

AGENDA ITEM #5H  
July 20, 2010  
**Action**

**MEMORANDUM**

July 16, 2010

TO: County Council  
FROM: <sup>GO</sup> Glenn Orlin, Deputy Council Staff Director  
SUBJECT: **Action**--resolution to amend Resolution 16-394 designating Urban Areas for the Road Code

**T&E Committee (and Council staff) recommendation (3-0): Approve the draft resolution on ©1-10.**

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The updated Road Construction Code sets differing design standards for streets and roads in ‘urban,’ ‘suburban,’ and ‘rural’ areas. Section 49-32(c)(1) of the Code states that “an ‘urban’ road is a road segment in or abutting a Metro Station Policy Area, Town Center Policy Area, *or other urban area expressly identified in a Council resolution*” (*emphasis mine*).

Another part of Chapter 49 uses this definition in the Executive’s determination as to whether or not utility lines should be installed underground. Section 49-19(j) notes that the Executive must require that any affected utility line be installed underground if he finds that underground installation is *desirable (emphasis mine)* after considering eleven factors, one of which is whether the line is “in a Metro Station Policy Area, Town Center Policy Area, or other area expressly identified for this purpose in a Council resolution.”

On December 4, 2007 the Council adopted Resolution 16-394 establishing seven such “urban” and “other” areas: (1) Clarksburg Town Center, (2) Damascus Town Center, (3) the core of Long Branch (largely bounded by Flower Avenue, Arliss Street, and Piney Branch Road), (4) Montgomery Hills (defined by its Parking Lot District boundary), (5) the North Bethesda Road Code Urban Area (largely the areas between the White Flint and Twinbrook Metro Station Policy Areas), (6) Olney Town Center, and (7) some small sections of the Silver Spring Central Business District that lie outside the Silver Spring Metro Station Policy Area.

During the past year the Council has adopted three master plans; each of them calls for changes to this resolution. The Germantown Employment Area Sector Plan recommends that the Cloverleaf District—bounded by the Town Center on the south, I-270 on the east, Father Hurley Boulevard on the north, and Crystal Rock Drive on the west—be identified as a Road Code Urban Area. The Great Seneca Science Corridor Master Plan calls for the area comprising the LSC Central, LSC West, LSC North, and Belward Districts as a Road Code Urban Area; the master plan requires this designation before Stage 1 of its development can proceed. Finally, with the expansion of the White Flint Metro Station Policy Area called for in the White Flint Sector Plan—which was implemented in Resolution 16-1324 adopted on April 27—the North Bethesda Road Code Urban Area was commensurately reduced in size.

Therefore, the draft resolution on ©1-10 includes two new Road Code Urban Areas: the Cloverleaf District in Germantown (©5) and the LSC Central, LSC West, LSC North, and Belward Districts in Great Seneca (©6). The draft resolution also replaces the North Bethesda Road Code Urban Area with the reduced version adopted in Resolution 16-1324 (©8): it is useful for those implementing the Road Code to have all the correct boundaries for the Urban Areas in the same resolution.

During the discussion Councilmember Leventhal said that he would be introducing a bill that would change the name of this Road Code category from “urban” to “cosmopolitan.”

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**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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By: County Council

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**SUBJECT:** Amendment to Resolution 16-394 designating Urban Areas for the Road Code

**Background**

1. Section 49-32(c)(1) of the County Code states that an 'urban' road is a road segment in or abutting a Metro Station Policy Area, Town Center Policy Area, or other urban area expressly identified in a Council resolution.
2. Section 49-19(j) of the County Code states that the Executive must require that any affected utility line be installed underground if he finds that underground installation is desirable after considering several factors, one of which is whether the line is in a Metro Station Policy Area, Town Center Policy Area, or other area expressly identified for this purpose in a Council resolution.
3. In the Germantown Employment Area Sector Plan the Council indicated that the Cloverleaf District be identified as a Road Code Urban Area. In the Great Seneca Science Corridor Master Plan the Council called for the area comprising the LSC Central, LSC West, LSC North, and Belward Districts to be a Road Code Urban Area. In the in the White Flint Sector Plan the Council stated that the White Flint Metro Station Policy Area be expanded, commensurately reducing the size of the North Bethesda Road Code Urban Area.

**Action**

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

Resolution 16-394 is amended to identify the areas on the attached maps as urban areas under Section 49-32(c)(1) of the County Code and as other areas under Section 49-19(j) of the Code.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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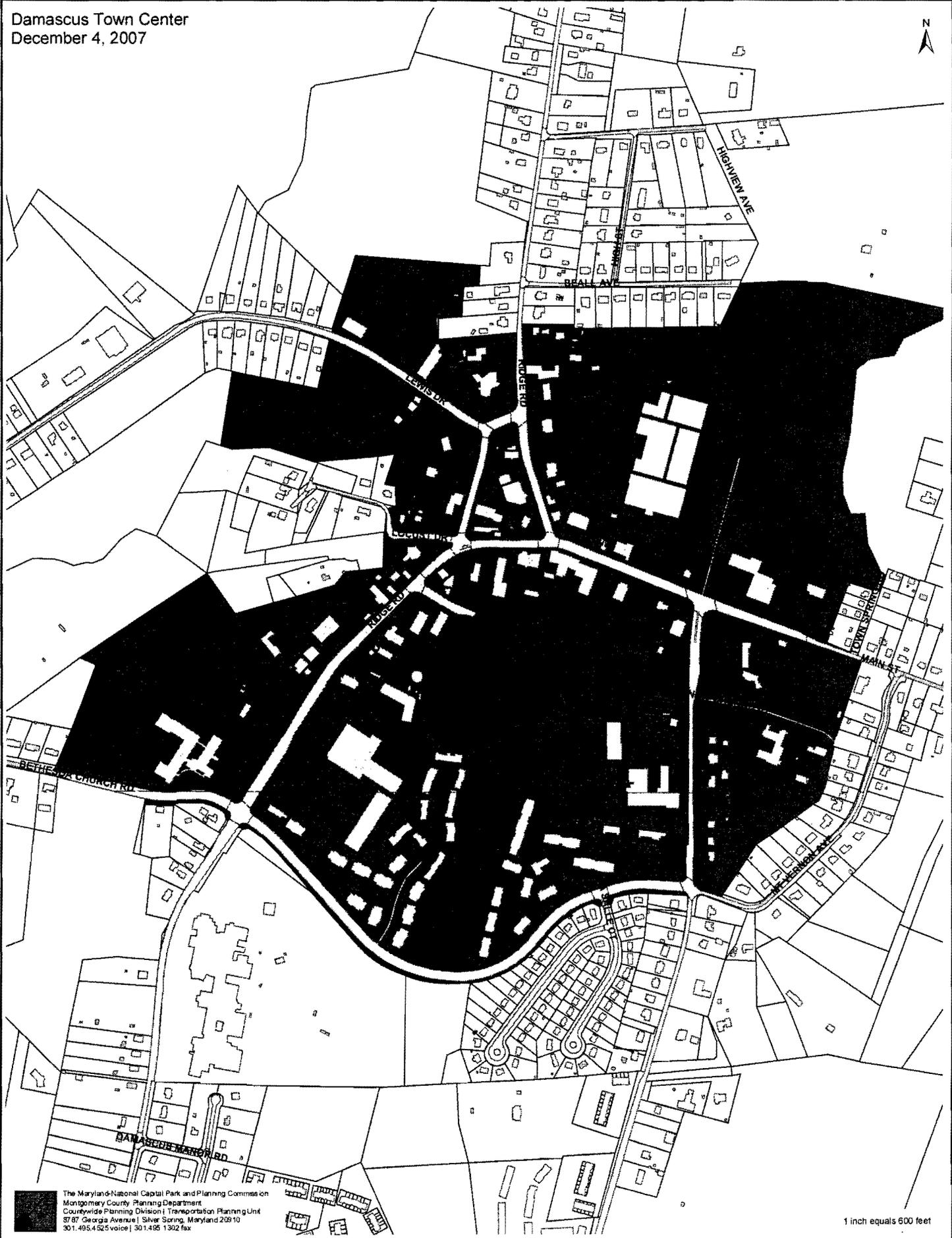
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Clarksburg Town Center  
December 4, 2007



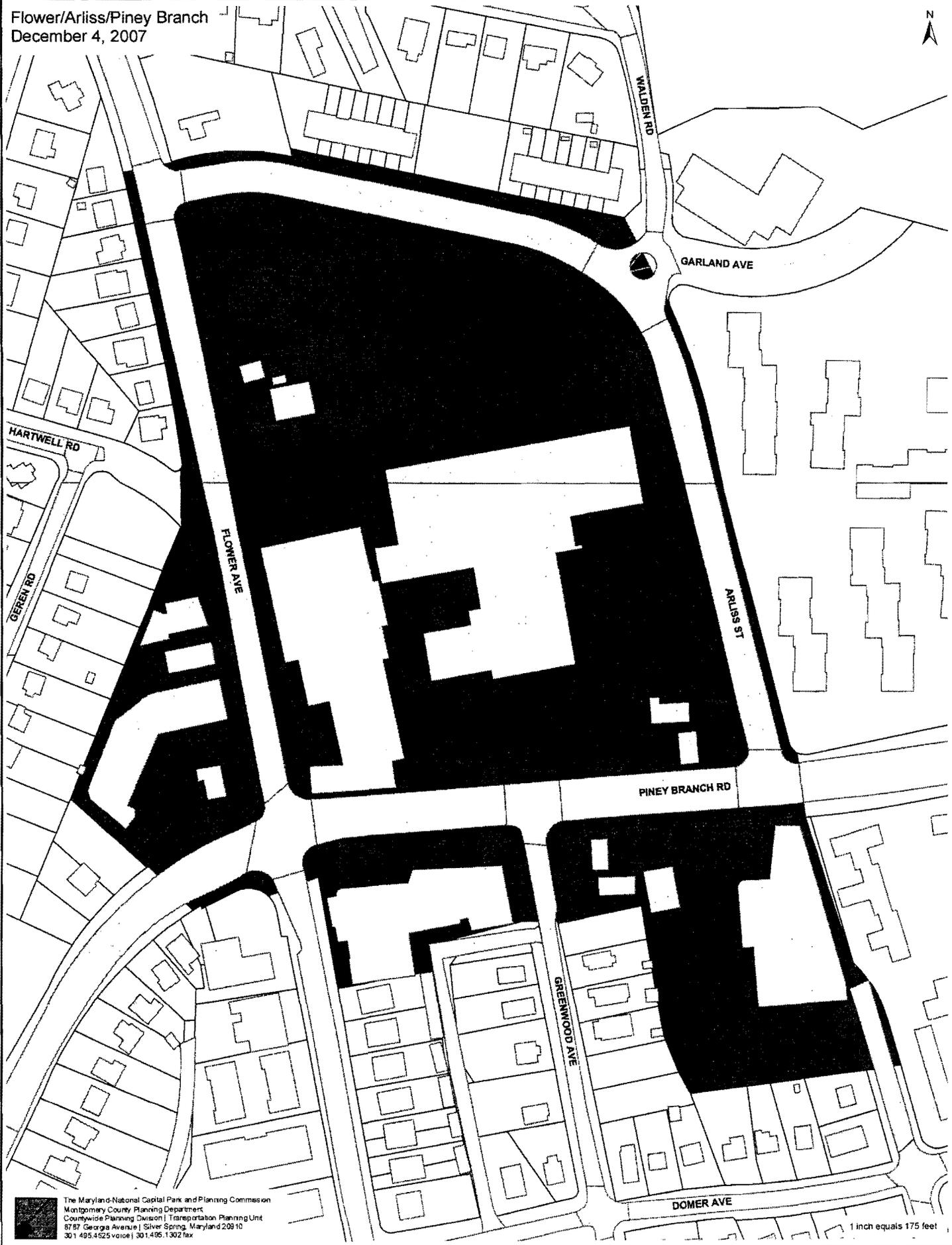
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Damascus Town Center  
December 4, 2007



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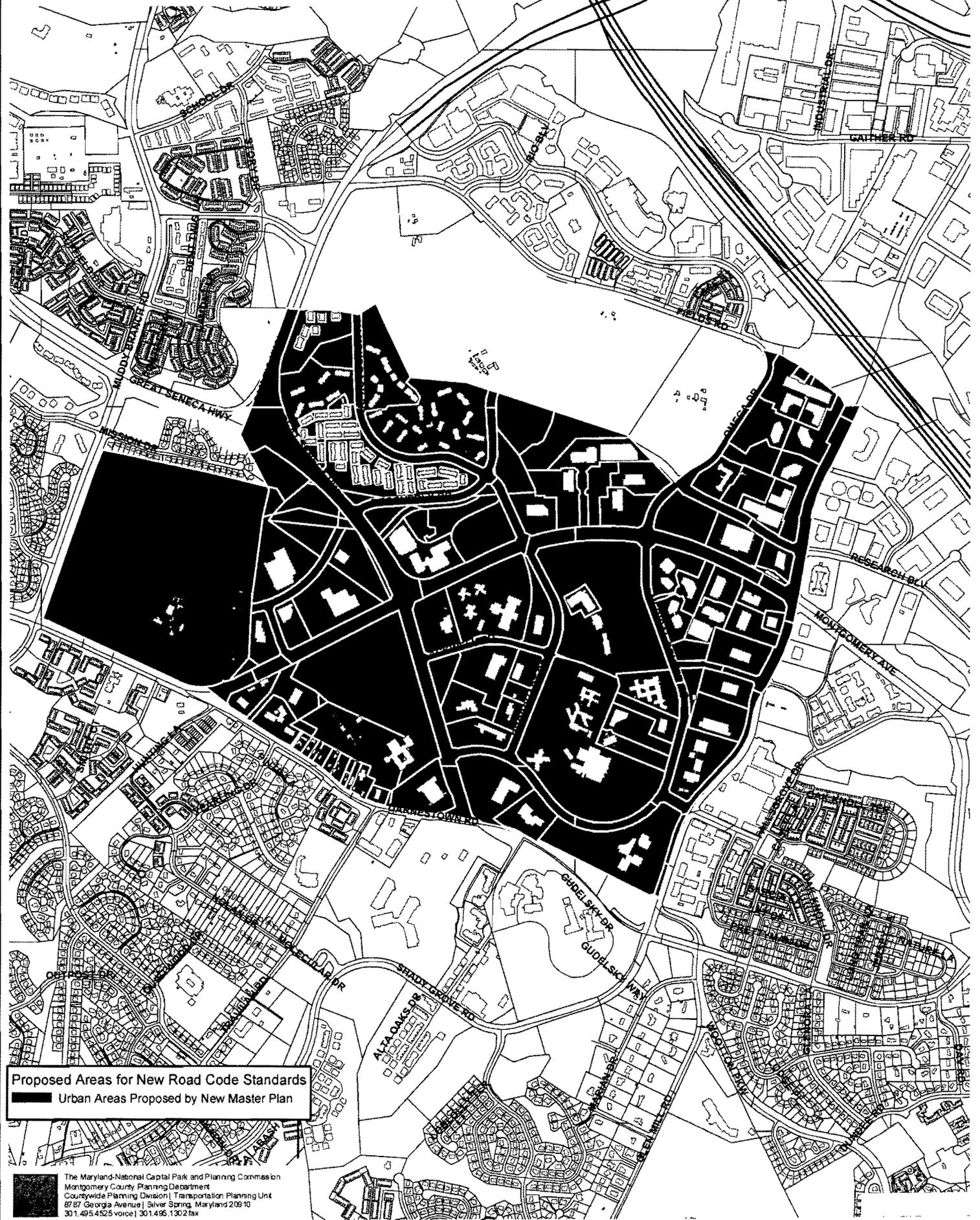
Approved Urban Area for New Road Code Standards  
 Germantown Sector Plan - Cloverleaf District  
 June 2010



**Proposed Areas for New Road Code Standards**  
 ■ Urban Areas Proposed by New Master Plan

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Approved Urban Area for New Road Code Standards  
Great Seneca Science Corridor Master Plan  
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Montgomery Hills Parking Lot District  
December 4, 2007



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Proposed Urban Area for New Road Code Standards  
 North Bethesda Urban Area  
 June 2010



 North Bethesda Urban Area

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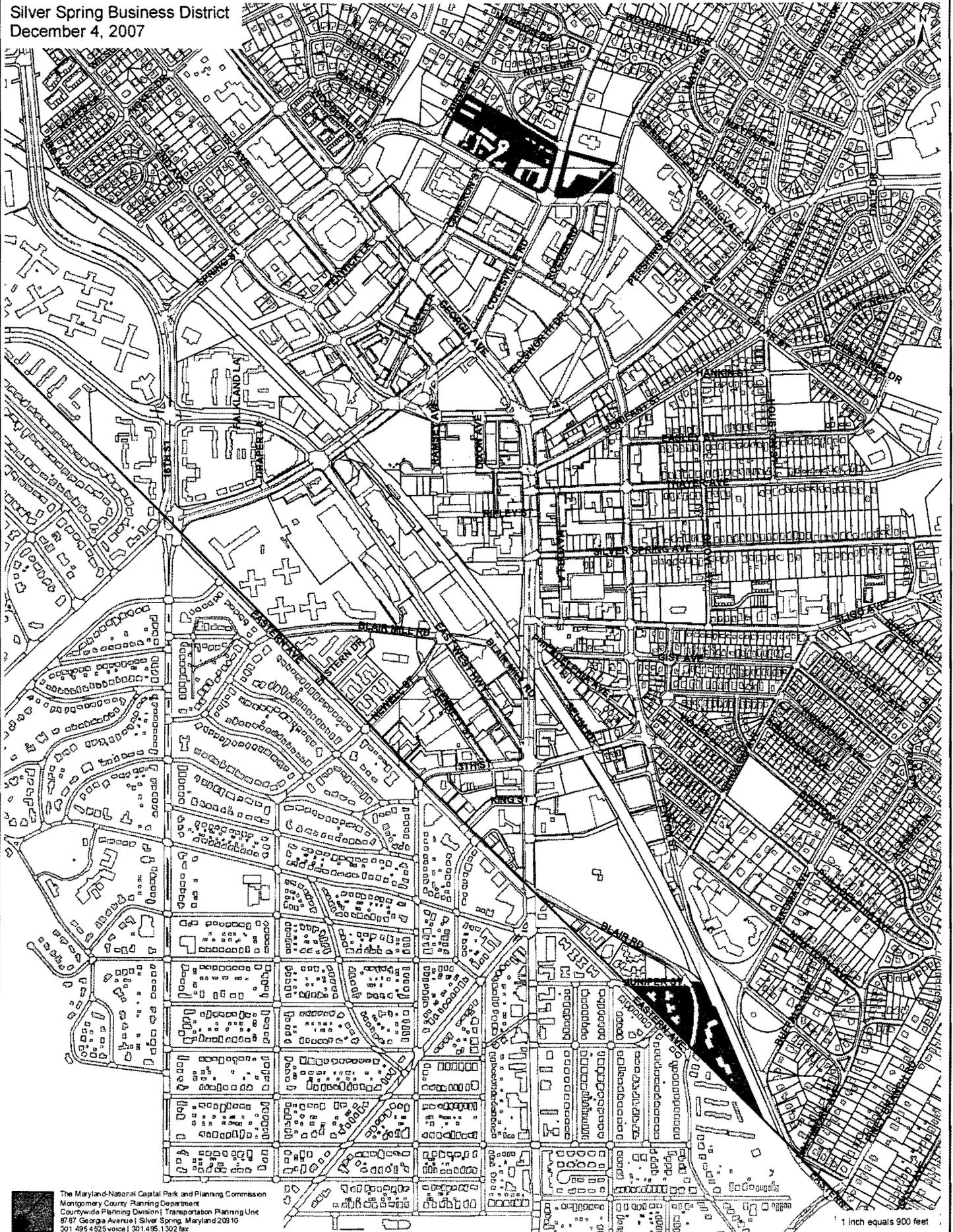
Olney Town Center  
December 4, 2007



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Silver Spring Business District  
December 4, 2007



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