

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2014 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-8-2014

Proposed by The Chairman (by request – Planning Board)

Introduced by Council Members Lehman, Toles, Olson, Patterson

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction February 25, 2014

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 State of Maryland Sustainable Communities Program

3 For the purpose of approving the Greater Camp Springs / Morningside Area Sustainable
4 Community application and proposed Action Plan for submission to the Maryland Department of
5 Housing and Community Development (“Department”) for participation in the Department’s
6 Sustainable Communities program.

7 WHEREAS, Sections 6-104, 6-201, 6-202, 6-204 through 6-211, and 6-213-of the Housing
8 and Community Development Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, provide a Sustainable
9 Community program to promote economic vitality through growth and development that is
10 sustainable, enhance ridership and access to transit, and protect valuable natural, historical and
11 cultural resources; and

12 WHEREAS, the County is committed to promoting green, growing, and sustainable
13 communities consistent with livability principles that value and support existing communities
14 and neighborhoods, coordinate and leverage policies and investment that support smart growth
15 and transit oriented development (“TOD”), enhance the economic competitiveness of the
16 County, promote equitable housing choices and opportunities, and provide citizens and
17 businesses with a wide array of safe, reliable and economical transportation choices; and

18 WHEREAS, the County Council recognizes that there is a significant need for reinvestment
19 and revitalization of the communities within the Developed Tier of the County; and

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

3 WHEREAS, State-designated Sustainable Community Areas will be “eligible for maximum
4 access to State revitalizing funding” within a defined target area that demonstrates strong local
5 leadership and partnerships committed to a multiyear implementation and investment strategy;
6 and

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

10 WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, either
11 through Community Legacy or through other Programs of the Department, or in cooperation
12 with other State departments or agencies, may provide some or all of the financing for the
13 actions (the "Project Financing") as defined by the Action Plan in order to assist in making it
14 financially feasible; and

15 WHEREAS, the County proposes to designate the area of Greater Camp
16 Springs/Morningside (the “Area”), as outlined on the map depicted in Attachment A, attached
17 hereto and incorporated as if set forth fully herein, as a Sustainable Community, and

18 WHEREAS, the County further adopts the proposed Action Plan, as further described in the
19 Application, for the purposes of contributing to the reinvestment and revitalization in the Area;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, the applicable law and regulations require approval of the Greater Camp
22 Springs / Morningside Area Sustainable Community designation and the associated Action Plan
23 by the governing body for Prince George’s County.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
25 County, Maryland, that the application for designation of the Greater Camp Springs /
26 Morningside Area as a Sustainable Community and accompanying Action Plan, as set forth in
27 Attachment A, attached hereto and incorporated as if set forth fully herein, be and the same is
28 hereby approved.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be presented to the County Executive
30 for signature.

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

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

Adopted this 25th day of February, 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