

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

Resolution No. CR-41-2015
Proposed by Council Member Glaros
Introduced by Council Members Glaros, Lehman, Harrison, Franklin and Taveras
Co-Sponsors _____
Date of Introduction July 21, 2015

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 State of Maryland Community Legacy Program

3 For the purpose of approving the application submitted by the Central Kenilworth Avenue
4 Revitalization Community Development Corporation to the Maryland Department of Housing
5 and Community Development for Community Legacy Program funds in the approximate amount
6 of \$98,800.

7 WHEREAS, Prince George's County, Maryland (the "County") recognizes that there is a
8 significant need for the reinvestment and revitalization of communities in the County; and

9 WHEREAS, Section 6-201 through Section 6-213 of the Housing and Community
10 Development Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, established the Community Legacy Program
11 to preserve existing communities as desirable places to live and conduct business and provide
12 financial assistance to sponsors for the development of community legacy plans or community
13 legacy projects; and

14 WHEREAS, Section 6-206 (b)(1) of the Housing and Community Development Article
15 Annotated Code of Maryland, provides that the Maryland Department of Housing and
16 Community Development may not approve an application for participation in the Community
17 Legacy Program unless the application is approved by the political subdivision in which the
18 proposed project is located; and

19 WHEREAS, the Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Community Development
20 Corporation is applying to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development,
21 Community Legacy Program, for funds to carry out its Edmonston Road Sustainable Rain
22 Garden (the "Project"), as described in "Attachment A" and incorporated herein by reference;

1 WHEREAS, the Project will include infrastructure improvements, a rain garden, structural
2 work, and improved pedestrian safety; and

3 WHEREAS, the Project will provide benches, trash receptacles, lighting, interpretive
4 signage, bus stop enhancement and pervious on-site paving to be installed using the proposed
5 Community Legacy funding; and .

6 WHEREAS, the Project, is within a designated priority funding area under Section 5-7B-02
7 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, is located in a
8 designated Sustainable Community, as identified in Section 6-205 of the Housing and
9 Community Development Article, Annotated Code of Maryland and will conform to the local
10 zoning code; and

11 WHEREAS, the County Executive, by his signature, expresses approval of the application
12 submitted by the Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Community Development
13 Corporation.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Council of Prince George's
15 County, Maryland hereby expresses support and approval of the application submitted by the
16 Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Community Development Corporation to the
17 Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for participation in the
18 Community Legacy Program in the approximate amount of \$98,800.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of the
20 Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (the "Department") for
21 consideration by the Department.

Adopted this 21st day of July , 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

ATTACHMENT A

PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Community Development Corporation
 Greater Riverdale Sustainable Communities Plan Projects/Programs
 Community Legacy Program

APPLICANT: Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Community Development Corporation (CKAR) was established as a 501c3 charitable non-profit in 2010 to promote the welfare and revitalization of the residential communities and commercial areas within Riverdale and Riverdale Park, Maryland and the greater 20737 postal district. In spring 2014 through a Community Foundation/Envision Program grant, CKAR completed an outreach effort to businesses along the commercial corridors, citizens, civic associations and other non-profits. This initiative was conducted to inform them about CKAR, The Purple Line, government programs for small businesses and to enlist them to GET INVOLVED in implementing a community vision. In fall 2014 CKAR organized stakeholders and coordinated the Sustainable Community (SC) process in collaboration with M-NCPPC/Community Planning to create access for all communities in Zip Code 20737 for state-funded programs to improve our community. In May 2015, Greater Riverdale was one of four communities state-wide that received the Sustainable Communities designation.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Edmonston Road Rain Garden, developed through a public/private/non-profit partnership, is part of the MD DHCD approved Greater Riverdale Sustainable Communities Implementation Plan. The community's current environmental conditions include periodic flash flooding and poor air and water quality. An aging sewer system and a high percentage of impervious surfaces from roads and rapid suburbanization pollute the area's local water systems and further hostile pedestrian situations. This excessive amount of pavement greatly contributes to the uncontrolled release of untreated storm water runoff which in turn causes flash floods, pollution, erosion, and sedimentation, all to the detriment of local ecosystems and wildlife. Recently, the **Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T)** completed over \$600,000 of infrastructure improvements on Edmonston Road to direct and control the flow of storm water run-off with outflow at a triangulated site at Edmonston Road and Kenilworth Avenue. This site is located at the south gateway to the Greater Riverdale community. DPW&T and **CKAR** recognized the opportunity to create a rain garden, providing

education and environmental awareness. CKAR partnered with **UMD School of Plant Science/Landscape Architecture Graduate Community Studio** for technical assistance valued at \$26,000 to complete site analysis, hydrology, concept design and renderings to engage the public in the rain garden. At a cost of over \$110,480, DPW&T completed additional structural work, removed dead foliage and improved pedestrian safety. DPW&T has committed an additional \$50,000 in capital costs to construct the storm water pond and complete associated infrastructure; and provide mulch annually. **Department of the Environment** (DoE) has committed \$20,000 to support the project. **FINESA Real Estate Group** is the owner of Carlyle Village apartments, located on Edmonston Road across from the rain garden site. CKAR is negotiating a Letter Agreement with FINESA to fund weekly trash pick-up and removal (\$5,000) for the rain garden using Community Investment Tax Credits (CITCs) when available as an incentive. Professor Dennis Nola at UMD, a CKAR board member, will reach out to The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) to connect County youth with future careers in landscape architecture and allied professions. CKAR will develop a community service program for youth. CKAR will engage the community, allowing the rain garden to serve as an educational experience for adults and youth to inform them about environmental stewardship and benefits to their community.

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FINANCIAL AND LOCAL CONTRIBUTION:

Partners in this project to date include: Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T); Prince George's County Department of the Environment (DoE); University of Maryland School of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture/Community Studio; FINESA Real Estate Group; CKAR.

Total project cost: \$321,283. CKAR is applying for \$98,800 in Maryland Community Legacy Funds for gap financing (grant) for capital improvements – benches, trash receptacles, lighting, interpretive signage (bi-lingual), bus stop enhancement and pervious on-site paving, etc.

NEIGHBORHOOD/LOCALITY:

Greater Riverdale Sustainable Community - The Town of Riverdale Park and unincorporated Riverdale (Zip Code 20737).