

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2012 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-90-2012

Proposed by The Chair (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Harrison, Davis, Franklin, Patterson and Toles

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction November 13, 2012

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 State of Maryland Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund

3 For the purpose of approving the application by the Prince George's County Department of
4 Housing and Community Development to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community
5 Development for funding through the Strategic Development and Smart Growth Impact Fund.

6 WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Article, Title 6, Annotated Code of
7 Maryland, established the Neighborhood Revitalization Program to administer State and federal
8 grants and loans and other financial assistance to political subdivisions, local public agencies,
9 nonprofit organizations, neighborhood or community organizations; and

10 WHEREAS, the Strategic Development and Smart Growth Impact Fund is a new financing
11 program seeking to catalyze activities that accelerate economic development, job production and
12 smart growth in existing Maryland communities under the Neighborhood Revitalization Program
13 of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (the “Department”); and

14 WHEREAS, there is a significant need for reinvestment and revitalization of the community
15 adjacent to the intersection of Maryland Park Drive and Southern Avenue; and

16 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community
17 Development has applied to the Department for funding in the amount of \$433,940 from the
18 Strategic Development and Smart Growth Impact Fund to carry out its “Maryland Park Drive and
19 Southern Avenue Roadway Improvements” project (the “Project”) in the Capitol Heights area, as
20 described in Attachment “A”; and

21 WHEREAS, the Department, through the Strategic Demolition & Smart Growth Impact Fund
22 or other programs of the Department, or in cooperation with other State departments or agencies,

1 may provide some or all of the funding for the Project (the "Project Financing") to make the
2 Project financially feasible; and

3 WHEREAS, the Project is located within a priority funding area under Section 5-7B-02 of
4 the Smart Growth Act, is located within a Sustainable Community, as identified in the
5 Sustainable Communities Act of 2010, and will conform to the local zoning code; and

6 WHEREAS, the applicable law and regulations require a local government resolution in
7 support of the project for participation in the Strategic Development and Smart Growth Impact
8 Fund; and

9 WHEREAS, the County Executive expresses approval of the application submitted by the
10 Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development and its "Maryland
11 Park Drive and Southern Avenue Roadway Improvements" project.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Council of Prince George's
13 County, Maryland, hereby expresses approval of the application submitted by the Prince
14 George's County Department of Housing and Community Development for funding in the
15 amount of \$433,940 from the Strategic Development and Smart Growth Impact Fund.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive, by his signature, expresses
17 approval of the application submitted by the Prince George's County Department of Housing and
18 Community Development.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of the
20 Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland.

Adopted this 13th day of November, 2012.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Andrea C. Harrison
Chair

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____

BY: _____
Rushern L. Baker III
County Executive

ATTACHMENT A

PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

Prince George's County Department of Housing & Community Development ("DHCD")
Maryland Park Drive and Southern Avenue Roadway Improvements
Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund

DHCD's office is located in COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 6

APPLICANT:

The Prince George's County Department of Housing & Community Development ("DHCD") is a local government agency, which is comprised of three agencies, namely: Department of Housing and Community Development, the Housing Authority and the Redevelopment Authority. DHCD is responsible for the local implementation of HUD regulations, administration of federal funds and housing voucher program and revitalization projects. In addition to administering Community Development Block Grants and HOME funds from HUD, DHCD has administered Community Legacy Awards from the State. DHCD will be partnering with the Prince George's County Planning Department, Department of Environmental Resources, Department of Public Works and the Economic Development Corporation to achieve the desired outcomes and ensure timely completion of this project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The funds from SGIF will be used to extend the Watts Branch Trail from 61st Street NE and Banks Place NE in the District of Columbia into Prince George's County via Maryland Park Drive, establishing a connection to the trail from the north side of 63rd Street NE. The project recaptures roadway space for pedestrian and bicycle pathways and improves pedestrian and bicycle crossing at the intersection. DHCD, via the Redevelopment Authority, would like to develop housing on 6.6 acres of land that it currently owns, located at the intersection of Southern Avenue and Maryland Park Drive. This future residential development of diverse mix of housing strategically placed on Southern Avenue and Maryland Park Drive will facilitate growth in the community and provide housing choices for area residents consistent with transit-oriented development. Project funds will help revitalize the surrounding Capitol Heights and Seat Pleasant communities by providing infrastructure improvements.

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FINANCIAL AND LOCAL CONTRIBUTION: Federal and State grants fund DHCD's projects

NEIGHBORHOOD/
LOCALITY: Capitol Heights, Prince George's County, Maryland
Councilmanic District 7