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The Honorable Thomas E. Dernoga, Chair  
Prince George's County Council  
Wayne K. Curry Administration Building  
Largo, MD 20774

RE: Proposed Correspondence to Maryland Department of Planning Concerning Priority Funding Area Designation Amendments for the Brandywine Schools Sites, Park-n-Ride facility, and adjacent rights of way

Dear Chair Dernoga:

On July 13, 2023, the Prince George's County Planning Board voted unanimously to request that the County Council Chair and County Executive transmit the proposed correspondence to the Maryland Department of Planning to amend the county's designated Priority Funding Area (PFA) boundaries. This change will bring two school properties, one park-and-ride facility and adjacent rights-of-way in Brandywine into the Priority Funding Area.

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), in partnership with the State Interagency Commission and Maryland Stadium Authority, proposes the construction of a new K-8 school facility at 8000 Dyson Road, Brandywine, MD, the current site of Gwynn Park Middle School. This site is not currently within the PFA. To provide funding for the design, construction, and ongoing maintenance of the new school, as well as any future state growth-related infrastructure projects, the state requires the properties be in a PFA, or a waiver be granted [COMAR 14.39.02.03(C)]. The Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) recommended the County add the school site to the PFA to facilitate PGCPS efforts to secure funding for the school project. While evaluating this recommendation, staff identified additional adjacent areas to be incorporated into the PFA. The attached staff report contains additional details regarding this request.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact me or Suzann M. King, Acting Planning Director, if you would like a briefing on the proposed correspondence.

Sincerely,

Peter A. Shapiro  
Chair

Attachment