

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2014 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-52-2014

Proposed by Council Member Olson

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

Date of Introduction June 3, 2014

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 State of Maryland Sustainable Communities Program

3 Town of Landover Hills and City of New Carrollton

4 For the purpose of approving the Town of Landover Hills and City of New Carrollton as a
5 Sustainable Community through the Application and proposed Plan for submission to the
6 Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (“Department”) for
7 participation in the Department’s Sustainable Communities Program.

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

13 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County, Maryland recognizes that there is a significant need
14 for reinvestment and revitalization of the communities in the Town of Landover Hills and the
15 City of New Carrollton; and

16 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County, Maryland (i) designates the area of the Town of
17 Landover Hills and the City of New Carrollton in Prince George’s County, Maryland, as a
18 Sustainable Community and (ii) approves the Application for designation and adopts the Plan, as
19 further described in the Application, as set forth in Attachment A, attached hereto and
20 incorporated as is set forth fully herein, for the purposes of contributing to the reinvestment and
21 revitalization in the Area; and

22 WHEREAS, the County is committed to promoting green, growing, and sustainable

1 communities consistent with livability principles that value and support existing communities
2 and neighborhoods; coordinating and leveraging policies and investments that support smart
3 growth and transit oriented development (TOD), enhance the economic competitiveness of the
4 County, promoting equitable housing choices and opportunities, and providing citizens and
5 businesses with a wide array of safe, reliable and economic transportation choices; and

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

8 WHEREAS, the County Council recognizes the important role and partnership that the
9 Office of the County Executive and the State of Maryland must play to support Plan
10 implementation within the Town of Landover Hills and City of New Carrollton; and

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

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

19 WHEREAS, to obtain State designation of the Town of Landover Hills and City of New
20 Carrollton Area (the “Area”) as a Sustainable Community, a work group comprised of the
21 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the Department of Housing and
22 Community Development and the Department of Public Works and Transportation was
23 organized; and

24 WHEREAS, the work group has defined a focus area for designation and developed a
25 strategic Plan for submission to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community
26 Development; and

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

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

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

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
8 County, Maryland, hereby (i) endorses the designation of the Town of Landover Hills and City
9 of New Carrollton as a Sustainable Community; and (ii) approves the Application for
10 designation and adopts the Sustainable Community Plan described in the Application, set forth in
11 Attachment A.

12 BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED THAT, the County Executive is hereby requested to
13 endorse this Resolution, indicating his approval by signature hereof; and

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

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

Adopted this 3rd day of June, 2014.

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

NOTE: Attachment A available in hard copy and as an Inclusion File in LIS