

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2015 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-1-2015  
Proposed by Council Member Glaros  
Introduced by Council Members Glaros, Toles, Turner, Lehman, Harrison, Franklin, Davis  
Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Introduction January 20, 2015

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 State of Maryland Sustainable Communities Program for Greater Riverdale

3 For the purpose of approving Greater Riverdale as a Sustainable Community through the  
4 Application and Proposed Plan for submission to the Maryland Department of Housing and  
5 Community Development (“Department”) for participation in the Department’s Sustainable  
6 Communities Program.

7 WHEREAS, Sections 6-104, 6-201, 6-204 through 6-211, and 6-213 of the Housing and  
8 Community Development Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, provide for a Sustainable  
9 Community Program to promote economic vitality through growth and development that is  
10 sustainable, to enhance ridership and access to transit, and to protect valuable natural, historical  
11 and cultural resources; and

12 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County, Maryland recognizes that there is a significant need  
13 for reinvestment and revitalization of the communities in Greater Riverdale; and

14 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County, Maryland (i) designates the Greater Riverdale Area  
15 in Prince George’s County, Maryland, as a Sustainable Community, depicted on the Sustainable  
16 Community Map as further described in the Plan and (ii) approves the Application for  
17 designation and adopts the Plan, as further described in the Application, as set forth in  
18 Attachment A, attached hereto and incorporated as is set forth fully herein, and as further set  
19 forth as the Greater Riverdale Map, as set forth as Attachment B, attached hereto, and  
20 incorporated as is set forth fully herein, for the purposes of contributing to the reinvestment and  
21 revitalization in the Greater Riverdale Area; and

22 WHEREAS, the Greater Riverdale Area encompasses the Town of Riverdale Park and

1 includes some unincorporated areas of Prince George’s County. It is comprised of properties east  
2 of Kenilworth Avenue (MD 201) to just north of the Bladensburg municipal boundary. It  
3 traverses north of Varnum Street to Good Luck Road and south of Good Luck Road from  
4 Kenilworth Avenue to Auburn Street; west of Auburn Street from Good Luck Road to 1<sup>st</sup> Street;  
5 and west of the Baltimore Washington Parkway from 1<sup>st</sup> Street to Bladensburg and the ends at  
6 the Beacon Heights Community on the east.”

7 WHEREAS, the County is committed to promoting green, growing, and sustainable  
8 communities consistent with livability principles that value and support existing communities  
9 and neighborhoods; coordinating and leveraging policies and investments that support smart  
10 growth and transit oriented development (TOD), enhance the economic competitiveness of the  
11 County, promoting equitable housing choices and opportunities, and providing citizens and  
12 businesses with a wide array of safe, reliable and economic transportation choices; and

13 WHEREAS, the County Council has approved comprehensive land use policies consistent  
14 with smart growth and sustainable community principles; and

15 WHEREAS, the County Council recognizes the important role and partnership that the  
16 Office of the County Executive and the State of Maryland must play to support Plan  
17 implementation within Greater Riverdale; and

18 WHEREAS, the State of Maryland, through the Sustainable Communities Act of 2010, has  
19 also taken “a great step forward toward reinvestment and revitalization in our State’s existing  
20 communities” through the targeting of State resources and programs into focus areas called  
21 “Sustainable Communities Areas”; and

22 WHEREAS, State-designated Sustainable Community Areas will be “eligible for maximum  
23 access to State revitalizing funding” within a defined target area that demonstrates strong local  
24 leadership and partnerships committed to a multi-year implementation and investment strategy;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, to obtain State designation of Greater Riverdale (the “Area”) as a Sustainable  
27 Community, a work group comprised of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning  
28 Commission, the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Department of  
29 Public Works and Transportation was organized; and

30 WHEREAS, the work group has defined a focus area for designation and developed a  
31 strategic Plan for submission to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community

1 Development; and

2 WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, either  
3 through Community Legacy or through other programs of the Department, or in cooperation with  
4 other State departments or agencies, may provide some or all of the financing for the actions (the  
5 “Project Financing”) as defined by the Plan in order to assist in making it financially feasible;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the Greater Riverdale Area is located within a priority funding area under  
8 Section 5-7B-02 of the Smart Growth Act, that future Project Financing will conform to the  
9 approved plans for the Area, the recommended Plan, and the local zoning code; and

10 WHEREAS, the applicable law and regulations require approval of the Sustainable  
11 Community designation and the associated Plan by the governing body for Prince George’s  
12 County, Maryland.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George’s  
14 County, Maryland, hereby (i) endorses the designation of Greater Riverdale as a Sustainable  
15 Community; and (ii) approves the Application for designation and adopts the Sustainable  
16 Community Plan described in the Application, set forth in Attachment A and hereby adopts the  
17 Sustainable Communities Greater Riverdale Map. set forth in Attachment B.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the County Executive is hereby requested to  
19 endorse this Resolution, indicating his approval by signature hereof; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute  
21 documents and take any action necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of the  
23 Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland for consideration  
24 by the Smart Growth Subcabinet.

Adopted this 20th day of January, 2015.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mel Franklin  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rushern L. Baker, III  
County Executive

NOTE: Attachments A & B available in hard copy and as an Inclusion File in LIS