

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2014 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-18-2014

Proposed by The Chairman (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Toles, Lehman, Olson, Franklin,  
Campos, Davis and Turner

Date of Introduction April 1, 2014

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning  
2 State of Maryland Sustainable Communities Program  
3 For the purpose of approving the Langley Park Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative (“TNI”)  
4 Area Sustainable Community application and proposed Action Plan for submission to the  
5 Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (“Department”) for  
6 participation in the Department’s Sustainable 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, the County is committed to promoting green, growing, and sustainable  
13 communities consistent with livability principles that value and support existing communities  
14 and neighborhoods; coordinating and leveraging policies and investments that support smart  
15 growth and transit oriented development (TOD), enhance the economic competitiveness of the  
16 county, promoting equitable housing choices and opportunities, and providing citizens and  
17 businesses with a wide array of safe, reliable and economic transportation choices; and

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

20 WHEREAS, the County Council recognizes the important role and partnership that the  
21 Office of the County Executive and the State of Maryland must play to support plan  
22 implementation within the Langley Park Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative Area; and

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

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

9           WHEREAS, to obtain State designation of the Langley Park Transforming Neighborhoods  
10 Initiative Area (the “Area”) as a Sustainable Community, a work group comprised of the  
11 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the Department of Housing and  
12 Community Development and the Department of Public Works and Transportation was  
13 organized; and

14           WHEREAS, the work group has defined a focus area for designation and developed a  
15 strategic Action Plan for submission to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community  
16 Development; and

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

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

25           WHEREAS, the applicable law and regulations require approval of the Langley Park  
26 Sustainable Community designation and the associated Action Plan by the governing body for  
27 Prince George’s County.

28           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
29 County, Maryland, that the application for designation of the Langley Park Transforming  
30 Neighborhoods Initiative Area as a Sustainable Community and accompanying Action Plan, as  
31 set forth in Attachment A, attached hereto and incorporated as is set forth fully herein, be and the

1 same is hereby approved.

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

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

Adopted this 1st day of April, 2014.

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