

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION RENEWAL

Eligible Applicants:

*Local Governments with a Sustainable Communities
Designation*

*Local Government Consortiums with a Sustainable
Communities Designation*

Application must be submitted
on or before the expiration date of
Sustainable Communities designation.

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Overview of Sustainable Communities

The Sustainable Communities Act of 2010 established a framework for reinvestment and revitalization of Maryland's existing communities creating a single, locally designated geographic focus area. Since that time the "Sustainable Communities" designation has provided an efficient means of targeting scarce public and private resources for multiple State agency investments and prioritizations.

Purpose or Renewal and Streamlined Application

The Sustainable Communities (SC) designation must be renewed every five years. This renewal application provides an opportunity for local governments to update their existing SC action plan and report on the accomplishments made over the past five years. Through the renewal process, local governments can request additional technical assistance and highlight any areas from the original action plan for which progress must still be made.

Application Eligibility and Threshold Requirements

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

Eligible applicants are to reconvene their **Sustainable Communities Workgroup** to discuss the accomplishments and challenges of their Sustainable Community Action Plans in addition to any update they may like to make to the Action Plan. The applicant may choose to select new members to participate in the Workgroup. The purpose of this workgroup is to continue and reinforce working relationships and collaborations among local governmental departments and better align community development priorities and strategies. In addition, this is an opportunity to assess if the Workgroup would like technical assistance from State government agencies to implement certain action items or develop strategies to address local challenges.

Threshold Requirements

All Sustainable Community applications must meet the following threshold requirements:

- 1) Sustainable Community Area boundaries must be entirely within a Priority Funding Area (PFA) and should be an area in need of renewal and reinvestment that would benefit from a targeted long-term strategy. Applicants can verify Priority Funding Area boundaries by visiting the MDP website at: <http://www.mdp.state.md.us/OurProducts/pfamap.shtml>
- 2) The proposed Sustainable Community is within or near a town center or transportation center, or there is a need for financing assistance for small businesses, nonprofit organizations or microenterprises;
- 3) The updated Plan must be consistent with other existing community or comprehensive plans;
- 4) A Sustainable Communities Workgroup is re-convened and a roster of members should be provided with the application.

Applications that do not meet these threshold requirements will not be considered.

Application Submission and Evaluation

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

The first page of the electronic application is the Table of Contents. This should also serve as a checklist and be used to provide corresponding tabs.

Please submit all materials (application, maps, pictures, and/or shapefiles) via email to the Sustainable Communities project management team.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Deliver Sustainable Community Applications via email:

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Site Visits, Follow-up, and Technical Assistance

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

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

During the application review process, the review team may make site visits and/or hold meetings with applicants. In addition, applicants may be contacted by the Department for follow-up discussions prior to awards.

Approval

Approval of applications will be made by the Governor's Smart Growth Coordinating Committee on the recommendation of an inter-agency review team. The review team is coordinated by the Department of

Housing and Community Development. The Governor’s Smart Growth Coordinating Committee can defer the approval of a Sustainable Communities renewal to the Governor’s Smart Growth Subcabinet.

All questions related to the application, please contact Carter Reitman at 410-209-5849 or by email at carter.reitman@maryland.gov or your regional project manager, found at this link: <https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Documents/SRP/PM-Map-ContactInfo.pdf>

RENEWAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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

A. Contact information, General Information, Organizational Capacity:

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

B. Report on accomplishments over past five years:

The report is an opportunity to reflect on any accomplishments achieved in the Sustainable Community area. It is a tool used to evaluate if the SC applicant achieved its intended outcomes and identify what state resources were used, if any, to achieve those outcomes. Renewal applicants are encouraged to discuss how priorities, actions, and objectives were or were not achieved across the Sustainable Communities plan elements, including how any of the elements may have interrelated during the five initial years of SC designation.

C. Sustainable Communities Action Plan Update:

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

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN ELEMENTS

The table below provides a description of each subject area/element of the Sustainable Communities Action Plan. Included are examples of common strengths and weaknesses within each subject area and the types of projects that might be implemented to address said strengths and weaknesses.

ENVIRONMENT: Describes projects involving the natural environment, our use of natural resources, and our relationships to the natural environment.

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

ECONOMY: Describes projects centered on economic growth and management.

This category includes projects focusing on (but not limited to): business attraction & retention; improving and maintaining the health of business districts, downtowns, and main streets; commercial vacancy reduction; workforce attraction and retention; employment/job training; marketing, branding, and tourism; improving or creating economic impact of cultural and historic assets; providing technical and financial assistance to businesses; commercial building acquisition, rehabilitation and/or adaptive re-use; and creating a sense of place and vibrancy through streetscaping and beautification.

TRANSPORTATION: Describes projects involving the way people in your community get from place to place.

This category includes projects focusing on (but not limited to): access to transit corridors; pedestrian safety and accessibility; sidewalks; alternative modes of transportation, such as bikeways and trails; public transit, such as bus and rail; carpooling; proximity to transportation centers; parking; and road conditions.

HOUSING: Describes projects involving the homes in which people in your community live and which make it easier for them to find and stay in a place to call home.

This category includes projects focusing on (but not limited to): affordability; increasing homeownership; increasing rental housing; diversifying the kinds of housing available; improving housing conditions (interior or exterior); housing programs; aging in place; preventing foreclosures; and reducing residential vacancies.

COMMUNITY HEALTH & QUALITY OF LIFE: Describes projects concerned with public health, community culture, and the day-to-day life of community residents.

This category includes projects focusing on (but not limited to): improvement of public safety and the reduction of crime; libraries; educational facilities and programs; health and wellness facilities and programs; senior facilities and programs; youth facilities and programs; facilities and programs for the disabled; civic amenities, access to quality food options; collaborations with faith-based organizations; arts and entertainment education; and homelessness prevention, services, and facilities.

LOCAL PLANNING & STAFFING CAPACITY: Describes projects concerned with a local government's ability to plan for the community's future and to meet the current needs of residents.

This category includes projects focusing on (but not limited to): updating zoning ordinances or land use; updating municipal/local policies, taxes, fees, etc.; increasing local government staff capacity; and updating planning documents like sector plans or comprehensive plans.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN UPDATE

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

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

Action Plan Guidance

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

Example:

Strength - Good sidewalk connectivity

Weakness - Insufficient bicycle infrastructure

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

Example:

Outcome - Expand fiber optic broadband Internet connections in Town

Progress Measure - Linear measurement of broadband fiber laid

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

Example:

Strategy A - Increase number of Town sponsored events

Action A - Organize a workgroup tasked with planning weekend events

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

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

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Example:

Partner 1 - DHCD (Community Legacy program)

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

CHECKLIST AND TABLE OF CONTENTS

APPLICANT: Baltimore County Department of Planning

NAME OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY: Pikesville

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

- ☐ **Section A - Sustainable Community Renewal Applicant Information**
 - [Applicant Information](#)
- ☐ **Section B – Sustainable Community Renewal Report (Projects, Strategies and Partners)**
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- ☐ **Section C – Sustainable Community Renewal Action Plan Update (Matrix)**
 - [Action Plan](#)
- ☐ **Section D – Sustainable Communities Workgroup Roster**
- ☐ **Section E – Signature Letter (acknowledging Disclosure Authorization and Certification)**
 - [Disclosure Authorization](#)
- ☐ **Section F – Additional Files:** The following contents should be included:
 - If requesting a boundary modification, map in pdf format and a GIS shapefile of the proposed Sustainable Community boundary
 - Photos (jpeg format) of your aforementioned accomplished projects of the last five years

SECTION A - SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY RENEWAL APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Sustainable Community:		Pikesville	
Name of Applicant:		Baltimore County Department of Planning	
Applicant's Federal Identification Number:		52-6000889	
Applicant's Street Address:		105 W. Chesapeake Avenue	
City: Towson	County: Baltimore	State: MD	Zip Code: 21204
Phone Number: 410-887-3480	Fax Number: 410-887-5862	Web Address: https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/	

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Other Sustainable Community Contacts:

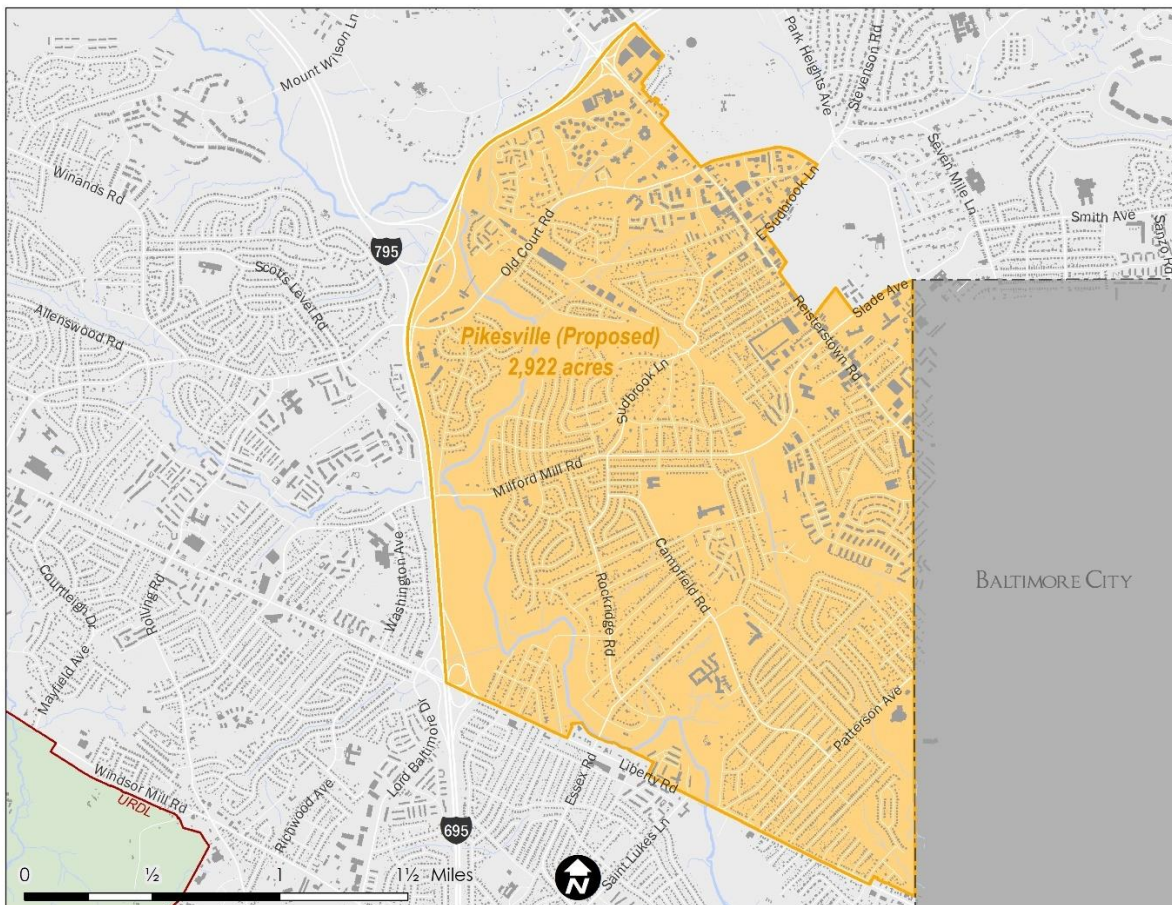
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(1) Sustainable Community Boundary and Description

- (1) Are you requesting any changes to your Sustainable Community boundary? Why or why not? If you are requesting an expansion of your boundary, identify at least one outcome in your Action Plan that would serve the expanded area and at least one State benefit that would support achievement of that outcome (e.g., Community Legacy grants, Safe Routes to School, etc.)

Currently, Pikesville is included in the Northwest Gateways (NWGs) Sustainable Community Designation, which also includes Randallstown and Woodlawn. During this renewal phase, Baltimore County is requesting to expand the Randallstown and Woodlawn portions of the Northwest Gateways designation, making the Pikesville area a small portion of the larger designation and more of an outlier based on its physical location and community demographics. Baltimore County is requesting that the NWGs Sustainable Community Designation be split to make Pikesville its own Sustainable Community. The workgroup convened to provide feedback on this plan is in support of the designation split. Our office also reached out to the State, which was broadly supportive of our decision given our ability to justify the designation split. The Department of Planning recognizes the varying needs between the Pikesville and Randallstown/Woodlawn communities and feels that separate plans will better serve them moving forward with their sustainable growth goals.

- (2) If yes, Include the following in as an attachment:
a. PDF or JPEG of modified Sustainable Communities boundary map.



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- b. GIS shapefiles of modified Sustainable Community boundary (mapped to the parcel boundary).

Attached to the email submission.

(3) Approximate number of acres of entire SC Area: ____2,922 acres____

(4) Existing federal, state or local designations:

- ☐ Main Street X National Register Historic District X Local Historic District
☐ Arts & Entertainment District ☐ State Enterprise Zone Special Taxing District ☐ BRAC
☐ State Designated TOD X Other(s): Commercial Revitalization District, Design review Panel Area

(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?

Data Category	2018	2022	Change
<i>Population</i>			
Total Estimated	21,662	21,275	-387
Male Population	9,782	9,920	+138
Female Population	11,880	11,355	-525
Est. Population age 24 and younger	5,652	5,371	-281
Est. Population age 65 and over	4,879	4,898	+19
Median Age	44.9	-	-
<i>Race and Ethnicity</i>			
Hispanic / Latino Population (of any race)	1,450	1,634	+184
White	6,449	5,784	-665
Black/African-American	12,839	12,529	-310
Asian	439	387	-52
American Indian / Alaska Native	22	73	+51
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Multi-Race (Two or More Races)	375	743	+368
Other Race	88	125	+37
<i>Housing</i>			
Total Housing Units	9,096	9,484	+388
Vacant Housing Units	530	622	+92
Occupied Housing Units	8,566	8,851	+285

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Occupancy - Owner Occupied	5,788	5,990	+202
Occupancy - Renter Occupied	2,778	2,861	+83
Educational Attainment			
Age 25 and Over; High School Diploma/Equivalency or Higher	14885 (93%)	14590 (91.7%)	-1.3%
Age 25 and Over; Bachelor's Degree or Higher	6477 (40.5%)	6037 (38%)	-2.5
Income			
Median Household Income	\$71,400	\$77,100	+\$5,700

(2) Organizational Structure, Experience and Public Input:

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

The Baltimore County Department of Planning will continue to assume the lead responsibility for preparing Sustainable Community applications and for creating and implementing Sustainable Community Action Plans. The workgroup organizational structure has remained consistent with years past. The official Pikesville Workgroup for this renewal process included the following representatives:

- Beth Rheingold; Greater Baltimore Chamber of Commerce and Pikesville Downtown Partnership
- Kristin Zeminski; Pikesville Armory Foundation, Colonial Village Neighborhood Improvement Association, and Pikesville Downtown Partnership
- Tom Fekete; Pikesville Improvement Corporation
- Maryann Moulden-Ferguson; Pahl's Crossing HOA
- Michael Dennis; Pikesville Resident
- Deb Patterson; Pikesville Communities Corporation
- Larry Shugam; Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI), Pikesville Downtown Partnership
- Sheila Lewis; Villa Nova Community Association
- Marsha Seabold; Pine Ridge Association
- Maria Abreu; Pikesville Armory Foundation

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Relevant County agency representatives and other State and Countywide organizations were invited to attend workgroup meetings depending on what area topics were discussed. These representatives include:

- Al Eilbacher; Baltimore County Public Schools
- Tabia Gamble; Maryland Transit Authority
- Captain Andrea Bylen; Baltimore County Police Department
- Major Richard Hearn; Baltimore County Police Department
- Barbara Johnson; Blue Water Baltimore
- Michael Mayes; Maryland State Police Museum
- Rennard Brown; Baltimore County Department of Economic Workforce Development
- Erica Crouch; Baltimore County Office of Community Engagement
- Robert Hirsch; Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability
- Haley Amini; Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability
- Wynter Adams; Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability
- Cameron Bechmann; Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability
- Erin Watts; Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability
- Deborah Price; Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability
- Mitchell Phillips; Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability
- Jessie Bialek; Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability
- Nicholas Rodricks; Baltimore County Department of Public Works and Transportation
- Marina Goldgisser; Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks
- Adam Whitlock; Baltimore County Code Enforcement
- Greg Strella; Baltimore County Office of Sustainability
- Milana Vayner; Baltimore County Department of Housing and Community Development
- Marcia Williams; Baltimore County Department of Housing and Community Development
- Shakima Davey; Baltimore County Health and Human Services
- Jamaal Moses; Baltimore County Health and Human Services
- Rosemary Burrell; Baltimore County Health and Human Services
- Caitlin Merritt; Baltimore County Dept of Planning, Historic Preservation
- Giuliana Valencia-Banks; Baltimore County New Americans Task Force
- Beth Denaburg; Department of Public Works and Transportation Community Outreach

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

The workgroup staff are highly experienced in community planning, community development, community revitalization, community outreach, and public relations. The workgroup is very active in addressing issues they find most important, and is committed to help implement the goals of the Sustainable Communities plan. The workgroup staff includes representatives of community organizations that have been successful in implementing goals from the previous Northwest Gateways Action Plan and have strategies moving forward on how they will work to implement the goals and outcomes of the new 2025 Pikesville Action Plan. One of the challenges the Workgroup faces is that some members, and some of the highly participatory community members, are not directly involved in a community organization that could be directly eligible to receive and utilize funds from various grant or loan programs that could be helpful in completed Action Plan goals. As a result, the existing higher capacity community groups and nonprofits within the area are the only organizations that have the ability to complete several of the Action Plan Goals.

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

During this Renewal Application process, the Baltimore County Department of Planning led an extensive public engagement process to ensure the community could provide as much input as possible. The County held a series of public meetings to collect input. On June 13, 2024, the Department of Planning conducted a kickoff meeting to introduce the project and the process to the public. Following that, there was an open house held at Sudbrook Magnet Middle School on July 11, 2024 and two virtual focus group meetings in early August, where the Workgroup, relevant Baltimore County Agency representatives, and interested community members, were invited to attend and discuss each of the six action plan topics. These were primarily formatted as open discussions led by the Baltimore County Department of Planning, where attendees could discuss strengths, weaknesses, and potential outcomes or action steps for each of the six topics. The Department of Planning also met individually with the key nonprofits in the area to discuss their major accomplishments, goals, their vision for the area, and their role in implementing the Action Plan.

The Action Plan update is based on community needs heard during the public engagement process, the previous 2020 Northwest Gateways Action Plan, existing County plans for projects to take place in the next five years, and existing initiatives being conducted, or soon to be conducted, by local organizations. Action Plan outcomes and strategies are consistent with County initiatives and goals, and with the existing adopted community plans that cover the Pikesville SC area including:

- Master Plan 2030 (2024)
- Pikesville Revitalization Action Plan (2021)
- Western Baltimore County Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Plan (2012)
- Ralston Community Plan (1998)
- Sudbrook Park Community Plan (1999)

- (6) Would you like any technical assistance from State agencies to help expand the capacity of your SC Workgroup or implement your SC plan? Please describe with which revitalization strategies you would like assistance.

The community needs assistance from State Highway Administration to navigate rules and regulations regarding streetscaping and public art modifications on a state highway. State roads such as Reisterstown Road could use revitalization that will increase the overall appearance of the community and will help in creating a better sense of place. Preparing community organizations for grant readiness would also be beneficial assistance, such as preparation workshops for State Revitalization Programs.

SECTION B - SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY RENEWAL REPORT

PART I: QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT

Purpose:

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

In relation to the goals stated in your local government's Sustainable Community Action Plan, **please highlight at least three major accomplishments from the last five years**, including how you achieved them. **When writing your narrative, consider the questions below and refer to the six elements discussed in the General Information section of this document (page iv) – Environment, Economy, Transportation, Housing, Quality of Life, and Land Use/Local Planning.**

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

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

Example – Accomplishment 1

Outcome: Improved stormwater management

Projects:

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

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

Partners:

Chesapeake Bay Trust – provided technical assistance

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

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

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

Accomplishment 1:

Outcome: Create a sense of place for Liberty Road, Pikesville and Woodlawn CRDs.

Projects: After the adoption of the 2021 Pikesville Revitalization Action Plan, the Pikesville Revitalization Action Plan Committee (PRAPC) was formed in 2022 and charged with implementing the revitalization strategies outlined in the plan. The county budgeted \$225,000 in FY22 for streetscaping and \$100,000 in FY23 for capital projects to revitalize Pikesville. In 2024 those funds were utilized to secure a Placemaking Consultant who is actively working with the Greater Baltimore Chamber of Commerce on placemaking strategies. Beginning in 2025, revitalization efforts will be led by the Pikesville Downtown Partnership.

Impact: The county-allotted funds have been used for revitalization projects such as new trash cans, a newly created public mural, and securing a Placemaking Consultant. Working closely with the Chamber and other local stakeholders, the Placemaking Consultant is building on these efforts to help foster a sense of place in Pikesville through new branding and innovative recommendations that will create a strong identity specific to the Pikesville area.



Placemaking Workshop held at Pikesville Volunteer Fire Department, 11/20/2024



ZIPs Mural, Pikesville's first publicly funded mural, 2024

Accomplishment 2:

Outcome: Increased tree canopy in the SC area.

Projects: Tree Equity plantings / Street Tree replacement plantings / Baltimore County Tree Giveaway / Reforestation plantings / Associations plantings

A total of 450 trees have been planted in the Pikesville SC area. 324 were planted by the County and 126 were planted by County funded partners. These trees are the result of a combination of ongoing projects such as Baltimore County's Operation ReTree tree equity project, Street Tree Replacement program, the Baltimore County tree giveaway, reforestation plantings, and watershed association plantings.

Partners: Blue Water Baltimore, Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, The Chesapeake Bay Trust

Impact: These planting programs aim to increase the canopy in the Pikesville area to create shade for pedestrians, cars, homes, and businesses as well as generate clean air and a comfortable atmosphere. The presence of trees also helps reduce the risk of flooding. While these trees are still young and have not had a major impact on the overall canopy of the area, they have provided an elevated quality of life by providing shade, clean air, and aesthetic streetscapes.

Accomplishment 3:

Outcome: Evaluate the relocation of the Pikesville Senior Center and the redevelopment of the Pikesville Armory.

Projects: Pikesville Armory Transformation - The 120-year-old Pikesville Armory is being repurposed with a \$95 million dollar investment. This four-year project has broken ground following a coordinated effort from community, state and local leaders with the first construction phase started in April 2024, following the Pikesville Armory Foundation's purchase in 2023. At completion, the 14-acre facility will support the entire community and BCPS students with a CTE program in culinary arts and restaurant management, two full-size soccer and lacrosse fields, indoor and outdoor rec, a restaurant and a cafe. Additionally, the venue will support walking trails, public art, a makerspace, community events, job creation incubation programs, artist studios, and multiple rehearsal and performance spaces.

Partners: The Pikesville Armory Foundation (via the Commission on the Future of the Pikesville Armory) - current site owners. MD Board of Public Works (approval of property ownership transfer). Community organizations (The Greater Pikesville Recreation Council; the Greater Baltimore Chamber of Commerce; the Veterans of the Pikesville Military Reservation; 1000 Friends of Pikesville, Inc., and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Baltimore). Seawall Development and Onyx Development (development partners). Maryland Historic Trust (historic preservation easement). Ziger/Snead Architects (lead architect) Unknown Studio (landscape architect).

Impact: Following an initial \$15 million dollar investment from federal, state and local sources, the first stage of the project (NCO Club repurpose) is scheduled to complete in 2025, with the full project expected to complete in 2028, debt free. The space currently houses free summertime concerts, providing economic benefit to food truck and related vendors, an elevated quality of life to community members, and helps foster a sense of place in Pikesville.



2024 Summer Jazz Concert Series on the Armory campus



2024 Taste of Northwest Baltimore Event on the Armory campus

Accomplishment 4:

Outcome: The preservation of affordable housing.

Projects: Prescott Square Apartments (4400 Old Court Rd, Pikesville, MD 21208) – Baltimore County provided \$5M in gap financing to allow an experienced affordable housing developer to purchase an existing property which includes naturally occurring affordable housing. The acquisition will preserve 70 of the 75 total units as affordable for families at or below 60% AMI. A series of renovations will also be made to existing units and common spaces to provide upgrades and additional amenities. 28 of the two-bedroom units will be converted to three-bedroom units, and four units will be made UFAS compliant (accessible to individuals with disabilities).

Partners: Osprey Property Companies; MD DHCD

Impact: 70 units are now preserved as affordable. This protects affordability at an existing naturally occurring affordable site, prohibiting rent increases that could push out current families and further exacerbate the existing housing crisis. The acquisition also upgrades an aging complex and creates much needed units for families which need housing with three-bedrooms and families who require accessible features.

Accomplishment 5:

Outcome: Preserve additional parklands, and provide additional strategically situated parks and recreational facilities.

Projects: 1) Church Lane Park Site Acquisition. A 4-acre property on Church Lane in Pikesville was acquired in 2020 to serve as a neighborhood park. The site has since been renamed the Meadow Creek Park Site, with a key feature of the property being a creek that bisects the park. Construction of a new neighborhood park is underway, with facilities and amenities including a path network with various surface types, natural playground, plaza, pavilion and seating wall, and substantial planting, landscaping, and natural areas such as pollinator gardens and meadows. Funding assistance for both the acquisition and park development project was provided through Maryland Program Open Space.

2) Bedford Road Park Site acquisition. The site was purchased by Baltimore County Recreation and Parks on November 24, 2021 using a Program Open Space grant. There is currently \$1,750,000 budgeted for park design and construction, with design expected to be initiated in 2025.

Partners: Baltimore County Recreation and Parks, Maryland Department of Natural Resources (funding administrators for Program Open Space), Baltimore County's State Legislative Delegation

Impact: Pikesville is severely lacking in public open green space. These projects are a step forward in preserving additional parklands and providing expanded recreational opportunities of varying types for the community.



Meadow Creek Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 10/15/2024

Accomplishment 6:

Outcomes: Improve pedestrian safety in the area.

Projects: A Pikesville Pedestrian Study was completed in the spring of 2022. The study assesses pedestrian conditions and develops designs to accommodate walkers, drivers and cyclists. Recommendations have been categorized into short-, medium-, and long-term solutions.

Partners: Baltimore County Department of Public Works and Transportation, Wallace and Montgomery (Consultant)

Impact: The installation of sidewalks, upgraded ramps and Accessible Pedestrian Signals upgrades, and traffic calming measures.

Accomplishment 7:

Outcomes: Address property maintenance issues to maintain and improve the standards of communities in the area.

Projects: In November 2023, Baltimore County released a new data portal displaying vacant properties in Baltimore County, expanding the administration's ongoing efforts to increase government transparency. New legislation was passed to create the county's first-ever process to designate properties as "vacant" Under Baltimore County's new Vacant Structures law.

Partners: Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspections

Impact: The Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections can now identify vacant structures and maintain an ongoing inventory of these buildings. The legislation authorizes the department to verify that the structure complies with all applicable laws and is not detrimental to the public health, safety, or a hazard to police officers or firefighters entering the structure in an emergency. This portal is updated in accordance with the County's 911 system, providing a warning for first responders on potential property hazards they could face when responding to emergency calls. Today, there are nearly 500 properties listed on the portal. The new dashboard is a great way to share important data with residents and first responders.

Accomplishment 8:

Outcome: Evaluate the relocation of the Pikesville Senior Center and the redevelopment of the Pikesville Armory.

Projects: In December 2024, Baltimore County and the community-led Pikesville Armory Foundation (PAF) announced a partnership agreement to build a state-of-the-art senior center and indoor and outdoor recreation facilities at the historic Pikesville Armory campus. The County's Department of Aging will operate a 25,000-square-foot state-of-the-art Senior Center that will include classrooms, exercise facilities, a woodshop, meeting spaces, and other expanded services. The Department of Recreation and Parks will manage the more than 250,000 square feet of outdoor recreation space that includes two full size sports fields, a walking path, three "destination playgrounds" appropriate for ages 2 and up, a pavilion, and restrooms. Indoors, the Department will operate 30,000 square feet of multisport courts for basketball, pickleball, and other uses. Baltimore County will commit to investing \$9.5 million over the next several years to support the planning, design, and construction of these facilities at the Armory. Ground is to break in 2026.

Partners: Baltimore County Department of Aging, Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks, Pikesville Armory Foundation

Impact: The new Senior Center will provide modern amenities and expanded services that promote healthy aging, social engagement, and lifelong learning. Access to classrooms, exercise facilities, and meeting spaces will support wellness, skill development, and social interaction among older adults, reducing isolation and enhancing their overall quality of life. The enhanced recreational facilities will create year-round opportunities for recreational activities for people of all ages. The facilities will attract visitors and users from neighboring areas, boost local businesses, and make Pikesville a regional destination.

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: Improve pedestrian safety in the area (specifically Reisterstown Road).

Narrative: Reisterstown Road remains unfriendly to pedestrians and no improvements have been made to improve pedestrian access and walkability within the area. However, in 2023, the Baltimore County Department of Public Works and Transportation unveiled the first Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, which will hopefully bring pedestrian and connectivity improvements to the area in the future.

Outcome: Monitor and improve parking issues in the Pikesville CRD.

Narrative: A Commercial District Parking Study was completed by the Baltimore County Department of Planning in 2021 which outlines some of the parking related issues in the Pikesville Commercial District. It also recommends some strategies to improve these issues, similar to the strategies listed in the 2020 Northwest Gateways Sustainable Community Action Plan, none of which have been implemented or explored.

Part II: Competitive Funding

Use the rows below to list awards for sustainability or revitalization projects your community has received through the Sustainable Communities designation. Add rows as necessary.	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"> • • • 	DHCD			
Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative (BRNI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive Housing Assistance Inc. 	DHCD	\$400,000 (FY22), \$200,000 (FY23), \$200,000 (FY24)		Applied for on behalf of the Pikesville Armory Foundation
Strategic Demolition Fund (SDF): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • 	DHCD			
Maryland Facade Improvement Program (MFIP)	DHCD			
Operating Assistance Grant (OAG)	DHCD			
National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund (NED)	DHCD			

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Safe Routes to School:	MDOT			
Bikeways Network Program:	MDOT			
Sidewalk Retrofit Program:	MDOT			
Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund:	MDE			
<p>Other Funding Programs: <i>examples are U.S. HUD Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), or grants from USDA, EPA, Appalachian Regional Commission, Chesapeake Bay Trust, Maryland Heritage Areas Association, Preservation Maryland, Safe Routes to School, Maryland Rural Development Corporation, Maryland Energy Administration, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, etc.</i></p> <p>*Please add more rows if necessary</p>				
Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant	Chesapeake Bay Trust	\$185,090		
Pikesville Armory	Federal, State, and Baltimore County	\$15,000,000		Initial investment from federal, state and local sources, to commence the first stage of the Pikesville Armory Project (NCO Club repurpose), and is

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				scheduled to complete in 2025
Homeless Solutions Program (HSP)	State	\$617K (SFY19)* increased to \$892K (SFY24)* *County-wide.		The increased funding from the state has allowed us to sustain essential homeless programming that is not sufficiently funded by federal sources, such as shelters, short-term rental assistance and prevention.
HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) funding	Federal	\$1.382 mill (FFY19)* increased to \$3.280 mill (FFY23)* *County-wide		
Emergency Solution Grant (ESG)	Federal	\$322K (FFY18)* increased to \$385K (FFY24)* *County-wide		This increase is not sufficient to fund the programs necessary, so we use County and state funds to supplement.
Maryland Program Open Space (POS)	Church Lane Park Site Acquisition and Subsequent Park Development Grants	\$882,000		Two POS grants—one for acquisition, one for park development
Maryland Program Open Space (POS)	Bedford Road Park Site Acquisition	\$962,330		

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Commercial Revitalization Action Grant	Baltimore County	\$20,000(FY24) \$20,000(FY23) \$10,000(FY22) \$30,000(FY21) \$9,998.74(FY20)		Greater Baltimore Chamber of Commerce
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COMPETITIVE FUNDING: Are there any types of projects/needs for which your Sustainable Community needs funding; however, there isn't a funding source?

SECTION C - SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACTION PLAN

[Pikesville]

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Example Section

<u>Strengths</u>	<u>Weaknesses</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insert bulleted list of strengths (provide some detail as to why and how this is a strength in your community) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insert bulleted list of weaknesses (provide some detail as to why and how this is a weakness in your community)

<u>Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures</u> Outcomes should be considered end results of actions and strategies. Based on the strengths and weaknesses, identify the strengths on which you would like to build and the challenges you would like to address. Progress Measure: What will you use to measure success toward outcome? Is it quantifiable or qualifiable?	<u>Strategies and Action Items</u> 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.	<u>Implementation Partners</u> Which community stakeholders need to be involved to realize each action step and strategy? Name specific public and/or private sector partners.
<p>Example Outcome 1: Code violations and complaints are reduced in the Sustainable Community residential areas.</p> <p>Example Progress Measures: Code violations reduced by 25% in Sustainable Community residential areas</p>	<p>Example Strategy A: Review and revise, as needed, code compliance program to reduce frequency and number of residential code violations.</p> <p>Example Action 1: Complete analysis of code violations over the past five years to determine areas, both geographically and topically, for which code violations are most frequent.</p> <p>Example Action 2: Conduct outreach program to determine barriers to code compliance.</p> <p>Example Action 3: Analyze code compliance program for potential inefficiencies and opportunities for proactive engagement.</p> <p>Example Action 4: Pursue façade improvement funding to assist low-income homeowners overcome barriers to code compliance.</p>	<p>Maryland Department of Planning, Maryland Department of Housing, County Planning Department, local homeowners' association</p>

Environment

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

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

<u>Strengths</u>	<u>Weaknesses</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SC Area falls within the Gwynns Falls watershed. Within this watershed, a Small Watershed Action Plan (SWAP), Middle Gwynns Falls was developed to assess water resources, quality influencers, and opportunities for restoration within the area of interest. • Ample green space in the Villa Nova area • Multiple neighborhoods identified in the SWAPs have opportunity for environmental restoration actions such as bayscaping, downspout redirection, and fertilizer reduction • Two watershed associations are active in the SCA, Blue Water Baltimore and Patapsco Heritage Greenway, which can be beneficial for SWAP implementation and community involvement in environmental initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gwynns Falls currently experiences or contributes to the following local water quality impairments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Water contact recreation: bacteria (it may be unsafe to swim or enjoy water contact sports in several of the streams in these watersheds due to bacterial contamination) ○ Aquatic life and wildlife: sediment, chloride, temperature, nutrients (Baltimore Harbor), trash (Baltimore Harbor) • Persistent litter issues • It is unsafe to swim or enjoy water contact sports in several of the streams in the Gwynns Falls watershed due to bacterial contamination • The Pikesville community is largely lacking in parklands and recreational facilities other than those situated at public school recreation centers

<u>Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures</u>	<u>Strategies and Action Items</u>	<u>Implementation Partners</u>
<p>Outcome 1: Increase the use of renewable energy sources in the SC area</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Number of charging ports, number of DC Fast Chargers, and number of Level II chargers B. Number of solar projects installed 	<p>Strategy A: Install electric vehicle charging infrastructure to support the EV transition of the County fleet and public charging.</p> <p>Strategy B: Support the Pikesville Armory Foundation in utilizing renewable energy sources on the Armory campus such as EV charging stations, solar panels, and geothermal energy sources.</p> <p>Strategy C: Explore opportunities for additional rooftop solar projects on county owned building.</p>	<p>Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability;</p> <p>Baltimore County Department of Property Management;</p> <p>Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks;</p> <p>Pikesville Armory Foundation;</p> <p>Maryland Energy Administration</p>

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<p>Outcome 2: Reduce trash found in streams and upland areas</p> <p>Progress Measures: Reduction in trash loads found at trash monitoring sites</p>	<p>Strategy A: Continue to promote and organize litter clean-up programs.</p> <p>Strategy B: Continue to promote anti-litter behavior challenge through social marketing, signage, advertisements, and in-person events.</p> <p>Strategy C: Continue to work with the community groups and local businesses to enact Baltimore County anti-litter programs.</p>	<p>Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability; Baltimore County Department of Recreation & Parks; Watershed Association Grantees; Community Groups and Individuals</p>
<p>Outcome 3: Increase the number of tree plantings within the SC area</p>	<p>Strategy A: Continue to use the Tree Equity and Street Tree Removal studies to pin-point areas in the SC area to plant more trees.</p> <p>Strategy B: Identify County owned and managed properties for potential planting sites within the SC area.</p> <p>Strategy C: Continue to support local non-profit watershed partners in their restoration efforts through the Watershed Association Restoration, Planning and Implementation Grant.</p> <p>Strategy D: Continue planting trees with root barriers and focus on preventative maintenance for tree quality and health to mitigate the need to remove established trees.</p> <p>Strategy E: Support tree planting projects on the Pikesville Armory Campus.</p>	<p>Watershed Association Grantees; Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability; Baltimore County Department of Public Works and Transportation; Baltimore County Property Management; Pikesville Armory Foundation</p>
<p>Outcome 4: Create, preserve, and improve green spaces and recreational facilities</p> <p>Progress Measures: Numbers of parks and recreational sites and facilities, amount of preserved lands (in acres)</p>	<p>Strategy A: Identify existing opportunities for parks and recreation facilities not associated with school properties</p> <p>Strategy B: Explore additional locations for pocket parks.</p> <p>Strategy C: Consider creating a Community Stewardship Program to encourage community maintenance of common areas.</p> <p>Strategy D: Enhance green spaces and recreational opportunities at the Pikesville Armory.</p> <p>Strategy E: Build out the Bedford Road Park site.</p>	<p>Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability; Baltimore County Department of Recreation & Parks; Community members; Pikesville Armory Foundation</p>

Economy

This section is centered on economic growth and management.

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

<u>Strengths</u>	<u>Weaknesses</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redevelopment of the Pikesville Armory underway, initial milestone completion on target for 2025, full completion expected 2028 • Multimodal transportation access in the Pikesville CRD • Various incentives from federal, state and local designations to attract new businesses, and improve the appearance, operation, and profitability of existing businesses • Median household income averages \$77,100 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inconsistent community identity • Aging population • Lack of curb appeal is an economic barrier at the gateway from the city along Reisterstown Road • Poor aesthetic and outdated facades design

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Attract and Retain Businesses around the Pikesville Armory Development Project</p> <p>Progress Measures: New building permits issued; new business licenses issued; county revenue-from development fees, permits issued for significant improvements to existing structures; new job creation and overall employment totals</p>	<p>Strategy A: Develop a marketing strategy that positions the Pikesville Armory as a tourist and community destination, thereby creating a sense of “place” for the community residents, local visitors, and out-of-state tourist.</p> <p>Strategy B: Encourage and support partner and stakeholder feedback throughout Pikesville Amory Development Project.</p> <p>Strategy C: Focused outreach to businesses within an industry framework, to increase visibility of County’s business incentives, programs, and services in the SC area.</p>	<p>Baltimore County Department of Economic and Workforce Development; Baltimore County Department of Planning; Baltimore County Office of Community Engagement; Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce; Greater Baltimore Chamber of Commerce; Pikesville Armory Foundation;</p>

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<p>Outcome 2: Create a more vibrant and attractive Commercial Revitalization District</p>	<p>Strategy A: Continue working with nonprofit organizations and County agencies to support the implementation of the Pikesville Revitalization Action Plan.</p> <p>Strategy B: Explore the potential of the Pikesville CRD becoming a Maryland Main Street affiliate.</p> <p>Strategy C: Work with the Greater Baltimore Chamber of Commerce to implement a Façade Improvement Program funded through the Maryland Façade Improvement grant program.</p>	<p>Baltimore County Department of Economic and Workforce Development; Baltimore County Department of Planning; Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce; Greater Baltimore Chamber of Commerce; Pikesville Downtown Partnership; Business owners</p>
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Transportation

This section describes the way people in your community get from place to place.

Strengths, weaknesses and outcomes can focus on: access to transit corridors; pedestrian safety and accessibility; sidewalks; alternative modes of transportation, such as bikeways and trails; public transit, such as bus and rail; carpooling; proximity to transportation centers; parking; and road conditions.

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free parking throughout the CRD The Pikesville CRD is in close proximity to the Metro station 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor relationship between Baltimore County and SHA Crosswalks are in need of restriping and enhanced signalization Decreased walkability and pedestrian safety Sidewalks are in need of improvements 3rd lowest amount of sidewalks across all County Councilmanic districts with 340 miles Perceived issues with parking within the CRD due to a lack of wayfinding signage or enforced towing signage in several lots, unused or broken meter stations, and an insufficient number of public parking spaces

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Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Improve pedestrian safety in the area</p> <p>Progress Measures: Track pedestrian safety Complaints, state funding, and actual improvements</p>	<p>Strategy A: Evaluate pedestrian crosswalks on Reisterstown Road and enhance signalization for safer pedestrian experience.</p> <p>Strategy B: Proactively assess sidewalks in the SC area for maintenance and improvement needs. Consider expanding tree plantings, green space, and other buffer mechanisms near existing sidewalks in high traffic areas.</p> <p>Strategy C: Require “Complete Streets” elements on retrofit and new construction projects. Action 1: A “Complete Streets” is in the conceptual design phase for Old Court Road between Liberty Road and Reisterstown Road. This study should be completed in early 2025.</p> <p>Strategy D: Conduct regular walking audits of crash and complaint locations and in high demand areas.</p>	<p>MDOT SHA; MDOT MTA; Baltimore County Department of Public Works and Transportation; Community Groups; Baltimore County Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Monitor and improve parking issues in the Pikesville CRD</p>	<p>Strategy A: Continue to evaluate parking issues in the CRD. Action 1: Update the existing Pikesville Parking Inventory and develop a Parking Strategy and Action Plan.</p> <p>Strategy B: Where appropriate, remove unused parking meters along Reisterstown Road.</p> <p>Strategy C: Design, purchase, and install free parking wayfinding signage at key intersections in the CRD.</p> <p>Strategy D: Evaluate the effectiveness and feasibility of a shared parking agreement in key parking areas.</p> <p>Strategy E: Support the Pikesville Armory Foundation in creating a free parking garage on the Pikesville Armory Campus to supply over 400 spaces. Action 1: Provide letter of support for grant applications to fund the project.</p> <p>Strategy F: Create an online map of available parking to be maintained on the Greater Baltimore Chamber of Commerce’s website.</p>	<p>MDOT SHA; Baltimore County Department of Public Works and Transportation; Baltimore County revenue Authority; Baltimore County Department of Planning; Business Owners; Community Groups; Baltimore County Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee; Pikesville Armory Foundation; Greater Baltimore Chamber of Commerce; Pikesville Improvement Corporation</p>

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<p><u>Outcome 3:</u> Improve traffic congestion and address traffic speed issues</p>	<p>Strategy A: Prioritize list of high traffic speed areas and work with SHA, Baltimore County Department of Public Works, and Baltimore County Police department to formulate plans for traffic control and traffic calming measures.</p> <p>Strategy B: Work with SHA to develop a traffic impact study and/or roadway congestion index, evaluate signal timing at problem intersections on Reisterstown Road and formulate plans to improve traffic congestion.</p> <p>Strategy C: Support the creation of an ingress/egress into the Armory campus from Milford Mill Road.</p>	<p>MDOT SHA; Baltimore County Department of Public Works and Transportation; Baltimore County Police Department; Pikesville Armory Foundation</p>
<p><u>Outcome 4:</u> Increase neighborhood connectivity in SC area</p>	<p>Strategy A: Explore the expansion of the Baltimore County LOOP circulator from Reisterstown Road at the Baltimore City line to Owings Mills Blvd. Action 1: Include a connection to the Milford Mill Metro Station to increase connectivity to the Pikesville Armory Campus and the rest if the Commercial Revitalization District.</p> <p>Strategy B: Implement paved walking/biking trails to create a stress free and connected network for users of all ages and abilities.</p> <p>Strategy C: Explore the idea of a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) designation around the Milford Mill Metro Station.</p> <p>Strategy D: Increase connectivity between the Pikesville Armory and surrounding residential communities through walking and biking paths.</p> <p>Strategy E: Prioritize addressing missing sidewalk concerns in Pedestrian Priority Areas as depicted in the Baltimore County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Action 1: More than 2,000 linear feet of 5' sidewalk will be installed on Sudbrook Lane between Sudvale Road and Reisterstown Road in 2025.</p>	<p>MDOT SHA; Baltimore County Department of Public Works and Transportation; Business Owners; Community Groups; Baltimore County Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee; Baltimore County Department of Planning;</p>

Housing

This section focuses on the homes in which people in your community live and efforts which make it easier for them to find and stay in a place to call home.

Strengths, weaknesses and outcomes might focus on the following: affordability; increasing homeownership; increasing rental housing; diversifying the kinds of housing available; improving housing conditions (interior or exterior); housing programs; aging in place; preventing foreclosures; and reducing residential vacancies.

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The increased state funding has allowed us to sustain necessary emergency programs within the homelessness continuum. We have housed more people through short term rental assistance (RRH) and are re-establishing a targeted prevention program and a shelter diversion program to help prevent people from becoming homeless for the first time. These funds have also allowed us to expand our homeless outreach response by expanding to two providers. The County's vacant property database has been established and is regularly updated. The database is available to the public, and the County encourages its use as a tool for developers to identify opportunities for scattered site and infill development. Well established communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Like many communities nationwide, Baltimore County has seen an overall increase in first time homelessness since the COVID pandemic, due to the end of the extra \$115 mill. In homeless prevention funds awarded to Baltimore County. FMR funding, awarded through the CoC federal funding that supports county permanent supportive housing (PSH), has not kept pace with the overall 25% average rental increase in the county since COVID. Lack of senior and affordable housing stock Difficult to build affordable housing Relationships between County agencies and nonprofit organizations are weak Aging housing stock

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
Outcome 1: Promote and maintain a variety of housing choices	<p>Strategy A: Continue to promote county housing programs such as first-time home buyers' program, single-family rehabilitation loan program, closing cost programs, emergency repair grant program and foreclosure prevention. Collaborate with MD DHCD to take advantage of the various homeownership programs and loans offered.</p> <p>Strategy B: Expand programs that enable seniors to age in place and make needed repairs to maintain their homes.</p> <p>Action 1: Secure more funding for the Baltimore County Age-Friendly</p>	<p>Baltimore County Department of Planning;</p> <p>Baltimore County Department of Housing and Community Development;</p> <p>Private and non-profit organizations;</p> <p>MD DHCD;</p> <p>Developers;</p>

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	<p>Upgrades for Seniors (BCAUSE) program to support the aging in place initiative.</p> <p>Strategy C: Coordinate with Baltimore County Code Enforcement to address and enforce any code violations.</p> <p>Strategy D: Increase homeownership in blighted communities by encouraging rehabilitation and reuse of vacant buildings. Assemble vacant properties along Reisterstown Road and work with community development corporations for redevelopment opportunities.</p>	<p>Community groups; Property owners; Community residents; Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc.; Baltimore County Department of Aging; Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspections Code Enforcement</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Increase the supply of affordable and accessible housing</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Completion of a Housing Needs Assessment B. Number of households assisted through relevant County programs, including the Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Program, the Housing Accessibility Modification Program (HAMP), and the Conciliation Housing Accessibility Modification Program (CHAMP) C. Number of affordable housing units created or preserved at various income levels 	<p>Strategy A: Encourage the production of housing units that meet the needs of residents at various income levels and different levels of ability (i.e., young professionals, seniors, veterans, etc.).</p> <p>Action 1: Explore repurposing properties neighboring the Pikesville Armory Campus into veteran housing.</p> <p>Action 2: Foster a sense of “Yes in My Backyard” (YIMBY) in the Pikesville SC area to encourage community and County support of more affordable housing.</p> <p>Strategy B: Expand full spectrum housing for residents at diverse income levels and life stages and for individuals with disabilities by encouraging high quality mixed income, multigenerational developments. Promote Housing Accessibility Modification programs to make housing more accessible.</p> <p>Action 1: Continue working with nonprofits to look at innovative construction types and potential surplus county land to create units for disabled individuals, including wheelchair accessible homes.</p> <p>Strategy C: Continue engaging in public awareness and education efforts regarding affordable housing.</p> <p>Action 1: Continue conducting community outreach programs to inform residents about the benefits of affordable housing, dispelling myths and addressing concerns.</p> <p>Action 2: Distribute brochures, newsletters, and digital content explaining the benefits of affordable housing, including economic growth, community stability, and reduced homelessness.</p>	<p>Baltimore County Department of Planning; Baltimore County Department of Housing and Community Development; Private and non-profit organizations; MD DHCD; Developers (market-rate and affordable).; Pikesville Armory Foundation; Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc.</p>

Community Health and Quality of Life

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

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

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pikesville Armory Campus is becoming a host for community events and recreation opportunities• The Pikesville Library and Senior Center is a popular community hub and anchor for all ages and backgrounds• Diverse social and cultural fabric, which is reflected in a variety of specialty businesses, cultural activities and places of worship• Highly motivated community organizations• Parks and school recreation centers feature facilities that cater to all ages, and multiple community, recreation and senior centers provide a wide range of indoor leisure activities• Shifting demographics is beginning to bring younger families into the Pikesville area• Strong public schools• People feel safe in their residential communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pikesville lacks an identifiable “sense of place”• Lack of youth facilities and programming• Still need to attract patrons into the commercial district• Pikesville Library and Senior Center is no longer sufficient for the number of daily visitors. Parking can be an issue throughout the day• District lacks any significant marketing that would attract potential resident, businesses, and investors• Increase in criminal activity• Limited resources for the BCPD• Traffic congestion• Limited community events in the Pikesville CRD, such as parades and cultural arts festivals• Little public art and gathering spaces• Landscaping is deficient in several areas within the CRD• Limited amount of recreational green space

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Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Rebuild positive relationships between local law enforcement and the community</p> <p>Progress measures: Number and frequency of community engagement events held, number of community event participants, number of training modules offered on de-escalation, anti-bias, and community-led safety approached, number of officers that participated in trainings</p>	<p>Strategy A: Utilize the Pikesville Armory Campus as a location for Police Athletics League Facilities to foster positive, community-centered engagement between youth and law enforcement in a non-enforcement setting.</p> <p>Strategy B: Support and increase community awareness of Baltimore County Police Department and State Police sponsored events (Coffee with a Cop, Trunk or Treats, Annual Backpack Giveaway, Holiday Shop with a Cop), ensuring these events are designed to promote mutual trust, cultural understanding, and community wellness.</p> <p>Strategy C: Increase police diversity and inclusion training to officers to build cultural competency and reinforce equitable, nondiscriminatory practices in public safety service delivery. Action 1: Incorporate training modules that specifically address de-escalation, anti-bias practices, and community-led safety approaches.</p> <p>Strategy D: Explore the potential for opening the Maryland State Police Museum to the public as a means of fostering historical transparency and dialogue while also serving as a space to promote education about evolving approaches to equitable law enforcement practices.</p>	<p>Baltimore County Police Department; Maryland State Police; Community groups; Faith based institutions; Pikesville Armory Foundation;</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Reduce the amount of crime in the SC area</p> <p>Progress Measures: Yearly crime data collected for crimes against property, crimes against persons, and crimes against society</p>	<p>Strategy A: Continue to implement seasonal crime prevention plans such as the Baltimore County Police Department Summer Crime Plan and the Annual Holiday (Christmas) Deployment Plan, while ensuring these plans are grounded in community engagement, data transparency, and non-discriminatory enforcement practices. Action 1: Attend community meetings to share updates, host crime prevention workshops, and maintain year-round communication with residents and stakeholders</p>	<p>Baltimore County Police Department; Community members; MD DHCD; Business owners; Greater Baltimore Chamber of Commerce</p>

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	<p>Strategy B: Continue to increase traffic enforcement and foot patrols in the commercial areas with an emphasis on community-oriented policing strategies that promote presence, accessibility, and problem-solving rather than punitive enforcement alone.</p> <p>Strategy C: Continue to develop and/or maintain Citizens On Patrol programs.</p> <p>Action 1: Continue to foster collaborative relationships between officers and local business owners.</p> <p>Action 2: Increase coordination and information sharing with neighboring jurisdictions, state, and federal partners with a focus on holistic public safety solutions.</p> <p>Strategy D: Utilize DHCD's Community Safety Works grant program to install security cameras in high crime areas, while developing clear privacy and data-use protocols that protect civil liberties and promote oversight.</p>	
<p>Outcome 3: Create a sense of place in Pikesville</p> <p>Progress Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Number of placemaking projects completed B. Amount of public or non-profit funding directed towards their completion 	<p>Strategy A: Work with local nonprofit organizations to implement the Pikesville Downtown Partnership's Placemaking Consultant's recommendations and strategies.</p> <p>Strategy B: Create recognizable entrances (gateways) that distinguish Pikesville from adjacent areas including signage, landscaping, public art and streetscape improvements.</p> <p>Strategy C: Work with community and property owners on placement of branding elements in the area.</p> <p>Strategy D: Continue supporting the Pikesville Armory Foundation in hosting events that help foster a sense of place and community identity (Summer Jazz Concert Series, Taste of Northwest Baltimore, etc.).</p>	<p>Baltimore County Department of Planning; Pikesville Downtown Partnership; Pikesville Armory Foundation; Business owners; Property owners; Greater Baltimore Chamber Commerce</p>
<p>Outcome 4: Ensure that citizens of all ages and abilities have access to quality recreational and leisure opportunities</p>	<p>Strategy A: Work with partner organizations such as the Pikesville Armory Foundation to provide enrichment opportunities, specifically for the youth and senior populations.</p> <p>Action 1: The Pikesville Armory foundation (PAF) plans on constructing a large ADA friendly playground on the Armory campus.</p> <p>Action 2: The PAF is partnering with the Boys and Girls Club to be on site at the Armory Campus.</p>	<p>Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks; Pikesville Armory Foundation; Baltimore County Department of Planning; Community groups; Baltimore County Department of Aging</p>

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	<p>Strategy B: Schedule diverse options of programming that will interest a broad demographic.</p> <p>Strategy C: Update County websites and social media to provide residents with updated and accurate information.</p> <p>Strategy D: Develop an innovative approach to expand programs/resources to better service the aging population and meet their recreational needs.</p>	
Outcome 5: Increase connectivity and use of trail network within the community	<p>Strategy A: Identify green space and parks that could support trail systems and connect parks through a trail system.</p> <p>Strategy B: Partner with local community groups to promote and gain support for local trail system.</p> <p>Strategy C: Develop and maintain trails that are well-connected and shaded to support increased access for a variety of activities (walking, jogging, cycling).</p> <p>Action 1: Develop trail in Villa Nova Park along the Gwynns Fall watershed to be part of the Western Pedestrian Biking and Walking network.</p>	<p>Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks; Community groups; Baltimore County Department of Planning; Baltimore County Department of Public Works and Transportation; Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability; Baltimore County Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee</p>

Local Planning and Staffing Capacity

This section is concerned with a local government's ability to plan for the community's future and to meet the current needs of residents.

Strengths, weaknesses and outcomes might focus on the following: updating zoning ordinances or land use; updating municipal/local policies, taxes, fees, etc.; increasing local government staff capacity; and updating planning documents like sector plans or comprehensive plans.

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent community plan adoption – 2021 Pikesville Revitalization Action Plan Strong locational advantage being between the Baltimore Beltway and the City line 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reisterstown Road is no longer conducive to providing a “Main Street” environment With the exception of the Suburban Club Golf Course and Country Club, the Pikesville CRD is largely built-out Commercial Revitalization Guidelines are outdated and need to be revised

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- Some property maintenance issues throughout the commercial district
- Aging streetscapes and building facades

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<p>Outcome 1: Increased community participation in planning, revitalization, and community development efforts</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of new community group members</p>	<p>Strategy A: Promote and diversify existing community groups by encouraging community participation.</p> <p>Strategy B: Expand community representation on the Planning Board.</p>	<p>Baltimore County Department of Planning; Baltimore County Office of Community Engagement; Community groups</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Encourage design quality of new proposed development and foster improvement of existing facades within the CRD</p>	<p>Strategy A: Update the current Pikesville design guidelines. Conduct a comprehensive review and updating of the design guidelines to provide appropriate and reasonable guidelines and implementation measures that will help ensure new development, signage, and building façade improvement have a positive visual impact.</p> <p>Strategy B: Continue to promote the exterior façade improvement programs and tax credits available within the Commercial revitalization District.</p> <p>Strategy C: Work with the Greater Baltimore Chamber of Commerce to implement a Façade Improvement Program funded through the Maryland Façade Improvement Program grant program.</p>	<p>Baltimore County Department of Planning; County Council; MD DHCD; Community groups; Greater Baltimore Chamber of Commerce; Developers</p>
<p>Outcome 3: Explore state designation such as Transit Oriented Development and Main Street Affiliate</p>	<p>Strategy A: Assess the suitability of the area for Transit-Oriented Development or Main Street Affiliate designation based on state criteria.</p> <p>Strategy B: Plan for improvements to public spaces, such as sidewalks, lighting, and green spaces, to align with designation criteria.</p>	<p>Baltimore County Department of Planning; Baltimore County Department of Public Works; MD State Highway Administration; County Council;</p>

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	Strategy C: Document demographic, economic, and environmental data to support the application process.	MD DHCD; Community groups; Greater Baltimore Chamber of Commerce; Business Owners; Developers
Outcome 4: Build organizational capacity to support existing and new groups, promote collaboration, and foster stronger relationships to enhance effectiveness and community impact	<p>Strategy A: Continue to offer workshops on starting a nonprofit, strategic planning, grant writing, etc.</p> <p>Strategy B: Establish a “Community Resource Hub” where groups can access resources, tools, and shared information. Action 1: Include templates for bylaws, meeting agendas, examples of Grant applications, and information on funding opportunities.</p> <p>Strategy C: Organize roundtable discussions, forums, or meet-and-greets for groups to share ideas, challenges, and successes</p>	Baltimore County Department of Planning; Business Owners; Community groups;

SIGNATURE LETTER

On behalf of Baltimore County Government, I hereby approve the application for renewal of the Sustainable Communities designation for Pikesville. 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

STEPHEN LAFFERTY, DIRECTOR
Type Name and Title

Jan. 3, 2025
Date