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APPLICANT: City of Hyattsville, Maryland

NAME OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY: City of Hyattsville

Please review the checklist of attachments and furnish all of the attachments that are applicable. Contents of the notebook should be tabbed and organized as follows:

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- Section B – Sustainable Community Renewal Report (Projects, Strategies and Partners)**
- Section C – Sustainable Community Renewal Action Plan Update (Matrix)**
- Section D – Sustainable Communities Workgroup Roster**
- Section E - Local Support Resolution: (sample form on page 30) In addition to the local support resolution, please include any letters of support that demonstrate partner commitments to the implementation and/or oversight of the Sustainable Community Action Plan.**
- Section F – Signed Sustainable Community Application Disclosure Authorization and Certification (sample form on page 31)**
- Section G – CD-ROM:** The CD-ROM should include the following contents:
 - **Map in pdf format of the proposed Sustainable Community modification area**
 - **GIS shapefile of the modified Sustainable Community boundaries and other GIS related data**, e.g., spreadsheet of detailed listing of parcels that form the project boundary. (If you have additional comments or questions about the GIS mapping requirements, please contact Brad Wolters, Senior GIS Specialist, Department of Housing and Community Development, Brad.Wolters@maryland.gov)
 - **Pictures (jpeg format) of your accomplished projects of the last five years (as indicated in Section B)**

I. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY RENEWAL APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Sustainable Community:

City of Hyattsville

Name of Renewal Applicant:

City of Hyattsville

Applicant's Federal Identification Number: 52-6000797

Applicant's Street Address: 4310 Gallatin Street

City: Hyattsville

County: Prince George's

State: MD

Zip Code: 20781

Phone Number: 301.985.5000

Fax Number: 301.985.5007

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I. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY – General Information

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A. Please inform us if you want to propose any changes to the existing Sustainable Community Area(s)

- (1) Provide a description of SC Area boundary modification. How did you determine that these are the most appropriate boundaries for its target area? Describe the methodology for choosing this target area.
 - a. The SC Area boundary is identical to the City of Hyattsville's municipal boundary as was previously approved by Maryland DHCD effective October 26, 2011. The City's sustainability strategy addresses commercial, residential and park lands, making it necessary to include all geographical locations throughout the municipality's legal boundary.

- (2) If you are not requesting any changes to your boundary, explain why.
 - a. The City of Hyattsville has not altered its legal boundary, therefore no modifications to the SC Area boundary are necessary or requested at this time.

- (3) Include the following in as an attachment (if requesting a modification to your current boundary):
 - a. PDF or JPEG of modified Sustainable Communities boundary map,
 - b. GIS shapefiles of modified Sustainable Community boundary (mapped to the parcel boundary),

- (4) Approximate number of acres of entire SC Area: 2.7 sq.miles/

- (5) Existing federal, state or local designations:
 - Main Street
 - Maple Street
 - National Register Historic District: Hyattsville Historic District
 - Local Historic District
 - Arts & Entertainment District: Gateway Arts District
 - State Enterprise Zone Special Taxing District: Gateway Arts District
 - BRAC
 - State Designated TOD
 - Other(s): Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA)

- (6) 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?
 - a. The City of Hyattsville's demographic trends continue to fluctuate as new residential units continue to be constructed and occupied.
 - b. Since 2000, the City's housing stock has increased by 7.5% with mixed housing stock of owner occupied (48%) and renter occupied (52%) consisting of the following unit types:
 - i. Single-Family Detached: 44%
 - ii. Single-Family Attached: 7%
 - iii. Two – Nine Units: 15%
 - iv. Ten – Nineteen Units: 17%

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- v. Twenty or More Units: 17%
- c. The land-use density has increased steadily to 6,642 persons per square mile, significantly greater than surrounding communities Greenbelt (3,712/sq.mi.), Bowie (3,016/sq.mi) and College Park (5,451/sq.mi.).
- d. The City of Hyattsville population by Race/Ethnicity is as follows

	2010	2016
Total	17,550	19,072
White Alone	32.3%	31.6%
Black Alone	35.9%	31.5%
American Indian Alone	0.8%	0.7%
Asian Alone	4.9%	5.4%
Pacific Islander Alone	0.0%	0.1%
Some Other Race Alone	21.5%	25.8%
Two or More Races	4.5%	4.9%
Hispanic Origin	34.3%	41.4%
Diversity Index	87.0	89.6

- e. The population is getting younger with a median age of 33.5 and with 43.8% of the population between the ages of 20-44 years old.
- f. 35.9% of the population have earned either their Bachelor’s Degree or Graduate/Professional Degree:

Highest Level of Educational Attainment	
Less than 9 th Grade	13.8%
9 th – 12 th Grade, No Diploma	7.8%
High School Graduate	18.1%
GED/Alternative Credential	2.9%
Some College, No Degree	15.7%
Associate Degree	5.8%
Bachelor’s Degree	17.9%
Graduate/Professional Degree	18.0%

B. Organizational Structure, Experience and Public Input:

- (1) Describe any changes to the Applicant’s organizational structure. Specifically, how has membership of the Sustainable Communities Workgroup changed in the last five years? Who are/were the leaders, and how will/did the Workgroup advisor or staff manage implementation of the SC Area Plan?
 - a. **Tracey Nicholson** was appointed City Administrator on May 14, 2013. Prior to serving the City of Hyattsville, Ms. Nicholson, an Army veteran with experience running military bases during nearly 30 years in the Army, the Willingboro, N.J., native held a variety of leadership positions on bases from Brooklyn to Baghdad. Ms. Nicholson managed the Army garrison at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Michigan, one of the largest multi-service military communities in the U.S. In 2005, she became the first female installation commander of Fort Hamilton Army Base in Brooklyn, N.Y. There, she was responsible for infrastructure and property valued at over \$250 million while supporting more than 29,000 soldiers, family members, veterans and retirees. Her military career began in 1982 at Rutgers University, where she joined the ROTC and earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism. Later came master’s degrees in Strategic Studies (from the U.S. Army War College) and in

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Administration (from Central Michigan University). Her long military career, during which she earned a Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal and other military honors, landed her in the Washington, D.C. area four times. Her last job, in fact, was at the Pentagon, where she worked for two years before retiring in August 2012.

- b. **Jim Chandler** was appointed Assistant City Administrator in September 2013 and continues to serve as the City's Director of Community & Economic Development and has served the City of Hyattsville since April 2007. Mr. Chandler is responsible for managing the City's economic development efforts and development/land-use planning. Mr. Chandler earned his Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) through the International Economic Development Council in 2013 and was recently recertified by IEDC. Prior to working for the City of Hyattsville, he worked for the Nassau County (NY) Department of Housing & Intergovernmental Affairs, focusing on community revitalization and CDBG administration.
- c. **Katie Gerbes** was appointed as the City's Community Planner in August 2015. Ms. Gerbes is primarily responsible for reviewing land-use/development applications and has served as the lead project manager in the development of the City's 2017 Sustainability Plan. Prior to her working for the City of Hyattsville, Ms. Gerbes served as a Community Planning Graduate Assistant at the M-NCPPC Planning Department and Graduate Research Assistant at the University of Maryland School of Architecture.

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

- a. The City completed a Scorecard Report for the purpose of assessing the effectiveness of the 2011-2015 Community Sustainability Plan (CSP). The CSP identified 12 Critical Action Items with 55 corresponding steps necessary to fully achieve the individual Critical Action Items of which 51% are fully complete. When factoring in items that have made significant progress, but are not fully complete, the rate is 71%.
 - i. 29 Total Critical Action Items Completed (51%)
 - ii. 10 Critical Action Items in Progress (20%)
 - iii. Complete + In Progress = 71%

(3) How did residents and other stakeholders in the community provide input to the Sustainable Communities Action Plan update? On which existing local plans (comprehensive plans, economic development plans, sector plans, etc.) is the Sustainable Communities Action Plan based?

- a. The City's Department of Community & Economic Development Department hosted three (3) community planning sessions in September 2016 to solicit community input. The City also secured the services of planning design firm Beyer Blinder + Belle to assist with the development of the sessions and plan. The sessions provided some background on the City's previous Plan and focus areas for the updated plan. The interactive sessions focused on directly soliciting feedback from residents and stakeholders on topics including transportation, parks/recreation, cultural diversity, commerce and land-use. During these sessions, the public was invited to talk about the City, participate in brainstorming sessions, give feedback on ideas and prioritize initiatives the City should embark on.
- b. Staff is currently in the process of analyzing data from the community sessions and have begun writing the plan. A draft of the plan will be available for public comment beginning on April 17, 2017. Comments will be accepted until 5 PM on Friday, May 5.
- c. In addition to the live sessions, the City has launched a 'Speak Up' web-based platform to continue the live session discussions and solicit feedback. The 'Speak Up' page is available at: <http://www.hyattsville.org/700/Speak-Up-HVL>

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- d. The City will be hosting two public meetings to gather feedback on the draft plan. The meeting dates are **Saturday, April 22** and **Tuesday, April 25**. Exact times and locations will be announced closer to the meeting dates.
 - e. The City's Sustainability Plan utilizes the following Comprehensive and Local Plans as source documents:
 - i. Prince George's County 2035 Plan
 - ii. Prince George's Plaza Transit District Development Plan
 - iii. Prince George's County Gateway Arts District Sector Plan
 - iv. Prince George's County West Hyattsville Transit District Development Plan
 - f. Additional information on the City's Sustainability Plan Update is available at:
<http://www.hyattsville.org/692/Community-Sustainability-Plan>
- (4) Would you like any technical assistance from State agencies to help expand the capacity of your SC Workgroup or implement your SC plan?
- a. Additional assistance is not necessary at this time.

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 three major accomplishments from the last five years, including how you achieved them. When writing your narrative, consider the questions below and refer to the six elements discussed in the General Information section of this document (page iv) – Environment, Economy, Transportation, Housing, Quality of Life, and Land Use/Local Planning.

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

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

Example – Accomplishment 1

Outcome: Improved stormwater management

Projects:

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

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

Partners:

Chesapeake Bay Trust – provided technical assistance

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

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

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

Accomplishment 1:

Outcome: Adaptive Reuse

Project 1: Arcade @ 4318 Gallatin Street – On May 5, 2015, the Hyattsville City Council approved a 25-year lease for the Arcade Building located at 4318 Gallatin Street that includes \$200,000 for structural improvements to be paid with interest over the life of the lease. In addition, Pyramid Atlantic will have the option to purchase the Arcade Building for \$1 after the 25-year lease expires. The project had been a long-term renovation project, funded in part by Maryland DHCD’s Community Legacy program, and intended to serve as a civic and cultural anchor to support the Gateway Arts District. The site now is home to Pyramid Atlantic Arts Center and non-profit partners including the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Visitors Center and Neighborhood Design Center.

Partners: Maryland DHCD, Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Hyattsville Community Development Corporation

Impact: Pyramid Atlantic invested \$1.5 million to build-out the Arcade, which now serves as an anchor investment project along the Gateway Arts District and serves as a home to 24 artists working in private rented studios with additional working artists and provides 12-15 programs on a monthly basis.

Accomplishment 2:

Outcome: Economic Development

Project 1: Commercial Façade Improvement Program – Over the past 5-years, the City has administered a commercial façade improvement program that has addressed both ADA and aesthetic deficiencies in commercial properties.

Partners: Neighborhood Design Center, Maryland DHCD, Prince George’s County DHCD.

Impact: To date program has invested \$324,653 in grants that has leveraged \$458,668 in private investment, activated four (4) vacant storefronts, improved 1,333 linear feet of commercial façade and the businesses that occupy these spaces have employed a total of 56 **additional** employees because of either the expansion or activation of the property.

Accomplishment 3:

Outcome: Land-Use Planning

Project 1: Update to the Prince George’s Plaza TDDP – The Prince George’s Plaza Transit District Development Plan was the first TDDP developed and adopted by Prince George’s County back in 1997. The Prince George’s Plaza area has experienced more than \$1 billion in development since the original plan was adopted despite an antiquated land-use plan that was counter to the urbanization of the area. The City’s 2011 Sustainability Plan prioritized an update of the TDDP as a legislative priority for the City to lobby the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and Prince George’s County Council to fund the update of the Plan. Specifically, the City requested that the updated plan include the establishment of an operating Transportation Demand Management District for the coordination of parking, traffic mitigation, and bike facilities at the Prince George’s Plaza Transit District to facilitate greater use of transit and as a review requirement for Detailed Site Plan approval. The Plan also emphasized repositioning the District with a new brand and a more cohesive user experience. An update to the Prince George’s Plaza TDDP was funded by the County in FY2014, and was adopted by the County on July 19, 2016.

Partners: Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and Prince George’s County Council

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Impact: The update to the Prince George's Plan has encouraged additional investment to move forward within the Transit District. Most notably, the Mall at Prince George's has started a \$25 million reinvestment that includes a façade and signage upgrade, an expansion of the Mall and a new anchor pad site along East-West Highway. Redevelopment of the former Kiplinger Editors Press site has moved forward with construction of an urban residential development site with named 'The Edition at Kiplinger'. NVR and Fore Property Company are developing the Kiplinger site to be a mix of apartment units, condominiums and townhouses. The full build out of the project is anticipated to be 348 rental units in a five-story building, 40 two-over-two condominiums, and 86 four-story townhouses.

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: Establish a targeted park facilities level of service to guide park investment and expansion and use the Parks Master Plan to create an on-going capital improvement strategy to reach its target.

Narrative: The primary reason this outcome has not been pursued has been a lack of personnel resources and funding. The City has completed several park upgrades that have included replacement of aging equipment, creation of an urban food forest and stormwater management needs, but have not to this point developed a comprehensive document detailing levels of service.

Outcome: Develop local Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) design guidelines from existing standards to be utilized by public and private entities involved in the development of West Hyattsville infrastructure for both short-term and long-term development.

Narrative: The primary reason this outcome has not been pursued is due to a lack of funding. The City assumes that 8-10 personnel would need to be trained in CPTED for it to be an effective tool for local government to adopt.

Outcome: Complete an update to the 2003 West Hyattsville Feasibility study of pre-development constraints for the development of the West Hyattsville Metro and create a Capital Improvement Plan to assign both public and private infrastructure improvements.

Narrative: Community Legacy grant to fund updated study was not approved. The City has provided WMATA with the 2003 TOD Strategy and based on whether the progress development solicitation yields proposals, it may, or may not, be necessary for the City to invest in updating the existing strategy document. Prince George's County has developed design for an infrastructure upgrade of Ager Road, which runs parallel to the West Hyattsville Metro Station site, as a designated Green Street. The infrastructure replacement has not yet commenced.

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PART II: QUANTITATIVE ASSESSMENT

Purpose:

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

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

Check “**YES**” if applicable to your community. If you answer “**YES**” please quantify the accomplishment (i.e. Q: Has there been an increase in the number of businesses in your Main Street/commercial district? A: YES 4 new businesses have opened in the past five years). In your answer, be sure to only share the quantifiable changes that have occurred since your Sustainable Communities designation was approved. If necessary, please also provide a short description of the accomplishment.

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

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

If there is an issue with which you would like assistance in addressing, please check “**interested in technical assistance**”. State agencies would like to provide assistance to communities in helping them achieve their goals identified in their Sustainable Community Action Plans.

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ENVIRONMENT	YES	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years	NO	If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?	N/A	Interested in technical assistance
<p>1. Has there been an improvement in water quality? If so, explain (1-2 sentences):</p>					N/A	The City does not manage or track water quality.
<p>2. Has the amount of impervious surface in your Community been reduced? (Amount in SF) If so, explain (1-2 sentences):</p>	Yes	The City has created 15,000 square feet of new rain gardens and bio-swells, reducing the amount of impervious surface in the community.				
<p>3. Have there been improvements and/ or additions to your park and/ or recreational green space? If so, explain (1-2 sentences):</p>	Yes	Since 2011, the City has undertaken multiple playground renovation projects funded by Maryland DNR Community Parks & Playgrounds grant funding including at: Hyatt Park (new complete renovation), Dietz Park (replacement) and Burlington Park (replacement).				
<p>4. Did the Sustainable Community implement any recycling or waste reduction programs? If so, explain (1-2 sentences):</p>	Yes	The City has adopted the use of 16 solar powered 'Big Belly' trash cans which accept traditional and recycling debris.				
<p>5. Do all residents have access to healthy food options (i.e. fresh food grocery stores, farmers markets etc.) within the Sustainable Community? If so, explain (1-2 sentences):</p>	Yes	The City is fortunate to have a variety of grocery stores including Aldi's, Giant, Safeway, Yes! Organic Market and Bestway. The City				

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		<p>sponsors and manages a 25-year old local farmers market that accepts WIC along with traditional methods of payment. The City has established a public food forest as well as a resident sponsored community garden.</p>				
<p>OTHER: Composting & Recycling</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>The City provides residents with approximately 300-yards of recycled leaf mulch per year and has launched a composting pilot program with 60 households currently participating.</p>				

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ECONOMY	YES	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years	NO	If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?	N/A	Interested in technical assistance
<p>1. Has there been an increase in the number of new businesses in your Main Street/ Commercial District? If so, explain (1-2 sentences):</p>	Yes	<p>The City's number of licensed business have increased from 433 (2012) to 536 (2017).</p>				
<p>2. Did the Municipality/ Sustainable Community area receive any designations that support local economic development? If so, explain (1-2 sentences):</p>	Yes	<p>The City's Gateway Arts District has been recertified as a State of Maryland Arts & Entertainment District. The City also received certification as a Sustainable Maryland Certified in 2013 and was recertified in 2016.</p>				
<p>3. Has there been an increase in foot traffic in the Main Street/commercial district? If so, explain (1-2 sentences) – what contributed to the increase:</p>	Yes	<p>The City has witnessed a significant increase in the foot traffic within its commercial corridors. The primary reasons have been the new Pyramid Atlantic Arts Center and additional new restaurants and retail including Vigilante Coffee, Tanglewood Works, Trinity Grill & Bar and other unique local retailers. Metrics have primarily included public parking lot sessions and revenue.</p>				
<p>4. Have the number of commercial vacancies decreased? If so, explain (1-2 sentences):</p>					N/A	<p>The City does not formally track commercial vacancies. The overall number</p>

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						of vacancies has decreased, though there are a number of properties that have remained vacant due to obsolete layout and are scheduled for redevelopment.
5. Has there been an increase in local jobs within the Sustainable Community for its residents? If so, explain (1-2 sentences):					N/A	The City does not have a metric for tracking local jobs for residents.
OTHER:						

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TRANSPORTATION	YES	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years	NO	If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?	N/A	Interested in technical assistance
<p>1. Has the amount of bike trails/paths increased? How many linear feet do the trails cover? If so, explain (1-2 sentences):</p>	Yes	<p>The Hiker-Biker Trail, a legacy project which opened in 2014, has created a formalized connection from Berwyn Heights, south through College Park, Riverdale Park and to Hyattsville. The trail section completed in 2015 includes 2,534 linear feet and is currently being designed to include an additional 2,482 linear feet, which will connect through Hyattsville to the Northwest Branch Trail System.</p>				
<p>2. Have there been improvements to the public transit infrastructure? If so, explain (1-2 sentences):</p>	Yes	<p>The City has partnered with the University of Maryland Transportation Department to provide free shuttle service to residents on the UMD Shuttle. The City contributes \$6,000 annually and has an average of 165 annual eligible riders with 25.6 riders per month.</p>				
<p>3. Has there been an increase in sidewalks? (Amount in linear feet) If so, explain (1-2 sentences):</p>	Yes	<p>The City has installed approximately 7,951 linear feet of new sidewalk as part of neighborhood focused street and roadway improvement projects.</p>				

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<p>4. Have there been any roadway improvements that support “Complete” or “Green” streets? If so, explain (1-2 sentences):</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>The City has one completed roadway project that included on-street bio-retention and a reduction of asphalt surface. The second project is a large scale phased neighborhood project, which will include multiple bio-retention, sidewalk and dedicated bicycle lane improvements.</p>				
<p>5. Has traffic congestion along major roads decreased? (Amount in percent) If so, explain (1-2 sentences):</p>			<p>No</p>	<p>The traffic congestions along major roads has slightly increased, which is a consistent trend within the Capital Beltway area.</p>		
<p>OTHER: Parking & Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV’s)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>The City has invested in 145 solar powered parking meters and pay stations which are placed along the Gateway Arts District and within University Town Center. The City has also utilized funding from Maryland Energy Administration to purchase three (3) completely electric Neighborhood Electric Vehicles to support its Parking Compliance division.</p>				

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HOUSING	YES	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years	NO	If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?	N/A	Interested in technical assistance
1. Have any residential facades been improved? If so, explain (1-2 sentences):			No	The City does not manage a residential façade program.		
2. Has the home ownership rate increased? If so, explain (1-2 sentences):			No	The City's home ownership rate has remained at 47%, however when accounting for the increase in newer multi-family rental unit development within the City, the overall quantity of homeowners has increased.		
3. Has there been an increase in the number of housing units in the Sustainable Community area? What number and/or percent are affordable? If so, explain (1-2 sentences):	Yes	Approximately 8% of the City's total housing stock has been constructed since 2000. In Fall 2016, the City of Hyattsville was named one of the 10 most affordable DC suburbs by MOVOTO Real Estate. There are 97 managed affordable housing units located within the City of Hyattsville.				
4. Has there been demolition of blighted properties? If so, explain (1-2 sentences):	Yes	The City of Hyattsville received funding from Maryland DHCD to demolish two (2) blighted commercial structures.				
5. Has the residential vacancy rate decreased? If so, explain (1-2 sentences):					N/A	The residential vacancy rate is approximately 9% based on

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						ESRI data. Staff is unaware of whether this figure is greater or less than historical vacancy rates.
OTHER:						
QUALITY OF LIFE	YES	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years	NO	If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?	N/A	Interested in technical assistance
1. Has there been a decrease in crime rate? If so, explain (1-2 sentences):	Yes	Hyattsville's total crime rate has decreased by 2.9% since 2014. The City's Police Department publishes a web-based crime report which is published weekly, monthly and annually.				
2. Have there been improvements and/ or additions to your public spaces (i.e. museums, community centers, public plazas)? If so, explain (1-2 sentences):			No	The City has commenced planning for improvements to several public spaces, but as of yet has not completed these projects.		
3. Has there been an increase in public art/ arts & entertainment programs/venues (i.e. murals, movie theatre, music events)? If so, explain (1-2 sentences):	Yes	The City of Hyattsville has forty-nine (49) documented public art installations of which twenty-four have been installed over the past five (5) years. Notably the City has two (2) new arts related venues including Pyramid Atlantic Arts Center (13,000 sq.ft.) and Art Works (22,000 sq.ft.)				

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<p>4. How many historic properties were renovated/improved? If so, explain (1-2 sentences):</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>The City is aware of two (2) National Register of Historic Properties that have that have been improved since 2011.</p> <p>4200 Farragut Street Hyattsville, MD 20781 Exterior façade rehabilitation</p> <p>Ash Hill/Hitching Post Hill 3308 Rosemary Lane Hyattsville, MD 20782 Ash Hill, known locally as Hitching Post Hill, is a 2-story brick dwelling originally built on 427.5 acres. Presidents Glover Cleveland and Ulysses S. Grant enjoyed visiting Ash Hill. It was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1977. Over the past five years, the owner has made the following improvements to the property.</p> <p>The following are Prince George's County designated sites that have also been improved over the past 5 years:</p> <p>Galaxy Homes 4210 Gallatin Street Hyattsville, MD 20781</p> <p>4107 Gallatin Street Hyattsville, MD 20781</p>			
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		<p>5011 42nd Ave. Hyattsville, MD 20781</p> <p>6122 42nd Ave Hyattsville, MD 20781</p>				
<p>5. Are there any residential health and wellness opportunities in place (i.e. athletic facilities, recreational indoor/ outdoor courses or groups)? If so, explain (1-2 sentences):</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>In addition the traditional athletic field opportunities, there are a variety of health and wellness opportunities including the City hosting 12 ‘Moving with the Mayor’ events and 65 participants in our weekly Ageless Grace seated yoga movement classes.</p>				
<p>OTHER:</p>						

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<p style="text-align: center;">LAND USE/LOCAL PLANNING</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">YES</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NO</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Interested in technical assistance</p>
<p>1. Have there been any infill developments? If so, explain (1-2 sentences):</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>The most significant infill development over the past five years is a \$26 million 85k sq.ft. anchor development at University Town Center. The development includes a 60k sq.ft. Safeway and 25k sq. ft. of accessory retail and offices. The 3.49 acre site was unimproved for 35-years and is located within one of Prince George's Priority Growth Areas as adopted in Plan 2035.</p>				
<p>2. Has there been an increase in the amount of preserved/protected land? If so, explain (1-2 sentences):</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Prince George's County requires preserved/recreational land dedication as part of the entitlement requirements for development.</p>				
<p>3. Have there been any developments hindered by growth constraints? If so, explain (1-2 sentences):</p>			<p>No</p>	<p>The City is not aware of any developments hindered by growth constraints.</p>		
<p>4. Have there been any zoning or any policy changes that have fostered growth in your Sustainable Community? If so, explain (1-2 sentences):</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>One (1) Sector Plan has been updated in the past 5 years. The update to the 1997 Prince George's Plaza Transit District Development Plan was adopted in 2016 and is intended to foster Smart Growth with modernized standards and a</p>				

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		form-based zoning code.				
5. Have there been any significant improvements to the municipal infrastructure within the Sustainable Community (i.e. street lighting, water/sewer lines)? If so, explain (1-2 sentences):	Yes	The City has upgraded 90 overhead streetlights to 'smart lights' with LED technology.			N/A	The City does not manage water/sewer lines.
OTHER:						

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
Funding Program:	State MEA Smart Energy Communities	\$59,113		Acquisition of three (3) Neighborhood Electric Vehicles to support the City's Parking Compliance Division.
Funding Program:	State MEA Smart Energy Communities	\$45,000		Purchase of anti-idling devices to reduce fuel costs for the City's Police Department vehicle fleet.
Funding Program:	State DHCD Community Legacy (2011)	\$110,000		Neighborhood Sustainability Project – Bike Racks & Bike Sharrows

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Funding Program:	State DHCD SGIF	\$450,000		Demolition and site preparation for structured parking garage facility
Funding Program:	State DHCD Community Legacy (2013)	\$350,000		Acquisition of 4508 Hamilton Street Hyattsville for structured parking facility
Funding Program:	State DHCD Community Legacy (2015 & 2016)	\$100,000		Commercial Façade Improvement Program
Funding Program:	State DHCD Community Legacy (2015)	\$75,000		Community Placemaking Project
Funding Program:	State DNR Community Parks & Playgrounds	120,000		Hyatt Park Playground Improvements
Funding Program:	State DNR Community Parks & Playgrounds	140,000		Dietz Park Playground Improvements

*Please add more rows if necessary

III. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN UPDATE

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

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

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

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

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

Sustainable Community Action Plan

Hyattsville, Maryland

Submitted by City of Hyattsville

4/5/2017

Environment

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

<u>Strengths</u>	<u>Weaknesses</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of parks and trails nearby and in constant use including Magruder Park, Heurich Park and the Northwest Branch Trail System • Most people live in close proximity to programmed or passive green space • 'Big Belly' trash receptacles in high volume pedestrian areas • Electronics recycling and paper shred days • Residential composting program with 70 participants • City Farmer's Market accepts Food Stamps and WIC vouchers • Maryland Sustainable Certified and Tree City USA community • Sustainability Policy that reduces negative environmental impacts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The trails need to connect to 'other' places. The Trolley Trail (from College Park to Hyattsville) does not connect to the Northwest Branch Trail System. • Many people are unaware of the availability of local parks, trails and pools due to lack of advertising • Lack of parks on the west side of the City

<u>Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures</u>	<u>Strategies and Action Items</u>	<u>Implementation Partners</u>
<p>Based on the strengths and weaknesses identify the strengths on which you would like to build and the challenges you would like to address. What outcomes are you trying to achieve? Where/ in what area do you want those changes to happen? →</p> <p>Progress Measure: Identify how you will know that you have achieved your outcome.</p>	<p>Identify strategies that will help your community to achieve each identified outcome to the left. If applicable, break down each strategy into specific action items that outline different steps of the strategy. Specify how you are planning to achieve the desired outcomes. →</p>	<p>Which community stakeholders need to be involved to realize each action step and strategy? Name specific public and/or private sector partners.</p>
<p>Outcome 1: Grow in an Environmentally Sustainable Manner</p> <p>Progress Measures: Annual investment in sustainable infrastructure and amenities</p>	<p>Strategy A: Conduct a sustainable infrastructure audit identifying opportunities and barriers to promote neighborhood sustainability efforts</p> <p>Strategy B: Evaluate the impacts of development utilizing a Triple Bottom Line policy</p> <p>Strategy C: Promote free and low cost sustainability programs, grants, resources and education to all residents</p> <p>Strategy D: Add Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations to City parking lots and in commercial corridors</p> <p>Strategy E: Evaluate the effectiveness of Big Belly trash compactor pilot</p>	<p>University of Maryland (UMD)</p> <p>Private property owners/developers</p> <p>Maryland Energy Administration</p> <p>Maryland Department of Natural Resources</p>

	<p>program and determine if the program should be expanded or reduced</p> <p>Strategy F: Create a document educating businesses on the economic benefits of operating in an environmentally sustainable manner.</p> <p>Strategy G: Place refillable water bottle stations at City facilities and parks</p>	
<p>Outcome 2: Improve Public Spaces & Facilities</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of annual trees planted on public property</p>	<p>Strategy A: Reprogram pocket parks with defined programming to accommodate a variety of uses</p> <p>Strategy B: Transform Centennial Park into an outdoor, seated plaza to host programmed events</p> <p>Strategy C: Locate a signature recreation facility/community center within the City</p> <p>Strategy D: Partner with organizations to plant native trees on City property and encourage plantings on private property</p> <p>Strategy E: Place refillable water bottle stations at City facilities and parks</p> <p>Strategy F: Pursue grant opportunities to reinvest in playground equipment and park amenities</p> <p>Strategy G: Design all new public facilities to meet LED and or similar sustainable building standards</p>	<p>Maryland DNR</p> <p>M-NCPPC Parks</p> <p>Neighborhood Design Center</p>

Economy

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

<u>Strengths</u>	<u>Weaknesses</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth potential. Hyattsville is becoming a DC-market destination. • Development within the City’s two (2) Transit Oriented Development Districts have experienced significant investment • Gateway Arts District is home to a diverse population, which is necessary to support new local businesses • The annual Hyattsville House Tour serves highlights historic homes within the designated Hyattsville Historic District • ATHA Maryland Milestones Visitors Center is located in Hyattsville • Pyramid Atlantic Arts Center is an anchor arts and culture center • Proximity to arts venues at Joe’s Movement Emporium, the UMD Clarice Smith Center and Jim Henson Exhibition at Northwestern High School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prince George’s County regulations and building codes need to be streamlined and clarified • Working with public utilities is a nightmare • Blighted/obsolete commercial structures are a barrier to decreasing commercial vacancy • Vacancies persist and commercial properties and streetscape can use a facelift • Local jobs/economy is heavily dependent upon Federal government • Not all people are aware of the historic sites in the City of Hyattsville • Many regional job opportunities are only for the highly educated, need more support and training for unskilled workers • Many people are not aware of vocational training opportunities that currently exist

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Support Local & Small Businesses</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of facades improved and total investment</p>	<p>Strategy A: Continue to promote and seek out additional revitalization candidate projects for the City’s Commercial Façade Improvement Program</p> <p>Strategy B: Improve parking and way-finding signage on City streets</p> <p>Strategy C: Dedicate funding annually to support business led corridor development programs</p> <p>Strategy D: Continue production of City’s economic development report highlighting demographic and economic factors that benefit local investment</p>	<p>Maryland Department of Commerce</p> <p>Maryland DHCD</p> <p>Prince George’s County EDC</p>

<p>Outcome 2: Attract New Businesses</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of formerly vacant properties are occupied</p>	<p>Strategy A: Develop a formalized Business Retention & Expansion (BR&E) strategy focusing on unique experience based businesses</p> <p>Strategy B: Create an annual/semi-annual promotional guide for business owners that list resources: grants, tax credits, programs, etc.</p> <p>Strategy C: Incentivize the reuse of vacant buildings by waiving City Business License fees for property owners that creatively utilize their space</p> <p>Strategy D: Promote Hyattsville as a unique destination for businesses to locate and visitors to frequent.</p> <p>Strategy E: Encourage an incubator or innovation center to locate in Hyattsville to foster local entrepreneurship</p>	<p>Hyattsville Community Development Corporation</p> <p>Maryland Department of Commerce</p> <p>Maryland DHCD</p> <p>Prince George's County EDC</p>
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Transportation

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

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to Major Roadways: MD 410, I-295, US Route 1, US Route 50 • Two (2) Metro Centers are accessible from some neighborhoods • Variety of bus systems: UMD Shuttle, Prince George’s County, WMATA, City Call-A-Bus • Bicycle racks and “sharrows” • High bike ridership to West Hyattsville Metro • Local roads are relatively new and in very good condition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus systems are uncoordinated and lack frequent service hours and too much headway • Lack of synchronized circulator system to connect commercial corridors to Metro • Lack of parking within Gateway Arts District deters customers • Several major roads are not bike friendly: Ager Road, Belcrest Road, Adelphi Road, East West Highway (MD 410) and Baltimore/Rhode Island Avenue (US Route 1) • A lack of way-finding signage and lighting on bicycle trails limits the trails as viable ‘commuter’ routes • Lack of pedestrian street lighting within western neighborhoods • City does not have a Bikeshare system connected to the DC system or nearby Bikeshare systems

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures →	Strategies and Action Items →	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Bikeshare System to the City</p> <p>Progress Measures: Annual Bikeshare usage, membership, revenue</p>	<p>Strategy A: Expand DC based Capital Bikeshare system in the City to establish a network within Prince George’s County</p> <p>Strategy B: Evaluate expansion of College Park/UMD based mBike system as a supplement or additional bike share system option</p>	<p>Prince George’s County DPW&T</p> <p>ATHA Maryland Milestones</p> <p>City of College Park/UMD</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Establish Parking District in Commercial Corridors</p> <p>Progress Measures: Monthly/Annual parking sessions/transactions</p>	<p>Strategy A: Construct structured parking facilities to provide for effective land-use and clustered parking</p> <p>Strategy B: Provide public parking opportunities that include way-finding signage, modern parking equipment and pay-by-phone payment options</p>	<p>Maryland DHCD</p> <p>Prince George’s County Revenue Authority</p> <p>Private Land Owners</p> <p>M-NCPPC Planning</p>

<p>Outcome 3: Create an effective bus/shuttle system</p> <p>Progress Measures: Annual bus/shuttle ridership</p>	<p>Strategy A: Evaluate efficiency and/or opportunities for consolidation of existing bus/shuttle systems</p> <p>Strategy B: Evaluate demand and cost feasibility of City operated shuttle system</p>	<p>WMATA University of Maryland Prince George's County DPW&T</p>
<p>Outcome 4: Strengthen Connectivity for Cyclists</p> <p>Progress Measures: Increased number of linear feet of bicycle/pedestrian trail</p>	<p>Strategy A: Expand upon the existing bicycle lanes/sharrows with dedicated/protected bicycle routes</p> <p>Strategy B: Connect Rhode Island Avenue Trolley Trail to Northwest Branch Trail System</p> <p>Strategy C: M-NCPPC Policy change to categorize certain bike trails as 'commuter routes'</p> <p>Strategy D: Provide lighting, way-finding signage and other security requirements for bike trails classified as commuter routes</p> <p>Strategy E: Place bike grates on storm drains to make riding over drains safe for cyclists</p>	<p>Prince George's County DPW&T M-NCPPC Parks Maryland SHA</p>
<p>Outcome 5: Improve Safety along Major Roadways</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of reported annual vehicle accidents</p>	<p>Strategy A: Reconstruct Ager Road as a Green/Complete Street to reduce vehicle speeds and increase safety</p> <p>Strategy B: Request additional State legislation that allows for more liberal use of speed cameras on roadways</p> <p>Strategy C: Lobby State and County agencies to lower speed limit and add additional speed cameras on major roadways</p>	<p>Prince George's County DPW&T Maryland SHA</p>
<p>Outcome 6: Traffic Impacts on Local Roadway</p> <p>Progress Measures: Conduct annual roadway conditions assessment</p>	<p>Strategy A: As part of development evaluation, assess traffic impacts and mitigation measures proposed by the applicant</p> <p>Strategy B: Utilize the City's Transportation Study to develop a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan</p>	<p>Prince George's County DPW&T Maryland SHA M-NCPPC Planning</p>
<p>Outcomes 7: Improved connectivity to Metro Stations</p> <p>Progress Measures: Investment in new pedestrian/bicycle connections to Metro</p>	<p>Strategy A: Transform McClanahan Park into a gateway to the Prince George's Plaza Metro Station</p> <p>Strategy B: Evaluate best practices for pedestrian level crosswalk lighting improvements</p>	<p>WMATA Prince George's County DPW&T Maryland SHA M-NCPPC Planning</p>

Housing

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



Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top ten places near DC to live for young professionals • One of the best DC area neighborhoods to purchase a home in 2015 – Washingtonian Magazine • Affordable for the market area with 51% of homes valued between \$200k - \$299k (2015) • Median home sales prices have rebounded and are now steadily increased from 2011 (\$125k) to 2016 (\$275k) • Healthy balance of housing stock type: Single-family, multi-family, townhome • Percentage of rental market is 52% - 53% • Stable home ownership with an average number of houses sold per year (2012 – 2015): 174.5 per year or 2.9% turnover of total housing stock • Infill investment of new multi-family rental and mixed-use buildings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As Metro areas develop, threat of displacement of lower cost rental housing • Continued cost of living will make it more difficult for some to stay in Hyattsville, threat of foreclosure • Lack of school options and public safety concerns are keeping people from purchasing homes in Hyattsville • Decline in quality of housing because of absentee landlords, retention issues and poor quality materials • Quality of housing stock in neighboring creates a negative perception of the area • Designated Historic properties are more difficult and costly for homeowners to make improvements to the property • City is still an emerging market in transition

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures →	Strategies and Action Items →	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Create a reinvestment tool for established affordable housing</p> <p>Progress Measures: Annual number and value of renovated affordable housing units</p>	<p>Strategy A: Establish a local Low Income Housing Reinvestment Tax Credit to help finance the modernization of existing, regulated, low-to-moderate income housing</p>	<p>Maryland DHCD Prince George's County DHCD Housing Initiative Partnership</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Establish permanent affordable housing as a long-term housing strategy</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of new affordable housing units constructed</p>	<p>Strategy A: Advocate for the adoption of affordable housing legislation at the County level as a planning tool to ensure the long-term affordability within Prince George's County</p> <p>Strategy B: Support new development projects that will create affordable rental housing</p>	<p>Housing Initiative Partnership M-NCPPC Planning</p>

Quality of Life

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

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diverse socio-economic population • Civic groups are engaged in bettering the community • Strong arts programs at Felegy Elementary School, Hyattsville Middle School and Northwestern High School • English as a Second Language (ESOL) programs are available • Proximity to University of Maryland and Prince George’s Community College • Ash Hill – National Historic Site • Hyattsville Historic District • ATHA Maryland Milestones Visitors Center • Pyramid Atlantic Arts Center • Maryland State Arts Council funds a variety of new programs for local arts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negative reputation of County school system relative to the region: overcrowded, poor teacher retention, infrastructure needs and budgetary constraints • Several years before schools are renovated • Limited bi-lingual programs in public schools • Perception of crime in the County is a deterrent

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures 	Strategies and Action Items 	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Improve Programs & Volunteerism</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of total volunteer hours and fiscal impact</p>	<p>Strategy A: Evaluate levels of service for City’s recreational program facilities</p> <p>Strategy B: At the beginning of each year, provide a year-long calendar of City sponsored events to all residents</p> <p>Strategy C: Establish criteria for disseminating information about events and programs led by outside organizations</p> <p>Strategy D: Plan volunteer events to immediately precede social events where you are provided a benefit for volunteering</p> <p>Strategy F: Engage existing community led groups to participate in volunteer activities</p>	<p>Corporate/Non-Profit Volunteer Organizations</p> <p>ATHA Maryland Milestones</p>

<p>Outcome 2: Protect & Preserve Historic Assets</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of tickets sold at annual Historic House Tour</p>	<p>Strategy A: Create a map and catalogue of the historic elements of Hyattsville</p> <p>Strategy B: Adopt a City vision on the reuse and redevelopment of historic structures</p> <p>Strategy C: Work with local organizations to support cultural and historic tourism in Hyattsville</p> <p>Strategy D: Continue to support the Historic House Tour as a means of promoting historic tourism in the City</p> <p>Strategy E: Waive City business license fees to businesses that have adaptively reused a commercial property</p>	<p>Hyattsville Preservation Association</p> <p>M-NCPPC Historic Preservation Commission</p> <p>ATHA Maryland Milestones</p>
<p>Outcome 3: Enhance Public Safety & Police Presence</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of annual meetings attended by Police or Code officials</p>	<p>Strategy A: Police & Code Compliance participation in scheduled civic and neighborhood public safety meetings and events</p> <p>Strategy B: Evaluate opportunities for foot/bike patrols in the City's higher density and commercial corridors</p> <p>Strategy C: Develop a program for police officers to coach/play in youth sports programs to develop bond with youth</p> <p>Strategy D: Host a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) course to educate City staff on techniques to reduce crime through design</p> <p>Strategy E: Establish a Traffic Safety Unit within the Police Department</p> <p>Strategy F: Continue to enhance police training, transparency and accountability in using the adopted policies of the President's Taskforce on 21st Century Policing as a guide</p>	<p>National Crime Prevention Council</p>

Local Planning and Land Use

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

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prince George’s Plaza Transit District Development Plan has been updated as a modern form-based zoning plan that encourages density and walkability Prince George’s Plaza is one of three County Priority Growth Areas as adopted in Plan 2035 Gateway Arts District Arts & Entertainment District provides tax credits for arts related uses Prince George’s County Zoning Rewrite will make zoning and development process more transparent and clear for both the public and investment Redevelopment opportunities exist in each of the City’s three commercial corridors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land-use authority is with the County, not the City West Hyattsville Transit District investment is greatly dependent upon WMATA Joint Development Solicitation Prince George’s County General Plan has 32 centers, which dilutes the market and makes it difficult to prioritize investment Excess of surface parking and lack of signage for structured parking within Prince George’s Plaza Transit District Smaller commercial lots create the need for property assemblage necessary for redevelopment

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures →	Strategies and Action Items →	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Encourage High Density, Mixed-Use Development around Metro and in the Gateway Arts District</p> <p>Progress Measures: Establishment of rebranding projects and/or issuance of Joint Development Solicitation</p>	<p>Strategy A: Lobby WMATA to release a Joint Development Solicitation (JDS) for the development of the West Hyattsville Metro Station</p> <p>Strategy B: Consider rebranding West Hyattsville Metro Station as part of WMATA JDS process</p> <p>Strategy C: Rebrand and actively market the Prince George’s Plaza District as a modern destination for commerce, living, dining and entertainment</p> <p>Strategy D: Support opportunities for shared parking facilities and managed parking programs through a managed parking district.</p>	<p>WMATA</p>

<p>Outcome 2: Encourage Development Investment</p> <p>Progress Measures: Private sector investment leveraged from public economic development programs</p>	<p>Strategy A: Utilize the City's Revitalization Tax Credit program as an economic development tool to encourage redevelopment</p> <p>Strategy B: Evaluate market costs and long-term financing benefits of a City Development Impact Fee to fund major public infrastructure projects</p> <p>Strategy C: Advocate for continued funding of Prince George's County Economic Development Initiative (EDI) fund</p> <p>Strategy D: Evaluate projects/opportunities for Maryland DHCD Strategic Demolition & Smart Growth Impact Fund (SGIF)</p>	<p>Prince George's County EDC Maryland DHCD</p>
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Local Government Resolution - Sample

Resolution of [INSERT Name of Local Governing Body] to designate the [INSERT Name/description of Community] as a Sustainable Community, pursuant to the attached Sustainable Community map (and Sustainable Community Plan (the "Plan," as further described in the Sustainable Community Application (the "Application"), for approval either directly by the Department of Housing and Community Development (the "Department") of the State of Maryland or through the Smart Growth Subcabinet of the State of Maryland.

WHEREAS, [INSERT Name of Local Governing Body] recognizes that there is a significant need for reinvestment and revitalization of the communities in [INSERT Name of County/City]; and

WHEREAS, [INSERT Name of Local Governing Body] proposes to (i) designate the area of [INSERT Name/description of Community] in [INSERT Name of County/City], as outlined on the attached map (the "Area"), as a Sustainable Community, and to (ii) adopt the Plan, as further described in the Application, for the purposes of contributing to the reinvestment and revitalization in the Area; and

WHEREAS, the Area is located within a priority funding area under Section 5-7B-02 of the Smart Growth Act; and

WHEREAS, the applicable law and the Community Legacy Program regulations require a local government to submit an application to the Department in order to become a designated Sustainable Community, and to adopt a satisfactory Sustainable Community Plan in order to be eligible to receive financial assistance under the Community Legacy Program;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, [INSERT Name of Local Governing Body] hereby (i) endorses the designation of the Area as a Sustainable Community; and (ii) adopts the Sustainable Community Plan described in the Application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the chief elected executive official is hereby requested to endorse this Resolution, indicating his or her approval by signature hereof; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the following persons are hereby authorized to execute documents and take any action necessary to carry out the intent of these resolutions;

Name	Office/Title	Signature
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, copies of this Resolution are sent to the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland for consideration by the Smart Growth Sub-Cabinet.

READ AND PASSED THIS ____ day of _____, 20____.

BY ORDER: _____, I hereby certify that Resolution Number _____ is true and correct and duly adopted by the _____(Legislative Body) of _____ (City or County).

ATTEST/WITNESS: _____
[INSERT Name of Local Governing Body]
By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Approved By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
[Chief elected executive official]
Date: _____

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DISCLOSURE AUTHORIZATION AND CERTIFICATION

The undersigned authorizes the Department of Housing and Community Development (the “**Department**”) to make such inquiries as necessary, including, but not limited to, credit inquiries, in order to verify the accuracy of the statements made by the applicant and to determine the creditworthiness of the applicant and the accuracy of the application.

In accordance with Executive Order 01.01.1983.18, the Department advises you that certain personal information is necessary to determine eligibility for financial assistance. Availability of this information for public inspection is governed by Maryland’s Access to Public Records Act, State Government Article, Section 10-611 et seq. of the Annotated Code of Maryland (the “**Act**”). This information will be disclosed to appropriate staff of the Department or to public officials for purposes directly connected with administration of this financial assistance program for which its use is intended. Such information may be shared with State, federal or local government agencies, which have a financial role in the project. The applicant has the right to inspect, amend, or correct personal records in accordance with the Act.

The Department intends to make available to the public the contents of the local governments’ Sustainable Community Plans and the contents of Sustainable Community Applications, including posting of entire applications on the Department’s website, use of such materials at presentations, training sessions, press releases, articles and other means of publication. This information may be confidential under the Act. If the applicant considers this information confidential and does not want it made available to the public, please indicate this objection in writing and attach the same to this application.

The applicant agrees that not attaching an objection constitutes consent to the information being made available to the public as herein described, and a waiver of any rights the applicant may have regarding this information under the Act.

I have read and understand the above paragraph. Applicant’s Initials: _____

Anyone who knowingly makes, or causes to be made, any false statement or report relative to this Application, for the purposes of influencing the action of the Department on such Application, may become ineligible to receive State financial assistance, and is subject to other penalties authorized by law.

The undersigned hereby certifies that s/he is authorized to enter into the agreements and certifications contained herein and in the Application, and further certifies that the information set herein and in any attachment in support hereof is true, correct, and complete to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Authorized Signature

Type Name and Title

Date