

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

Resolution No. CR-68-2015

Proposed by The Chairman (by request – Planning Board)

Introduced by Council Members Lehman, Franklin, Davis, Glaros, Taveras, Patterson
and Toles

Date of Introduction October 27, 2015

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 State of Maryland Sustainable Communities Program

3 For the purpose of approving the Glassmanor-Oxon Hill Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative
4 Area Sustainable Community application and proposed Action Plan for submission to the
5 Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for participation in the
6 Department’s Sustainable Communities Program.

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

12 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County is committed to promoting green, growing, and
13 sustainable communities consistent with livability principles that value and support existing
14 communities and neighborhoods; coordinating and leveraging policies and investments that
15 support smart growth and transit-oriented development, enhance the economic competitiveness
16 of the County, promote equitable housing choices and opportunities, and provide citizens,
17 residents, and businesses with a wide array of safe, reliable, and economic transportation
18 choices; and

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

1 WHEREAS, the County Council recognizes the important role and partnership that the
2 Office of the County Executive and the State of Maryland must play to support plan
3 implementation within the Glassmanor-Oxon Hill Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative Area
4 (“TNI Area”); and

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

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

13 WHEREAS, in furtherance of the designation of the Glassmanor-Oxon Hill TNI Area as a
14 Sustainable Community, the County established a workgroup comprised of the TNI members
15 and community stakeholders; and

16 WHEREAS, in accordance with its charge, the workgroup identified a specific focus area
17 for proposed designation and developed a strategic Action Plan in anticipation of its submission
18 to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development; and

19 WHEREAS, the Area is located within a priority funding area under Section 5-7B-02 of the
20 State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, that future Project
21 Financing will conform to the approved plans for the TNI Area, the proposed Action Plan, and
22 the County Zoning Ordinance; and

23 WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, either
24 through its Community Legacy Program or other programs of the Department, or in cooperation
25 with other State departments or agencies, may provide some or all of the financing for the
26 actions outlined by the Action Plan in order to assist in making it financially feasible; and

27 WHEREAS, Section 6-207 of the Housing and Community Development Article requires
28 that the application for designation of Glassmanor-Oxon Hill as a Sustainable Community and its
29 associated Action Plan be approved by Resolution adopted by the governing body of Prince
30 George’s County.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council and the County
2 Executive, as the governing body for Prince George’s County, that the application for
3 designation of the Glassmanor-Oxon Hill Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative Area as a
4 Sustainable Community and accompanying Action Plan and map, as set forth in Attachment A,
5 attached hereto and incorporated as if set forth fully herein, be and the same is hereby approved.

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

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

Adopted this 27th day of October, 2015.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Mel Franklin
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____

BY: _____
Rushern L. Baker, III
County Executive