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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

October 13, 2009



TO: Phil Andrews, President
Montgomery County Council

FROM: Isiah Leggett, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Resolution to Support Montgomery County's Grant Application to the State of Maryland's Community Legacy Program for the Burtonsville, East County Community Legacy Area

Attached for Council introduction and action is a resolution in support of Montgomery County's application for grant funding in the amount of \$300,000 from the State of Maryland's Community Legacy Program.

The Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) has submitted an application to the State of Maryland's Community Legacy Program for grant funding required to complete commercial building façade improvements and gateway signage/greenspace in the Burtonsville, East County, Community Legacy Area. These improvements were recommended as a part of the Burtonsville Community Legacy Plan which was completed in 2008. The State's Community Legacy Program requires a resolution of support from the County in order to complete the application process.

Thank you for introducing this resolution at my request, and for your consideration of the resolution.

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Attachment

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Resolution No: _____

Introduced: _____

Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Montgomery County's Application to the State of Maryland's Community Legacy Program for a Grant for the Burtonsville, East County, Community Legacy Area

Background

1. The State of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (MDDHCD), has established the Community Legacy Program.
2. The Community Legacy Program is a part of the Smart Growth initiative designed to promote local revitalization efforts in support of older neighborhoods and business districts; and to promote vibrant places for Marylanders to live and prosper.
3. The Community Legacy Program provides funding to support local communities and their nonprofit partners with programs located within designated priority funding areas.
4. Montgomery County is committed to revitalization of older neighborhoods and business districts.
5. The Burtonsville, East County, Community Legacy Area is within a designated priority funding area under Section 5-7B-02 of the Smart Growth Act and the projects conform to local zoning.
6. Commercial building façade improvements, gateway signage and greenspace are projects which are included as a part of the Community Legacy Plan for Burtonsville.
7. The County Executive and County Council support the grant application of Montgomery County for \$300,000 for the Burtonsville, East County, Community Legacy Area and approve the use of the funds for commercial building façade improvements (\$125,000) and gateway signage/greenspace (\$175,000). This support is given as specified in COMAR 05.17.01.05A(3).

Resolution No. _____

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Resolution:

Montgomery County supports the County's application for grant funding from the State of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's (MDDHCD), Community Legacy Program for the Burtonsville, East County, Community Legacy Area and approves the use of the grant funds for commercial building façade improvements and gateway signage/greenspace projects included as part of the Community Legacy Plan for the Burtonsville, East County, Community Legacy Area.

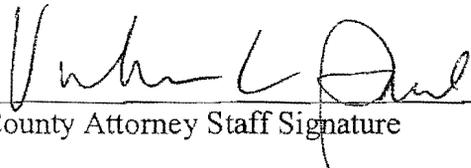
This is a correct copy of Council action:

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

Isiah Leggett, County Executive

Date

Approved as to form and legality:



County Attorney Staff Signature

10-8-09
Date

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.05 Application Requirements.

A. An application submitted to the Board shall:

- (1) Be on standard forms prescribed by the Board;
- (2) Be submitted by a sponsor;
- (3) Contain a resolution of support for the proposed area, plan, or project from the local government in whose jurisdiction the project, plan, or area is located, as follows:
 - (a) If an application affects a community legacy area, plan, or project located entirely within a municipal corporation, the resolution shall come from the municipal corporation rather than the surrounding county; and
 - (b) If a community legacy plan affects community legacy areas, plans, or projects within the territory of more than one local government, the sponsor shall obtain a resolution from each local government in which the community legacy area is located;
- (4) Unless waived under Regulation .06C(3) of this chapter for a neighborhood intervention project, include:
 - (a) A request for designation of a community legacy area or evidence of prior approval of the Board of an existing community legacy area; and
 - (b) A map or description of the boundaries of the proposed community legacy area.

B. An application may be submitted for the following combinations of designation, approval, or financial assistance:

- (1) Designation of a community legacy area and financial assistance to create a community legacy plan for that area;
- (2) Designation of a community legacy area, approval of an existing community legacy plan for that area, and funding for one or more community legacy projects identified in or consistent with the plan;
- (3) Approval of a neighborhood intervention project; or
- (4) Other combinations of designation, approval, or financial assistance as the Board determines.

C. In addition to the requirements of §A of this regulation, an application for initial designation of a community legacy area shall demonstrate that:

- (1) The community legacy area is in a priority funding area;
- (2) Past and current trends in homeownership, property values, commercial and residential vacancy, and business or housing investment indicate that there is a need for reinvestment in the proposed area; and
- (3) The community legacy area satisfies one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) Entities or amenities in the community such as employers, educational institutions, civic organizations, community organizations, or cultural organizations support the proposed community legacy plan or community legacy project, and have pledged resources to its development or implementation;
 - (b) The proposed community legacy plan or project addresses the need for reinvestment in the area and enhances the area, including providing individuals of different incomes with a range of housing options, employment opportunities, or other amenities;
 - (c) There is a cultural or historical significance in the community or communities located in the proposed area;
 - (d) The proposed area is close to a town center or a transportation center; or