



October 21, 2025

The Honorable Edward P. Burroughs, III, Chair  
Prince George's County Council  
Wayne K. Curry Administration Building 1301  
McCormick Drive  
Largo, Maryland 20774

**Re: Transmittal of the Bowie State  
University and MARC Station  
Sustainable Community Designation**

Dear Chair Burroughs:

The Prince George's County Planning Department is pleased to transmit the Bowie State University (BSU) and MARC Station Sustainable Community designation application. Enclosed are the designation application, the boundary map, and the resolution for your review and authorization.

The Sustainable Communities Program, administered by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), was established by the Sustainable Communities Act of 2010 (House Bill 475, Chapter number 487). The program serves as a threshold designation granting local governments competitive access to apply for and receive funds from several state agencies – including the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, Maryland Department of Environment, and the Maryland Department of Commerce – to pursue coordinated strategies that support community development, revitalization, and sustainability.

This project aims to designate the area around Bowie State University and Bowie State MARC Station as a Sustainable Community. It was initiated to help drive transit-oriented development (TOD) around the MARC Station and catalyze additional investment and continued growth of BSU. Enclosed is the designation application, which includes the action plan. The action plan is a multi-year investment strategy that defines priority initiatives and projects that partners believe will increase the economic vitality and livability of their community, increase prosperity for local households, and improve the health of the surrounding environment. The action plan was developed in coordination with the sustainable community workgroup, which is composed of key stakeholders in the Bowie State and MARC Station area including the Prince George's County Revenue Authority, the Maryland Department of Transportation, and Bowie State University. The plan recommends creating a vibrant, mixed-use, TOD at the MARC Station with the objective of increasing ridership for MDOT, stimulating economic growth within Prince George's County, and supporting expansion opportunities for BSU.

This transmittal includes the following enclosures:

Attachment 2: The designation application includes information on the proposed Sustainable Community such as prior revitalization investments, demographic trends, and the action plan.

Attachment 3: The Bowie State University and MARC Station Sustainable Community Boundary Map defines the proposed Sustainable Community Area. All Sustainable Communities are defined by a geographic area in need of revitalization or additional state investment to strengthen the local market.

Attachment 4: The resolution expresses support for the proposed plan and boundary map of the Bowie State University and MARC Station Sustainable Community Area. A local government resolution expressing support of the proposed plan and boundary map is required in order to be considered for designation.

The Planning Department looks forward to scheduling a simple resolution with the Prince George's County Council to review and authorize the designation application and boundary map. Following the County Council's authorization, the designation application, boundary map, and letters of support will be submitted to MD DHCD. Approval of the designation is made by the Maryland Sustainable Growth Subcabinet at the recommendation of the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development within approximately three months.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me, or Elizabeth Mekonnen, project manager, Community Planning Division, Neighborhood Revitalization Section at [Elizabeth.Mekonnen@ppd.mnccppc.org](mailto:Elizabeth.Mekonnen@ppd.mnccppc.org) or at 301-952-4363.

Sincerely,

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