

Resolution No.: 16-1313
Introduced: April 20, 2010
Adopted: April 27, 2010

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Greater Washington 2050 Compact

Background

1. Montgomery County recognizes and values its status as part of the economically vibrant and socially diverse National Capital Region.
2. Montgomery County takes part in regional planning and activities through its participation in the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG).
3. In January 2008, COG established the Greater Washington 2050 Coalition, a public-private advisory panel, consisting of local government officials, representatives of the Region's business and environmental sectors, and members of the public representing numerous and diverse civic interests, to help shape the Region.
4. The Coalition sought to leverage existing regional and local vision plans and reach regional agreement on local actions that can help achieve common regional goals.
5. The Coalition examined how other regions have approached similar efforts, sponsored a workshop on future economic, environmental, and demographic trends and changes that could affect the National Capital Region, and commissioned and published a survey of public opinion on regional matters in 2008 and 2009.
6. After almost two years of work, the Coalition unanimously approved its final report, *Region Forward – A Comprehensive Guide for Regional Planning and Measuring Progress in the 21st Century*, which includes nine regional goals in four themes of accessibility, sustainability, prosperity, and livability; and establishes regional performance targets and indicators to measure required progress toward goals.
7. The COG Board approved the *Region Forward* report in January 2010, and recommended that local governments execute a voluntary regional compact incorporating these regional goals and commit to consider regional implications in their local decisions and actions.

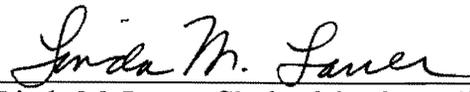
8. The Montgomery County Council, after review and consideration of these goals and their potential benefit to the Region and to the residents and businesses of Montgomery County, believes adoption of the voluntary *Greater Washington 2050 Compact* to be in the public interest of Montgomery County.

Action

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

1. Montgomery County hereby endorses the voluntary *Greater Washington 2050 Compact* and, within Montgomery County's legal, financial, and political limitations, commits to follow the principles and goals therein in its decisions and actions.
2. Staff of Montgomery County Government and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission are hereby directed to familiarize themselves with the voluntary *Greater Washington 2050 Compact* and to alert the Montgomery County Executive and Council on significant regional implications of proposed decisions or actions.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council