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WHITE OAK NEWS

White Oak Science Gateway



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6th Edition

The White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan seeks to leverage the many assets located in the White Oak area and establish the foundation upon which the area may evolve into a community that offers more opportunities to learn, live, work and play. The Plan also envisions that the commercial centers will evolve from conventional, auto-dependent suburban shopping retail centers, business parks and light industrial areas into vibrant, mixed-use, transit-served nodes.

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Viva White Oak

The County Executive Staff provided an update to the County Council on the morning of Tuesday, July 18th. Click for the [Analysis Memo](#) and the [Analysis Addendum](#) which include various renderings of the proposed Viva project.

The Viva development Team and County Staff came together on the eve of July 18th for a presentation to the community for the [Pre-Sketch Plan Submittal Briefing](#) (click). About 125 people attended with many valuable comments and questions.



Viva White Oak
Community Meeting
July 18th



DEVELOPMENT NEWS (cont')

Below, the new Adventist Hospital on Plum Orchard Drive continues to progress with the 3rd level almost completed.



Adventist Hospital



FDA Campus Expansion



Viva White Oak

Below, at the site of the future Hilton Home 2 Suites Hotel in Hillandale, the former building has been demolished and the foundation work has begun.



Hilton Home 2 Suites



Hillandale Gateway

All renderings are schematic and subject to change.



REMINDER OF THE NEW WHITE OAK WEBSITE

If you have not, please visit the new White Oak new website at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/exec/wosq/index.html>. Community information, events, development updates and newsletters are posted. If you have something to share online or in the newsletter, please submit it to the editor at Peter.Fosselman@montgomerycountymd.gov.

CLEANING UP PROHIBITED SIGNS IN WHITE OAK

Prohibited Signs polluting the public right-of-way such as “We Buy Cars, Mattress Store Sale, Carpet Cleaning” are being removed by the Zoning & Site Plan Enforcement Division within the Department of Permitting Services.



How Can Constituents and Communities Help and Request Assistance?

Montgomery County

Community Roadside Sign Enforcement Program

- ▶ To report signs installed in the median, in the public right-of-way or on utility poles call 311 OR <https://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/online/eComplaint.aspx>

Maryland State

Sign Enforcement Program Operated by SHA (State Highway Administration)

- ▶ To file an online service request for signs installed on state maintained highways and roads go to http://marylandsha.force.com/customer-care/request_for_service

The Montgomery County Community Action Board Presents



Community Advocacy Institute

Are you interested in learning how to be an advocate for your community?

APPLY TODAY for the Community Action Board's Community Advocacy Institute (formerly the Leadership Development Institute)! This training program will teach you basic advocacy skills and provide hands-on opportunities to advocate for important issues in your community. **All participants must attend all workshops and complete a final advocacy project to successfully complete the program. Applicants must be Montgomery County residents with a household income of \$54,000 or less.** Dependent care and travel reimbursement available. Refreshments will be provided for all sessions.

APPLICATIONS DUE AUGUST 25

2017 - 2018 SESSIONS

OCTOBER 12	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Orientation
NOVEMBER 4	10:00am - 2:00pm	Workshop #1 Advocacy 101
DECEMBER 2	10:00am - 2:00pm	Workshop #2 Storytelling
JANUARY 6	10:00am - 2:00pm	Workshop #3 Exploring the Issues
FEBRUARY 3	10:00am - 2:00pm	Workshop #4 Nuts and Bolts of Advocacy
MARCH 3	10:00am - 2:00pm	Workshop #5 Advocacy Skills Review Session, Part 1
MARCH 24	12:00pm - 2:00pm	Workshop #6 Advocacy Skills Review Session, Part 2
APRIL	Date/Time - TBD	Advocacy Opportunities
APRIL 28	12:00pm - 2:00pm	Wrap-Up Session
MAY 22	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Graduation Ceremony

Apply online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/communityaction

If you need special accommodations, please email Leah.Goldfine@montgomerycountymd.gov

Or call 240-777-1697. TTY users, please call MD Relay (711).



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BIOTECH & BUSINESS INCENTIVES – WHITE OAK

Facility Development Incentives:

Development Impact Tax Exemption –

Life sciences companies constructing new facilities are exempt from the County's development tax, which is imposed on all new commercial development except for biotechnology structures. This exemption can be worth millions in savings, depending on the square footage of the facility and other development issues.

Systems Development Fee Exemption –

The local water authority can waive the fee that is imposed on the sanitary/water fixtures in a new biotechnology or manufacturing project (again, biotech is the one industry that enjoys this exemption) in an amount up to \$50,000/year/per project.

Life Sciences Center Zone Development Bonus –

In the County's Life Sciences Center zones, the square footage of space in a new project used exclusively for mechanical equipment is excluded from the project's maximum density calculation, thus practically speaking, allowing a project to be built bigger than what is allowed by right.

Financial Incentives:

In addition to the State's Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund (MEDAAF) and Montgomery County's Economic Development Fund, both of which provide financial incentives for business relocation and expansion, the following incentives are available to biotech companies and institutions:

Maryland and Montgomery County Biotechnology Investment Incentive Tax Credit –

Provides an investor with income tax credits equal to 50% of an eligible investment in a qualified Maryland Biotechnology Company, for up to \$250,000 per fiscal year. Investors making qualified investments in biotech companies in Montgomery County, Maryland, are also eligible to receive a payment from the County's Biotech Investor Supplemental Program that is in proportion to the Maryland biotech tax credit that the investor receives. This program supports investment in seed and early stage biotech companies in order to promote and grow the biotech industry in Maryland.

Research and Development Tax Credit (R&D) --

Businesses that have qualified research and development expenditures in Maryland may qualify for two state income tax credits, the Basic Research and Development Tax Credit and the Growth Research and Development Tax Credit.

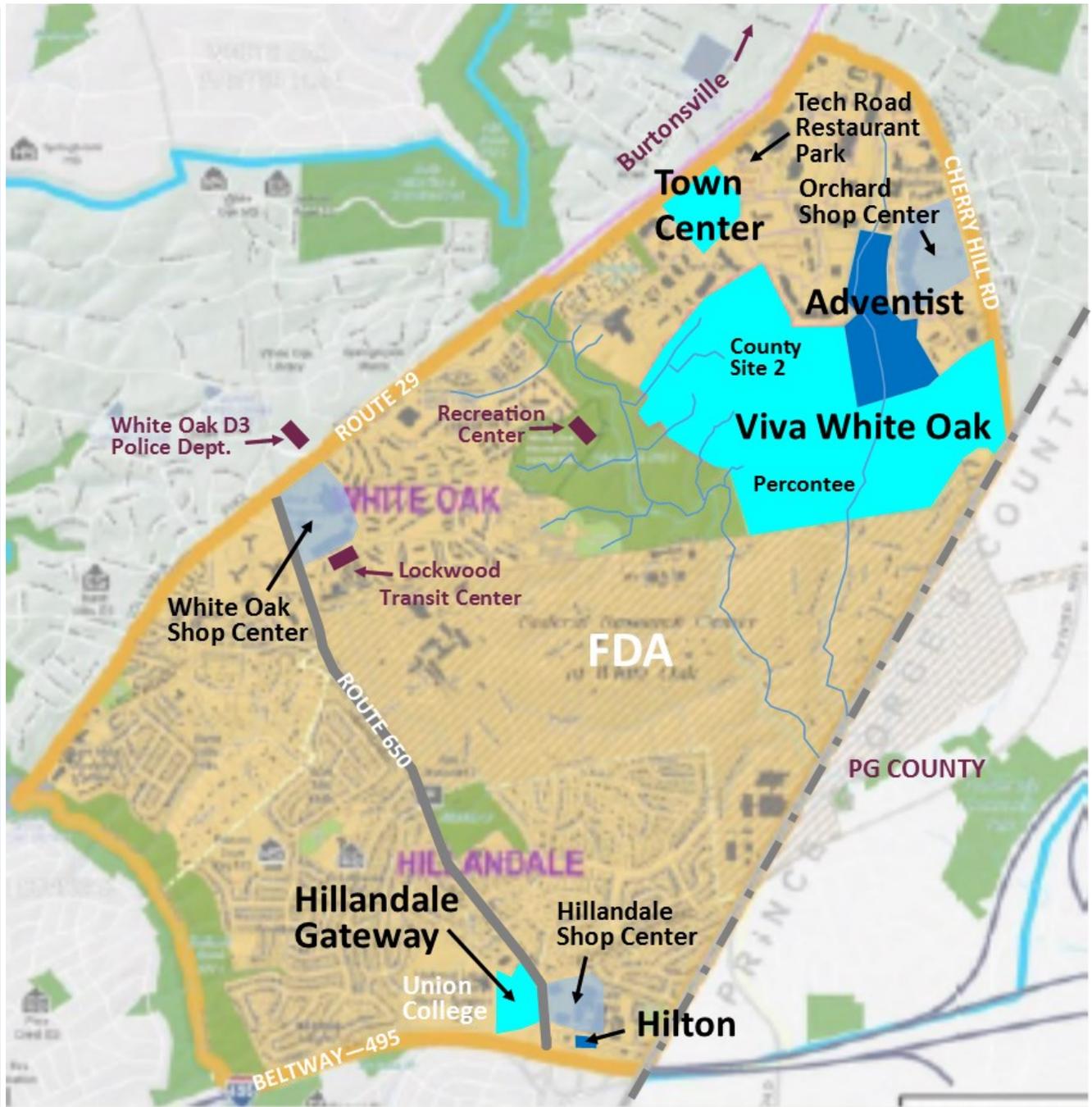
New Jobs Tax Credit –

Promotes job and construction growth through a six-year tax credit that is available to businesses that increase their space in the State/County by at least 5,000 square feet and their employee count by at least 25 new jobs.

Montgomery County MOVE Program –

Designed to assist small businesses who are locating in Montgomery County – those taking up to 10,000 square feet of space -- this one-time incentive of \$8/square foot is available to businesses new to the County or creating their first office space in the County. Easy-in/easy-out application and process.

WHITE OAK DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS



 = Permitting/Under Construction  = Planning  = Future Dev

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