

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
carter.reitman@maryland.gov
Copy: Olivia Ceccarelli-McGonigal
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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://dhed.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: _____ **TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD** _____

NAME OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY: _____ **NORTH BRENTWOOD SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY AREA** _____

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)**
 - [Part 1: Qualitative Assessment](#)
 - [Part 2: Competitive Funding](#)
- 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

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(3) Approximate number of acres of entire SC Area: _____ .10 _____

(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): Designated 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?

According to 2020 Census Bureau's Population estimates the current population of North Brentwood is 593 since 2017 there has been less than 1% change in the demographics of the town. The median age is now estimated at 36.4 years, median income \$90,104, 25% hold a Bachelor higher, the current housing stock is 195 with 245 households, there are no buildable vacant lots available in the town. Occupied homes have remained stable as well as the number of vacancies.

(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 leaders, and how will/did the Workgroup advisor or staff manage implementation of the SC Area Plan? The workgroup for this application consists of the Mayor Petrella Robinson, Councilmembers Evan Dame, Aaron Baynes, and Charles Wiley; representing the staff are the Town Manager- Jacqueline Goodall, Code Enforcement Officer-Martha Cuffie and two volunteer residents from the town-Mike Whyte and Jacqueline Morales. Carter Reitman from the Department of Housing and Community Development acted as the facilitator.

(4) What have been the strengths and challenges of the capacity of the Sustainable Communities Workgroup with respect to implementation of the SC Plan? Mayor Robinson is a lifelong resident of the town and has been mayor for seventeen years and the Council members all are long-time residents and have been on the council for several terms. The Town Manager, Jacqueline Goodall brings experience as a planner, former elected official, and five years as a town manager. Ms. Martha Cuffie has been Code Enforcement Officer since 2016. The two residents volunteered and bring to the table the experience of being longtime residents, Mike Whyte an Urban Environmentalist and Jacqueline Morales is a retired military person who has lived in the town for 21 years. As in the past the town has depended on partnerships with the state, county, as well as local non-profits due to our limited staff. Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning (MNCPCC) owns several acres within the town which is under their direct jurisdiction and while they are not directly part of the workgroup, they are important in making decisions in North Brentwood. MNCPCC is also the primary planning and zoning authority for the County, except for the Rhode Island corridor which continues to be zoned Mixed Use (MUI) and Urban Light Industry (ULI) with restrictions due to the Gateways Art District designation. The majority of the town is zoned residential (R55) with historic designations.

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- (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?

North Brentwood is a small municipality with very active citizen engagement in various areas i.e. the North Brentwood Citizens Association and the North Brentwood Historic Society and the town meetings. While citizen engagement for charettes for projects has been about 20% of the population (about 20-30 people) there has not been a large interest in local planning events such as this.

- (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. The town continues to reach out to the state and county agencies and various non-profit groups for technical assistance and will continue to reach out for technical assistance when needed.

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.

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.

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

Accomplishment 1: ECONOMICS

Outcome: Empowerment of the Community

Projects: Completion of Sis's Tavern Renovation Phase I/ Adjacent Park and Pavilion

In 2014, work began to renovate a historic Juke Joint/Sis's Tavern which was established in the 1940's and is on the Historical Register of Prince George's County. After nearly ten years the work was finally completed and received its occupancy permit in October of 2023 from Prince George's County. Originally established as an entertainment and social gathering space to combat the racial discrimination of that period, Sis's became a hot spot for entertainers that were not allowed to stay in the D.C. after their performances. It also was on the 'Chitlin Circuit' where performers performed for the African American community due to same Jim Crow rules of that time. In April 2023 the Anacostia Trail Heritage Area (ATHA) added a marker commemorating Sis's Tavern as part of the Prince George's County Civil Rights Trail. The building which can hold 70 person will be used as a community resource center for meetings and rentals to the public. The building was completely gutted and renovated, and restrooms were added. While there will be a charge for rental, the funds will be primarily used for the operation, maintenance and upkeep of Sis's and the adjacent park. The adjacent park (informally name Mural Park, due to the murals along the fence is scheduled to have a pavilion installed for outdoor events in 2024. Installation of the fencing, as well as the lighting for the murals surrounding the park was funded in part by the Prince George's Arts and Humanities and the commission paid for the mural paintings that are attached to the fence was funded through a Community Legacy Façade grant through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

Partners: Hyattsville Community Development Corporation, Anacostia Trail Heritage Area (ATHA), Neighborhood Design Center (NDC), Prince Georges County CDBG funding, State of Maryland Public Works through bond bills, Maryland Heritage Authority and the African American Heritage Preservation, Prince Georges County Arts and Humanities Council.(PGAHC)

Impact: With the completion of Sis's Tavern this will give an economic boost to North Brentwood's Gateway Arts District designation. In turn will attract new businesses and visitors to the area. The building/pavilion will revitalize area through the visual and performing arts.

Accomplishment 2:

Outcome: Empowerment of the Community

Projects: North Brentwood Rhode Island Avenue Business Façade Improvement

The purpose of the grant was to encourage businesses along Rhode Island Avenue in North Brentwood to improve the exterior appearance of their building and storefronts to attract patronage of local businesses and the possibility of new businesses. Working with the non-profit Teach Em to Fish and Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) all fourteen of the businesses and the owners of the properties in North Brentwood were contacted and offered the opportunity to participate in the project. Only two of the businesses participated by completely renovating their exterior with new signage, lighting and uplifting the appearance of the buildings. With the remaining funds the town requested permission from DHCD to utilize it to renovate the vacant lot adjacent to Sis's Tavern, since this property is visible from Rhode Island Avenue. The grounds were graded, grass, shrubs and flowering were planted, with the remaining funds an artist was hired to do five murals that were hung on the fence (provided through funding from PGAHC) the murals can be seen from the Avenue during the day and thanks to lighting can also be seen at night.

Partners: Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD); Teach Em to Fish, Neighborhood Design Center (NDC)

Impact: Has attracted two new businesses to the area, one which has purchased the adjoining building and increased its business foot print.

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Accomplishment 3: Storm water Remediation

Outcome: Reduce the amount of urban flooding that plagues parts of the town most impacted

Project: Windom Road/Allison Street Storm water Remediation Phase I

Working with Prince Georges County Department of the Environment, utilizing the Municipal Storm water grant, the town was able to upgrade a failed system that was installed in the mid-1990's to reduce flooding and standing water in the connecting rear yards of homes on Wallace and Windom Road and to install a rain garden to capture continuous standing water in the yards of two homes. The system was cleaned and enlarged to handle a larger amount of rain water. In addition an underground French drain was installed under the sidewalk to address the problem on the even numbered side of Windom Road and on Allison Street of having water being pumped into the streets, causing damage to the streets as well as icing during the winter and water to stand in backyards and caused basements to flood during rain storm. This was the first phase of a project that was outline in the 'Windom Road Green Street' plan.

Partners: Prince Georges County through the Municipal Storm Water grant

Impact: The project was completed in July, 2023 and since that time there has only been three large rain events, however there has been no sign of the flooding that normally would have occurred.

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

Outcome: Installation of LED Street Lighting

Narrative: While there has been a lot of discussion in assisting small municipalities to change their sodium sulfur street lights to LED, which would reduce the energy bill by 50% and address the amount of energy that is used, there has been obstacles between Pepco, the Maryland Energy Commission and the state that prevent towns that do not own their street lights to replace them with funds that are available through the Maryland Department of Energy. Until the issue is resolved it is cost prohibitive. The cost of replacement of each street light is approximately \$4000-\$5000 and the town has 60 street lights which are owned and operated by PEPCO and due to the size of our town would not have the capacity to own or maintain our own poles. Until such time that an agreement can be made between PEPCO and the MD Energy Commission to allow for small municipalities such as North Brentwood to change the heads without owning the poles it is unlikely that we would be able to participate in a LED street light program.

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Outcome: Rhode Island Avenue State Highway (Route 1)

Narrative: The town has requested the Maryland Department of Transportation to address the disrepair of the pedestrian sidewalk on both sides of Rhode Island Avenue, however to date there have been no plans to correct the issue. In defense of MDOT there has been a major project further up Rhode Island Avenue/Route 1 being completed in Hyattsville (the Trolley Trail) when this project is completed the request for updating the pedestrian work maybe considered. The traffic is heavy along Route 1 since it is a major artery to and from D.C. and while the speed limit in the area was reduced from 35 to 25 miles per hour there is still a large number of speeders. The town is working with a company to have speed cameras placed, which is our hope that it will reduce the speed of traffic.

There are two large parcels of land on both sides of Rhode Island that were sold for development, however due to COVID-19 all plans have been curtailed and no new conversations have occurred as to whether there is still serious plans to move forward.

Outcome: Storm water Remediation

Narrative: The first phase of Windom Road/Allison Street was completed as described in Accomplishment #3, however there are still many other stormwater issues within the town that need to be addressed as Climate Change continues to be a growing issue. The towns of North Brentwood and Brentwood requested Prince Georges (MCPPC) Planning Assistance to communities and Municipalities (PAMC) Program to assist with a Flooding & Stormwater Hazard & Risk Management Analysis. PAMC has hired a consultant to provide the towns with data and tools to assess key current and possible hydrometeorological hazards, as well as the vulnerability and options for risk reduction and mitigation. The report that will be provided will help with identifying:

- Private and municipal properties, infrastructure, and natural resources with flooding and/or stormwater hazards.
- Identify the causes of those risk.
- Categorize properties and infrastructure by flooding and/or stormwater risk.
- Identify potential mitigation measures for each category.
- Provide an analysis report and data that can be incorporated into a North Brentwood Climate Action Plan which can be used as a standalone document for North Brentwood or by both towns, working independently and together to reduce or eliminate flooding and stormwater hazards.

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">● FY2019 CL Façade Improvement● FY2022 NCSEDF Entrepreneur Park● 	DHCD	\$50,000 \$50,000		Completed
Strategic Demolition Fund (SDF): <ul style="list-style-type: none">● ● 	DHCD			
Community Safety & Enhancement Program:	MDOT			
Maryland Bikeways Program:	MDOT			
Sidewalk Retrofit Program:	MDOT			
Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund:	MDE			

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Other Funding Programs: examples are U.S. HUD Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), or grants from USDA, EPA, Appalachian Regional Commission, Chesapeake Bay Trust, Maryland Heritage Areas Association, Preservation Maryland, Safe Routes to School, Maryland Rural Development Corporation, Maryland Energy Administration, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, etc.

*Please add more rows if necessary

Maryland Department of Energy (upgrade to LED lighting within municipal buildings FY2019)	MEA	\$25,000	Completed
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Prince Georges County Municipal Stormwater Participation Program	Prince George County	\$200,000	Completed
CDBG PY 41		\$100,000	
CDBG PY 43		\$23,506	
CDBG PY 45		\$87,350	
State of Maryland Department of General Services Bond Bill 2019 DGS #173 (Stormwater-Windom Rd)	State of Maryland	\$250,000	
Bond Bill 2014 (Sis Tavern)		125,000	
Bond Bill 2019		125,000	
Community Parks & Playgrounds	Maryland Department of Natural Resources	\$33,000	
CPP#7450-16-853		\$91,000	
DNR 2014 Open Space		\$87,350	
DNR 2019 Open Space			
ARPA Funding (2021 – 2025)	US Treasury	\$542,879	
MHAA		\$25,500	

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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?

SECTION C - SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACTION PLAN

North Brentwood Sustainable Community Area

<u>Example Section</u>	
<u>Strengths</u>	<u>Weaknesses</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town owns and maintains a Community Memorial Garden; Town owns open space (Mural Park) which adjoins Sis's Tavern and will complete a third open space (Entrepreneur Park) in 2024. • Town has five pet waste stations throughout the town. • Basketball/Tennis Court and two parks within Town borders owned and managed by M-NCPPC • The Anacostia River Trail along the Northwest Branch runs through North Brentwood • Two dual Big Belly solar trash/recycling cans are in the town. • Working with Prince George Planning (Planning Assistance to Communities and Municipalities – PAMC) and Brentwood to develop Flood/Stormwater Hazard and Risk Management Analysis to be used to develop a Climate Action Plan • WSSC has a vacant lot that the town would like to use as community garden. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town was built in a flood plain; has aging stormwater infrastructure such as an antiquated pumping station that when not properly working leads to significant flooding issues. • Clay soil and high-water table add to urban flooding issues. • Thin and aging tree canopy throughout the town • Town is in a food desert -no farmer's market or grocery store within one mile of the town. • No town owned space that can be used for a community garden space or edible tree orchard. • Need to remove invasive plant species on private and public property. • Town lacks public funds to tackle many of the storm water issues and must depend on outside funding to address the issue.

<u>Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures</u>	<u>Strategies and Action Items</u>	<u>Implementation Partners</u> Which community stakeholders need to be involved to realize each action step and strategy? Name specific public and/or private sector partners.
<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>Strategies and Action Items</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>Example Strategy A: Review and revise, as needed, code compliance program to reduce frequency and number of residential code violations.</p> <p>Example Action 1: Complete analysis of code violations over the past five years to determine areas, both geographically and topically, for which code violations are most frequent.</p> <p>Example Action 2: Conduct outreach program to determine barriers to code compliance.</p>	Maryland Department of Planning, Maryland Department of Housing, County Planning Department, local homeowners association

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	<p>Example Action 3: Analyze code compliance program for potential inefficiencies and opportunities for proactive engagement.</p> <p>Example Action 4: Pursue façade improvement funding to assist low-income homeowners overcome barriers to code compliance.</p>	
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Environment

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

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

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town owns and maintains a Community Memorial Garden; Town owns open space (Mural Park) which adjoins Sis's Tavern and will complete a third open space (Entrepreneur Park) in 2024. • Town has five pet waste stations throughout the town. • Basketball/Tennis Court and two parks within Town boarders owned and managed by M-NCPPC • The Anacostia River Trail along the Northwest Branch runs through North Brentwood • Two dual Big Belly solar trash/recycling cans are in the town. • Working with Prince George Planning (Planning Assistance to Communities and Municipalities – PAMC) and Brentwood to develop Flood/Stormwater Hazard and Risk Management Analysis to be used to develop a Climate Action Plan • WSSC has a vacant lot that the town would like to use as community garden. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town was built in a flood plain; has aging stormwater infrastructure such as an antiquated pumping station that when not properly working leads to significant flooding issues. • Clay soil and high-water table add to urban flooding issues. • Thin and aging tree canopy throughout the town • Town is in a food desert -no farmer's market or grocery store within one mile of the town. • No town owned space that can be used for a community garden space or edible tree orchard. • Need to remove invasive plant species on private and public property. • Town lacks public funds to tackle many of the storm water issues and must depend on outside funding to address the issue.

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<u>Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures</u>	<u>Strategies and Action Items</u>	<u>Implementation Partners</u>
<p>Outcome 1: Continue to work with the County and other stakeholders to address flooding.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Reduce flooding particularly urban flooding within the town; installation of stormwater infrastructure where needed.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Get community engagement to form a committee to work on developing the Climate Change Impact plan.</p> <p>Strategy B: Engage County and State agencies to assist with the development of a plan, for funding and implementation recommendations.</p> <p>Strategy C: Partnership with the Town of Brentwood on the development of the plan.</p> <p>Strategy D: Reduce the amount of pervious pavement in the town and increase the amount of permeable pavement.</p>	<p>Town of Brentwood & other neighboring municipalities.</p> <p>Prince Georges County Department of the Environment (DOE) & DPW</p> <p>State agencies, DNR, DOE</p> <p>Chesapeake Bay Trust</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Investment in tree canopy cover within town borders particularly on private property.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Increase of trees planted, removal of aging or dying trees and maintain existing tree coverage</p>	<p>Strategy A: Develop tree ordinance within the town.</p> <p>Strategy B: Explore tree planting programs for homeowners and work with M-NCPCC</p> <p>----Activity 1: Explore tree planting programs in County for homeowners and public property, especially to replace aging trees and remove invasive plants/vines.</p> <p>Strategy C: Draft legislation for a tree ordinance within the town.</p>	<p>Prince Georges County DOE</p> <p>Chesapeake Bay Trust</p> <p>M-NCPCC</p> <p>Maryland DNR</p>
<p>Outcome 3: Create opportunities for environmental sustainability among residents.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of sustainability activities implemented.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Participate in Sustainable Maryland Certified program.</p> <p>Strategy B: Develop an environmental education program for residents.</p> <p>Strategy C: Identify lot for community gardens with support of residents knowledgeable of gardening</p> <p>Strategy D: Consider establish composting program for residents.</p> <p>Strategy E: Consider establishing ‘pay as you throw’ program</p>	<p>Neighboring communities</p> <p>Maryland DHCD</p> <p>University of MD Environmental Finance Center</p> <p>Prince Georges County DOE</p> <p>M-NCPCC; MD Black Mayors</p>
<p>Outcome 4: Development of Emergency Hazard Plan (EHP)</p> <p>Progress Measures: Creation of EHP</p>	<p>Strategy A: Develop an EHP that addresses flooding, hazardous rail line accident, etc.</p>	<p>FEMA, MEMA</p> <p>Prince Georges County Office of Emergency Management</p>

Economy

This section is centered on economic growth and management.

Strengths and weaknesses might focus on the following: business attraction & retention; improving and maintaining the health of business districts, downtowns, and main streets; commercial vacancy reduction; workforce attraction and retention; employment/job training; marketing, branding, and tourism; improving or creating economic impact of cultural and historic assets; providing technical and financial assistance to businesses; commercial building acquisition, rehabilitation and/or adaptive re-use; and creating a sense of place and vibrancy through streetscaping and beautification.

<u>Strengths</u>	<u>Weaknesses</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Geographic location within close proximity of Washington, DC, Baltimore and Northern Virginia. ● Town designated as an Opportunity Zone ● There are 14 commercial properties located in the town. ● Town is primarily residential, with few vacant homes and has an attractive small-town community atmosphere. ● The commercial area has a great potential for redevelopment. ● North Brentwood has the potential to be a Historic Black tourist attraction and recently added to the Civil Rights Trail ● Completed Sis's Tavern in 2023 which will be used as a community space and small venue for rentals. ● New café opened within the town. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There is a vacant gas station which could be considered a brownfield within the town limits. ● Multiple commercial properties are under-utilized. ● Town has limited space for commercial development, therefore must find the highest and best use for the space that is within the town. ● Limited job and vocational training near the town for residents. ● Limited commercial tax base. ● No Library or Learning/Study center in town. ● Stormwater management is needed between the C&O railroad and the commercial buildings. ● Route 1 corridor needs redevelopment and beautification within the town's borders.

<u>Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures</u>	<u>Strategies and Action Items</u>	<u>Implementation Partners</u>
<p>Outcome 1: Encourage commercial development along Route 1(Rhode Island Avenue)</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of new venues/businesses along Rt. 1</p>	<p>Strategy A: Seek opportunities to create a Master Development Plan for North Brentwood section of Route 1 (Rhode Island Avenue)</p> <p>Strategy B: Work with property owners and current commercial businesses to revitalize the area.</p> <p>Strategy C: Work with M-NCPPC Neighborhood Revitalization Section to create a commercial overlay to support preferred business types and to enforce current Gateway Art District zoning.</p> <p>Strategy D: Work with Gateway CDC to ensure that artist and minority-owned businesses are supported to open businesses.</p> <p>Strategy E: Enforce current vacant property ordinances.</p>	<p>Gateway CDC Maryland DHCD Prince Georges County Redevelopment Authority Maryland Department of Commerce NP112 LLC (largest property owner along Rhode Island in North Brentwood)</p>

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<p>Outcome 2: Provide renovation and necessary work to existing commercials structures and community assets in the Town. Progress Measures: Completion of all renovations; increase in preferred businesses.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Develop a business roundtable or Business Improvement Development group to assist/incentivize businesses and discuss commercial issues and how the town can assist. Strategy B: Conduct environmental remediation study on the vacant gas station.</p>	<p>Maryland DHCD EPA Brownfield program Maryland Department of Commerce, MDE Teach 'em Fish non profit</p>
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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"> Access to public transit (bus and metro) is available to and from the town. Route 1 corridor access Anacostia bike trail runs through the town. CSX Rail lines cut through the town Rhode Island Avenue Trolley trail – MDOT/SHA project abuts the town in Hyattsville. Route 1 Rides-Bus loop connects North Brentwood to the University of Maryland, college park and the nearby shopping areas. Two EV Charging stations have been installed within the town at the town hall. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of ADA compliant sidewalks within the town. Lack of Safeway to School sidewalks for children to walk to school that is in Brentwood/Mount Rainier. Lack of crosswalk across Rhode Island Avenue/Route 1. Sidewalk along Rhode Island Avenue/Route 1 have many trip hazards. Bus Stops lack shelters. Limited street parking due to narrow roadways. Significant traffic congestion on Rhode Island Avenue/Route 1 during rush hours. Need for speed cameras and traffic calming on Rhode Island/Route 1. Need bike rental station.

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Improve appearance of Town along Route 1/Rhode Island Avenue Progress Measures: Visual appearance along Route 1 improved.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Install and renovate landscape, streetscape and lighting along Rt. 1 Strategy B: Improve/repair broken and trip hazards along the entirety of sidewalk. Upgrade sidewalks throughout town to make them ADA compliant.</p>	<p>State Highway (SHA) Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Maryland DNR</p>

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Outcome 2: Enhance roadway safety Progress Measures: Install traffic calming features; reduction in number of accidents.	Strategy A: Install traffic calming devices throughout town, especially on main arteries; Wallace and Webster Roads, 40 th and Allison Streets. Strategy B: Installation of speed cameras along Route 1 to reduce speeding. Strategy C: Installation of crosswalks on Route 1.	SHA MDOT
Outcome 3: Improve sidewalks and bike trail connectivity in Town. Progress Measures: Town included in the Anacostia Bike Trail; Bike trail along the North Branch	Strategy A: Extend and open the Anacostia Bike Trail on the North Brentwood side of the North Branch. The Anacostia Bike Trail connects to DC Strategy B: Consider adding Bike sharing station in North Brentwood	Neighboring municipalities Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) M-NCPPC
Outcome 4: Create more options for ride-sharing within town limits. Progress Measures: Number of vehicles available, number of rides taken.	Strategy A: Initiate Zipcar in North Brentwood	Zipcar

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"> Many homes possess unique historic architecture, several are designated as contributing in the National Historic Register. Few vacant properties within the town. Majority of homes are single family, with a few that are early duplex homes. The community has a friendly, warm, walkable atmosphere. Several homes have been purchased by investors and rehabbed, which has had a double-edged sword impact, while increasing the selling price of homes, it has also increased the tax value of all the existing homes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aging housing stock, which could benefit from energy efficient upgrades. Homes could benefit from Weatherization programs. Limited options for seniors to age in place. Many residential properties could benefit from façade improvement. Some homes have been damaged from storms, falling tree limbs have damaged roofs. With the increase in home prices there is a lack of affordable housing in the town. Several homes are in areas that increase the danger of flooding. Service lines from Pepco and the communication companies need to be better maintained, which could help the appearance of the streets.

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Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Increase participation in home and neighborhood improvement programs. Progress Measures: Increase in the number of homes that participate in weatherization and home improvement programs.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Enhance education and outreach to homeowners in need of weatherization and other home improvement services. Strategy B: Implementation of a façade improvement program to assist with property upkeep. Strategy C: Develop community ‘Spruce Up’ initiative to beautify targeted homes/streets in Town.</p>	<p>Maryland DHCD Existing weatherization programs through various non-profits. Pepco, Washington Gas</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Develop senior housing within town. Progress Measures: Creation of senior apartments</p>	<p>Strategy A: Work with developer that has acquired site to form a public/private partnership to affordably build senior housing</p>	<p>Maryland DHCD Private property owner Prince Georges County Revitalization Program Maryland Department of Aging</p>

Community Health and Quality of Life

This section is concerned with public health, community culture, and the day-to-day life of community residents.

This category includes projects focusing on (but not limited to): improvement of public health including improving community design to promote healthy behaviors such as walking and strengthening community support and connectedness through health and wellness programs and facilities that create inclusive communities. These projects may include built environment, indoor spaces, outdoor environments such as increasing community gardens and access to services including educational facilities and programs; health and wellness facilities and programs that serve multi-generations; senior facilities and programs; youth facilities and programs; facilities and programs for the disabled; civic amenities, access to quality food options; collaborations with faith-based organizations; arts and entertainment education; and homelessness prevention, services, and facilities. Projects should include community engagement that includes participation in the selection of strategies and outcomes, progress reports, and evaluation.

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Low crime rate within the town. ● Rich town history (first African American town incorporated (1924) in Prince Georges County and the second in Maryland) ● Small town feel with a strong sense of community. ● Home of the Prince Georges County African American and Cultural Museum. ● Strong faith-based community partnerships. ● Town organizations are a lifeline for the community. ● Strong relationship with the Capitol Area Food Bank through the SHARE program. ● Engaged community stakeholders- Gwendolyn Britt Senior Centr, North Brentwood Civic Association, North Brentwood Historic Society and M-NCPPC. ● North Brentwood is a part of the Gateway Arts District designation and the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area. ● A Public Arts Plan was developed through a Maryland State Arts Grant in 2022. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lack of a pharmacy and open medical clinic in area. ● Limited accessibility to affordable healthy food options. ● No communal farms and outdoor wellness programs. ● Alleyway separating Brentwood and North Brentwood in need of repair and upgrading. ● A recent survey done by the Town of Brentwood shows that there are homes in Brentwood that abut the alley encroach North Brentwood town property.

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Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Increase the number of outdoor open spaces for community events Progress Measures: Increased number of public events</p>	<p>Strategy A: Development of pocket park along Rhode Island Avenue Strategy B: Development of pedestrian park area within the alleyway between the towns of Brentwood and North Brentwood. Strategy C: Continue to develop the park area adjacent in back of Sis's Tavern</p>	<p>Town of Brentwood DHCD Department of Environment Open Space Program Chesapeake Bay Trust</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Continue to increase Town community services. Progress Measures: Residents see improvement of community services.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Continue to develop a sense of Community Policing and Neighborhood Watch, reporting to the County when they see suspicious activities. Strategy B: Insure that contracts are issued to companies that remove trash in a timely manner as well as snow and ice are also removed in a timely manner Strategy C: Work with Prince Georges County and other programs to provide assistance to those within the town that suffer from mental health difficulties.</p>	<p>Contractors for the town Prince Georges County Behavior Health services. Non-profits that offer mental health services in the county.</p>
<p>Outcome 3: Encourage tourism and create place making utilization the historic nature of the town. Progress Measures: Increase number of events and number of historic markers installed.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Utilize North Brentwood Public Art plan to increase interest in visiting North Brentwood and inspire community to reinvent, reimagine and create a sense of place throughout the entire town.</p>	<p>African American Museum in North Brentwood; NB Historic Society AARP Community Challenge DHCD; University of MD Prince Georges County CDBG Prince Georges County Arts and Humanity Council</p>
<p>Outcome 4: Install Security Cameras in town. Progress Measure: Reduce number of crimes committed within the town</p>	<p>Strategy A: Install security cameras with license plate readers at all the entrances of the town and connect them to Prince Georges County Police Department.</p>	<p>Prince Georges County Police</p>
<p>Outcome 5: Engage M-NCPCC to support Community Center, Senior Center and their parks within the town boundaries. Progress Measure: Continued improvement in the park areas and programs offered in North Brentwood</p>	<p>Strategy A: Work closely with M-NCPCC to make sure they are aware when their parks are in need of maintenance and upgrading. Strategy B: Continue to partnership with M-NCPCC to have programs for the town residents as well as the surrounding communities, as well as programs that are of interest to all age groups.</p>	<p>M-NCPCC North Brentwood Civic Association</p>

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 residential portion of the town has a National Historic Designation. Town is a part of the Gateway Arts and Entertainment District Prince George's County Historic Preservation Committee. Member of the Gateway Community Development Corporation Strive to work more closely with M-NCPPC on the manage parks within the town limits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language barriers growing with the increase of non-English speaking population. No long-range comprehensive plan in place. Concern over senior residents being price out of homes through gentrification. Funds need to be found to make sidewalks ADA compliant. Due to the size of the town it continues to struggle with the lack of funding and competitiveness of available funding. No Green Team to pursue Sustainable Maryland Certification.

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Develop strategies for engaging non-English speaking population in local government affairs. Progress Measures: Noticeable increase in non-English speaking population in town affairs</p>	<p>Strategy A: Try to recruit volunteers from bilingual community Strategy B: Partner with neighboring towns to develop programs to increase participation. Strategy C: Continue to reach out to the bilingual community with a newsletter and website that have translation tools.</p>	<p>Local bilingual speakers in area, other neighboring municipalities</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Protect the local historic character of the Town. Progress Measures: Increase in number of homes moving from non-conforming to conforming historic designation.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Develop mechanism, such as overlay zone or design guidelines similar to those used by Fairmount Heights that will help preserve and protect the historic character of North Brentwood. Strategy B: Work more closely with Prince Georges County Planning when changes are introduced that impact the Gateway Arts District and/or North Brentwood in particular.</p>	<p>North Brentwood Historic Society (NBHS) Prince Georges Planning (Community Planning Division) University of Maryland Maryland Historical Trust</p>

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<p>Outcome 3: Mechanisms to assist seniors to remain in the community. Progress measures: Number of seniors remaining in their original homes or able to have housing options in North Brentwood.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Implement ordinance that permits a freeze on municipal property tax for seniors. Strategy B: Develop a Private/Public partnership to build senior housing in North Brentwood. Strategy C: Ensure that senior homeowners are aware of the tax incentives available to them from the state and county to reduce their property tax.</p>	<p>Town government, County Government DHCD Prince Georges County Revitalization Private developers</p>
<p>Outcome 4: Amplify staffing needs where necessary to help the town operate. Progress Measure: Increase in permanent staff.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Develop sustainable funding mechanism for permanent staff members, particularly Town Manager and Public Works.</p>	<p>Town government County and State government DHCD</p>

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SIGNATURE LETTER

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

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

Authorized Signature

Type Name and Title

Date