trash receptacles, dual-language route maps and scheduling information.b. Install wayfinding signage that provides information and directions to various destinations.	DPW&T, MDOT SHA, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)
Outcome 2: Enhanced streetscape along major roadways Progress Measures: • Linear feet of sidewalks improved • Number of public-realm amenities installed • Number of trees planted • Number of business participating in Adopt-A-Highway	 Strategy A: Explore programming for roadway cleanups. Action Items: Partner with local businesses and institutions to participate in DPW&T's Adopt-A-Road Program and MDOT SHA's Adopt- A-Highway program (particularly on MD 210 (Indian Head Highway) in between Livingston Road and Eastern Avenue). Strategy B: Enhance and improve the public realm surrounding the commercial corridors in accordance with the 2014 Approved Eastover Forest Heights Glassmanor Sector Plan. Action Items: Widen sidewalks to install seating/benches, landscaping, and pedestrian-scale lighting. Coordinate with MDOT's Sidewalk Reconstruction for Pedestrian Access program 	DPW&T, MDOT SHA, DoE, DPIE, property owners, M- NCPPC Prince George's County Planning Department, Prince George's County District Council

Outcome 3: Improved access to and quality of alternative modes of transportation Progress Measures: • Linear miles of new bike lanes and trails created • Linear miles of trails improved	 Strategy A: Enhance non-vehicular paths and trails. Action Items: Establish comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian trails that link neighborhoods to green spaces, parks, and public amenities. Install buffered bike lanes to provide alternative modes of transportation, especially along Livingston Road, and other major roads. Coordinate with MDOT's Bicycle Retrofit program Enhance lighting and landscaping along trails. Strategy B: Investigate improvement and funding opportunities for the trail network. Implement Master Plan of Transportation Proposed Trails. Implement Safe Routes to School policy and program. 	DPW&T, MDOT SHA, M-NCPPC Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County Planning Department
 Outcome 4: Increased pedestrian connectivity Progress Measures: Number of installed ADA-compliant ramps in pathways that connect all key points in the community Linear feet of sidewalk installed and retrofitted 	 Strategy A: Identify and replace failing sidewalk/ramp facilities. Action Items: Submit service request to County Click 311 Work with the Councilmember and implementing agency to include project in CIP. Strategy B: Fill gaps in pedestrian connectivity by installing sidewalks (focusing on Livingston Road from MD 210 (Indian Head Highway) toward Oxon Hill Road). Action Items: Coordinate with DPW&T to implement sidewalk construction in accordance with the 2014 Approved Eastover Forest Heights Glassmanor Sector Plan Request similar sidewalk plan for the corridor of Livingston Road between Oxon Hill Road and MD 210 (Indian Head Highway). 	DPW&T, MDOT, SHA, Community and Civic Organizations

3. Coordinate with MDOT's New Sidewalk Construction for Pedestrian Access	
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Housing Housing strengths and weaknesses can include affordability, homeownership vs rental, housing stock diversity, housing condition and value, housing programs, foreclosures, residential vacancies, property values, home sale values.			
Strengths Weaknesses			
 Majority of the housing stock is well maintained and relatively affordable in sections of the SC area. Attractive area for first-time homebuyers. Some of the houses were recently renovated/rehabilitated. Access to home improvement programs. Low foreclosure rate. Long-term home ownership. A mix of housing types exist within the SC area, including single-family dwellings, attached single-family dwellings and multifamily apartment complexes. 	 Aging housing stock, some with maintenance issues. Lack of property maintenance in some areas. Overcrowding in rental homes. 30.1 percent of the area's residents own their home compared to 65.7 percent that rent in 2020. There is limited new housing in the area; 9 percent of the housing stock was built in 2000 or later. 		

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
Outcome 1: Well-maintained residential properties throughout the SC area Progress Measures: • Percent reduction in code enforcement violations • Number of community cleanups conducted • Number of dwellings rehabilitated • Number of residential façades improved	 Strategy A: Examine code enforcement strategies throughout residential areas. Action Items: Collaborate with DPIE to create strategies and tactics to enforce housing and building code violations. Strategy B: Promote neighborhood improvement activities and use of funds and incentives. Action Items: Continue working with HOPE to improve residential façades. Conduct an annual housing meeting to promote and build awareness of a façade improvement program. Explore organizing recurring neighborhood cleanups. Work with nonprofit organizations to assist and fund renovations for low-income, single-family homes. Use the Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Program to upgrade the quality of deteriorated dwellings to minimum property standards. Strategy C: Partner with RDA and DPIE to address vacant/deteriorated homes and properties. Collaborate with RDA and DPIE to identify vacant and nuisance properties for renovation assistance. Expedite the removal of abandoned vehicles. Coordinate efforts with DPIE to conduct inspections of properties, ensure that vacant properties are secure and boarded up, and vacant lots are maintained. 	DPIE, DoE, Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc. (HIP), RDA, property owners, Prince George's County Community Relations Department, Prince George's County DHCD, Housing Options & Planning Enterprises, Inc. (HOPE)

Outcome 2: Reduced energy consumption for residents within the Sustainable Community area.	Strategy A: Continue to promote the Empower Maryland Program to residents to help reduce installation costs of energy-efficient and renewable energy technologies. Action Items:	Prince George's County Office of Central Services, DHCD, Pepco
 Progress Measure: Number of homes provided with energy-efficient upgrades or weatherization assistance 	 Host a meeting and distribute flyers to educate residents on Empower Maryland and the Maryland Energy Administration's energy-related programs. Host a meeting and distribute flyers to educate about Pepco's Quick Home Energy Check-Up Program that provides residents compact fluorescent light bulbs, smart energy power strips, efficient-flow showerheads, and water heater pipe insulation at no cost. Strategy B: Promote Maryland DHCD Weatherization Assistance Program to assist with weatherization of homes (e.g., insulation, caulking, and air sealant). Action Items: Host a meeting to inform the residents about the program and its benefits. 	

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

Strengths	Weaknesses
Culturally diverse population	Limited access to healthy food options
 Numerous religious institutions and affiliate organizations 	Limited access to health care for some SC residents
 Park and open spaces, recreation activities, and social events 	 Lots of duplicated service businesses
Educational opportunities	 Limited social services and amenities for aging population
Accessible to public transit	Lack of neighborhood watch
Active community civic associations	Code violations in SC area
Strong community engagement Lack of police presence in some areas	
The National Park Service's Oxon Cove Park and Oxon Hill Farm is	Lack of community events and activities for all ages in some
located less than one mile from the area and offers local history and environmental education.	areasLack of street lighting in some residential areas

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
 Outcome 1: Improved access to healthy lifestyle and healthcare Progress Measures: Number of health education events and programs implemented Percent of population experiencing chronic disease Percent of population suffering from obesity 	 Strategy A: Expand access to community health and wellness programs. Action Items: Expand programming to promote and support youth and adult access to exercise and active living. Initiate neighborhood-focused outreach and education campaigns that promote healthy lifestyle choices, including healthy food options and the benefit of regular exercise. Strategy B: Expand youth development programs. Coordinate transportation from nearby public schools to after-school programs. Collaborate with local community centers to expand after-school programs and activities to a wider age group. Collaborate with local Boys and Girls Club chapters to create programming for young adults and teenagers to help develop life skills. 	Prince George's County Health Department, nonprofit organizations, PGCMLS, Prince George's County Public School (PGCPS), M-NCPPC Prince George's Department of Parks and Recreation, Maryland Department of Health, Maryland Department of Human Services, HEAL, community and civic organizations, Kaiser Permanente Organization, Institute for Public Health Innovation (IPHI)
	 Strategy C: Improve access to healthcare. Action Items: Organize and promote mobile health services to improve access to preventive medical health resources. Encourage partnership between County agencies and local medical centers to strengthen community-focused health programming in the SC area. Strategy D: Work with Healthy Eating, Active Living (HEAL) organization to meet requirements to receive the HEAL designation. 	

	Action Items: 1. Develop and submit a resolution of support or adopt a HEAL-qualified health policy.	
Outcome 2: Enhanced public safety and community policing Progress Measures: • Reduction in crime rate and traffic violations	 Strategy A: Strengthen alliance between the community and the local police department. Action Items: Organize community walks with law enforcement and community members to identify areas of concern and improvement. Explore the viability of a neighborhood watch program. Encourage use of 311 for nonemergency calls to police and report violations. Strategy B: Use Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles and practices to support a sense of safety. Action Items: Coordinate with local police and DPW&T to identify and address areas of poor lighting in heavily populated areas (area in between Birchwood Recreation Area and Glassmanor Community Center). 	Prince George's County Police Department District IV & Citizens Advisory Board, DPW&T, MDOT SHA, residents, property owners, Prince George's County Community Relations Department
 Outcome 3: Stable, long-term employment that enables adult residents to be function well in society. Progress Measures: Increased employment and social indicators of residents in the Sustainable Community area 	 Strategy A: Establish an Oxon Hill One-Stop Community Service Center to provide comprehensive services for adult residents, including employment, skills training, education/GED, mental health and addictions counseling, child support services, food/food stamps, clothing, and transportation. Action Items: Establish project lead and coordinate with County and local employment nonprofit organizations. 	DoE, EDC, RDA, Department of Health, Department of Aging, Prince George's County Police Department
Outcome 4: Improve access to healthy foods.	Strategy A: Distribute healthy foods to students and their families. Action Item:	DoE, University of Maryland Master Gardener Program,

 Progress Measures: Increase the number of individual and community gardens 	 Establish a farm-to-school program to bring local foods into school cafeterias and create school gardens. 	PGCPS, Property owners, M- NCPPC Prince George's County Department of Parks and
 Number of Market Days hosted Number of students and families provided with healthy foods 	 Strategy B: Healthy foods education initiative Action Items: Host a "Family Market Day" at the local schools in collaboration with Forest Heights Farmers Market Collaborate with IPHI to host educational events and improve access to healthy foods. 	Recreation, and nonprofit organizations, Prince George's County Health Department, IPHI, Neighborhood Design Center
	 Strategy C: Plant vegetable gardens in the local schools with students, using Barnaby Manor Elementary School as a model. Action Items: 1. Initiate effort with Valley View Elementary and Potomac High School (partner with PTSA) 	

Local Planning and Land Use Strengths and weaknesses in the local planning and land use subject area include but are not limited to zoning, land use, policies, taxes and fees, historical patterns of development, lot sizes and shapes, etc.		
Strengths	Weaknesses	
 The approval of the Prince George's County General Plan (Plan 2035) in 2014. The Approved Eastover/Forest Heights/Glassmanor Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) in 2014. Opportunity Zone designation. The approval of new Zoning Ordinance by the District Council in 2018. Opportunity for the redevelopment of older commercial areas. A mix of housing types exist within the SC area, including medium-density, detached homes and duplexes and high-density, single-family dwellings such as triplexes and townhomes. Some multifamily apartment complexes. Concentration of commercial development along MD 210 (Indian Head Highway), portions of Livingston Road and MD 414 (Saint Barnabas Road). 	 Inability to enforce regulatory laws and dependent on the County for prompt response. Influence of perception as a hindrance to redevelopment. Lack of property maintenance and upkeep. 	

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
 Outcome 1: Protected and preserved existing stable residential neighborhoods. Progress Measures: A decrease in the number of code citations and violations and foreclosures and increase in property value. 	Strategy A: Develop a unique neighborhood identity and distinctive sense of place through rebranding, signage, cultural and heritage identity, and neighborhood association. Strategy B: Embark on aggressive code inspection, enforcement and property improvement and maintenance.	DPIE, RDA, M- NCPPC Prince George's County Planning Department, PG DHCD, EDC
New "sense of place" initiatives established.	Strategy C: Educate property owners about property improvement guidelines, available resources, and low-interest loans.	EDC, RDA, DPIE, M-
Outcome 2: Infill development consistent with the applicable Plan 2035, 2014 Approved Eastover/Forest Heights/Glassmanor Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment, and 2000 Approved Master Plan and	Strategy A: Support the County Map Amendment (CMA) that is currently in progress to implement the 2018 Approved Zoning Ordinance during public hearing.	NCPPC Prince George's County Planning
Sectional Map Amendment for the Heights and Vicinity. Progress Measures:	Strategy B: Promote and incentivize mixed-use infill development in shopping centers taking advantage of the under-utilized parking lots.	Department
• Track the progress of infill development and redevelopment in terms of increase in number of residential units, and square footage of commercial and office space in the SC area	Strategy C: Encourage land consolidation to form a critical mass for redevelopment.	