

October 9, 2025

The Honorable Edward Burroughs, III, 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 Senior Affordable Housing

Dear Chair Burroughs:

On October 9th, 2025, 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. By including the First Baptist Church and the future senior affordable housing development, in the PFA, it will provide access to state funding opportunities.

The First Baptist Church of Glenarden, in partnership with Community Housing Initiative, Inc., proposes the construction of a new affordable housing development for seniors at 600 Watkins Park Dr, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774. This site is not currently within the PFA. To provide funding for the design, construction, and ongoing maintenance of this new affordable housing development, as well as any future state growth-related infrastructure projects, the state requires the properties to be in a PFA. This property was granted a special exception by the Prince George's County Zoning Hearing Examiner to execute an affordable housing project in efforts to be added to the PFA to secure funding for the housing project. The attached staff report contains additional details regarding this request.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact me or Planning Director Lakisha Hull if you would like a briefing on the proposed correspondence.

Sincerely,



Darryl Barnes
Chairman

Attachment

1. Prince George's County 2035 Plan Growth Policy Map
2. Prince George's Current Priority Funding Area
3. Bowie-Mitchellville and Vicinity Master Plan Map
4. Proposed Amended Priority Funding Area Plan