



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:
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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.

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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: Prince George's County

NAME OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY: Langley Park

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

- Section A - Sustainable Community Renewal Applicant Information**
- 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:

Langley Park

Name of Renewal Applicant: Prince George's County

Applicant's Federal Identification Number: 52-6000098

Applicant's Street Address: 1301 McCormick Drive, Room 4000

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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?

We are proposing to enlarge the existing Langley Park Sustainable Community boundary to include the Adelphi Park neighborhood. This modification is needed to bring all areas within the Northern Gateway neighborhoods into a cohesive Sustainable Community entity.

(2) Include the following in as an attachment (if requesting a modification to your current boundary):

- a. PDF or JPEG of modified Sustainable Communities boundary map,
- b. GIS shapefiles of modified Sustainable Community boundary (mapped to the parcel boundary),

(3) Approximate number of acres of entire SC Area: 1,466 acres

(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): Portions of the Sustainable Community have been designated as an Opportunity Zone.

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?

As with neighboring inner-Beltway communities that surround it, the Langley Park Sustainable Communities area has transitioned from a largely suburban community to one that has urban characteristics such as larger households, lower incomes, and other challenges that face newer immigrant communities. The general population has transformed from predominantly Caucasian to one of primarily Hispanic immigrants from Central and South America. This trend also reflects a shift from largely owner-occupied homes to renter households, and in education and employment levels.

Low levels of formal education and language proficiency contribute to a high unemployment rate and lower median household income compared to other areas of Prince George’s County. The housing stock is predominantly aging multi-family apartment units, most of which were constructed in the 1950s, when the use of lead paint and asbestos were routinely used in housing construction. Many of these units have not been substantially upgraded.

Many of the residents in the Sustainable Community are transit-dependent, and while the arrival of the Purple Line Light Rail facility brings added opportunities to access jobs and education, many renters fear that it will also bring displacement. Three out of four residents in Langley Park are renters, and more than half of them already spend more than 30% of their income on rent and

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utilities, which are classified as cost-burdened households. Overcrowding in available units is an issue for many of them. According to HUD’s definition of substandard housing, approximately 69% of units in the area are substandard. Few residents own their own home.

Despite these odds, it is the character of residents that reflects its potential. The strong and welcoming immigrant community, its vibrancy which is reflected in local Central and South American, African, Asian and West Indian culture, and the commitment of partnership organizations; will work together to help build this close-knit community. At a recent workgroup meeting, one resident member expressed that the community-led Transforming Neighborhood Initiative that has done a great job of mobilizing residents toward creating change in their community.

The following tables represent US Census information compiled by Neustar. And note that these numbers do not capture a complete picture of characteristics, because of the area’s high undocumented population.

Sex	2010		2018	
	male	female	male	female
total population	17116	12912	15969	12384
average age	30.7	31.7	34.1	34

2010 Demographics	Langley Park Sustainable Community	Prince George's County
Population	30,071	863,420
Households	8,906	304,042
Median HH Income	\$49,165	\$70,605
Median Home Value	\$221,963	\$286,014
Pop Below Age 19	7,397	236,408
Pop Age 20-64	21,138	545,499
Pop Age 65+	1,537	81,513

2018 Demographics	Langley Park Sustainable Community	Prince George's County
Population	28,394	917,105
Households	8,352	322,553
Median HH Income	\$61,995	\$81,594
Median Home Value	\$246,616	\$290,279
Pop Below Age 19	7,212	231,118
Pop Age 20-64	19,229	568,997
Pop Age 65+	1,954	116,990

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2010 Education	Langley Park Sustainable Community		Prince George's County	
No High School Diploma		9,478		7,756
High School Diploma		3,625		155,053
Some College		3,010		157,147
Bachelors Degree		1,856		98,437
Advanced Degree		1,203		67,975

2018 Education	Langley Park Sustainable Community		Prince George's County	
No High School Diploma		9,863		85,463
High School Diploma		3,973		160,144
Some College		2,631		177,618
Bachelors Degree		1,886		114,973
Advanced Degree		1,087		84,265

2010 Race	Langley Park Sustainable Community		Prince George's County	
White	17,323	57.6%	225,517	26.1%
Black	8,090	26.9%	569,861	66.0%
Native American	1,807	6.0%	8,864	1.0%
Asian	1,303	4.3%	36,697	4.3%
Pacific Islander	415	1.4%	1,405	0.2%
Two or more Races	1,132	3.8%	21,076	2.4%

Ethnicity	Langley Park Sustainable Community		Prince George's County	
2018 Not Hispanic	7,646	26.9%	747,260	81.5%
2018 Hispanic	20,748	73.1%	169,845	18.5%
2010 Not Hispanic	10,189	33.9%	734,448	85.1%
2010 Hispanic	19,882	66.1%	128,972	14.9%

Household Income	Langley Park Sustainable Community		Prince George's County	
2010 Average		\$60,646		\$88,263
2018 Average		\$73,315		\$99,471

2010 Housing Units	Langley Park Sustainable Community		Prince George's County	
Total Units	9,683		328,182	
Owner Occupied Units	2,829	29.2%	190,993	58.2%
Renter Occupied Units	6,077	62.8%	113,049	34.4%

2018 Housing Units	Langley Park Sustainable Community		Prince George's County	
Total Units	8,622		333,073	
Owner Occupied Units	2,661	30.9%	203,403	61.1%
Renter Occupied Units	5,691	66.0%	119,150	35.8%

B. Organizational Structure, Experience and Public Input:

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

The Sustainable Community boundary was established by the Langley Park Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative (TNI) boundary. The TNI program involves concentrating government resources in areas of the county that are facing health, economic, public safety and educational challenges in an effort to reduce the disparity between communities. The Langley Park TNI Team comprised of representatives from various county agencies, CASA de Maryland, area residents and business owners in the community which lead the efforts to implement the SC Area Plan in the area.

On June 30, 2016, the County Executive Rushern Baker III announced that the Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative (TNI) would be restructured under a single TNI Manager in the county executive’s office. The TNI program was expanded into three new neighborhoods: Woodlawn/Lanham, Forestville and Silver Hill. By January 1, 2017, three of the original six TNI programs transitioned to community lead programs. The Langley Park TNI was included on the list because of its impact on the community. With the election of the new County Executive Angela Alsobrook, the TNI program was restructured to expand government resources to neighborhoods not previously served by the TNI program.

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

The challenge of the Sustainable Communities Workgroup with respect to implementation of the SC Plan have been the change in members of the workgroup and access to funding resources for projects. The strengths have been the community engagement and collaboration with County agencies

- (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?

There were two workshops held in preparation of the renewal application. The first work shop was held on January 23. The second work shop was held on February 13. The attendees at the workshops were residents, community groups, county agencies and elected officials.

The Action Plan were based on recommendations from the 2010 *Approved Takoma/Langley Crossroad Sector Plan*. . .

Langley Park TNI Team served as the workgroup to implement the SC Action Plan.

The resurgence of a local group, the Northern Gateway Community Development Corporation (NGCDC), has bolstered community efforts in quality of life and economic development issues. These efforts also encompass the proposed boundary expansion neighborhoods including Adelphi, Avondale, Carole Highlands, Chillum, Hampshire Knolls, Langley Park, and Lewisdale. The NGCDC focuses its outreach with businesses and residents to coordinate with municipal, community, and private entities to administer and implement programs that include small business development training, technical assistance, façade improvements, and public enhancements.

- (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.

- The following county and state agencies are needed to assist with the implementation of the strategies listed below: Prince George’s County Department of Environment (DoE), Prince George’s Department of Inspection and Enforcement (DPIE), Prince George’s Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T), Prince George’s County Department of Housing and Community Development, and Maryland Department of Transportation Increase the urban tree canopy in the SC Area and other vegetation especially along roadways, in the median strip and within residential communities.
- Provide appropriate directional signs and other streetscape enhancements that are needed to complement the construction of the Purple Line light rail transit project.
- Increase DPIE code enforcement activities to reduce the number of violations in the area.

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: Transportation

Outcome: Improved transit access and circulation

Project I: Purple Line Light Rail Project- With the acquisition of the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) \$900 million Full Funding Grant Agreement, the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) were able to break ground on the Purple Line Light Rail Project. A 21 station, bi-county, 16.2 mile east-west transit system that is projected to service 74,000 daily riders by 2040. Two stations (Takoma/Langley Transit Center & Riggs Road) lie within the original SA, with an additional stop (Adelphi Road/ West Campus) within the extended Adelphi boundary.

Project II: Takoma Langley Transit Center- In 2010, Maryland received \$12.3 million in Tiger Funds to construct transit hub in Takoma Park (Montgomery County)/ Langley Park (Prince George's County) area. The Takoma/ Langley Transit Center opened in 2016 at the intersection of University Boulevard and New Hampshire Avenue. In partnership with the MD Purple Line Light Rail Project, the transit center will also include a Purple Line station expected to begin operation in 2022.

Partners:

Project I: State of Maryland: Primary Funding, Federal Transit Administration: Grant Funding, Purple Line Transit Partners: Design, Construction and Maintenance

Project II: U.S. Department of Transportation- provided \$12.3 million in Tiger funds through a BUILD Grant, MTA- owner/operator

Impact:

Project I: The Purple Line Project is expected up to 74,000 daily riders by 2040. With three stops within the Langley Park/ Adelphi area. The transit system has the opportunity to stimulate the local economy and housing environment.

Project II: The station currently supports 11 metro lines and services over 13,000 riders daily.

Accomplishment 2: Quality of Life

Outcome: Improved community education

Project I: Address Digital Literacy and Technology Access: The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) has successfully designed and implemented internet access training courses to County residents at local branches for the past five years. These courses are offered free of charge in both English and Spanish to all age groups on a one-on-one appointment style. Courses are also available on the library's website. Course vary in difficulty from beginner up to earning a Cisco certification.

Project II: Funding for new education facilities: In January 2019, Prince George's County Public Schools and the architecture firm, DLR Group, moved forward in the design development phase for the new International High School in Langley Park. The new 58,000 sq. ft. building will be located on the grounds of Langley Park - McCormick Elementary School.

Partners:

Project I: CASA de Maryland, Prince George's County Public School System, and PGCMLS

Project II: Prince George's County Public School System – primary funding, DLR Group – design assistance

Impact:

Project I: The library also offered a series of trainings to senior citizens in collaboration with the University of Maryland that resulted in a nation-wide model for instruction, called WISE. Thousands of customers have been trained at the Hyattsville branch library over the past five years.

Project II: The new International High School will provide 400 newly arrived immigrant students access to second language educational services not easily accessible at other schools.

Accomplishment 3: Economy

Outcome: Retained economy and workforce growth

Project I: Small Business Assistance Program: In October 2018, the Northern Gateway CDC launched the small Business Assistance Program to aid business retention during the construction of the Purple Line Light Rail. The Northern Gateway CDC works with small business owners as well as municipal, community, and private entities to administer and implement proposed mitigation and technical assistance programs. These programs include training, signs and banners, and financial planning.

Project II: In a collaboration between Prince George’s Community College and CASA de Maryland, a vocational training program with three 60-hour courses was developed and held at CASA headquarters in Langley Park. The courses concentrate on common building services such air conditioning & refrigeration, heating and ventilation, and building maintenance engineering.

Partners:

Project I: Northern Gateway CDC (Primary funding) and Maryland Small Business Development Center provides training assistance

Project II: Prince George’s Community College provides funding and instructional assistance. CASA de Maryland provides funding and facilities

Impact:

Project I: Currently, the Northern Gateway CDC has three businesses enrolled in the business assistance program and developing retention strategies such as financial planning, web/social media strategy, and customer service.

Project II: In 2018, the Prince George’s Community College trained 256 students through the three vocational courses. Due to the success of the program, an additional course in “Introduction to Solar Photovoltaics” has been added to the 2019 course offerings.

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:

Improvement to the water quality in the Sustainable Community area.

Narrative:

The Sustainable Community area is a highly urbanized developed area, in large part, prior to the introduction of many of the county and state’s environmental regulations. The amount of impervious surface in the Sustainable Community area has increased from 44% in 2009 to 45% in 2017. Another contributing factor is the residential development in the northern part of the Sustainable Community area is within the 100-year floodplain. Even though some stormwater retrofit projects have occurred in the area, additional projects are needed to address this issue.

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Outcome:

Access to quality housing in the Sustainable Community area.

Narrative:

Promoting equitable access to quality housing in SC Area will depend on continued collaboration of community stakeholders, private, and public sector partners. The support of the County Executive and the County Council will be critical to moving these initiatives and projects forward, securing funding, and attracting private investment.

Outcome:

Access to open spaces and expanded public space.

Narrative:

The Sustainable Community area has a limited amount of green space, much of which is associated with the elementary school and community center. There are two parks, Northwest Branch Stream Valley and Adelphi Road Parks, located within Sustainable Community area. The parks comprise 30% of the Sustainable Community area. While they offer ecological and recreational opportunities, access to these resources from the residential neighborhoods in the Sustainable Community Area is not adequate.

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?		X		Water quality and habitat quality in the Northwest Branch Watershed of the Anacostia River (within which the Sustainable Community lies) were "Very Poor" in 2003 and "Poor" in 2017. Residential development in the northern part of the Sustainable Community is within the 100-year floodplain.
2. Has the amount of impervious surface in your Community been reduced? (Amount in SF)		X		The impervious surface area in the Sustainable Community has increased from 44% (280 acres) in 2009 to 45% (286 acres) in 2014 and 45% (288 acres) in 2017. (NOTE: 1 acre = 43,560 SF)
3. Have there been improvements and/ or additions to your park and/ or recreational green space?			X	Approximately 43 acres (7%) of the Sustainable Community is within the Northwest Branch Stream Valley Park Sustainable Communities area
4. Did the Sustainable Community implement any recycling or waste reduction programs?	X			In 2013, Prince George's County instituted a mandatory recycling program for all single and multi-family rental facilities and condominiums. Owners were required to submit an action plan for approval. All owners were required to come into compliance by July 1, 2014.
5. Do all residents have access to healthy food options (i.e. fresh food grocery stores, farmers markets etc.) within the Sustainable Community?		X		Most supermarkets and fresh food grocery stores are along University Boulevard within a mile of most densely-populated residential areas in the existing Sustainable Communities area. However, the less densely populated residences in the expanded boundary would be outside of the one-mile boundary making accessibility to supermarkets and healthy food options more difficult, but not unobtainable. These residences also have access to automobile transportation more easily than those who live closer to University Boulevard and public transportation. There are two farmers markets at the boundaries of the Sustainable Communities area. The Crossroads Farmers Market near the Takoma-Langley Transit Center and the market at Metzertt Plaza along Adelphi Road.

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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?			x	The area's main commercial corridor along University Boulevard, the International Corridor, continues to maintain a high occupancy rate of approximately 95%.
2. Did the Municipality/ Sustainable Community area receive any designations that support local economic development?	x			The entire existing and proposed expansion area of the Langley Park Sustainable Community is a designated Enterprise Zone. In 2018, a portion of the Sustainable Community area was designated as an Opportunity Zone. This zone is located around the new Takoma Langley transit hub and extends outward along the north side of University Boulevard. and New Hampshire Avenue.
3. Has there been an increase in foot traffic in the Main Street/commercial district?		x		The International Corridor is a heavily traveled, automobile-oriented arterial street. It is anticipated that the arrival of the Purple Line and transit stations along with planned improvements to the public realm will contribute to a more walkable environment for pedestrians.
4. Have the number of commercial vacancies decreased?		x		The number of vacancies in the main commercial corridor along University Boulevard. is nominal. This area enjoys a robust retail and commercial presence. Smaller strip malls in other areas of the Sustainable Community, such as Adelphi, withstand more vacancies for longer periods of time, and maintenance and upgrades are deferred.
5. Has there been an increase in local jobs within the Sustainable Community for its residents?			N/A	Although the main commercial corridor enjoys a high occupancy rate, many of these are smaller, family-run businesses that serve local residents. There are no major office or other institutions that provide large-scale employment opportunities. The unemployment rate within the Sustainable Communities area, over 13%, is still higher than other areas of Prince George's County.

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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?		X		There has been no increase in the amount of bike trails/paths.
2. Have there been improvements to the public transit infrastructure?	X			Takoma Langley Transit Center, a project led by the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), was constructed in the northwest corner of the intersection of MD 193 (University Boulevard) and MD 650 (New Hampshire Avenue). As a result of the project, the MD 193 access to the transit center was diverted to the west and the MD 650 access point through the shopping center remained the same. The transit center project was fully completed in late 2016 at a cost of \$34.8 million.
3. Has there been an increase in sidewalks? (Amount in linear feet)	X			The Maryland Department of Transportation is currently in the design phase for plans to improve sidewalk infrastructure along MD 212 from Merrimac Dr. to Northwest Branch. The scope of work includes the installation of ADA compliant concrete sidewalks along westbound MD 212 to improve pedestrian safety and provide continuous sidewalk. The project is funded for 35% Preliminary Engineering at a cost under \$3 Million (Engineer's Estimate).
4. Have there been any roadway improvements that support "Complete" or "Green" streets?	X			A portion of the alignment for the Purple Line Transit System project is along MD 193 from MD 320 (Piney Branch Road) to Campus Drive. Reconstruction of the traffic signals will occur within the limits of the project and include pedestrian and bicycle amenities and lighting enhancements along MD 193 to MD 320.

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5. Has traffic congestion along major roads decreased? (Amount in percent)		X		MD 212 at Adelphi Road: Construct a southbound left turn lane along MD 212 and eastbound left turn lane along Adelphi Road to relieve congestion. Project is currently in design and only funded for Preliminary Engineering. There is no schedule at this time for construction of the project and will cost between \$3-\$5 million. It should also be noted that when the Purple Line opens along MD 193, there will be an initial increase in congestion; however, it is anticipated that a mode shift from vehicles to light rail and/or buses will occur.
OTHER:	X			LED lighting upgrades to the existing lighting on the utility poles along MD 650 from MD 193 to Metzert Road. The anticipated completion date is early Summer 2019 and the estimated cost is just over \$48,000.
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?		X		There has been a lack of progress due to several factors. The residential facades that are most in need of improving are multi-family housing units. Comprehensive code enforcement, lack of resources for multi-family upgrades, and a prevalence of absentee landlords remain issues for the area.
2. Has the home ownership rate increased?	X			The number of owner-occupied households has increased slightly by 1.7% between 2010 and 2018 and is projected to increase by another 0.3% in 2023. These numbers reflect the large number of multi-family housing units and that the area is not seeing new residential development applications for the area.
3. Has there been an increase in the number of housing units in the Sustainable Community area? What number and/or percent are affordable?		X		<p>The number of all housing units has decreased by 10.9%</p> <p>Within the last 8 years, the number of housing units in the Langley Park Sustainable Community area has decreased. In 2010, the number of housing units was 9,683 compared to 8,622 in the fourth quarter for 2018 (Neustar).</p> <p>There are 14 multifamily complexes and three condominiums within the Langley Park Sustainable Community area. Fifty percent of the multifamily complexes have income restrictions and/or accept Section 8 vouchers.</p>

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4. Has there been demolition of blighted properties?			N/A	There is a need to establish and maintain a list of blighted properties, vacant units, and chronic violations, primarily of multi-family properties.
5. Has the residential vacancy rate decreased?	X			Vacancy is not an issue in the Sustainable Community area. The Langley Park Sustainable Communities area is one of the most densely populated communities in the county. It represents one of the largest concentrations of immigrants in the region. Within the last eight years, the vacancy rates have decreased from 9.2 % in 2010 to 3.1% in 2018 (Neustar).
OTHER:				
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?		X		Available crime statistics indicate that reports of crime are declining overall, but new "hotspots" have been identified. Of note is the relatively recent presence of gangs and gang activity.
2. Have there been improvements and/ or additions to your public spaces (i.e. museums, community centers, public plazas)?	X			In 2014, Prince George's County was awarded a Community Legacy Grant (\$175,000) as well as Community Development Block Grant Funds (\$40,000) to provide pedestrian improvements and streetscape enhancements at CASA de Maryland's headquarters at the historic McCormick-Goodhart mansion in Langley Park and surrounding areas. The work was done in 2015, and introduced five-foot-wide sidewalks, streetscape items such as trees and shrubbery, and benches. The Langley Park Community Center has also undergone landscaping and hardscaping renovations to repair erosion problems surrounding building and improve access to the center.

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<p>3. Has there been an increase in public art/ arts & entertainment programs/venues (i.e. murals, movie theatre, music events)?</p>	<p>X</p>			<p>CASA de Maryland has created a Summer Movie Series event, funded in part by donations from the Prince George’s County Council. The events take place during the evening, primarily outdoors, but indoors during inclement weather. CASA shows movies targeting children, teens, and their parents. Prior to the movie, a representative from the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System facilitates a book club on-site. In addition, a representative from CASA explains offered services to those in attendance.</p>
<p>4. How many historic properties were renovated/improved?</p>		<p>X</p>		<p>The Adelphi Mill Historic Site, located at 8402 Riggs Rd, is the location of Prince George’s County’s only surviving mill. Both the Mill and the surrounding grounds are owned and maintained by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and are currently listed on the Prince George’s County FY 2019 -2024 Approved Capital Improvement Program with a completion date of December 2019.</p>
<p>5. Are there any residential health and wellness opportunities in place (i.e. athletic facilities, recreational indoor/ outdoor courses or groups)?</p>	<p>X</p>			<p>The Northern Gateway Soccer Club planning committee is a partnership with the Police Athletic League (PAL), Prince George’s Department Parks & Recreation (M-NCPPC), the Rollingcrest-Chillum and Langley Park community centers, and local organizations. Council Member Deni Taveras is sponsoring this league to build community unity, remove barriers to local youth joining organized sports, build self-esteem, improve public safety, and connect children and families to local community resources. The CDC supported the Northern Gateway Soccer Clinic in August of 2018 in conjunction with other community organizations and agencies</p>
<p>OTHER:</p>				

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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?	X			Redevelopment of the corner of the northwest quadrant of the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and University Boulevard with the construction of Takoma/Langley Transit Center which opened in 2016. The current construction of the three Purple Line stations within the SC area. It is anticipated that with the opening of those stations the need to maximize the opportunity will drive infill development and redevelopment in the vicinity of the stations.
2. Has there been an increase in the amount of preserved/protected land?		X		The Sustainable Communities area is generally built-out, and the existing environmental envelope remains.
3. Have there been any developments hindered by growth constraints?		X		There are no new regulatory constraints imposed that would hinder development.
4. Have there been any zoning or any policy changes that have fostered growth in your Sustainable Community?	X			<p>The Prince George's County General Plan (Plan 2035) was approved in 2014 and contains policies and recommendations for land use and development. It is anticipated that the approval of Prince George's County Zoning Rewrite in 2018, allows more flexibility to construct mixed-use development projects and streamlines the development review process.</p> <p>The countywide map amendment to place the new mixed-use zones on properties is in the process of initiation and will be a decision tree so new zones won't be placed on properties that are not ready for mixed-use development.</p>

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<p>5. Have there been any significant improvements to the municipal infrastructure within the Sustainable Community (i.e. street lighting, water/sewer lines)?</p>				<p>The entire Langley Park Sustainable Community area is located within a Priority Funding area.</p> <p>Construction of the Purple Line light rail transit line has begun and in 2016 the Takoma/Langley Transit Center opened.</p> <p>Streets and sidewalk sections improvements, along with new street lighting around identified “hotspots” have been added.</p>
<p>OTHER:</p>				

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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): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Langley Park Pedestrian and Landscaping Projects 	DHCD	\$175,000		The goal of the project was to provide pedestrian improvements and streetscape enhancements in the Langley Park area. Community Development Block Grant Funds (\$40,000) were also awarded for this project for a combined investment of \$179,000.00
Strategic Demolition Fund (SDF):	DHCD	No Funding	Assistance to prepare and manage grant applications.	
Community Safety & Enhancement Program:	MDOT	No Funding	Assistance to prepare and manage grant applications.	
Maryland Bikeways Program:	MDOT	No Funding	Assistance to prepare and manage grant applications.	
Sidewalk Retrofit Program:	MDOT	No Funding	Assistance to prepare and manage grant applications.	
Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund:	MDE	No Funding	Assistance to prepare and manage grant applications.	

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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				
Communities Thrive Challenge - A \$10 million grant program to assist in growing economic opportunity for low income people and communities throughout the county.	Rockefeller Foundation and Chan-Zuckerberg Initiative	\$1,000,000		CASA de Maryland, headquartered in Langley Park was one of ten grantees out of an application pool of over 1,800 throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.
U.S. Department of Justice:	Federal	\$800,000		Improve public safety in Langley Park by identifying crime hotspots and strengthening community police relations.
Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission -Planning Assistance for Municipalities and Communities Program	State	\$50,000		The Northern Gateway CDC received the funding for the SPACES project. The project seeks to improve biking and pedestrian safety, improve connectivity from the neighborhoods to the International Corridor and enhance the public realm.
Prince George’s County DHCD-CDBG - Provide family and child social and educational support services in Langley Park	Federal	\$67, 318		Grants received from FY 15 through FY 17 by CASA de Maryland.
Prince George’s County DHCD-CDBG - Workforce development programs and services for low-income Prince George’s County residents at CASA Prince George’s Welcome Center	Federal	\$137,756		Grants received from FY 15 through FY 19 by CASA de Maryland.

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Prince George's County DHCD-CDBG - Support for small businesses and job creation in Langley Park	Federal	\$200,000		Grants received from FY 15 through FY 17 by CASA de Maryland.

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

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The Sustainable Communities area has struggled with maintaining a quality neighborhood aesthetic. A lack of financial resources is one reason the building stock in some residential and commercial properties in the area has deteriorated. A Code Compliance Loan Program (CLLP) is similar to a commercial façade improvement program, except a CLLP can be extended to include residential and commercial properties. The criteria for the CLLP can also include requirements to maintain the property free of defects and violations, as well as maintaining ownership for a specified amount of time. The scope of work can range from deferred maintenance such as painting, fence repair, or junk removal to more extensive projects such as masonry, roof repair, and other brick and mortar projects. By providing this financial assistance along with the support of community and government resources, the Sustainable Communities area has the opportunity to achieve a reduction in code violations and an improve the community's aesthetic.

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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.

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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.

Sustainable Community Action Plan

Langley Park

Submitted by Prince George's County

3/19/2019

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Environment

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

<u>Strengths</u>	<u>Weaknesses</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHISPA provides local programs are available for residents to make improvements to their property to improve indoor air quality, reduce stormwater runoff, and increase the tree canopy • Proximity to trails, parks, and recreational facilities • Planned extensions and connections to existing paths and trails • Civic and community groups conduct walking audits and area cleanups • Schools and apartment buildings now participate in recycling efforts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While these are much needed educational programs, most residents are renters who are not able to implement these measures on their own property • The trails are often littered with trash which detracts from the health of the trail environment, and deters people from using it

<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.</p> <p>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: Improved conditions of the Northwest Branch/Anacostia Trail</p> <p>Progress Measures: Increase recreational users</p>	<p>Strategy A: Improve the health and environment of the Northwest Branch/Anacostia Trail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand the county’s Clean Up and Green Up program at the Northwest Branch/Anacostia Trail • Expand the county’s tree planting program along the trail <p>Strategy B: Improve trail amenities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for funding for benches, trash receptacles, and landscape maintenance 	<p>Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), Prince George’s County Department of the Environment (DER), Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD), M-NCPPC</p>

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<p>Outcome 3: Increased tree canopy</p> <p>Progress Measures: An increase of 5% toward the county’s total goal of 26% tree canopy</p>	<p>Strategy A: Expand areas available for tree planting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand the county’s tree planting program to include all residential and commercial properties Initiation of urban orchard pilot program to increase the tree canopy as well as provides food, carbon sequestration, and improves stormwater quality 	<p>Prince George’s County Department of the Environment Tree ReLeaf program</p>
<p>Outcome 4: Clean and litter-free public spaces</p> <p>Progress Measures: Fewer complaints reported to CountyClick 311</p>	<p>Strategy A: Expand Clean Up and Green Up activities in all public areas of the Sustainable Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the number of community walks Install trash and recycling receptacles at key locations 	<p>Prince George’s County Health Department, Prince George’s County Department of the Environment, community and civic organizations</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"> The area of MD 193 in Langley Park, known as the International Corridor, for its vibrant multicultural businesses that serve area residents In 2018, Northern Gateway CDC launched a Small Business Assistance Program which provides funding opportunities for business activities and supports business retention during the construction of the Purple Line The Purple Line Corridor Coalition is comprised of area stakeholders to design a comprehensive economic development plan and business preservation strategy Civic institutions such as CASA de Maryland, Prince George’s Community College, and the Prince George’s County Memorial Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The existing corridor is auto-dominated and does not present a safe or pleasant walking or bicycling environment Access to business’ may be impeded during construction of the Purple Line Commercial and retail facades need updating and improvement

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<p>System offer workforce development courses, English as a Second Language (ESL), and Employ Prince George’s ESL-based trades instruction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enterprise and Opportunity Zone designations • Construction jobs are one of the main employment sectors for residents of the Sustainable Communities area, and it is anticipated that more workers will be hired for construction of the Purple Line. 	
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Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Attract and retain a strong business presence to the Northern Gateway and the International Corridor</p> <p>Progress Measures: New businesses, increased spending and revenue</p>	<p>Strategy A: The establishment of a Business Improvement District for the International Corridor</p> <p>Strategy B: Promote local workforce development opportunities to generate entrepreneurship among area residents and future business owners</p>	<p>Northern Gateway CDC, Purple Line Corridor Coalition, (PLCC) Prince George’s County Community College, CASA de Maryland, Maryland Department of Commerce, Prince George’s County Redevelopment Authority, Prince George’s County Economic Development Corporation</p>

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<p>Outcome 2: Commercial areas enhance the public realm</p> <p>Progress Measures: Streetscaping improvements and enhancement to public spaces. Increase in pedestrian traffic.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Implement a wayfinding and signage system throughout the Northern Gateway area</p> <p>Strategy B: Install and maintain hard and soft streetscaping elements (benches, decorative lighting, trash receptables), landscaping, and public art where possible, initially along the International Corridor</p> <p>Strategy C: Expand commercial façade improvement program</p> <p>Strategy D: Use CPTED principles and practices to support a sense of safety</p>	<p>M-NCPPC Community Planning, Northern Gateway CDC, Neighborhood Design Center, Maryland DHCD, Prince George’s Redevelopment Authority, Maryland MDOT/SHA, Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund (MEDAF)</p>
<p>Outcome 3: Increased entrepreneurship, spending, and social activity</p> <p>Progress Measures: Greater community engagement and increased social connectivity</p>	<p>Strategy A: Use creative placemaking tools as one economic development component to revitalize public spaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support temporary pop-up events, such as night-markets, in public spaces to reflect the diversity of local heritage in Langley Park communities and as settings for cultural activities	<p>Northern Gateway CDC, Prince George’s DHCD, Maryland State Arts Council, DPIE, DOE, County Government in general</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"> • The opening of the Takoma Langley Transit Center has introduced nearly 13,000 daily commuters in the Langley Park area to various public transportation options, including 11 bus lines and a Purple Line Station to be opened in 2022. • Two Purple Line Light Rail Stations are to be constructed in the existing Langley Park Sustainable Communities area (Takoma Langley Transit Center & Riggs Road), as well as an additional one in the extended Sustainable Communities area boundary in Adelphi (Adelphi road/West Campus) • Sidewalk infrastructure improvements are consistently being made along public routes and corridors that link resources to residents. • Existing arterial roadways (MD 650 and MD 193) carry the capacity to support multi-modal transit (Bike, Rail, Vehicular) • Crime “hot spots” have been identified by DPW&T along major corridors (Riggs Rd., 14th & 15th Ave., and University Boulevard.) The installation of street lights has been scheduled for 2019-2020. • Bus stop shelter improvements were made along 15th Avenue and Kanewha St. Intersection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No designated bicycle only lane along University Boulevard. • Superblocks encourage pedestrians to cross arterial roadways at non-designated areas. • Lack of bikeshare options in high pedestrian traffic areas especially near new transit center. • Lack of comprehensive parking enforcement • Multiple dead-end streets create poor neighborhood and commercial connectivity to main corridors. • Poor lighting along public trails encourage crime and loitering • Lack of traffic calming measures (i.e. traffic calming, speed bumps) in residential areas.

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures →	Strategies and Action Items →	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Improve connectivity to public transportation & community resources.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Increased public transit usage, increased grant funding</p>	<p>Strategy A: Create wayfinding signage plan along the international corridor and main arteries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place signage along gateways to direct visitors to key institutions and cultural landmarks. • Create historical signage along trails and international corridor 	<p>Department of Housing & Community Development, Maryland Transportation Authority, Prince George’s County, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordinate with DPW&T, MTA, and WMATA to incorporate wayfinding into bus stops and locations <p>Strategy B: Explore and fund improvements to the trail network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop trails to connect low income, high-residential areas to community resources.• Design trail network to avoid interaction with major roadways• Enhance lighting and landscaping along trails <p>Strategy C: Identify additional locations for bike sharing programs in dense residential areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage bike commuting by providing bike lockers and showering facilities at local community centers and the transit hub.	Authority, Northern Gateway CDC, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
<p>Outcome 2: Use complete and green street practices to design, operate, maintain, and retrofit the transportation network in order to improve travel conditions for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders and vulnerable populations.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Fewer pedestrian fatalities, increased non-vehicular presence</p>	<p>Strategy A: Coordinate with DPW & T, MTA, and WMATA to ensure safe and convenient interline and intermodal transfers and access to stations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore roadway improvements along University Boulevard to distinguish bike/pedestrian from vehicular and mass transit• Invest in technology upgrades to modernize and improve transit experience and use <p>Strategy B: Improve pedestrian and non-vehicular safety concurrent to transportation infrastructure improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve sidewalk infrastructure along popular corridors, ensure ADA accessibility is enhanced• Coordinate with WMATA, the Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties’ DPW&T, and the development community to provide unified, well-lit, accessible, attractive, durable, and all-weather bus shelters with benches, trash cans, dual-language route maps and schedules• Create highly visible and effective wayfinding at all bus stops throughout the corridor, with priority along New Hampshire Avenue, University Boulevard, and Riggs Road <p>Strategy C: Apply for funding to enhance streetscape</p>	Department of Housing & Community Development, Maryland Transportation Authority, Prince George’s County, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, Northern Gateway CDC, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify grant opportunities and prepare grant applications. Potential funding may include the Maryland Bikeways Program and MD SHA Sidewalk Retrofit Program <p>Strategy D: Utilize innovative methods to make comprehensive improvements to state, county, and local road improvement plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use new technology to improve pedestrian safety along major transportation corridors	
<p>Outcome 3: Designating area around transit hubs as Transit Oriented Developments.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Increased economy, More uses along main corridors.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Utilize the Transit Oriented Development designation near the two Purple Line station stops as focus for walkable places with mixed-use development and street level pedestrian activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pursue funding for the Strategic Demolition Fund <p>Strategy B: Explore low-density commercial uses and large parking areas as sites for redevelopment near the transit stations and activity nodes.</p>	<p>Department of Housing & Community Development, Maryland Transportation Authority, Maryland Department of Transportation, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission</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"> • An abundance of housing near public transit • Ample supply of market-rate rental housing units 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nearly 70% of the residents in the Sustainable Community area are renters • A majority of the rental housing stock is comprised of multi-family units constructed in the 1950s and 1960s and has not been updated to include new amenities • Housing costs for renters are extremely high; Hispanic families who rent are the most cost-burdened, spending more than 50% of their income on rent • There are few housing types options • Waiting lists for subsidized housing units are closed • Impediments for non-English speaking residents to access subsidized housing

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures →	Strategies and Action Items →	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Increase resources for non-English speaking residents to address building code violations</p> <p>Progress Measures: Decrease the time it takes to address code violations</p>	<p>Strategy A: Work with Prince George’s County Department of Permit, Inspection, and Enforcement (DPIE) to overcome barriers for residents for whom English is not their primary language</p>	<p>CASA de Maryland, Prince George’s County Department of Permit, Inspection, and Enforcement (DPIE)</p>
<p>Outcome 1: Improve access to affordable housing options for non-English literate residents</p> <p>Progress Measures: More non-English literate residents will be able to secure subsidized housing</p>	<p>Strategy A: Develop multi-lingual resources to assist non-English speaking residents in obtaining subsidized housing assistance programs</p>	<p>CASA de Maryland, Prince George’s County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)</p>

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<p>Outcome 3: Prevent the loss of affordable housing units for low-income residents and preserve existing housing opportunities</p> <p>Progress Measures: Increase the amount of available affordable housing options.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Encourage infill development or rehabilitation of blighted properties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with DPIE to create an inventory of buildings in disrepair <p>Strategy B: Fund and implement an affordable housing trust fund, and expend other eligible funding such as HUD HOME, to provide housing rehabilitation and new construction</p>	<p>Prince George’s County Department of Permit, Inspection, and Enforcement (DPIE), CASA de Maryland, Housing Initiative Partnership, Prince George’s County DHCD</p>
<p>Outcome 4: Increase the quality and number of affordable and market rate housing units</p> <p>Progress Measures: More housing options are available to cost burdened households of all income levels</p>	<p>Strategy A: Increase the number of affordable rental housing units that include 3 and 4 bedrooms to accommodate larger families to prevent overcrowding</p> <p>Strategy B: Fund and implement an affordable housing trust fund, and expend other eligible funding such as HUD HOME, to provide housing rehabilitation and new construction</p>	<p>Prince George’s County DHCD, Housing Initiative Partnership of Prince George’s County (HIP), US Housing and Urban Development (HUD)</p>
<p>Outcome 5: Foster homeownership opportunities for residents</p> <p>Progress Measures: An increase of owner-occupied homes in the Sustainable Communities area.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Expand homeownership education and opportunities for down payment assistance to eligible residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Time Homebuyer education and counseling • Maryland Mortgage Program • US HUD Homeownership Voucher Program <p>Strategy B: Expand rehabilitation and new construction of Habitat for Humanity sponsored homes in the Sustainable Community area</p>	<p>CASA de Maryland, Housing Initiative Partnership, Prince George’s County DHCD, Prince George’s County-Metro Maryland Habitat for Humanity</p>

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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">• Langley Park is the largest international community in region, and home to the International Corridor along University Boulevard• Enhancements made to community resource centers (Langley Park Community Center, CASA de Maryland, Multi Services Center, Takoma Langley Transit Center)• Two new libraries are scheduled for construction in the area• Funding is being secured for new International High School, that will have a capacity of 400 students.• PGCMLS has begun lending Kajeet hotspots to households with no internet access, and has invested in licensed electronic products to ensure equitable access to information and instruction such as live tutoring and resume support• The Northern Gateway CDC has helped property owners to identify and apply for resources available for façade improvements.• Langley Park is home to the Adelphi Mill and Storehouse, an 18th century mill located along the Northwest Branch of the Anacostia River. It is the only surviving mill in Prince George’s County• Prince George’s Community College and CASA de Maryland collaborated to provide workforce development services such as vocational training programs, ESL courses, and the Refugee Training Program.• The Mary Center expanded operations at their Adelphi location to incorporate adult medicine, chronic disease control, family planning and prenatal care, HIV prevention, pediatrics, health promotion, nutrition, and behavioral health.• The Northern Gateway CDC, Police Athletic League (PAL), Parks & Recreation (M-NCPPC), the Rollingcrest-Chillum and Langley Park Community Center, Council Member Deni Taveras, and local organizations is sponsors Northern Gateway Soccer Club to build community unity, remove barriers to local youth joining organized sports, build self-esteem, improve public safety, and connect children and families to local community resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of adequate school facilities to address increasing demand• Poor code enforcement and lack of maintenance attribute to a deteriorating housing stock and public dumping of trash.• Public education curriculum does not reflect diverse culture• After school programs only available at some school locations• Few community events to celebrate cultural diversity in area as expressed by the community• Limited access to primary healthcare• Limited social services and amenities for aging population• A lack of bike and pedestrian facilities disconnects neighborhoods

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<p>Outcome 1: Enhance the mix of recreational opportunities that are available for people of all ages</p> <p>Progress Measures: Increased green space, more users of new recreational facilities</p>	<p>Strategy A: Support recreational opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with M-NCPPC Parks and Recreation to create outdoor activities and sports leagues for all age groups • Explore ways to improve resident’s access to recreational opportunities <p>Strategy B: Designate more green space for recreational activities and community use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-locate uses at facilities (i.e. community garden near soccer fields) 	<p>Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Northern Gateway CDC, CASA de Maryland, Prince George’s County</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Enhance cultural identity through awareness</p> <p>Progress Measures: Increased programming or social events aimed at improving cultural awareness</p>	<p>Strategy A: Brand the International Corridor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create wayfinding kiosks with information pertaining to diverse culture • Encourage the continuity of the marketing work group to brand Corridor and Community <p>Strategy B: Support Cultural Events and outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with CASA de Maryland to identify local cultural groups and perform necessary community outreach • Promote events (i.e. heritage days, cultural celebrations, etc.) in local periodicals and at public hotspots 	<p>Northern Gateway CDC, CASA de Maryland, Prince George’s County, Langley Park Civic Association</p>
<p>Outcome 3: Expand access to community health and well-being services</p>	<p>Strategy A: Provide support for a growing elder population</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand English as a Second Language (ESL) services tailored to the age group • Coordinate special public transit services 	<p>Northern Gateway CDC, CASA de Maryland, Prince George’s County, Mary’ Center, Prince George’s County Department of Aging, Prince George’s County</p>

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<p>Progress Measures: Improved community health and education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with CASA de Maryland and Mary’s Center to perform outreach to promote available health resources • Extend after school programs and tutoring to local community centers and neighborhood support centers <p>Strategy B: Expand youth development programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate transportation from public schools to after school programs throughout the Sustainable Communities area. 	<p>Memorial Library System, Prince George’s County Board of Education</p>
<p>Outcome 4: Improve Neighborhood Aesthetics</p> <p>Progress Measures: Reduce the number of code enforcement violations</p>	<p>Strategy A: Examine code enforcement strategies in high residential areas and troubled areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with DPIE to create strategies and tactics to combat code violations and outreach • Continue to promote commercial façade improvement programs • Coordinate bulk pick up services and other trash service with Department of Environment <p>Strategy B: Promote Neighborhood improvement funds, incentives, and activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore having reoccurring neighborhood clean ups • Solicit local businesses to adopt a lot or roadway • Create a Code Compliance Loan Program to aid low-income single-family households 	<p>Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement, Langley Park Civic Association, Northern Gateway CDC, DoE</p>
<p>Outcome 5: Improve access to healthy foods for community residents</p> <p>Progress Measures: Establishment of gardens, participation by residents and schools</p>	<p>Strategy A: Initiate a community gardening program at existing civic institutions and parks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify suitable co-located lots for gardening opportunities • Establish a Farm to School program to bring local foods into school cafeterias, and school gardening • Initiate a pilot urban orchard 	<p>Prince George’s County Health Department, Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), Prince George’s County Department of the Environment Arbor Day Every Day program, M-NCPPC</p>

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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 approval of the Prince George’s County General Plan (Plan 2035) in 2014 • The approval of new zoning ordinance by the District Council in 2018 • Opportunity for the redevelopment of older commercial areas and residential communities • The three Purple Line transit stations now under construction in or adjacent to the Sustainable Communities area • Housing mix of lower density single-family, and medium to high-density multifamily residential types • Concentration of commercial development at major intersections of New Hampshire Avenue and University Boulevard and at New Hampshire Avenue and Riggs Road • Existence of protected environmentally sensitive land in the Reserved Open Space (R-O-S) Zone, recreational and other institutional land uses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential neighborhoods suffer from a lack of diversity in modern housing stock, with older garden apartments built in the 1960s being the dominant unit type and minimal visual distinction between various complexes • The 2009 Approved Takoma Langley Sector Plan and the 1989 Approved Master Plan for Langley Park-College Park-Greenbelt and Vicinity need updating to reflect current vision and reality • Poor connectivity and pedestrian access to local shopping centers and retailers. Connectivity is difficult due to high traffic volume and speeds along major transportation facilities. Major streets are difficult to cross, especially during peak hours, due to traffic volumes and limited pedestrian facilities.

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures →	Strategies and Action Items →	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Concentrate future infill development in targeted areas contained in Plan 2035 and 2009 Takoma/Langley Crossroads Sector Plan.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Document infill development and redevelopment in terms of residential units, commercial and office square footage added to the area.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Support the County Map Amendment that places the new zoning tools on properties</p> <p>Strategy B: Promote and incentivize mixed-use infill development in shopping centers taking advantage of the under-utilized parking lots</p> <p>Strategy C: Promote mixed-use development with increased residential density in the vicinity of Purple Line stations</p> <p>Strategy D: Encourage land consolidation to form a critical mass for redevelopment</p>	<p>Prince George’s County Planning Department, Prince George’s County Economic Development Corporation (EDC), Redevelopment Authority (RA) Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), Revenue Authority, CASA de Maryland, Northern Gateway CDC</p>

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<p>Outcome 2: Protect and preserve existing stable residential neighborhoods</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of code citations and violation; and vacancy and foreclosure rate• Yearly comparative real estate data and analysis	<p>Strategy A: Develop a unique neighborhood identity and sense of place through branding, signage, neighborhood association etc.</p> <p>Strategy B: Embark on aggressive code inspection and property improvement and maintenance</p> <p>Strategy C: Educate property owners about property improvement guidelines, available resources, low interest loans etc.</p>	<p>Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE), Prince George's County DHCD, Redevelopment Authority (RA), CASA de Maryland, Northern Gateway CDC, Prince George's County Planning Department,</p>
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SIGNATURE LETTER

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

I also confirm that 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

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Type Title *for Economic Development*

03-14-2019
Date

