

Resolution No.: 17-341

Introduced: January 31, 2012

Adopted: February 7, 2012

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: The Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Authorizing the Designation of a portion of Montgomery County as a Sustainable Community by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and application for such designation either directly by the DHCD or through the Smart Growth Subcabinet of the State of Maryland

Background

1. The State of Maryland Sustainable Communities Act of 2010 established the Sustainable Community Designation to focus State revitalization resources to targeted areas proposed by the local jurisdiction and approved by the Smart Growth Subcabinet.
2. Montgomery County Executive and County Council recognize that there is a significant need for reinvestment and revitalization of its established residential and commercial neighborhoods and investment in transit-oriented development.
3. Montgomery County Government in partnership with nine Montgomery County municipalities (Town of Barnesville, Village of Chevy Chase, City of Gaithersburg, Village of Glen Echo, Town of Kensington, City of Takoma Park, Town of Laytonsville, Village of Martin's Addition and City of Rockville) and Prince George's County proposed the designation of portions of Montgomery County and that portion of Prince George's County included in the Takoma Langley Crossroads sector plan as a single Sustainable Community as outlined on the attached map (the "Area").
4. The Montgomery County Sustainable Communities Plan is an outgrowth of prior and current comprehensive planning efforts.
5. The Montgomery County Sustainable Communities Plan prioritizes higher density near the transit centers (13 Metro stations in or adjacent to the County and 10 MARC stations) each with unique development opportunities reflecting the community and neighborhoods.

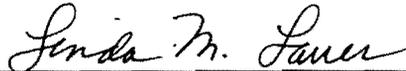
6. DHCD in cooperation with other State departments or agencies, may provide some or all of the financing for the Plan to assist in making identified projects financially feasible within the approved designated sustainable community.
7. The designated area is located within a priority funding area under Section 5-7B-02 of the Smart Growth Act and the Sustainable Community Plan will conform to the local zoning code.
8. The County Executive and the County Council support the designation of the Area as a Maryland Sustainable Community. This support is given as specified in COMAR 05.14.01.05B(10)(a).
9. An approved copy of the Resolution will 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.

Action

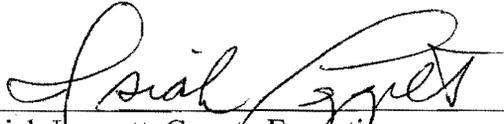
The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Resolution:

Montgomery County supports the designation of the Area, as a Maryland Sustainable Community under the Maryland Sustainable Communities Act of 2010.

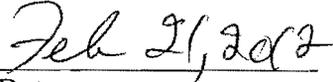
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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council



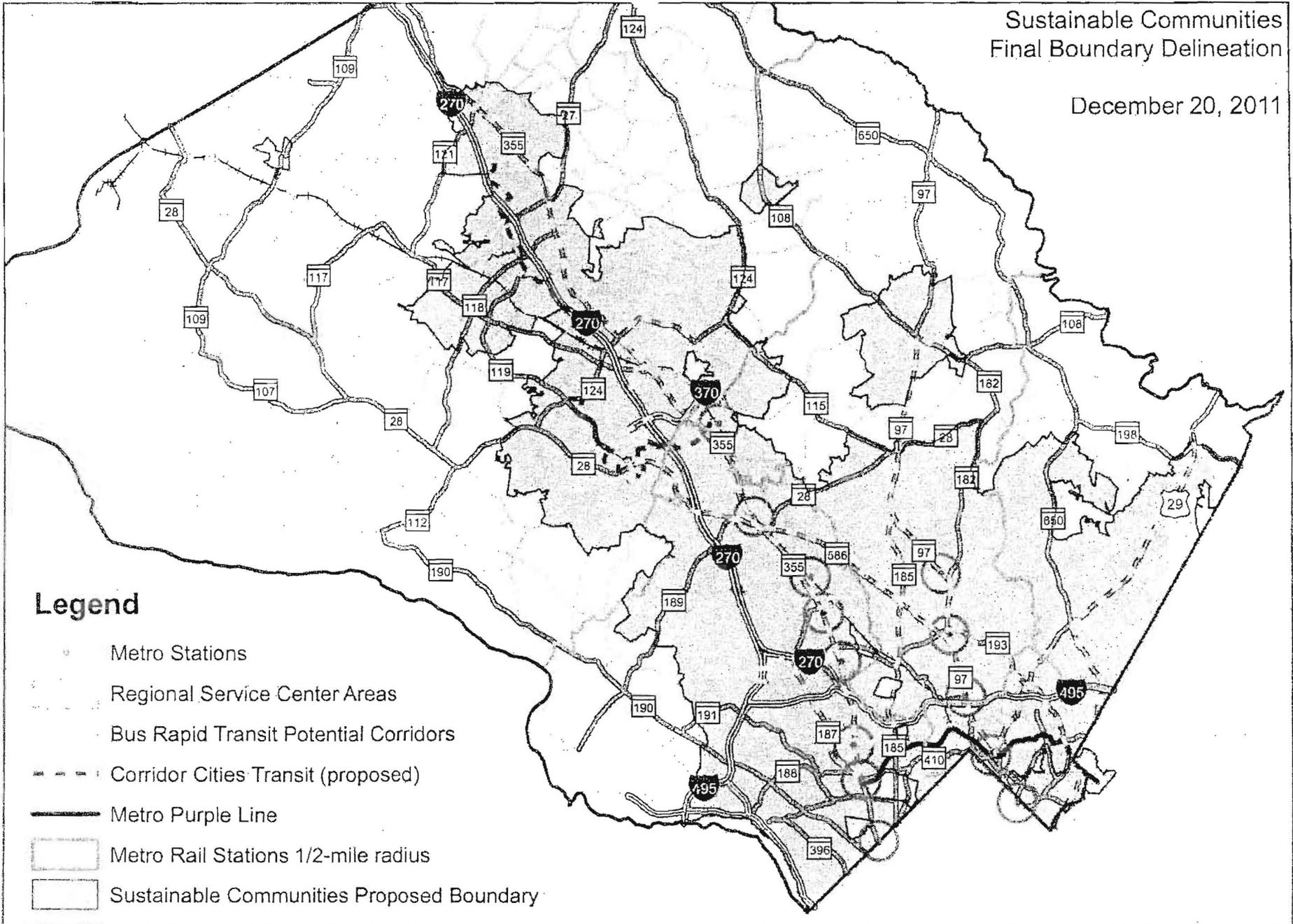
Isiah Leggett, County Executive



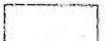
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Sustainable Communities
Final Boundary Delineation

December 20, 2011



Legend

-  Metro Stations
-  Regional Service Center Areas
-  Bus Rapid Transit Potential Corridors
-  Corridor Cities Transit (proposed)
-  Metro Purple Line
-  Metro Rail Stations 1/2-mile radius
-  Sustainable Communities Proposed Boundary