



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 OF 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 ASSISTANCE

If a local government has limited capacity, staff from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and Department of Planning (MDP) will be available to assist local government officials through the application process.

Please contact your Regional Project Manager at DHCD if you would like to request or learn more about this assistance (see page iv for contact information).

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES BENEFITS

The benefits of a Sustainable Community designation are substantial. The SC designation is a threshold requirement for application to several Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development revitalization programs (such as the Community Legacy Program and Strategic Demolition Fund listed below). Other programs from both the Department and other State agencies offer additional points or preference in the application process. The Sustainable Communities designation provides access to a suite of resources that can support housing and community development, local transportation enhancements, tax credit programs and programs to support a healthier environment. Taken together, these resources can promote safer, healthier and more attractive communities for families to live and put down roots.

Community Legacy Program is administered by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development and provides local governments and community development organizations with financial assistance to strengthen communities through such activities as business retention and attraction, encouraging homeownership and commercial revitalization. Community Legacy funds are restricted to Sustainable Community Areas.

Strategic Demolition Fund is administered by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development and provides grants and loans to local governments and community development organizations for predevelopment activities including demolition and land assembly for housing and revitalization projects.

The Strategic Demolition Fund catalyzes public and private investment in the reuse of vacant and underutilized sites. These funds are restricted to Sustainable Communities.

Application Eligibility and Threshold Requirements

Local governments (municipal or county) are eligible to apply.

Eligible applicants are to convene 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;
- 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 Evaluation

The Sustainable Community application for renewal will be evaluated based on the reporting of the accomplishments achieved and a thorough assessment of local strengths and weaknesses and how well desired outcomes, strategies and action steps are connected to the local conditions.

Priority Funding Areas

All Sustainable Communities must be located entirely within a Priority Funding Area. Applicants can verify Priority Funding Area boundaries by visiting the MDP website at:

<http://www.mdp.state.md.us/OurProducts/pfamap.shtml>

Application Training

The Department will be hosting various webinars for communities planning to submit a renewal application. Attendance at a minimum of one application training session is strongly encouraged for all applicants. Contact your Regional Project Manager (contact information page iv) to schedule an application training or verify when the webinars will be scheduled.

Application Submission

Applications will be submitted both electronically/digitally and via postal mail. Each applicant must submit one hard copy of their application with all required attachments. DHCD reserves the right to not consider incomplete applications.

The first printed page of the electronic application is a Table of Contents (see page vii). This should also serve as a checklist and be used to provide corresponding tabs. In addition to the digital copy of the application, all pictures and maps are to be submitted on a CD-ROM or flash drive. Pictures should be burned to the CD in a JPEG format and maps should be burned to the CD in a pdf format. Please **ALSO** include GIS shapefiles of Sustainable Community boundaries and other GIS related data if a boundary change is requested. Be sure to label your files on the CD-ROM appropriately, i.e., “Proposed Sustainable Community Boundary,” “Current Sustainable Community Boundary,” etc.

No incomplete applications will be accepted.

Deliver Sustainable Community Applications to:

Sustainable Community Application

ATTN: Mary Kendall

Division of Neighborhood Revitalization

Department of Housing and Community Development

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Site Visits, Follow-up Discussion

During the application review process, the review team may make site visits, hold meetings or have for follow-up discussions with applicants prior to designation approval.

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.

Contact Information

All questions related to application content, please contact your regional project manager. Regional contacts listed in the table on the next page.

DIVISION OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION, STATE REVITALIZATION PROGRAMS REGIONAL PROJECT MANAGERS		
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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN ELEMENTS

Ongoing designation as a Sustainable Community is contingent upon the continuation, expansion, and/or modification of a multi-year investment strategy that addresses the topic areas of Environment, Economy, Transportation, Housing, Quality of Life, and Land Use/Local Planning. The table below provides a non-exhaustive list of ideas that can be incorporated into each element as they are addressed in the sections that follow in this application.

ENVIRONMENT: Environmental accomplishments and objectives may include improvement of quality of land, water, air or watersheds, increased tree canopy, mitigation or adaptation to issues related to sea level rise, reduction of carbon footprint, improved energy conservation, access to local foods, green infrastructure, stormwater infrastructure/management, construction of parks, trails and other recreation facilities, recycling, improved water and sewer capacity, etc.

ECONOMY: Economic accomplishments and objectives may include increased regional accessibility, business attraction/retention, improved health of the business district and decreased commercial vacancies, improved accessibility to employment opportunities and economic drivers, adopted local policies/regulations that encourage economic growth, enhanced marketing and tourism, improvements to cultural and historic assets, etc.

TRANSPORTATION: Transportation accomplishments and objectives may include increased access to transit corridors, improved pedestrian safety and increased accessibility/sidewalks, alternative modes of transportation, such as bikeways and trails, public transit, such as bus and rail, carpooling, improved parking and road conditions, etc.

HOUSING: Housing accomplishments and objectives may include an increase in affordable, workforce or market rate housing, either for homeownership or rental, improved housing conditions and values, increase in housing programs, reduction in foreclosures and residential vacancies, increase in property values and home sale values, etc.

QUALITY OF LIFE: Quality of life accomplishments and objectives may 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.

LAND USE/LOCAL PLANNING: Land use accomplishments and objectives may include changes to zoning, improved land use policies, increase/decrease in taxes and fees, etc.

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. Qualitative and Comprehensive Report on accomplishments over past five years:

The report is an opportunity to reflect on any accomplishments achieved in the Sustainable Community area. It is a tool used to evaluate if the SC applicant achieved its intended outcomes, implemented the strategies initially envisioned and identify what resources were used. Renewal applicants are encouraged to discuss how priorities, actions, and objectives were or were not achieved across the six elements listed on the previous page (v), including how any of the elements may have interrelated during the five initial years of SC designation.

C. Sustainable Communities Action Plan Update:

The Sustainable Communities Action Plan has been revised so that it is less time consuming and focused on developing a strategic implementation plan. Renewal applicants are encouraged to use their previous Sustainable Communities applications as a basis for their updated Action Plan. You may identify which weaknesses have not yet been addressed or which strategies have not yet been implemented. Include your revitalization priorities for the next five years, basing them on your community's current strengths and weaknesses.

CHECKLIST AND TABLE OF CONTENTS

APPLICANT: Town of Ridgely

NAME OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY: Town of Ridgely

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**
- ☐ **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 – Signature Letter (acknowledging Disclosure Authorization and Certification)**
- ☐ **Section F – CD-ROM:** The CD-ROM should include the following contents:
 - If requesting a boundary modification, map in pdf format of the proposed Sustainable Community
 - **GIS shapefiles of the modified Sustainable Community boundary** (if requesting a modification) and other GIS related data
 - Pictures (jpeg format) of your accomplished projects of the last five years (as indicated in Section B)
 - Digital copy of completed Sustainable Communities Renewal Application

I. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY RENEWAL APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Sustainable Community: Town of Ridgely

Name of Renewal Applicant: Town of Ridgely

Applicant's Federal Identification Number: 52-600804

Applicant's Street Address: 2 Central Ave.

City: Ridgely

County: Caroline

State: MD

Zip Code: 21660

Phone Number: (410) 634-2177

Fax Number: (410) 634-1343

Web Address: www.ridgelymd.org

Sustainable Community Renewal Application Local Contact:

Name: Melissa Leonard

Title: Asst. Clerk- Treasurer

Address: 2 Central Ave.

City: Ridgely

State: MD

Zip Code: 21660

Phone Number: (410) 634-2177

Fax Number: (410) 634-1343

E-mail Address: mleonard@ridgelymd.org

Other Sustainable Community Contacts:

Name: Stephanie Berkey

Title: Clerk Treasurer

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone Number: (410) 634-2177

Fax Number: (410) 634-1343

E-mail Address: sberkey@ridgelymd.org

I. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY – General Information

A. Sustainable Community Boundary and Description

- (1) Are you requesting any changes to your Sustainable Community boundary? Describe why or why not? No, the town's boundaries have not changed, and we have included the entire town
- (2) Include the following in as an attachment (if requesting a modification to your current boundary):
N/A
 - a. PDF or JPEG of modified Sustainable Communities boundary map,
 - b. GIS shapefiles of modified Sustainable Community boundary (mapped to the parcel boundary),
- (3) Approximate number of acres of entire SC Area: 1200
- (4) Existing federal, state or local designations:
☐Main Street ☐Maple Street
☐National Register Historic District ☐Local Historic District ☐Arts & Entertainment District
☐State Enterprise Zone Special Taxing District ☐BRAC ☐State Designated TOD
* Other(s): Designated Neighborhood & PFA
- (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? We have more homeowners in town over the past five years.

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?
- (2) What have been the strengths and challenges of the capacity of the Sustainable Communities Workgroup with respect to implementation of the SC Plan?
- (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?
- (4) Would you like any technical assistance from State agencies to help expand the capacity of your SC Workgroup or implement your SC plan? Please describe with which revitalization strategies you would like assistance.

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) **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: Sidewalk repairs/tree preservation

Outcome: Sidewalks throughout town have been damaged by town trees. Tree removal, sidewalk repair & replanting of more appropriate trees was necessary.

Projects: The neighborhood of Lister Estates was approved at conception to have Sycamore trees planted into the 4 foot wide right of way between the sidewalk and curb. Sidewalks were dangerous to walk on as the tree roots grew into the sidewalks. Tree removal was necessary, sidewalks were repaired and Dogwoods were planted to replace the Sycamore trees. Root barriers were installed with the trees at the time of planting. This is an ongoing issue throughout town and will be addressed annually. Cost of the projects prohibit the town from making all necessary changes in one fiscal year. The neighborhood of Lister Estates was chosen to be the first area that will be addressed. There were other sidewalks and trees in town that were in dire need of removal and repair that were also completed, but these were the most extreme cases.

Partners: The Town had no partners in this project.

Impact: Sidewalks in Lister Estates are now repaired and trees have been planted and maintained. Other critical areas in town were also addressed. The town is going to be making this an annual budget item for the foreseeable future.

Accomplishment 2: Improve Safety at Medifast intersection

Outcome: The intersection of MD Route 480 and Central Avenue has been a dangerous intersection that Town officials have been trying to make safer since the 1950's.

Projects: Traffic studies to determine the necessity for a traffic light or other solutions at the intersection were completed. State Highway Administration completed the study and determined that there is a problem with this intersection, but did not feel that there was enough traffic to warrant a stop light. They instead changed the striping and turn lanes in the intersection.

Partners: SHA

Impact: The Town Commissioners and the Residents are not happy with the outcome of the study. The restriping and turn lanes make the intersection very confusing. Several serious accidents have happened at this intersection since the implementation of the new lanes. Apparently, this will have to continue to happen for SHA to consider the request for the traffic light. The town will continue to try to improve the safety of this intersection.

Accomplishment 3: Increase walkability and bikeability with sidewalks and wayfinding signs

Outcome: Repair sidewalks, increase wayfinding signage throughout town

Projects: As noted in Accomplishment 1, many of the town sidewalks have been repaired. In addition to the repair, the town received funding from the Caroline County Health Department for pedestrian signage. Informational and directional signs for the walking trail at Martin Sutton Park and the Rails to Trails in the Ridgely Railroad Park are not only for wayfinding, but also offer information that helps to promote the use of the trails.

Partners: Caroline County Health Department

Impact: The new signs and the repairs to the sidewalks have increased walkability and bikeability.

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: Reduce Flooding on Liberty Street

Narrative: The installation of curb and gutter on Liberty Street caused the stormwater runoff to flood several residents' yards causing damage. The cost to fix this has been prohibitive. Plans are in place to install a storm drain system, which consists of 1,500 feet of pipe, 1 drain box and 2 drop boxes. This will take care of the issue, but acquisition of utility easements through 2 neighboring properties and land surveys are also necessary. The town plans on addressing this problem in the upcoming fiscal year, but no funding partners have been identified to help with the situation. The town is planning to obtain a loan if other funding can not be obtained.

Outcome: Improve the quality of amenities at Martin Sutton Park

Narrative: The town has a master plan for improvements at Martin Sutton Park that includes bathrooms, expansion and repaving of the walking trail, improved parking facilities (all of these will improve the park for handicapped visitors to the park). The town has applied for grant funding and been denied. The scope of work is very large and cost prohibitive.

Outcome: Construction of new water tower

Narrative: The cost of a new water tower is something that the town does not want to take on at this time. The current tower is meeting the needs, but with the development of the Ridgely Tech Park and any further expansion of the town limits this will need to be addressed.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY RENEWAL REPORT

PART II: COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT

Purpose:

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

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

Check “YES” if applicable to your community. If you answer “YES” please quantify the accomplishment (i.e. Q: Has there been an increase in the number of businesses in your Main Street/commercial district? A: YES 4 new businesses have opened in the past five years). If necessary, please also provide a short description of the accomplishment.

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

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

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ENVIRONMENT	YES	NO	N/A	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
1. Has there been an improvement in water quality?		*		We have a near perfect rating. We try hard to keep it as such
2. Has the amount of impervious surface in your Community been reduced? (Amount in SF)		*		
3. Have there been improvements and/ or additions to your park and/ or recreational green space?	*			We have updated our playground and installed informational signage throughout the parks. We have also installed flag memorials honoring all branches of the military as a focal point and destination for park visitors
4. Did the Sustainable Community implement any recycling or waste reduction programs?			*	We currently still have community recycling. Curbside recycling continues to be cost prohibitive for Ridgely
5. Do all residents have access to healthy food options (i.e. fresh food grocery stores, farmers markets etc.) within the Sustainable Community?	*			Yes! One of our businesses, located in the center of Town has grocery with fresh fruits and veggies available daily.
OTHER: Tree Planting/Sidewalk repairs				Tree planting and sidewalk replacement has taken place in town making for a better walkable community

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ECONOMY	YES	NO	N/A	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
1. Has there been an increase in the number of new businesses in your Main Street/ Commercial District?	*			We have had the 9 Central Diner open and continue to flourish and hire from town residents. We have had another building transfer with hopes of becoming a Chinese restaurant of some sort – currently awaiting those plans. And most recent, we've had a dilapidated building sell to a real estate agent who will now utilize the building as their main office.
2. Did the Municipality/ Sustainable Community area receive any designations that support local economic development?	*			North County Enterprise Zone designation was approved in December 2018
3. Has there been an increase in foot traffic in the Main Street/commercial district?	*			With the addition of the 9 Central Diner, along with other businesses centrally located in the center of town, there are more people choosing to walk instead of driving. Nice days find multiple people walking too and from the parks as well
4. Have the number of commercial vacancies decreased?		*		
5. Has there been an increase in local jobs within the Sustainable Community for its residents?	*			Two businesses, 9 Central and Ridgely Pizza and Pasta have both come to town and use town residents as employees
OTHER:				

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TRANSPORTATION	YES	NO	N/A	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
1. Has the amount of bike trails/paths increased? How many linear feet do the trails cover?		*		As it stands right now, we are max'd out on how far we can go. The existing property owners have no interest in deeding a right of way through the property
2. Have there been improvements to the public transit infrastructure?			*	
3. Has there been an increase in sidewalks? (Amount in linear feet)		*		Although sidewalks have not increased, there
4. Have there been any roadway improvements that support "Complete" or "Green" streets?	*			Street paving and Rain boxes have been installed to help assist with flooding around town to keep the walkability flowing.
5. Has traffic congestion along major roads decreased? (Amount in percent)		*		Traffic congestion has not decreased, it's quite possible that it has increased. There are more recreational children's activities which brings more people to town. We are currently working with SHA and they have done a study to see if a streetlight is warranted. At this point, we have implemented a new traffic pattern to see if it will help
OTHER:				

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HOUSING	YES	NO	N/A	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
1. Have any residential facades been improved?	*			We have been working hard to clean and repair existing structures, specifically with code enforcement and property maintenance. We will be looking to apply for the upcoming Community Legacy grant in hopes of offering assistance for those who may need help.
2. Has the home ownership rate increased?	*			We have had home ownership take a huge leap lately. It has really helped to clear and occupy some empty structures
3. Has there been an increase in the number of housing units in the Sustainable Community area? What number and/or percent are affordable?			*	
4. Has there been demolition of blighted properties?	*			We have had a couple of blighted properties removed and they have been replaced with newer, nicer looking structures.
5. Has the residential vacancy rate decreased?	*			The housing boom has made a big difference. Properties are filling in nicely. We've had USDA be of great assistance in selling properties as well.
OTHER:				

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QUALITY OF LIFE	YES	NO	N/A	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
1. Has there been a decrease in crime rate?	*			Our police are more community oriented and the community respects where they live
2. Have there been improvements and/ or additions to your public spaces (i.e. museums, community centers, public plazas)?	*			The Ridgely Railroad Station has been restored and is currently being used as a museum and meeting space for the Ridgely Historical Society
3. Has there been an increase in public art/ arts & entertainment programs/venues (i.e. murals, movie theatre, music events)?	*			We have the Strawberry festival (which brings thousands in the Spring), and the Ridgely Car Show (which brings thousands in the Fall). These events encourage walkability with games, music, food, etc.
4. How many historic properties were renovated/improved?			*	
5. Are there any residential health and wellness opportunities in place (i.e. athletic facilities, recreational indoor/ outdoor courses or groups)?	*			We have Martin Sutton Park which has a ¾ mile walking trail. It also houses soccer fields and a basketball court. There is Bradley field which is home to the Caroline Cougars Football & Cheer and finally Cowbarn field which predominately houses Caroline North Little League. All parks are open to the public
OTHER:	*			A bench honoring Mr. Archie Carroll has been placed in the Central Business District as well as a flag memorial which encourages people to walk into town to see

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LAND USE/ LOCAL PLANNING	YES	NO	N/A	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
1. Have there been any infill developments?				
2. Has there been an increase in the amount of preserved/protected land?			*	
3. Have there been any developments hindered by growth constraints?			*	
4. Have there been any zoning or any policy changes that have fostered growth in your Sustainable Community?	*			We created an Ordinance, specifically for Impact Fees on any new builds done directly through Habitat for Humanity which will delay payment of all Impact Fee's to be paid as a lien if/when the property goes to sell from the initial buyer
5. Have there been any significant improvements to the municipal infrastructure within the Sustainable Community (i.e. street lighting, water/sewer lines)?	*			Street lighting has begun to be updated. The plan is to change them to LED bulbs at the rate of about 20 per year. We have also started updating the water/sewer lines. Currently we have KCI doing a study to make sure all existing lines are marked
OTHER:	*			We have extended our Code Enforcement position to handling grass, bulk trash and property maintenance. This has been helpful with rundown dilapidated buildings

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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): • • •	DHCD			
Strategic Demolition Fund (SDF): • •	DHCD			
Community Safety & Enhancement Program:	MDOT			
Maryland Bikeways Program:	MDOT			
Sidewalk Retrofit Program:	MDOT			
Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund:	MDE			

Sustainable Communities Renewal Application - Section B

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

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

We would love to be able to apply for monies for funding gaps for repairs. We have residents who are elderly or on a fixed income where they can't complete the repairs needed on the property. It would be nice to offer options.

We have had some interest in buildings in town which are currently vacant, where people would like to open non-profit businesses for themselves which will help the community

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.

Action Plan Guidance

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

- 1) **For each 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.

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"> • The Town's stormwater infrastructure is relatively new • Being surrounded by farming country, the town experiences little to no noise pollution • Tree canopy covers side streets and along the main Central Avenue, and the Tree Commission is vigilant with providing with trees where needed • The Town is under the Caroline County Stormwater Management Plan, and all stormwater plans for any development must be approved by Caroline County • The Town has had a recycling program in place for a long time • Town is near the Choptank River and the Tuckahoe Rural Legacy Area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some sidewalks in town are damaged by tree roots. Thus, the Town is responsible for tree removal, costing around \$30,000, in order to repair the sidewalk. • The Liberty Street repaving project has resulted in flooding on private property, and the issue requires a substantial amount of money to fix, including acquiring the right of way through another property

<u>Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures</u>	<u>Strategies</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.</p> <p>What outcomes are you trying to achieve?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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?</p> <p>Name specific public and/or private sector partners.</p>
<p>Outcome 1: Ensure sensitive area protection and preservation</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of trees planted 	<p>Strategy A: Provide specific protection measures for environmentally sensitive areas as defined by State law</p> <p>Strategy B: Use alternative methods for repairing sidewalk, and remove trees only when necessary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider regulation change to require larger tree beds (ie. 4x6 or 4x8 rather than 4x4 beds) to prevent further damage 	<p>Ridgely Tree Commission</p> <p>Caroline County Recreation and Parks</p> <p>Maryland Department of Environment (MDE)</p>

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	Strategy C: Apply to be a Tree City USA <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Maintain and foster rich tree canopy	Community Legacy (CL) State Highway Administration (SHA) Sidewalk Retrofit Program
Outcome 2: Reduce flooding (along Liberty Street in particular) Progress Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reduction in storm water runoff- Linear feet pavement improved- Number of curb bump-outs installed- Square feet rain garden installed	Strategy A: Implement stormwater management strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Increase use of pervious services during re/paving- Install rain garden to reduce flooding on residential property Strategy B: Increase rain gardens with more curb bump-outs gardens, using native plants on Central Avenue (particularly on the north side of the Rail Trail Park) and on W. Belle Street	

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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">Two large employers are located within the Town boundaries: Medifast and Hanover FoodsSubway has been in town for a while. Two other local establishments have been popular for many years, and the new Central Diner has thus far been successfulThe local grocery store has started selling liquor and beer, improving convenience for residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">There are commercial vacancies on Central Avenue. (Note: specific number was not provided)Some businesses, including Central Perk, have closed since the first Sustainable Community Action Plan in 2012There is no heavy industry or manufacturing to provide needed jobsThe majority of residents commute out of town for work

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures →	Strategies →	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Attract and retain new businesses to Central Avenue and along the Ridgely Rail Trail</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Number of businesses establishedNumber of jobs createdLinear feet of facades improvedNumber of business facades improved	<p>Strategy A: Identify and cultivate existing businesses that need help with start-up costs, expanding, or renovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Connect them with technical and financial resourcesOffer trainings <p>Strategy B: Implement a tenant fit-out program to retrofit old commercial structures (e.g. Central Perk retrofit for new bakery business)</p> <p>Strategy C: Provide opportunity for facade improvements to existing businesses</p> <p>Strategy D: Consider organizing a merchants association</p> <p>Strategy E: Consider DHCD financing programs such as Neighborhood BusinessWorks to help develop and incentivize burgeoning retailers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Invite Neighborhood BusinessWorks and SBDC staff to meet with businesses and learn what capital projects can improve their business <p>Strategy F: Reach out to community organizations/nonprofits that may be interested in occupying space on Main Street</p>	<p>DHCD Community Legacy</p> <p>DCHD Neighborhood BusinessWorks (NBW)</p> <p>Maryland Small Business Development Center – Easter Region (SBDC)</p>

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	<p>Strategy G: Provide program and funding information to business owners and community members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pamphlets in Town Hall office- Hold town manager meeting with owners about possible improvements	
<p>Outcome 2: Improve downtown business activity</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Number of customers/month- Increase in business activity	<p>Strategy A: Schedule events during which business can offer discounts or incentives for shoppers (e.g., "Support Local" Day)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reach out to people who come to town to use the park for regional tournaments <p>Strategy B: Increase presence for under-recognized restaurants (e.g. soda fountain pharmacy, gas station deli)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Use Google Maps reviews to showcase restaurants and attractions	

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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">While the majority of residents commute out of town for work, the average commute time is only a half hour, or 30 minutesCaroline County Industrial Park, a potential large employment center, is a half-hour drive from the TownThe small size of the Town and the completeness of the sidewalk network makes it a very walkable community	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sidewalks in front of homes need replacement (town trees causing issues)The Town cannot repair streets or sidewalks due to the fact that the Highway User Revenue was taken awayThere are a lot of potentially dangerous traffic issues at the intersection of Route 480 and Central Avenue, near Medifast and Martin Sutton Park, particularly during weekend soccer gamesLimited, sporadic bus service makes alternative commute modes challenging. Long-distance commuting is especially challenging due to limited park-and-ride options closer to the townCentral Ave and Ridgely Rd are owned by the SHA, so the town has little control of traffic safety improvements.

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures →	Strategies →	Implementation Partners
Outcome 1: Improve safety at Medilife intersection Progress Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Number of crashes/month	Strategy A: Conduct a traffic study of the Route 480 and Central Ave intersection Strategy B: Install a traffic light, turn lanes, and other traffic safety improvements at Medifast intersection	Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) State Highway Administration (SHA)
Outcome 2: Provide better services for long-distance commuters Progress Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Square feet of park and ride lot createdNumber of people participating in carpool	Strategy A: Work with Caroline County to develop a new park and ride area Strategy B: Implement a car-pooling program for residents <ul style="list-style-type: none">Designate a location (consider the Caroline Technology Park located near the Ridgely Airport on Race Track Rd.)Create formal or informal organization with a listserv or mailing list	MDOT Caroline County Department of Planning and Codes Maryland Department of Planning (MDP)

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<p>Outcome 3: Increase walkability and bikeability</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Number of signs installed- Linear feet of sidewalk installed/repaired- Number of people walking/bike to the park- Linear feet of Rail Trail path installed	<p>Strategy A: Install wayfinding signage from downtown to Martin Sutton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Additional signage can be added later to destinations around town, including the business district, Rail Trail, and historic railroad museum <p>Strategy B: Improve sidewalks for safer and more accessible walking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- require larger tree beds (ie. 4x6 or 4x8 rather than 4x4 beds) to prevent further damage- If the trees are located on a state highway, consider the SHA Sidewalk Retrofit Program <p>Strategy C: Extend the Ridgely Rail Trail to the elementary school</p> <p>Strategy D: Implement a Safe Routes to School program</p>	<p>MDOT</p> <p>MDP</p> <p>SHA Safe Routes to School, Sidewalk Retrofit Program, ADA Retrofit</p> <p>CDBG</p> <p>Community Legacy (CL)</p>
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Housing

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

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior housing is located in town at Strawberry Court• Affordable housing is provided at Tuckahoe Apartments through a sliding scale for low-income renters• The town is home to majority homeowners, but many people still rent• The housing sector has been doing a lot better than it has in past years. Most vacancies have been bought, rehabbed, and settled in the last few years.• Many of the historic houses are repaired, well-maintained, and inhabited• There are some relatively new houses, but not a lot built recently• Rental registration provides inspections, which check for broken glass, peeling paint, and other hazards, every year to ensure safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some houses need repairs and rehabilitation. For example, one house has tarp covering the roof, but the family cannot afford to do repairs• Cost of housing is too high for many of the residents - in 2009, 68% of the households were low-to median income• Besides the Tuckahoe Apartments, there is no designated affordable housing

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures →	Strategies →	Implementation Partners
Outcome 1: Improve existing housing stock for low-income/senior renters and owners Progress Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Number of residential facades improved- Number of units/houses rehabbed	Strategy A: Work with owners of older or dilapidated buildings to explore options for rehabilitation or redevelopment projects Strategy B: Implement a revolving loan/façade improvement program for low-income renters/owners Strategy C: Implement a residential facade improvement program	Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) DHCD Community Legacy Helping Other People Everywhere, Inc.
Outcome 1: Preserve the historic village character of the Town Progress Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Number of houses designated historic site	Strategy A: Inform residents of the tax credit benefits from designating their house as a national historic site <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Distribute information with pamphlets and community meetings- Steps include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Seek national register historic district nomination- Seek grants and technical assistance to help with preparing the nomination	Caroline County Historical Society Ridgely Historic Society Historic District Commission Maryland Historic Trust

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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">• Martin Sutton Park, located next to Medifast, was recently redone with new lights and goals, and is used by the entire town• Services, such as a grocery store and elementary school, are located in town• Community activities take place from May-October (e.g. strawberry festival, auto festival, and Christmas parade)• Ridgely House, built in 1869 and current location of the Town Hall and Police Department, is on the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties. The Town Hall is currently under renovations• Ridgely Rail Trail Park, including the Ridgely Historic Park and recently completed Railway Interpretive Center, is an asset to the community and historic character• Ridgely Historic Society is very active and supportive of the Town, and sponsors the Fall Fest and Ridgely Olde Time Days• The Ridgely Volunteer Fire Department holds dinners and activities for fundraising, and has a Mutual Aid agreement with the County	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The elementary school needs trailers to accommodate overcrowding• There is an income disparity between residents, as well as division between long-term and new residents, and a resulting cultural division in the town community• Historical Society Museum is in disrepair - the building needs structural work; the artifacts need organizing and curating• The Town lacks a library and museum• While the historic core is intact (Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties), it is not designated a national historic district, so the Town does not have access to potential historic tax credits for homeowners and businesses• There is no affordable daycare options within the Town

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures →	Strategies →	Implementation Partners
Outcome 1: Promote the preservation and protection of historic resources, and heritage tourism Progress Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Square feet of museum	Strategy A: Rehabilitate/renovate the Historical Society Museum <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Denton can provide a meaningful example of a successful museum (Museum of Rural Life) Strategy B: Designate a list of Landmark Historic Sites and Structure for the Town	Caroline County Historical Society Ridgely Historic Society Historic District Commission

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rehabbed/renovated - Number of historic sites designated by NPS	Strategy C: Address policy/regulatory mechanisms to preserve these sites and structures. - Caroline County Historical Society nominates district to MHT - If it is accepted, it will go to National Park Service (NPS) - NPS approves certification as a National Historic Site/District	Maryland Historic Trust
Outcome 2: Improve the quality of amenities at Martin Sutton Park for visitors and residents Progress Measures: - Number of public bathrooms constructed - Square feet of visitor parking lot constructed - Linear feet walking trail widened/repaved	Strategy A: Build new bathroom facilities for the soccer fields Strategy B: Improve existing, and create additional parking for events Strategy C: Widen and repave walking trail Strategy D: Build flagpole memorial	Caroline County Recreation and Parks
Outcome 3: Improve aesthetics in Central Business District to promote welcoming and accessible community Progress Measures: - Number of benches installed - Linear feet of streetscape improved	Strategy A: Implement streetscape beautification projects such as: period lighting and street furniture	
Outcome 4: Increase educational and employment opportunities for residents Progress Measures: - Square feet of school addition constructed - Number of people using employment training space	Strategy A: Build an addition to expand capacity of elementary school Strategy B: Provide public access to employment research and job training programs - Bring computers to Town Hall and/or elementary school to provide access for job hunting/training for local residents	Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE)

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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">The Ridgely Zoning Ordinances require that all nonresidential construction be approved by the Ridgely Zoning Commission, which reviews design and compatibility with neighborhood, etc.Wastewater plan upgraded (2011) with a \$1,550,000 loan from MDE in 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Aged water and sewer system from 1930 needs replacing. There are few water and sewer allocations left to develop more land. However, the needed new water tower is expensive due to the necessary permitsThe Town has limited code enforcement, mainly handles overgrown grass and bulk trash, while there are issues with rundown buildingsThe repaving project on Liberty St. has caused flooding in private property

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures →	Strategies →	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Improve facilities to protect public health and welfare</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Water tower constructedNumber of code enforcement issues identified & addressed	<p>Strategy A: Build a new water tower for additional storage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Address the funding gaps surrounding the necessary permits that are blocking the water tower development <p>Strategy B: Provide funding assistance to help rundown buildings with code issues</p> <p>Strategy C: Review, update and revise Ridgely's Design Guidelines, Zoning Ordinance, and Subdivision Regulations to ensure consistency with the Comprehensive Plan, including the adoption of a new official zoning map</p>	<p>Caroline County Department of Planning and Codes</p> <p>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)</p> <p>Community Legacy (CL)</p> <p>Strategic Demolition Fund (SDF)</p> <p>Local Government Infrastructure Financing (LGIF)</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Minimize impact on the rural character within and surrounding the community</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Square feet of new infill developmentNumber of buildings rehabbed / rehabbed with adaptive reuse	<p>Strategy A: Promote interjurisdictional coordination and future cooperative planning and zoning efforts with Caroline County</p> <p>Strategy B: Encourage the restoration, rehabilitation, and adaptive reuse of existing buildings</p> <p>Strategy C: Encourage infill development in vacant lots when necessary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Work with owners of vacant lots to have them cleaned or prepared for development.	<p>Maryland Department of Planning (MDP)</p> <p>Caroline County Council</p> <p>Caroline County Department of Planning and Codes</p>

SIGNATURE LETTER

On behalf of Commissioners of Ridgely, I hereby approve the application for renewal of the Sustainable Communities designation for Town of Ridgely. 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

Commissioner Anthony Casey, President
Type Name and Title

June 12, 2019
Date