



SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION RENEWAL

Eligible Applicants:

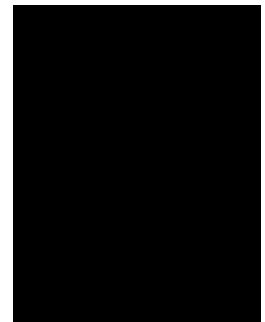
*Local Governments with a Sustainable Communities
Designation*

*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:

To: Carter Reitman

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Site Visits, Follow-up, and Technical Assistance

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

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

During the application review process, the review team may make site visits and/or hold meetings with applicants. In addition, applicants may be contacted by the Department for follow-up discussions 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 Carter Reitman at 410-209-5849 or by email at carter.reitman@maryland.gov or your regional project manager, found at this link: <https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Documents/SRP/PM-Map-ContactInfo.pdf>

RENEWAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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

A. Contact information, General Information, Organizational Capacity:

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

B. Report on accomplishments over 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 and identify what state resources were used, if any, to achieve those outcomes. Renewal applicants are encouraged to discuss how priorities, actions, and objectives were or were not achieved across the Sustainable Communities plan elements, including how any of the elements may have interrelated during the five initial years of SC designation.

C. Sustainable Communities Action Plan Update:

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

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN ELEMENTS

The table below 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.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN UPDATE

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

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

Action Plan Guidance

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

Example:

Strength - Good sidewalk connectivity

Weakness - Insufficient bicycle infrastructure

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

Example:

Outcome - Expand fiber optic broadband Internet connections in Town

Progress Measure - Linear measurement of broadband fiber laid

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

Example:

Strategy A - Increase number of Town sponsored events

Action A - Organize a workgroup tasked with planning weekend events

Action B - Develop, with community input, a series of weekend events that the Town could host

4) List potential partners that can support the successful implementation of these strategies through different types of resources.

Example:

Partner 1 - DHCD (Community Legacy program)

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

CHECKLIST AND TABLE OF CONTENTS

APPLICANT: Prince George's County

NAME OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY: Langley Park

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 Report (Projects, Strategies and Partners)**
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- ☐ **Section C – Sustainable Community Renewal Action Plan Update (Matrix)**
 - [Action Plan](#)
- ☐ **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: Langley Park		
Name of Applicant: Prince George's County		
Applicant's Federal Identification Number: 52-6000098		
Applicant's Street Address: 1301 McCormick Drive Suite 4000		
City: Largo	County: Prince George's County	State: MD Zip Code: 20774
Phone Number: 301-952-4131	Fax Number:	Web Address: https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/

(1) Sustainable Community Boundary and Description

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

No changes will be made to the Sustainable Community boundary as it is not in the interest of the workgroup. The Sustainable Community boundary was established based on the Langley Park Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative (TNI) boundary.

- (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: 1,461.48

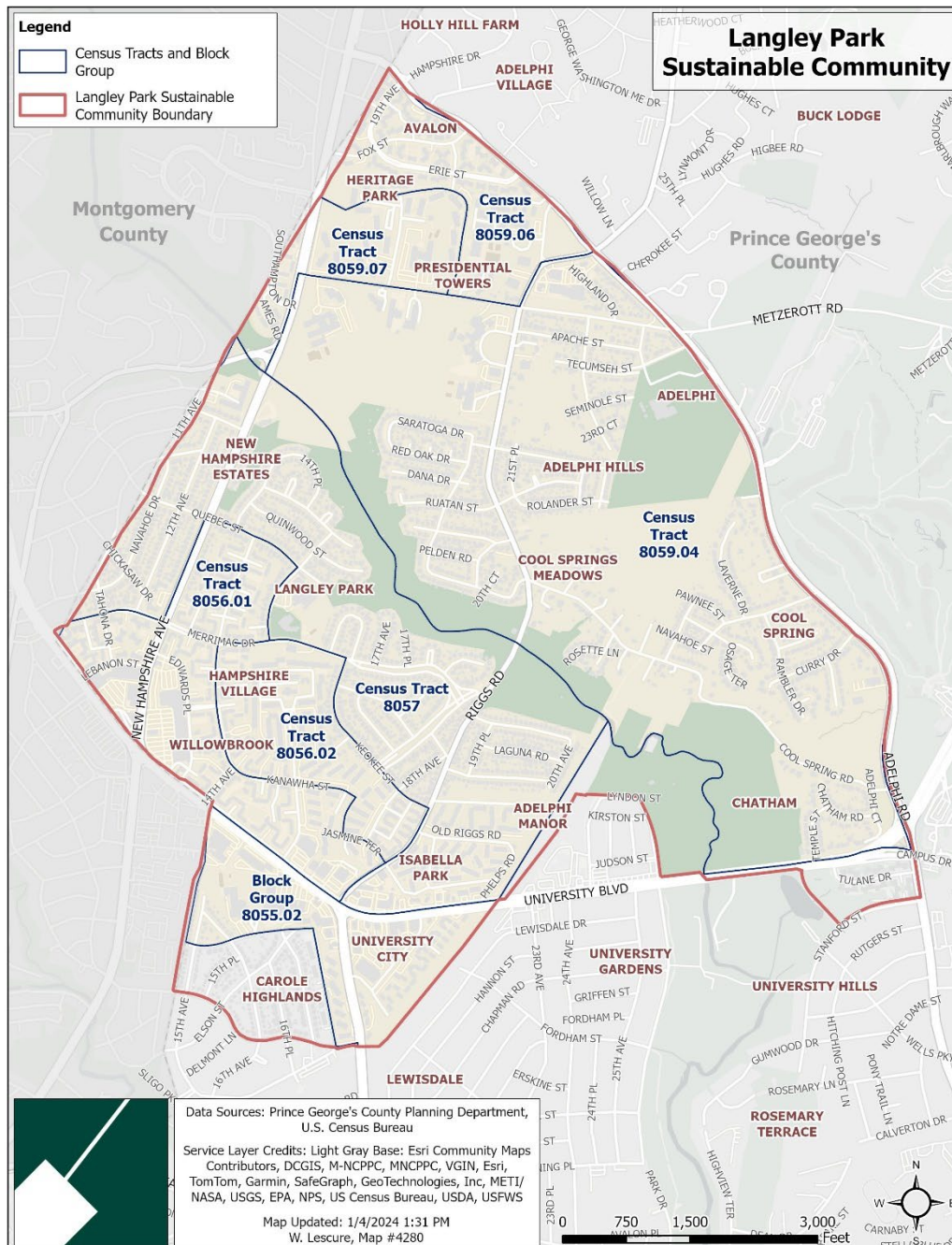
- (4) Existing federal, state or local designations:

☐ Main Street ☐ National Register Historic District ☐ Local Historic District
☐ Arts & Entertainment District ☒ State Enterprise Zone Special Taxing District ☐ BRAC
☐ State Designated TOD ☒ Other(s): *The western portion of the Langley Park Sustainable Community is designated as an Opportunity Zone.*

- (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 Langley Park Sustainable Community overall population in the past five years remained approximately the same, which is about 3.4% of Prince George's County's total population. The area is predominantly an immigrant neighborhood with a mix of small businesses and dense multifamily housing. A demographic snapshot of the area reveals that it is predominantly a young Hispanic community. The Hispanic population increased by 5% within last 5 years. Low levels of formal education and language proficiency contribute to a high unemployment rate and lower median household income compared to other areas of Prince George's County. The homeownership rate is only 25% which means that 75% of the residents in Langley Park are renters. The housing stock is predominantly aging multi-family apartment units. Most of these units were built in the 1950s, when lead paint and asbestos were used in housing construction. Many of these units have not been substantially upgraded. The age of available housing and lack of maintenance contribute to deficient housing conditions; and most of the affordable housing stock in the area is dominated by privately-owned rental

companies. Rental units have become slightly more affordable as the median gross income has increased in the past 5 years.



Langley Park Sustainable Community Boundary Map. To best represent the Langley Park Sustainable Community (SC) boundary, one (1) census block group and six (6) census tracts are selected.

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	2016	2021
Total Population	30,465	32,535
Average Age (years)	29	31

2016 Demographics	Langley Park Sustainable Community	Langley Park Percent Total	Percent of Prince George's County
Population	30,465	-	897,693
Households	8,453	-	-
Median HH Income	57,932	-	79,184
Median Home Value	181,140	-	261,400
Median Gross Rent	1,359		
Population Below Age 19	7,820	26%	-
Population Age 20-64	20,899	69%	-
Population Age 65+	1,746	7%	-

2021 Demographics	Langley Park Sustainable Community	Langley Park Total Percent	Percent of Prince George's County
Population	32,535	-	957,767
Households	8,598	-	-
Median HH Income	60,032	-	91,124
Median Home Value	222,040	-	337,800
Median Gross Rent	1,568		
Population Below Age 19	11,139	34%	-
Population Age 20-64	19,445	60%	-
Population Age 65+	1,951	6%	-

2016 Education	2016 Education	2021 Education
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No High School Diploma	10,012	11,736
High School Diploma	4,496	2,221
Some College, no degree	2,088	530
Associate's degree	671	400
Bachelor's Degree	1,991	538
Advanced Degree	956	38

	2016 Housing Units	2021 Housing Units
Total Units	8,453	8,598
Owner Occupied Units	2,376	2,178
Renter Occupied Units	6,077	6,420

Ethnicity	Langley Park Sustainable Community	Percent of Prince George's County		
2016 Not Hispanic	-	-		
2021 Not Hispanic	-	-		
2016 Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	21,259	17.8%		
2021 Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	24,318	20.4%		
Race	2016	2016 Percent of Total	2021	2021 Percent of Total
White	4,503	15%	2,527	8%
Black	6,392	21%	6,234	19%
Native American	181	1%	169	1%
Asian	1,012	3%	709	2%
Pacific Islander	0	0%	18	0%
Some other race	17,779	58%	21,715	67%
Two or more races	598	2%	1,163	4%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	21,259	70%	24,318	75%

(2) Organizational Structure, Experience and Public Input:

- (3) 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?

Since 2012, the Langley Park Transforming Neighborhood Initiative (TNI) Team has served as the Sustainable Community workgroup responsible for implementing the SC action plan. The TNI program involved concentrating government resources in areas of the County facing health, economic, public safety, and educational challenges to reduce the disparity between communities. The Langley Park TNI Team is comprised of representatives from County agencies, CASA de Maryland, area residents, and business owners in the community.

In 2018, Angela D. Alsobrooks was elected as the County Executive and the TNI was restructured. The TNI team transitioned into a regional program for the County, run by the Office of Community Relations. The Office of Community Relations serves as a bridge between County government and its residents, connecting residents with government resources, agencies, and personnel. The Northern Gateway Community Development Corporation (NGCDC) was also one of the main leaders supporting the implementation of the SC action plan. The NGCDC was founded to strengthen and revitalize the unincorporated neighborhoods of Adelphi, Avondale, Carole Highlands, Chillum, Hampshire Knolls, Lewisdale, and Langley Park. Their work focused on outreach with municipal, community, and private entities to assist in the administration and implementation of programs that include small business development training, technical assistance, façade improvements, and public enhancements. The NGCDC has shown decreased activity over the last few years as it was largely the effort of the previous councilmember of District 2, who is no longer in office. The new leadership in District 2 is committed to garnering support from County agencies to help manage the implementation of the SC plan as well as keeping the workgroup active in pursuit of strategies that will address the revitalization and sustainability needs of the Langley Park community.

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

A capacity challenge for the workgroup has been the turnover of members, with some leaving their positions or the County over the previous designation period. A strength of the workgroup has been the commitment to collaboration between County agencies, community advocates, and organizations.

- (5) 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?

There were three workshops held in preparation of the renewal application. Attendees of the workshops included representatives from the Department of the Environment (DOE), the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), the Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC as well as the County Council and community organizations. The Langley Park Sustainable Communities Action Plan is based on the following plans: 2009 Takoma/Langley Crossroads Sector Plan, the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Planning and Implementation Study (2021), SPACES Study for MD 193 (2021), and the Northern Gateway Wayfinding & Signage (2021).

- (6) 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.

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Yes, we would like technical assistance in terms of grant writing support.

SECTION B - SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY RENEWAL

REPORT

PART I: QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT

Purpose:

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

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.

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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: Environment

Outcome: Improved conditions of the Northwest Branch/Anacostia Trail

Project: Resurfacing and repair of the Northwest Branch/Anacostia Trail

Segments of the Northwest Branch Trail were resurfaced in 2019, 2021 and 2023. The fords along the trail at Adelphi Manor Park and north of Adelphi Manor were replaced/repared.

Partners: Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC

Impact: This project will ensure an improved trail experience for users.

Outcome: Improved stormwater management

Projects:

Project I: Construction of a micro-bioretenction basin at the Christian Science Church

This project included the construction of a micro-bioretenction basin at the Christian Science Church (8300 Adelphi Road), which provided water quality treatment of 0.43 acres of previously untreated impervious area for the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL). This project was completed in 2020 as part of the County's Alternative Compliance Program, which is an elective partnership between Prince George's County and qualified tax-exempt faith-based organizations or other 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations to improve water quality in the County by treating and reducing polluted stormwater runoff.

Project II: Construction of 2 micro-bioretenction basins at Cool Spring Elementary School

This project involved the construction of 2 micro-bioretenion basins at Cool Spring Elementary School (8910 Riggs Road) that provided water quality treatment of 0.76 acres of previously untreated impervious area for the Chesapeake Bay TMDL. This project was completed in 2020. Cool Spring Elementary School also participated in the Treating and Teaching Program, which provides schoolteachers and maintenance staff with the tools and resources necessary to build curriculums around installed stormwater devices, and the proper techniques on aesthetic maintenance. The Treating and Teaching Program is part of the CWP Schools Program, a pilot program designed to assist Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) with treating and managing stormwater runoff from impervious sites by utilizing Best Management Practices (BMPs).

Partners:

Project I: Prince George's County Department of the Environment (DOE); Clean Water Partnership (CWP); Corvias Solutions; Christian Science Church

Project II: Prince George's County Department of the Environment; Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS); Clean Water Partnership (CWP); Corvias Solutions

Impact:

Project I: Improved water quality and stormwater infrastructure

Project II: Improved water quality and provided educational resources, tools, and opportunities to youth and the greater community

Accomplishment 2: Housing

Outcome: Increase the quality and number of affordable housing units

Projects:

Project I: Acquisition of Bedford and Victoria Station through the County's Right of First Refusal Program

In November 2022, the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) acquired the Bedford and Victoria Station apartment complexes through the Prince George's County Right of First Refusal Program. These apartments include 587 units and are within a quarter mile of two future Purple Line Metro Stations (Takoma-Langley and Riggs Road). Property improvements were conducted on the units to address deferred maintenance issues including roof, boiler, and water heater replacement, in-unit renovations and landscaping. Prince George's County Right of Refusal Program is overseen by DHCD and authorizes the department to purchase multifamily rental properties with 20 or more units from property owners that are seeking to sell their rental unit or convey its right to a third party to purchase the property and maintain its affordability for its residents.

Project II: Acquisition of Villas at Langley

In May 2023, the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) acquired the Villas at Langley through a public-private partnership. The Villas at Langley includes 590 units and are within a quarter mile of two future Purple Line stations. Property improvements were also conducted to address deferred maintenance issues including the replacement of an obsolete centrally controlled and powered HVAC system with unit based and controlled systems, in-unit renovations, and landscaping.

Partners:

Project I: Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD); Jair Lynch Real Estate Partners; Prince Georges County; Fannie Mae; a Social Impact Investor

Project II: Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD); Jair Lynch Real Estate Partners; Prince Georges County; Private Lender

Impact:

Projects I and II Impact: The property improvements have improved the quality of life for apartment residents and their families; The acquisitions will preserve affordability along the Purple Line Corridor and avoid displacement of residents; secured 20 years of affordability for 75% of the units affordable for households earning 60% AMI and below.

Accomplishment 3: Community Health

Outcome: Expand access to community health and well-being services

Projects:

Project I: Food distribution to families during COVID-19

In 2020, the Northern Gateway Community Development Corporation (NGCDC) delivered groceries to people in need in University Park and Langley Park. The Capital Area Food Bank and Roman Catholic churches in the area conducted food distributions at the Langley Park Community Center and the Langley Park-McCormick School. After the pandemic, the Langley Park-McCormick School continues to offer food distribution once a month provided by Capital Area Food Bank.

Project II: Launched a COVID Vaccine Hunter Hotline; provided COVID-19 testing and vaccines

In response to the pandemic, the Prince George's County Memorial System (PGCMLS) launched a COVID Vaccine Hunter Hotline. The Hotline was intended to help mitigate issues in locating and scheduling vaccine appointments (exclusively done online in 2020) for senior citizens, non-English speaking residents, and Prince Georgians who did not have internet access. About 1240 residents were scheduled for and received vaccinations via this Hotline. The Hyattsville Branch Library was the Surgeon General's choice to launch COVID vaccines for the 0-5 age group and over 100 children from the Sustainable Community Area (SCA) were able to receive their first COVID vaccines. During the pandemic and post pandemic, the Langley Park Community Center provided, testing, vaccination service, and distribution of facial masks. The services were provided by the State, County and other local health organizations, and the Langley Park Community Center provided staffing and support.

Partners:

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Project I: Northern Gateway Community Development Corporation (NGCDC); Prince George's County District Council; Small Things Matter; Roman Catholic churches; Langley Park Community Center; Capital Area Food Bank; Langley Park-McCormick School; and Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC

Project II: Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCPS); Hyattsville Branch Library; State, County, and local health organizations; Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC; Langley Park Community Center

Impact:

Projects I and II: These projects provided important resources (food, access to internet) and health services (vaccines, testing, and masks) to residents during the pandemic and were crucial to Langley Park, an area severely impacted by cases of COVID 19.



Photo Credit: *Northern Gateway CDC*

Outcome: Provided volunteer opportunities to engage residents of all ages in activities that have improved the quality of life and environment of the SCA; clean and litter-free public spaces

Project: Good Neighbor Day (GND)/Garden at the Langley Park Community Center and Langley Park-McCormick Elementary

This event is a volunteer service day open to people of all ages, organized around the University of Maryland (UMD) area. It brings together approximately 800 volunteers to participate in various conservation projects. In 2023, the Langley Park area participated in this initiative for the first time. The program completed three conservation projects: 1) a native garden at the Langley Park Community Center; 2) an outdoor native garden/reading area at the Langley Park-McCormick Elementary School; and 3) a cleaning service at the Northwest Branch Trail. The conservation project was funded by GND and completed in partnership with the Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC, Langley Park McCormick Elementary School and the Langley Park Civic Association.

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Volunteers included participants from the Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation Mis Quince Program.

Partners: Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC; Eco Latinos; University of Maryland (UMD); Langley Park-McCormick Elementary School; and Langley Park Civic Association.

Impact: This project fostered opportunities to connect with various organizations and volunteer groups and engaged the community in conservation projects that will enhance the quality of life for residents.

Accomplishment 4: Quality of Life

Outcome: Enhance cultural identity

Project: A series of murals by local artists

In 2020, the Northern Gateway Community Development Corporation (NGCDC) collaborated with local artists and community members to collect migration stories that reflect the diversity of the community. This effort culminated in murals throughout the Northern Gateway including the Langley Park Community Center. The Langley Park Community Center mural was completed by Carlos Arrien, Mariano Arrien-Gomez, and Federico MasPaz.

Partners: Northern Gateway Community Development Corporation (NGCDC); Langley Park Community Center; CÉSAR CHÁVEZ Dual Language Spanish Immersion School; Lewisdale Elementary School; Rollingcrest Chillum Community Center

Impact: This effort has helped develop a sense of place and identity in the Northern Gateway communities and build neighborhood pride.



Photo Credit: Northern Gateway CDC

Outcome: Improved technology skills and access to the internet

Project: Launched the Online2Go Program to support residents with no electronic devices and internet access

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In 2021, the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) launched the Online2Go program that provided data-included Chromebooks to residents who did not have devices or internet access in their homes. Hundreds of Chromebooks were checked out by residents in the SCA. In addition, PGCMLS has provided multilingual support to assist SCA residents in applying for and receiving the Affordable Connectivity Plan low-cost home internet. PGCMLS has also focused on providing ESL training. They have offered English Conversation Clubs, bilingual story times, one-on-one computer help sessions in Spanish, computer basics classes for seniors, AyudaTech computer classes for Spanish speakers and more.

Partners: Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS)

Impact: This project served the large Spanish-speaking population of the SCA by increasing access to the internet and to critical technology training and services.

Outcome: Increased workforce readiness, and improved access to education and health and wellness resources

Project: Reopening of the Hyattsville Branch Library

In March 2022, the Hyattsville Branch Library reopened. Since reopening, the branch has seen the highest gate counts, circulation, programming, and outreach numbers of any library branch in the county. The SCA is part of the Hyattsville Branch Library catchment area and is served by the Hyattsville Branch. Thousands of residents in the SCA are now able to access robust resources via the physical branch location. The library system has continued to provide in person and virtual programs in workforce development, job seeking and application assistance, education, and health and wellness. Additionally, the library system has also provided legal clinics as well as dental services.

Partners: Prince George's County Memorial Library System (Hyattsville Branch Library)

Impact: The reopening of the library has improved the quality of life for residents by increasing access to critical resources such as workforce development, education, health resources and programming.

Outcome: Enhanced the mix of recreational opportunities that are available for people of all ages.

Projects:

Project I: Come Out and Play Program

The Come Out and Play Program is a new program that offers recreational activities for all ages during the summer at the Langley Park Community Center, such as outdoor games and usage of recreational areas.

Project II: Free Afterschool Program for Teens

The Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation added a new free afterschool program for teens 13-17 years old, Monday-Thursday to provide recreational opportunities for youth.

Project I and II Partners: Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC

Project I and II Impact: Both programs provide youth with a safe space for recreational opportunities throughout the year.

Accomplishment 5: Local Planning and Staffing Capacity

Outcome: Action plan and tools for public and private investment in the Takoma/Langley Crossroads area

Project: Takoma-Langley Crossroads Planning and Implementation Study

In 2020, the Prince George's County Planning Department conducted the Takoma-Langley Crossroads Planning and Implementation Study to identify opportunities to implement the recommendations in the 2009 Approved Takoma/Langley Crossroads Sector Plan offered by the County's new zoning ordinance. The study analyzed market data, sector plan recommendations, and other studies to identify and prioritize short-and long-term opportunities for public and private investment, as well as recommend development typologies suitable for the study area. The study identified three priority sites for future TOD which include the Langley Park Shopping Center, Langley Park Plaza, and Tick Tock Liquor Store. This project produced an action plan composed of place-specific financial and regulatory tools.

Partners: Prince George's County Planning Department; HR&A Advisors Inc; Toole Design

Impact: Provides short-term and long-term TOD opportunities in the Langley Park area.

Outcome: Plan for improved wayfinding and signage for Northern Gateway communities

Project: Northern Gateway Wayfinding and Signage Study

This study was conducted in partnership between the Northern Gateway Community Development Corporation (NGCDC) and the Prince George's County Planning Department to explore the possibility of incorporating wayfinding and signage throughout the unincorporated area of the Northern Gateway. This area includes Adelphi, Langley Park, Carole Highlands, Lewisdale, Hampshire Knolls, Chillum, and Avondale neighborhoods. The goal of

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the study was to help NGCDC provide directional signage for travelers (pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and motorists) to access destinations in the Northern Gateway and bolster community identity. In 2020-2021, residents and businesses participated in an engagement process to provide their thoughts and recommendations on signage plan elements that would serve to benefit local communities.

Partners: Prince George's County Planning Department, M-NCPPC; Northern Gateway Community Development Corporation (NGCDC); VHB; Toole Design Group

Impact: This effort produced a template of signage designs and potential funding sources that will be integral to helping implement wayfinding and signage throughout the Northern Gateway.

Outcome: Plan for improved multi-modal transportation and safety on MD 193

Project: Northern Gateway SPACES PAMC Project 30% Design and Engineering Report

In 2021, the Northern Gateway CDC participated in the Prince George's County Planning Department's Planning Assistance to Municipalities and Communities (PAMC) Program to address transportation concerns on an approximately two-mile section of MD 193 (University Boulevard). This project sought to balance the needs of a diverse set of users (pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit users, and motorists) to create an environment that ensures access, safety, and enjoyment. The project produced 30% design and construction cost estimates that can be used to move the project forward by different implementing agencies.

Partners: STV; Prince George's County Planning Department; Northern Gateway Community Development Corporation (NGCDC)

Impact: This effort will support plans to improve pedestrian safety, bike safety, and connectivity along a section of MD 193 (University Boulevard).

Outcome: Plan for improved pedestrian and bicycle connectivity along Purple Line Corridor

Project: Langley Park Neighborhood Bicycle Boulevards Study

This project aimed to improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity to the proposed Riggs Road Purple Line Station and other activity centers in the area by documenting existing conditions, identifying issues and opportunities, and establishing a prioritization process to identify design alternatives in addition to developing 30% preliminary design and spot improvements.

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Partners: Prince George's County Planning Department, M-NCPPC; Metropolitan Washington Council of Government (MWCOC); Kittelson & Associates Inc; Rhodeside Harwell Inc; AB Consultants; Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation

Impact: This effort will support plans to improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity and safety in the Langley Park area.

Outcome: Action plan for accommodating or constraining parking demand in the Takoma/Langley Crossroads area

Project: Takoma/Langley Crossroads Parking Study

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) engaged RK&K (Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP) in 2020 to conduct a parking study within the Takoma/Langley Crossroads community. The study's objective was to analyze the existing parking conditions of specified commercial and residential areas and to develop an action plan to address parking supply deficiencies. The project was completed in 2021.

Partners: Prince George's County Planning Department, M-NCPPC; RK&K, O.R. George & Associates, Inc.

Impact: This effort will provide a foundation for M-NCPPC, Department of Public Works and Transportation, and the Revenue Authority to pursue guided action in the study area that incorporates considerations of Transit Oriented Development and the development of the Purple Line.

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

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Outcome: Use of complete and green street practices to improve travel conditions for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders and vulnerable populations (Transportation, Outcome 4)

Narrative: Pedestrian safety and connectivity are major concerns among residents of the Langley Park area. Several studies have been completed in the past couple of years with the intent to improve multi-modal transportation and pedestrian and non-vehicular safety but will not be implemented until the completion of the Purple Line in the spring of 2027.

Outcome: Commercial areas enhance the public realm (Economy, Outcome 2)

Narrative: One of the outcomes/projects discussed in the action plan concerned branding the International Corridor by implementing a wayfinding and signage system throughout the Northern Gateway area with the goal of bolstering community identity and providing directional signage for travelers. Technical assistance was provided through a wayfinding and signage study, but the Northern Gateway Community Development Corporation (NGCDC) is no longer active, and no funding has been secured to establish the wayfinding and signage system.

Part II: Competitive Funding

Use the rows below to list competed funds sought for sustainability or revitalization projects since receiving Sustainable Communities designation.	Source (federal, state, foundation, etc.)	Amount Received	If no funding was received, what technical or other assistance from the state would help with future applications?	Other Notes
Community Legacy (CL): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Langley Park Pedestrian and Landscaping Projects 	DHCD	\$175,000		The goal of the project was to provide pedestrian improvements and streetscape enhancements in the Langley Park area. Community Development Block Grant funds (\$40,000) were also awarded for this project for a combined investment of \$179,000.00.
Strategic Demolition Fund (SDF)	DHCD			
Community Safety & Enhancement Program:	MDOT			
Maryland Bikeways Program:	MDOT			
Sidewalk Retrofit Program:	MDOT			

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Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund:	MDE			
<p>Other Funding Programs: <i>examples are U.S. HUD Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), or grants from USDA, EPA, Appalachian Regional Commission, Chesapeake Bay Trust, Maryland Heritage Areas Association, Preservation Maryland, Safe Routes to School, Maryland Rural Development Corporation, Maryland Energy Administration, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, etc.</i></p> <p>*Please add more rows if necessary</p>				
American Rescue Plan Act	Federal	\$7,000,000 \$500,000		<p>This fund supported the County's Right of First Refusal Program that allowed DHCD to acquire the Bedford and Victoria Station apartments and preserve affordable housing.</p> <p>An additional \$500,000 was allocated to DHCD to engage Habitat for Humanity for rehabilitation work for low-income homeowners living within 1 mile of the Purple Line Corridor.</p>
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)	Federal	\$500,000		A grant to support PGCMLS's Affordable Connectivity Outreach. The Affordable Connectivity Program offers funding and resources to eligible

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				government and non-government organizations. This support aims to boost awareness and participation in the program among households in greatest need of affordable connectivity.
Department of Justice	Federal	\$800,000		Improve public safety in Langley Park by identifying crime hotspots and strengthening community police relations.
Prince George’s County DHCD-CDBG Provide family and child social and educational support services in Langley Park	Federal	\$67,318		Grants received from FY 15 through FY 17 by CASA de Maryland.

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Prince George's County DHCD-CDBG - Workforce development programs and services for low-income Prince George's County residents at CASA Prince George's Welcome Center	Federal	\$137,756		Grants received from FY 15 through FY 19 by CASA de Maryland.
Prince George's County DHCD-CDBG - Support for small businesses and job creation in Langley Park	Federal	\$200,000		Grants received from FY 15 through FY 17 by CASA de Maryland.
The Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission's Planning Assistance to Municipalities and Communities (PAMC) Program	Local	\$50,000		The Northern Gateway CDC received technical assistance to develop the SPACES project. The project seeks to improve biking and pedestrian safety, improve connectivity from the neighborhoods to the International Corridor and enhance the public realm.
The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission	Local	\$49,791.92		This funding supported a wayfinding and signage study for the Northern Gateway.
Department of Parks and Recreation, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission	Local	\$8000		This funding supported the El Club del Libro and CHISPA Promotores del Medio Ambiente, as well as the Growing Green with Pride and Family Walk/Nature Conservation events.

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The Prince George's County Council Housing Investment Trust Fund	Local	\$280,681 \$2,000,000		This funding supported the Takoma/Langley Planning and Implementation Study and the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Parking Study. \$2 million dollars (from the County's Housing Investment Trust Fund) supported DHCD's acquisition of the Villas at Langley.
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Transportation Land Use Connections (TLC) Program	Local	\$80,000		This MWCOG grant funded the Langley Park Bicycle Boulevards study to improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity.
Pull Up Fund Capital One Bank	Private	\$2,520,000		This funding supported the PGCMLS' Online2Go Program, the Commons (provides access to technology, creative spaces, and digital literacy programs) and the COVID Vaccine Hunter Hotline program.
Clean Water Partnership	Public/Private Partnership	\$1,166,470		This funding supported two projects in the Langley Park SCA that contributed to the County's overall efforts to improve water quality through various stormwater retrofit projects.

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Communities Thrive Challenge - A \$10 million grant program to assist in growing economic opportunity for low-income people and communities throughout the county.	Rockefeller Foundation and Chan- Zuckerberg Initiative	\$1,000,000		CASA de Maryland, headquartered in Langley Park was one of ten grantees out of an application pool of over 1,800 throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.
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COMPETITIVE FUNDING: Are there any types of projects/needs for which your Sustainable Community needs funding; however, there isn't a funding source?

N/A

SECTION C - SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACTION PLAN

[Langley Park]

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 Strategy A: Review and revise, as needed, code compliance program to reduce frequency and number of residential code violations.</p>	<p>Maryland Department of Planning, Maryland Department of Housing, County Planning</p>

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<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 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>Department, local homeowners association</p>
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Environment

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

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

Strengths

- CHISPA provides local programs which are available for residents to make improvements to their property, improve indoor air quality, reduce stormwater runoff, and increase the tree canopy.
 - CHISPA operates the Promotoras del Medio Ambiente (Environment Promoters Program), in partnership with the Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC, which educates local leaders on environmental issues and conservation advocacy.
- Proximity to stream valley parks and scenic trails, providing access to natural areas and habitats
- Planned extensions and connections to existing trails and paths
- Ongoing and planned stream restoration and stormwater management infrastructure projects and partnerships between the residents and community groups. i.e. DOE, DPW&T, DPIE, US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Anacostia Watershed Restoration (AWS), Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC and PGCPs
 - Improvements in stormwater management and water quality have been made through the construction of micro-bioretenion

Weaknesses

- Residents struggle with the capacity to implement or utilize environmental initiatives. Especially, renters who are not able to sufficiently augment their property.
- The trails are often impacted by trash and invasive vegetation growth, often leading to CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) and safety concerns. This adversely impacts trail safety and deters people from using them.
- Climate change and increased frequency of severe weather events
- High percentage of impervious surfaces and patterns of flooding

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<p>basins in several parts of the SCA (Adelphi Road and Riggs Road).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several programs and partnerships between agencies (Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC, PGCPs, etc.), faith-based groups, non-profits, civic associations, and community groups promote environmental education and assist with environmental preservation, restoration, and clean up initiatives. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt a Trail Program is a program run by a partnership between Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC, Eco Latinos, and local churches in the area to conduct conservation work and train-clean ups. Free countywide household composting program to reduce food waste in standard trash; all households receive free bins and instructions. Schools and apartment buildings now participate in recycling efforts. Growing Green with Pride is a countywide event that engages youth and the wider community to clean up streets and local parks. Civic and community groups conduct walking audits and area cleanups. Prince George's County has adopted a county-wide <i>Climate Action Plan</i>. 	
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<u>Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures</u>	<u>Strategies and Action Items</u>	<u>Implementation Partners</u>
<p>Outcome 1: Increase participation and opportunities for environmental education and programming.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Increase in number and diversity of residents participating in</p>	<p>Strategy A: Increase participation in the County's free composting program by partnering with County agencies, neighborhood associations and community groups to educate residents in their neighborhoods about the composting program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide pro-composting stickers to residential trash and recycling haulers to stick on trash and recycling bins at point of collection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T) County Office of Community Liaison, Neighborhood and civic associations

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<p>environmental initiatives and projects; increase in number of educational programs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add stickers to all new trash and recycling bins distributed. <p>Strategy B: Collaborate with County agencies, Prince George's County Public Schools, and after school educational programs, to create programming and distribute educational materials on conservation issues and ways to get involved.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County residential trash and recycling haulers • Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) • County agencies
<p>Outcome 2: Improve the conditions of the Northwest Branch/Anacostia Trail</p> <p>Progress Measures: Increase in amenities, trees, cleanup programs, volunteer participants, recreational users, and reduction in the volume of invasive plant species.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Improve the health and environment of the Northwest Branch/Anacostia Trail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and expand current programs and partnerships between the community, civic groups, faith-based groups, non-profits, and agencies that assist with environmental clean ups. • Identify potential locations for the installation of trash receptacles along the trail. • Install bilingual signages to inform users about the proper disposal of trash. • Identify additional programming to educate and engage communities regarding proper disposal of trash. <p>Strategy B: Abate non-native invasive vegetation along the Northwest Branch/Anacostia Trail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate a Non-Native Invasives (NNI) Abatement Program to address the invasive vegetation impacts along the Northwest Branch/Anacostia Trail. • Support and expand current programs and partnerships with the community, civic groups, faith-based groups, non-profits and agencies that assist with the non-native invasive removals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) • Prince George's County Department of the Environment (DOE) • Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T). • Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC • Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) • Chispa MD • Langley Park Civic Association • Sierra Club • American Trails Association • Washington Area Bicyclist Association • Coalition for Recreational Trails • Outdoor Alliance Coalition

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	<p>Strategy C: Conduct quarterly check in with surrounding neighborhood organizations and civic groups to determine if improvements have increased resident trail usage and garner feedback on maintenance or required additional improvements.</p> <p>Strategy D: Identify opportunities for cross-agency collaboration between the Prince George's County Police Department and the Maryland-National Capital Park Police to streamline neighborhood reporting of trail safety and use.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership for a Healthier America • National Recreation Trails Program • No Child Left Inside Coalition • Bike Maryland • League of American Bicyclists • Neighborhood groups/civic organizations • Maryland-National Capital Park Police • Prince George's County Police Department
<p>Outcome 3: Improve water quality and habitat along the Northwest Branch stream of the Anacostia River</p> <p>Progress Measures: Linear feet of stream restoration accomplished; number of stormwater retrofit projects; improved water quality; improved natural areas and habitats</p>	<p>Strategy A: Support and expand current stream restoration programs and partnerships that assist in improved water quality and habitat along the Northwest Branch Stream of the Anacostia River.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current programs include the Prince George's County Department of the Environment's Clean Water Partnership and US Corps of Engineers' Anacostia Watershed Restoration program. <p>Strategy B: Identify opportunities for the conversion of large impervious surfaces into green space or impervious pavements to reduce stormwater runoffs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify locations for potential stormwater retrofits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) • Prince George's County Department of the Environment (DOE) • Prince George's County Department of Permit, Inspection, and Enforcement (DPIE) • Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T) • US Corps of Engineers (USCOE) • Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC

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<p>Outcome 4: Reduce occurrences of flooding.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Reduction in flood occurrences; number of stormwater infrastructure projects</p>	<p>Strategy A: Initiate a study to identify areas that lack adequate stormwater infrastructure and develop a phased stormwater infrastructure plan to reduce flooding issues.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), • Prince George's County Department of the Environment (DOE), • Prince George's County Department of Permit, Inspection, and Enforcement (DPIE), • Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T)
<p>Outcome 5: Preservation of tree canopy through tree planning, advocacy, and awareness</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of trees planted</p>	<p>Strategy A: Support tree planting in the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and expand the current tree planting programs and partnerships across the community. <p>Strategy B: Support environmental education and advocacy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support current environmental education and advocacy efforts through partnerships with the community, civic organizations, faith-based groups, non-profits, and agencies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chispa MD • Prince George's County Department of the Environment (DOE) • University of Maryland (UMD) at College Park • Langley Park-McCormick Elementary School • Langley Park Civic Association • Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T)

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC
<p>Outcome 6: Apply sustainable and green design practices to buildings/projects.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of sustainability programs and projects; number of LEED certified buildings/projects</p>	<p>Strategy A: Support green practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporate green and sustainable design practices for parks and recreational facilities. Explore incorporating green practices for the parks and facility design, programs, maintenance, operations, and management. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chispa MD Prince George's County Department of the Environment (DOE) University of Maryland (UMD) at College Park Langley Park-McCormick Elementary School Langley Park Civic Association Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T) Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC

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

- The area of MD 193 in Langley Park, the International Corridor, is known for its vibrant multicultural businesses that serve area residents.
- The Purple Line Corridor Coalition is comprised of area stakeholders tasked with designing a comprehensive economic development plan and business preservation strategy.
- Civic institutions such as CASA de Maryland, Prince George's Community College, and the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) offer workforce development courses, English as a Second Language (ESL), and Employ Prince George's ESL-based trades instruction.
- Enterprise and Opportunity Zone designations
- Construction jobs are one of the main employment sectors for residents of the Sustainable Communities area, and it is anticipated that more workers will be hired for construction of the Purple Line.

Weaknesses

- Access to businesses may be impeded during construction of the Purple Line.
- Vacancy rates for commercial businesses are high.
- Commercial and retail facades need updating and improvement.

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Desired Outcomes and Progress	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Attract and retain a strong business presence in the Northern Gateway and the International Corridor.</p> <p>Progress Measures: New businesses, increased spending, and revenue</p>	<p>Strategy A: Promote local workforce development opportunities to generate entrepreneurship among area residents and future business owners.</p> <p>Strategy B: Support TOD and denser mixed-use development in coordination with the construction of the Purple Line to provide denser retail typologies different from the existing strip retail centers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate with the PLCC to explore TOD opportunities along the Purple Line Corridor. <p>Strategy C: Seek local partnerships with nearby community development organizations, banks, brokers, and collegiate institutions to retain small businesses.</p> <p>Strategy D: Establish a formal space for existing street vendors to help them expand their business and promote an authentic, accessible experience for visitors to the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential interventions could include a commercial kitchen with space for vending, an open-air food market, or kiosks. <p>Strategy E: Explore temporary adaptive reuse such as pop-up retail and open space, farmers markets, and festivals to attract new businesses and support existing businesses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purple Line Corridor Coalition, (PLCC) Prince George's County Community College CASA de Maryland Maryland Department of Commerce Prince George's County Redevelopment Authority Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation Latino Economic Development Center

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<p>Outcome 2: Improve commercial areas.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Streetscaping improvements and enhancement to public spaces; increase in pedestrian traffic.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Install and maintain hard and soft streetscaping elements (benches, decorative lighting, trash receptables), landscaping, and public art where possible, particularly along the International Corridor.</p> <p>Strategy B: Work with partners to increase business owners' participation in commercial façade improvement programs.</p> <p>Strategy C: Use CPTED principles and practices to support a sense of safety.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M-NCPPC Community Planning • Neighborhood Design Center • Maryland DHCD, • Prince George's Redevelopment Authority • Maryland MDOT/SHA, • Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund (MEDAF)
<p>Outcome 3: Increased entrepreneurship, spending, and social activity</p> <p>Progress Measures: Greater community engagement and increased social connectivity</p>	<p>Strategy A: Use creative placemaking tools as one economic development component to revitalize public spaces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support temporary pop-up events, such as night-markets, in public spaces to reflect the diversity of local heritage in Langley Park communities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maryland State Arts Council • County Government • Prince George's County Planning Department • Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC • Community groups/organizations • Prince George's County Arts and Humanities Council

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">• The Takoma Langley Transit Center serves approximately 13,000 daily commuters in the Langley Park area with multiple public transportation options, including 11 bus lines.• Two Purple Line Light Rail Stations are to be constructed by 2027 in the existing Langley Park SCA (Takoma Langley Transit Center & Riggs Road), as well as another just outside the SCA boundary in Adelphi (Adelphi Road/West Campus).<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ The Purple Line alignment will incorporate pedestrian and bicycle amenities and lighting enhancements along MD 193.• Sidewalk infrastructure improvements are consistently being made along public routes and corridors that link resources to residents.• Existing arterial roadways (MD 650 and MD 193) support multi-modal transit (Bike, Rail, Vehicular).• Bus stop shelter improvements were made along 15th Avenue and Kanewha St. Intersection.• Crime “hot spots” have been identified by the Prince George’s County Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T) along major corridors (Riggs Rd., 14th & 15th Ave., and University Boulevard).• Northwest Branch/Anacostia Trail from Cool Spring Road to the end of Montgomery County side provides convenient walking and cycling options with recent improvements in pavement quality.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No designated bicycle lane along University Boulevard• Lack of bikeshare options in high pedestrian traffic areas especially near new transit center• Superblocks encourage pedestrians to cross arterial roadways at non-designated areas.• Major roads (Adelphi and Riggs) create problems due to heavy traffic volume and speed.• A lack of traffic calming measures (i.e., traffic calming, speed bumps) in residential areas which creates unsafe pedestrian and biking conditions.• A lack of comprehensive parking enforcement.• Multiple dead-end streets create poor neighborhoods connectivity and commercial connectivity to main corridors.• Prevalence of illegal dumping and illegal truck traffic and parking in residential areas.• Poor lighting along public trails encourages crime and loitering.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ This has been observed in the Northwest Branch/Anacostia Trail from Cool Spring Road.• Poor maintenance of public trails including portions of the Northwest Branch/Anacostia Trail, which suffers from threatening graffiti and trash along trails and streams

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Prince George’s County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC has recently improved segments of the Northwest Branch/Anacostia Trail, which will enhance the trail experience for users.• Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) has established a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan that will incorporate pedestrian safety measures (raised crosswalk/speed tables, lead pedestrian intervals, installing no turn on red) and provide better accessibility to transit along MD 650 from MD 193 to the Montgomery County line.• To relieve congestion, SHA is planning to construct a southbound left turn lane along MD 212 and eastbound left turn lane along Adelphi Road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Small water crossings with no foot bridge.	
Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Prevent illegal dumping on Adelphi, Cool Spring, and Riggs Road to enhance the beauty and livability of the SCA.</p> <p>Progress Measures: 20% reduction in 311 reports of illegal dumping.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Coordinate with DPW&T and DPIE to provide educational outreach concerning prevention and reporting of illegal dumping to residents and community groups.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maryland Department of Environment (DOE)• Prince George’s County Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T)• Prince George’s County Department of Permit, Inspection, and Enforcement (DPIE)
<p>Outcome 2: Improve pedestrian safety on major roads.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Increase number of enhanced pedestrian crossings, traffic calming measures; reduced speeding limits.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Explore options with SHA to reduce speed on Adelphi Road and Cool Springs Road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Install speed cameras. <p>Strategy B: Reduce truck traffic on Cool Spring Road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement traffic calming measures (speed bumps).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA)• Prince George’s County Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T)

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<p>Outcome 3: Improve pedestrian and bicycle connections to public transportation and community services.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Increased trail use; increased use of public services; increased transit use.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Improve trail connections to transit hubs, activity centers, schools, park facilities, and new development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore and fund improvements to the trail network to connect the low-income residential areas to community services. • Install bicycle storage, shower facilities and additional services at the community service centers. • Complete the Anacostia Trail Wayfinding and Signage Plan and request funding for the implementation of the plan along the Northwest Branch Trail. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maryland Transportation Authority • Prince George's County, Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC • Washington Metropolitan Area Transit • Maryland State Highway Administration • Maryland Transit Agency
<p>Outcome 4: Use complete and green street practices to design, operate, maintain, and retrofit the transportation network to improve travel conditions for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders and vulnerable populations.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Fewer pedestrian fatalities, increased non-vehicular presence</p>	<p>Strategy A: Coordinate with DPW&T, MTA, and WMATA to ensure safe and convenient interline and intermodal transfers and station access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore roadway improvements along University Boulevard to distinguish bike/pedestrian transit from vehicular and mass transit. • Invest in technology upgrades to modernize and improve transit use. <p>Strategy B: Improve pedestrian and non-vehicular safety concurrent to vehicular transportation infrastructure improvements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve sidewalk infrastructure along popular corridors, ensure ADA accessibility is enhanced. • Coordinate with WMATA, the Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, DPW&T, and the development community to provide unified, well-lit, accessible, attractive, durable, and all-weather bus shelters with benches, trash cans, dual-language route maps and schedules. • Create highly visible and effective wayfinding at all bus stops throughout the corridor, with priority along New Hampshire Avenue, University Boulevard, and Riggs Road. <p>Strategy C: Apply for funding to enhance streetscape.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maryland Transportation Authority • Prince George's County • Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority • Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) • Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T) • State Highway Administration • Maryland Department of Transportation

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify grant opportunities and prepare grant applications. Potential funding may include the Maryland Bikeways Program and MD SHA Sidewalk Retrofit Program <p>Strategy D: Utilize innovative methods to make comprehensive improvements to state, county, and local road improvement plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use new technology to improve pedestrian safety along major transportation corridors. <p>Strategy E: Utilize recently completed planning studies, including the Takoma Langley Crossroads Planning and Implementation Study to explore short-term opportunities that will improve pedestrian and bicycle safety and connectivity.</p> <p>Strategy F: Utilize the 30% design and cost estimates of the Langley Park Neighborhood Bike Boulevards projects to seek further study of how to improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity to the Proposed Riggs Road Purple Line station and other activity centers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Potential funding opportunities may include the Maryland Bikeways Program, PAMC, etc.	
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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">• Housing options near public transit• An ample supply of market-rate rental housing units• Preservation of naturally occurring affordable housing (Bedford and Victoria Station and the Vills at Langley) near two future Purple Line stations that have secured affordability for 75% of units at affordability rates based on households earning 60% AMI or less.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Property improvements were conducted to address deferred maintenance issues.• Implementation of the Right of First Refusal Program (ROFR), which has expanded the availability of affordable rental housing in the County.• Prince George's County DHCD has established a sustainable funding source to support the Housing Investment Trust Fund that serves as a vehicle to provide Workforce Housing Gap Financing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nearly 70% of the residents in the Sustainable Community area are renters.• Most of the rental housing stock is comprised of multi-family units constructed in the 1950s and 1960s and has not been updated to include new amenities.• Housing costs for renters are extremely high; Hispanic families who rent are the most cost-burdened, spending more than 50% of their income on rent.• There are limited housing type options.• Waiting lists for subsidized housing units are closed.• There are impediments for non-English speaking residents to access subsidized housing.• Lack of education and or accountability of bad actors such as investors/landlords on code compliance issues.

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Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Increase code enforcement and accountability.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Increase in completed 311 requests</p>	<p>Strategy A: Educate investors and landlords about County codes on legal number of tenants, illegal conversions to multi-family units, illegal ADUs, required licenses and permits, tenant responsibilities, etc.</p> <p>Strategy B: Increase enforcement of county rental and property maintenance laws.</p> <p>Strategy C: Increase penalties for rental violations and create high penalties for repeat offenders.</p> <p>Strategy D: Develop a County strategy or development plan to address rental investment in single-family homes, the process around code enforcement, and bad actor investors through the Nuisance and Abatement Board.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) • Tenant organizations • Civic organizations/neighborhood groups • Prince George's County Department of Permit, Inspection, and Enforcement (DPIE) • Apartment management companies • Prince George's County
<p>Outcome 2: Increase resources for non-English speaking residents to address building code violations.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Decrease the time it takes to address code violations.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Work with Prince George's County Department of Permit, Inspection, and Enforcement (DPIE) to overcome barriers for residents for whom English is not their primary language.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CASA de Maryland • Prince George's County Department of Permit, Inspection, and Enforcement (DPIE)
<p>Outcome 3: Improve access to affordable housing options for non-English literate residents.</p> <p>Progress Measures: More non-English speaking residents will be able to secure subsidized housing.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Develop multi-lingual resources to assist non-English speaking residents in obtaining subsidized housing assistance programs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CASA de Maryland • Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)

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<p>Outcome 4: Prevent the loss of affordable housing units and preserve existing housing opportunities for low-income residents.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Increase the amount of affordable housing options.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Encourage infill development or rehabilitation of blighted properties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with DPIE to create an inventory of buildings in disrepair. <p>Strategy B: Exercise ROFR for NOAH (naturally occurring affordable housing) properties.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prince George's County Department of Permit, Inspection, and Enforcement (DPIE) • CASA de Maryland • Housing Initiative Partnership • Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) • Prince George's County Planning Department
<p>Outcome 5: Increase the quality and number of affordable and market rate housing units.</p> <p>Progress Measures: More housing options are available to cost burdened households of all income levels.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Increase the number of affordable rental housing units that include 3 and 4 bedrooms to accommodate larger families and prevent overcrowding.</p> <p>Strategy B: Prioritize affordable housing at TOD locations as part of DHCD's annual NOFA for HOME and HITF funds.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) • Housing Initiative Partnership of Prince George's County (HIP), • US Housing and Urban Development (HUD) • Prince George's County Department of Permit, Inspection, and Enforcement (DPIE) • Prince George's County Planning Department
<p>Outcome 6: Foster homeownership opportunities for residents</p> <p>Progress Measures: An increase in owner-occupied homes in the Sustainable Communities Area.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Expand homeownership education and opportunities for down payment assistance to eligible residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Time Homebuyer education and counseling • Maryland Mortgage Program <p>Strategy B: Consult with the Housing Authority regarding US HUD Homeownership Voucher Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CASA de Maryland • Housing Initiative Partnership • Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)

Strategy C: Expand rehabilitation and new construction of Habitat for Humanity sponsored homes in the Sustainable Community Area

- Prince George's County-Metro Maryland Habitat for Humanity

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

- Langley Park is the largest international community in the region, and home to the International Corridor along University Boulevard.
- Enhancements were made to community resource centers (Langley Park Community Center, CASA de Maryland, Multi Services Center, Takoma Langley Transit Center), parks, trails, and recreation facilities.
- Several indoor and outdoor recreation programs are offered by the Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC to serve the needs of the diverse communities within the Langley Park

Weaknesses

- Lack of adequate school facilities to address increasing demand.
- Poor code enforcement and lack of maintenance are attributed to deteriorating housing stock and public dumping of trash.
- Public education curriculum does not reflect diverse culture.
- Few community events to celebrate cultural diversity in area as expressed by the community.
- Limited access to primary healthcare
- Limited social services and amenities for aging population
- A lack of bike and pedestrian facilities disconnects neighborhoods.

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Sustainable Community. This includes a range of programming for all ages, abilities, incomes, and ethnic groups.

- The Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC in partnership with PGCPs provides free healthy meals to youth who participate in any or all their programs.
- Come Out and Play Program, Summer Playgrounds Camp, and a free afterschool program for teens, provides youth with a safe space for various recreational opportunities throughout the year.
- The Mis Quince Program is a 12-week teen program for ages 14-17. The program provides dinner, workshops, trips, special events, educational content, service opportunities including work on conservation projects, etc. The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center provides two trips for this program, which includes dinner and art performances. The Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC runs this program in partnership with Eco Latinos, UMD, and the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.
- The El Club del Libro (The Book Club), is a program run by the Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC in partnership with the Langley Park Civic Association and provides free educational and recreational activity for preschoolers, their moms, and/or caregivers in the Spanish Language.
- Family Art Day is a free event offered two to three times a year by the Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC in partnership with the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. The event brings together local and international performers and includes music workshops and free dinner/meals for all ages and families in the community.
- The Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC is planning to initiate a feasibility study of the Langley Park Community Center to assess the facility renovation needs.
- The Langley Park Community Center provides several opportunities for young children including a youth vegetable garden where they can learn about conservation and nutrition and participate in recreational activities and free weekly pottery classes.
- The SCA has limited access to healthy food options.
- Cost of local 'public spaces,' such as the Hyattsville Library and the Prince George's County Community Center, is high for voluntary associations/groups to use for gatherings/events.
- The trails are impacted by invasive vegetation growth, leading to CPTED and safety issues. This in turn impacts the overall quality of the trail facility and user experience which deters people from using it.
- Increase in crime and safety issues in the area.
- Transient nature of the community
- Writing and language barriers
- Difficulty for community to engage with the government and low efficacy

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- The Langley Park Community Center runs a state-licensed afterschool program (with dinner) for ages 5-12. Families receive economic support to participate through their Fee Assistance Program.
- An outdoor native garden/reading area was established at Langley Park-McCormick Elementary School.
- The Hyattsville Branch library reopened in 2022, which has increased residents access to robust resources including workforce development and legal clinics, dental clinics, etc.
- PGCMLS has started lending Kajeet hotspots to households with no internet access; launched their Online2Go program, providing data-included Chromebook to residents; and invested in licensed electronic products to ensure equitable access to information and instruction such as live tutoring and resume support.
- Secured funds for the creation of a new library in Langley Park.
- Langley Park is home to the Adelphi Mill and Storehouse, an 18th century mill located along the Northwest Branch of the Anacostia River. It is the only surviving mill in Prince George's County. The Prince George's County Department of Parks & Recreation, M-NCPPC owns, operates, and maintains the two sites, and is currently working on the rehabilitation of the Adelphi Mill.
- Prince George's Community College and CASA de Maryland collaborated to provide workforce development services such as vocational training programs, ESL courses, and the Refugee Training Program.
- The Mary Center expanded operations at their Adelphi location to incorporate adult medicine, chronic disease control, family planning and prenatal care, HIV prevention, pediatrics, health promotion, nutrition, and behavioral health.
- The Police Athletic League (PAL), the Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC, the Rollingcrest-Chillum and Langley Park Community Center, Councilmember Wanika Fisher, and local organizations sponsor the Northern Gateway Soccer Club to build community unity, remove barriers to local youth joining organized sports, build self-esteem, improve public safety, and connect children and families to local community resources.
- A series of murals focused on migration stories have helped brand the Northern Gateway and reflect the diversity of the community.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events like Family Walk/Nature Conservation, Good Neighbor Day, Langley Park Day, and Growing Green with Pride help bring the community together, build community pride, increase participation around conservation activities and education, and allows for the sharing of resources. • The cricket field at the Adelphi Manor Park is heavily used by cricket sports groups (such as the Maryland Youth Cricket Association (MYCA) and Washington Cricket League (WCL)). The facility offers a unique opportunity for cricket skill development and recreation opportunities for youths and adults. The groups have achieved a record-setting number of enrollments at this location, and this facility continues to serve as one of the primary locations where cricket youth skills can be developed to the next level. • Several partnerships between agencies, religious institutions, non-profits, and civic/community groups provide much-needed health services and programs in the community. • UMD's Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center provides free entertainment for several youth/family programs. • The Prince George's County Office of Multicultural Affairs and Latino Liaison serves the large Hispanic population. 	
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Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Establish low-cost options for indoor/outdoor community events.</p> <p>Progress Measures: At least two options are presented to the community by the end of 2024.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Explore options for voluntary organizations/civic groups to receive reduced cost options for indoor/outdoor community events.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M-NCPPC • Prince George's County Memorial Library System
<p>Outcome 2: Enhance recreational opportunities for the diverse resident population.</p> <p>Progress Measures: A range of available programs and facilities for residents</p>	<p>Strategy A: Support recreational opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement the recommendations identified on the 2022 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (2022 LPPRP) by the Prince George's County Department of Park and Recreation, M-NCPPC, for the Langley Park SCA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC • Langley Park-McCormick Elementary School

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and expand the current indoor and outdoor activities and sports leagues for all ages and abilities. • Explore ways to improve residents' access to recreational opportunities. • Support facility maintenance and improvements for safe and accessible recreational services for all. • Designate more green space for recreational activities and community use. <p>Strategy B: Enhance the Adelphi Manor Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request funding for the improvements of the heavily used cricket field at the Adelphi Manor Park, to enhance user safety, park activation, and meet user needs: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Improve the field surface through improvements such as grading, soil amendment, and re-establishment of A-list MD certified sod to attenuate impacts. b. Installation of shade structures and seating areas <p>Strategy C: Enhance the Langley Park Community Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct the Langley Park Community Center feasibility study to identify facility renovation opportunities to meet the community needs. • Repair the existing playground at the Langley Park Community Center. • Explore the opportunities to increase the number of outdoor (athletic fields) and indoor recreational areas (a gym) at the Langley Park Community Center. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Langley Park Civic Association • Maryland Youth Cricket Association (MYCA) • Washington Cricket League (WCL) • Minor League Cricket • Major League Cricket
Outcome 3: Enhance cultural identity and sense of place.	<p>Strategy A: Preserve and celebrate the history and culture of the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support preservation of historic and cultural resources <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Support the Adelphi Mill rehabilitation project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CASA de Maryland, • Prince George's County Mary' Center, • Prince George's County Department of Aging,

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<p>Progress Measures: number of new historic signages installed; number of cultural events and outreach programs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Support the rehabilitation and maintenance of historic sites. • Celebrate community history and culture through public art, signage and programming. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Create historical signage along key trails. b. Support and expand current programs and partnerships for cultural outreach and events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prince George's County Memorial Library System, • Prince George's County Board of Education • Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC • Maryland Historical Trust (MHT)
<p>Outcome 4: Improve the safety of public spaces.</p> <p>Progress Measures: fewer crimes reported; fewer 911 calls; fewer complaints to the Maryland-National Capital Park Police</p>	<p>Strategy A: Improve safety along the Northwest Branch Trails</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request funding for the abatement of non-native invasives along the trail to address CPTED issues. • Support vegetation management and landscape maintenance work along the trail to create a safe and welcoming user experience. • Identify locations for trail amenities, such as lighting, seating and water fountain. • Install bilingual signages with emergency contact information at key locations. <p>Strategy B: Explore strategies to resolve crime and safety issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a community task force comprising of agencies and community groups to work together to resolve crime and safety issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC • Prince George's County Police Department • Langley Park Civic Association • CASA de Maryland • Prince George's County Board of Education • Prince George's County Memorial Library System
<p>Outcome 5: Improve access and education on healthy foods for community residents.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Establishment of gardens; participant by residents and schools</p>	<p>Strategy A: Work with County agencies and partners to continue supporting existing community gardens.</p> <p>Strategy B: Seek additional local and state partners to expand the number of community gardens and educational programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek partners to explore options for rooftop community gardens. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prince George's County Health Department, Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) • Prince George's County Department of the Environment

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	Strategy C: Collaborate with community groups, residents, and K-12 schools to create culturally appropriate education around urban farming.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) Community and civic organizations
<p>Outcome 5: Expand access to community health and well-being services.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Improve community health and education.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Provide support for a growing elderly population.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support and expand the current senior programs and partnerships. <p>Strategy B: Improve access to youth development programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support and expand the current youth development and engagement programs and partnerships. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CASA de Maryland Prince George's County, Mary' Center Prince George's County Department of Aging Prince George's County Memorial Library System Prince George's County Board of Education Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, M-NCPPC
<p>Outcome 6: Improve education rates and outcomes for all residents.</p> <p>Progress Measures: increase in literary rates; increase in graduation rate.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Collaborate with PGCMLS to improve access to free or low-cost English and Spanish learning resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate with CASA and PGCMLS to further improve legal education resources for community residents (i.e., additional legal clinics, one-on-one legal counseling). <p>Strategy B: Increase education rates for young women.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate with the County and PGCPS to provide mentorship opportunities for young women. Collaborate with local partners and organizations to promote girl's empowerment, skills development programs, and social programs. <p>Strategy C: Seek partners and develop resources that help reduce barriers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) Prince George's County Public Schools CASA de Maryland

	and provide incentives for scholarships for young learners.	
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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">• The approval of the Prince George’s County General Plan (Plan 2035) in 2014.• The approval of new zoning ordinance by the District Council in 2018.• Opportunity for the redevelopment of older commercial areas and residential communities• The three Purple Line transit stations are now under construction in or adjacent to the SCA.• Housing mix of lower density single-family, and medium to high-density multifamily residential types.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Residential neighborhoods suffer from a lack of diversity in modern housing stock, with older garden apartments built in the 1960s being the dominant unit type and minimal visual distinction between various complexes.• Poor connectivity and pedestrian access to local shopping centers and retailers. Connectivity is difficult due to high traffic volume and speeds along major transportation facilities. Major streets are difficult to cross, especially during peak hours, due to traffic volumes and limited pedestrian facilities.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concentration of commercial development at major intersections of New Hampshire Avenue and University Boulevard and at New Hampshire Avenue and Riggs Road • Existence of protected environmentally sensitive land in the Reserved Open Space (R-O-S) Zone, recreational and other institutional land uses. • In 2021, the Prince George's County Planning Department completed the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Planning and Implementation Study, which builds on the 2019 Approved Takoma Langley Sector Plan by developing implementation tools and strategies to support denser, mixed use and walkable development. • In 2021, the Prince George's Planning Department completed two studies to help improve the multi-modal transportation and safety around the SCA in anticipation of the Purple Line. • Maryland SHA's <i>Pedestrian Safety Action Plan</i> 		
Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Protect and preserve existing, stable residential neighborhoods.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of code citations and violation; and vacancy and foreclosure rate; yearly comparative real estate data and analysis</p>	<p>Strategy A: Develop a unique neighborhood identity and sense of place through branding, signage, neighborhood association etc.</p> <p>Strategy B: Embark on aggressive code inspection and property improvement and maintenance.</p> <p>Strategy C: Educate property owners about property improvement guidelines, available resources, low interest loans etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prince George's County Department of Permit, Inspection, and Enforcement (DPIE) • Prince George's County DHCD • Redevelopment Authority (RA), • CASA de Maryland • Prince George's County Planning Department
<p>Outcome 2: Increase wayfinding and signage to enhance identity and sense of place of the SCA.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Use 2021 Northern Gateway Wayfinding and Signage study to seek funding with DHCD, MDOT, and Prince George's County Revenue Authority Community Impact Grants to implement wayfinding signage throughout the Northern Gateway area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prince George's County Planning Department • Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development

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Progress Measures: increased wayfinding and signage throughout the Northern Gateway		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prince George’s County Revenue Authority
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SIGNATURE LETTER

On behalf of Councilmember Wanika Fisher, I hereby approve the application for renewal of the Sustainable Communities designation for Langley Park. 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.

Wanika Fisher

Authorized Signature

Wanika Fisher Councilmember District 2

Type Name and Title

Date March 5, 2024