



TOWN OF BLADENSBURG COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING | MAY 11, 2026

May 11, 2026 at 5:30 PM

4229 Edmonston RD, Bladensburg, MD 20710

AGENDA

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1. **Call to Order – 1 min**
2. **Approval of Agenda – 1 min**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. April 27 Budget Work Session Minutes
 - B. April 13 Work Session Minutes
4. **Presentations**
 - A. Legislative Wrap Up
 - B. FY27 Budget Review
 - C. FY26 Community Grant Applications
 - D. Port Towns Sector Plan Testimony Period
5. **Adjournment**



TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING

April 27, 2026 at 5:30 PM

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MINUTES

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1. Call to Order – 1 min

Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. Approval of Agenda – 1 min

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member McBryde made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Brown. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4–0.

3. New Business - FY27 Budget Review for Public Safety, Public Works, Summary / Discussion

Town of Bladensburg held its fourth budget work session to review the FY2027 budget planning process. Mr. Tinelli summarized the first three budget meetings and will be continuing the budget review for this meeting focusing on Public Safety and Public works.

A. Public Safety - Mr. Tinelli mentioned the removal of two duplicated positions for officers which brings savings in compensation of \$200K. We will also be deferring the purchase of public safety cruisers until later in the fiscal year depending on how the FY27 finances are performing. This will be a budget savings of \$220K.

a. The removal of the two items was enough to balance the FY27 budget when before, we had a (\$417K) loss.

B. Public Works - There was an increase in compensation to reflect current year salary improvements. Other increases were for equipment maintenance, and contractual trash service.

- C. Next Steps – The Town will be holding a community budget input session on May 16th and will be an Open House format. There will be a first reading of the Budget Ordinance at the May 11, 2026 Mayor and Council meeting, with the second reading and adoption at the June 8, 2026 Mayor and Council meeting.
- D. Other - Mayor James called for a motion to excuse CM Blount from tonight meeting due to medical reasons, CM Dixon moved the motion, which CM McBryde seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

4. Adjournment

Mayor James called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Brown moved to adjourn, and Council Member McBryde seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0), and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.



TOWN OF BLADENSBURG COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING | APRIL 13, 2026

April 13, 2026 at 5:30 PM

4229 Edmonston RD, Bladensburg, MD 20710

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – 1 min

Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. Approval of Agenda – 1 min

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Dixon made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Brown. It was mentioned Item D for April 7th Budget Minutes were not included and would need to be removed. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5–0.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Town Council Budget Session #1 Minutes March 2 2026

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the Budget minutes. Council Member Dixon made a motion to approve the agenda, and seconded by Council Member Blount. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5–0.

B. Town Council Work Session Minutes March 9 2026

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the work session minutes. Council Member Blount made a motion to approve the agenda, and seconded by Council Member Dixon. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5–0.

C. Town Council Special Session Minutes March 16 2026

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the Special session minutes. Council Member Brown made a motion to approve the agenda, and seconded by Council Member Dixon. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5–0.

D. Town Council Budget Session Minutes April 7 2026

These were not available and was removed from the agenda.

4. Financial Business

- FY27 Budget Review for Administrative Departments to include Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Finance. Time remaining we will review Public Safety and Public Works.
- Town Treasurer, Mr. Tinelli gave a detailed update regarding the projected expenses, including the increased pension costs for next year and health insurance increases starting December 2026. It was also mentioned that the events budget will reflect 60k in the next budget meeting.
- Acting Chief Frishorn assisted Mr. Tinelli with public safety's budget review.
- Currently, there are two current open positions for a dispatcher and police officer. Council questioned whether we base our police staffing on crime rates or population and Acting Chief Frishorn cited various metrics.
- There will be another budget meeting scheduled for April 27, 2026.

5. Adjournment

Mayor James called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, moved by Council Member Blount and seconded by Council Member Dixon. The motion passed unanimously (5-0), and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Town of Bladensburg

FY27 Draft Budget

	FY25 Budget		FY26 Budget		FY27 Budget		% of Total	Inc. over FY26
REVENUES								
Real Estate Taxes	4,560,000	35%	5,034,415	41%	5,250,487	51%	4%	
Business Personal Property Taxes	1,125,000	9%	1,340,000	11%	1,425,000	14%	6%	
Income Tax and Other Taxes	650,000	5%	650,000	5%	700,000	7%	8%	
Other Local Taxes	20,000	0%	20,000	0%	5,000	0%	-75%	
Licenses and Permits	215,000	2%	205,000	2%	210,000	2%	2%	
Federal Funding	1,078,491	8%	1,500,000	12%	-	0%	-100%	
State Funding	1,827,766	14%	1,853,146	15%	754,000	7%	-59%	
County Funding	24,856	0%	24,856	0%	24,857	0%	0%	
Service Charges	2,081,000	16%	1,141,545	9%	1,653,000	16%	45%	
Other Revenues	351,000	3%	372,200	3%	275,000	3%	-26%	
Grants	489,500	4%	237,750	2%	-	0%	-100%	
Transfer from Speed Camera Fund Bal.		0%						
Transfer from Fund Balance	575,114	4%	-	-	-	0%		
TOTAL REVENUES	12,997,727	100%	12,378,912	100%	10,297,344	83%	-17%	
EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT								
Mayor and Council	323,510	2%	333,788	3%	361,861	4%	8%	
Town Administrator	485,943	4%	484,975	4%	534,140	5%	10%	
Clerk	404,266	3%	438,022	4%	377,362	4%	-14%	
Finance	397,295	3%	379,597	3%	408,074	4%	8%	
Subtotal Administration	1,611,014	12%	1,636,382	13%	1,681,437	16%	3%	
Public Safety / Traffic Enforcement	7,359,704	57%	6,480,027	52%	6,961,035	68%	7%	
Public Works	1,310,518	10%	1,373,753	11%	1,654,872	16%	20%	
ARPA Projects	78,491	1%	500,000	4%	-	0%	-100%	
Grants - Restricted	327,000	3%	188,750	2%	-	0%		
Capital Projects - Federal/State Funds	2,311,000	18%	2,200,000	18%	-	0%	-100%	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	12,997,727	100%	12,378,912	100%	10,297,344	100%	-17%	
Surplus/(Deficit)	-		-		-	0%		

Town of Bladensburg
FY27 Draft Budgeted Revenues

	FY25 Budget	FY26 Budget	FY27 Budget	% inc.	Notes to Line Items
4000 · Property Taxes					
4020 · Real Estate Taxes	4,560,000	5,034,415	5,250,487	4%	Residential @ \$.0074, Commercial @ \$.0082, Apartments @ \$.0085
4040 · Business Personal Property Tax	795,000	950,000	1,000,000	5%	Assessed business personal property of \$38M x \$.0250 tax rate not inc. below
4060 · Personal Property Tax - Other	<u>330,000</u>	<u>390,000</u>	<u>425,000</u>	9%	Utility and Rail Road personal property assessments of \$12M x \$.0325
Total 4000 · Property Taxes	5,685,000	6,374,415	6,675,487	5%	
4100 · Income Tax	650,000	650,000	700,000	8%	Income Tax collected by the State and remitted to the Town
4200 · Other Local Taxes					
4220 · Admissions and Amusement Tax	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	5,000	-75%	Tax collected by the State and remitted to the Town for rentals, cover charges,
Total 4200 · Other Local Taxes	670,000	670,000	705,000	5%	and coin operated machines
4300 · Licenses and Permits					
4310 · Local Business Licenses	80,000	110,000	115,000	5%	Business license and apartment rental license fees
4320 · County Traders License	15,000	15,000	5,000	-67%	Share of County business licenses remitted to Town
4370 · Cable Franchise Fees	<u>120,000</u>	<u>80,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>	13%	Fees based on subscribership of Comcast and Verizon
Total 4300 · Licenses and Permits	215,000	205,000	210,000	2%	
4400 · Federal Funding (ARPA)	78,491	500,000	-	-100%	ARPA funding Community Initiatives
4410 · Federal Earmark	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	-	-100%	Senator Ben Cardin Earmark of \$1M, no use yet
Total 4400 · Federal Funding	1,078,491	1,500,000	-		
4500 · State Funding					
4510 · Highway User Revenues	327,766	327,766	324,000	-1%	State allocation for roads maintenance
4520 · Police Aid	300,000	325,380	330,000	1%	Annual grant from Governor's Office for Crime Control and Prevention
4540 · Police Grants			100,000		Overtime grants, COPS funding of 1/3 of two positions
4550 · State Bond Bill	<u>1,200,000</u>	<u>1,200,000</u>	-		State Bond Bill for Bostwick
Total 4500 · State Funding	1,827,766	1,853,146	754,000	-59%	
4600 · County Funding					
4620 · County Disposal Fee Rebate	22,484	22,484	22,485	0%	Rebate for using County dumps
4640 · Bank Stock	<u>2,372</u>	<u>2,372</u>	<u>2,372</u>	0%	Fixed amount received annually since 1960's in lieu of not taxing bank shares
Total 4600 · County Funding	24,856	24,856	24,857	0%	
4700 · Service Charges					
4720 · Local Fines/Fees	40,000	40,000	50,000	25%	Public Safety, Code, parking violations, and impound fees
4730 · Copier Fees	3,000	3,000	2,000	-33%	Fees collected for Police Reports and Public Information Act requests
4740 · Fingerprinting	1,000	1,000	1,000	0%	Service offered through Maryland's Criminal Justice Information Service
4780 · Red Light Enforcement	537,000	-	800,000		Fines generated for red light enforcement
4770 · Automated Traffic / Stop Signs	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>1,097,545</u>	<u>800,000</u>	-27%	Fines generated for automated speed and stop sign enforcement
Total 4700 · Service Charges	2,081,000	1,141,545	1,653,000	45%	
4800 · Other Revenues					
4810 · Insurance Reimbursement	50,000	50,000	20,000	-60%	Annual rebate from health insurance and reimbursed costs for insured losses
4820 · Bus Shelter Advertising	-	-	1,000		Revenues remitted to us for advertising contracts on bus shelters
4830 · Property Rental	42,000	42,000	45,000	7%	Rental of Mango Café
4840 · Vehicle Deployment	7,000	28,200	24,000	-15%	Payroll deduction for Public Safety take home vehicles
4870 · Misc. Revenues	2,000	2,000	5,000	150%	Misc. receipts which do not fall in any above revenue accounts
4880 · Interest Earned	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>180,000</u>	-28%	Interest earned through MD Local Government Investment Pooled accounts
Total 4800 · Other Revenues	351,000	372,200	275,000	-26%	
4900 · Restricted Revenues					
4950 · Community Legacy	150,000	-	-		Street lighting project completion
4960 · CDBG Construction Grant	167,000	188,750	-		
4970 · Other Grants	<u>172,500</u>	<u>49,000</u>	-		
Total 4900 · Restricted Revenues	489,500	237,750	-	-100%	
4998 · Transfer from Speed Camera Fund Balance					
4999 · Transfer from Fund Balance	575,114	-	-		Budget reconciliation to have a balanced budget when expenses > revenues
Total Revenues	<u>12,997,727</u>	<u>12,378,912</u>	<u>10,297,344</u>	-17%	

Town of Bladensburg
Mayor and Council FY27 Draft Budget

	FY25 Budget	FY26 Budget	FY27 Budget	% inc.	Notes to Line Items
6000 · Compensation					
6010 · Regular Pay	62,708	61,568	62,799	2%	Compensation for the Mayor and (4) Council Members 7.65% employer tax on total pay Health, Dental, Vision insurance based upon enrollment in plans Contribution to MD State Retirement System Required liability insurance
6030 · FICA	4,797	4,710	4,804	2%	
6040 · Health Insurance	45,651	48,626	54,466	12%	
6050 · Pension	6,854	5,384	8,792	63%	
6060 · Workers Comp	500	500	500	0%	
Total 6000 · Compensation	120,510	120,788	131,361	9%	
6145 · Council Business Development	26,000	30,000	30,000	0%	Attendance for meetings and conferences to MML, NLC, PGCMA, AAMA
6160 · Employee Recognition	15,000	15,000	10,000	-33%	Staff recognitions, lunches, awards, and Christmas.
6210 · Council Projects	2,500	2,500	5,000	100%	Discretionary funding for local organizations and projects
6223 · Food Assistance			15,000		
6225 · Community Grants					
6226 · Fire Department Donation	30,000	30,000	30,000	0%	Annual donation to Bladensburg VFD
6227 · Scholarships	5,000	5,000	5,000	0%	Local students to attend college or vocational school/studies
6225 · Community Grants - Other	12,000	12,000	12,000	0%	\$2,000 grants given on an application basis
Total 6225 · Community Grants	47,000	47,000	47,000	0%	
6230 · Community Events	66,000	70,000	65,000	-7%	Events such as Fireworks, Yule Log, Black History Month Celebration, Food asst., etc.
6235 · Senior Citizen Projects	4,500	4,500	4,500	0%	\$1,500 donation given to the three Senior Housing Communities to fund events
6255 · Town Meetings	6,000	6,000	12,000	100%	Video production and recording of Town meetings and refreshments
6420 · Computer Expense	-	-	1,000		Replacement costs if needed
6550 · Insurance - Liability	2,000	4,000	6,000	50%	Elected official liability insurance through LGIT
6825 · Membership	20,000	20,000	20,000	0%	MML, National League of Cities, PGCMA, Metro Washington Council of Govts., etc.
6835 · Travel	14,000	14,000	15,000	7%	Travel and accommodations associated with meetings and conferences
Total Expense	323,510	333,788	361,861	8%	

Town of Bladensburg
Town Administrator FY27 Draft Budget

	FY25 Budget	FY26 Budget	FY27Budget	% inc.	Notes to Line Items
6000 · Compensation					
6010 · Regular Pay	156,760	156,853	160,000	2%	(1) Town Administrator 7.65% employer tax on total pay Health, Dental, and Vision insurance based upon enrollment Contribution to MD State Retirement System Required liability insurance
6030 · FICA	11,992	11,999	12,240	2%	
6040 · Health Insurance	24,557	26,479	30,000	13%	
6050 · Pension	17,134	17,144	22,400	31%	
6060 · Workers Comp	500	500	500	0%	
Total 6000 · Compensation	210,943	212,975	225,140	6%	
6110 · Tuition Reimbursement	1,000	-	1,000		Continuing Education courses
6140 · Professional Development	4,000	3,000	2,000	-33%	Training and leadership conferences (MML, ICMA, etc.)
6255 · Town Meetings	5,000	5,000	-		Reclassified to Mayor and Council budget
6260 · Transportation	60,000	60,000	50,000	-17%	Port Towns Call-a- Bus local transportation service
6400 · Computer	-	-	-		
6560 · Legal	40,000	40,000	40,000	0%	Town Attorney fees and specialized legal counsel as/if needed
6580 · Contractual Services	125,000	125,000	180,000	44%	Consultants for Econ. Dev., lobbyist, grants, HR, Startegic Plan
6810 · Advertising	30,000	30,000	25,000	-17%	Quarterly newsletters, promotional activities
6820 · Website	4,000	4,000	4,000	0%	Website hosting and platform services
6825 · Membership	1,000	1,000	2,000	100%	Annual memberships for professional and trade organizations
6835 · Travel	5,000	4,000	5,000	25%	Per diem and travel costs for attendance to seminars and conferences
Total Expense	485,943	484,975	534,140	10%	

Town of Bladensburg
Town Clerk FY27 Draft Budget

	FY25 Budget	FY26 Budget	FY27 Budget	% inc.	Notes to Line Items
6000 · Compensation					
6010 · Regular Pay	255,963	265,574	229,817	-13%	} Town Clerk 3/4 of year (1) Clerk (1) Deputy Clerk (1) Marketing Coordinator
6020 · Overtime	10,000	10,000	10,000	0%	
6030 · FICA	20,346	21,081	18,346	-13%	
6040 · Health Insurance	29,078	51,938	25,623	-51%	
6050 · Pension	27,977	29,027	32,174	11%	
6060 · Workers Comp	500	500	500	0%	
Total 6000 · Compensation	343,864	378,120	316,460	-16%	
6110 · Tuition Reimbursement	2,000	2,000	2,000	0%	Continuing Education courses
6140 · Professional Development	3,000	2,000	2,000	0%	Training and leadership conferences
6240 · Memorials	2,000	2,000	1,000	-50%	Condolence gifts
6270 · Historic Promotion	2,402	2,402	2,402	0%	Annual dues to Anacostia Trails Heritage Area
6320 · Wireless Communications	-	-	-		
6400 · Computer	-	-	2,000		
6460 · Software Contract	15,000	15,000	15,000	0%	Licensing for PIA and meeting software
6570 · Equipment Lease	8,000	8,000	9,000	13%	Copier lease and usage costs and postage machine lease
6825 · Membership	500	500	1,000	100%	Annual memberships for professional and trade organizations
6835 · Travel	1,500	1,000	1,500	50%	Per diem and travel costs for attendance to seminars and conferences
6850 · Office Supplies	8,000	10,000	10,000	0%	Office consumables
6855 · Postage	3,000	2,000	2,000	0%	Town mailings
6880 · Election Costs	8,000	8,000	5,000	-38%	Costs for machines and ballots in case of vacancy
6890 · Utilities	7,000	7,000	8,000	14%	30% of electric, water, gas, and sewer for Town Hall, balance to Public Safety
Total Expense	404,266	438,022	377,362	-14%	

Town of Bladensburg

Finance FY27 Draft Budget

	FY25 Budget	FY26 Budget	FY27 Budget	% inc.	Notes to Line Items
6000 · Compensation					
6010 · Regular Pay	237,792	237,944	245,181	3%	(1) Treasurer (1) Accounting Assistant Insurance enrollments for Acct. Asst. Pension contribution + annual admin fee for all employees of \$7,800
6020 · Overtime	1,000	1,000	5,000	400%	
6030 · FICA	18,191	18,207	19,139	5%	
6040 · Health Insurance	10,821	9,933	11,929	20%	
6050 · Pension	25,991	26,013	34,325	32%	
6060 · Workers Comp	500	500	500	0%	
Total 6000 · Compensation	294,295	293,597	316,074	8%	
6110 · Tuition Reimbursement	4,000	-	2,000		Continuing Education courses
6140 · Professional Development	2,000	2,000	2,000	0%	Training and leadership conferences to MDGFAO, MML, and MACO
6150 · Payroll Service	8,000	10,000	11,000	10%	Fees for payroll service, quarterly and annual tax filings, W-2's, and 1099's
6320 · Wireless Communications	-	-	-		
6400 · Computer	-	-	3,000		Hardware replacements
6460 · Software Contract	2,500	12,000	15,000	25%	Annual finance software licensing
6510 · Audit	15,000	15,000	25,000	67%	Annual audit plus single audit for ARPA funds - option 1 year extension
6520 · Bank Charges	5,000	5,000	5,000	0%	Banking fees
6530 · Bad Debts	8,000	8,000	8,000	0%	Write-off of uncollectable Personal Property taxes for businesses which closed
6550 · Insurance - Liability	10,000	15,000	20,000	33%	Liability and Umbrella Policies for Town, along with Fidelity and Crimes Coverage
6825 · Membership	500	500	500	0%	Annual memberships for professional and trade organizations
6835 · Travel	1,000	500	500	0%	Per diem and travel costs for attendance to seminars and conferences
Subtotal	350,295	361,597	408,074	13%	
6950 · Debt Service	47,000	18,000	-		Bond obligations, non, paid
Total Expense	397,295	379,597	408,074	8%	

Town of Bladensburg
Administration Combined (Town Admin., Clerk, Finance)
FY27 Draft Budget

	FY25 Budget	FY26 Budget	FY27 Budget	% inc.
6000 · Compensation				
6010 · Regular Pay	650,515	660,371	634,998	-4%
6020 · Overtime	11,000	11,000	15,000	36%
6030 · FICA	50,529	51,287	49,725	-3%
6040 · Health Insurance	64,456	88,350	67,552	-24%
6050 · Pension	71,102	72,184	88,899	23%
6060 · Workers Comp	1,500	1,500	1,500	0%
Total 6000 · Compensation	849,102	884,692	857,674	-3%
6110 · Tuition Reimbursement	7,000	2,000	5,000	150%
6140 · Professional Development	9,000	7,000	6,000	-14%
6150 · Payroll Service	8,000	10,000	11,000	10%
6240 · Memorials	2,000	2,000	1,000	-50%
6255 · Town Meetings	-	5,000	-	
6260 · Transportation	60,000	60,000	50,000	-17%
6270 · Historic Promotion	2,402	2,402	2,402	0%
6400 · Computer	-	-	5,000	
6460 · Software Contract	17,500	27,000	30,000	11%
6510 · Audit	15,000	15,000	25,000	67%
6520 · Bank Charges	5,000	5,000	5,000	0%
6530 · Bad Debts	8,000	8,000	8,000	0%
6550 · Insurance - Liability	10,000	15,000	20,000	33%
6560 · Legal	40,000	40,000	40,000	0%
6570 · Equipment Lease	8,000	8,000	9,000	13%
6580 · Contractual Services	125,000	125,000	180,000	44%
6810 · Advertising	30,000	30,000	25,000	-17%
6820 · Website	4,000	4,000	4,000	0%
6825 · Membership	2,000	2,000	3,500	75%
6835 · Travel	7,500	5,500	7,000	27%
6850 · Office Supplies	8,000	10,000	10,000	0%
6855 · Postage	3,000	2,000	2,000	0%
6880 · Election Costs	8,000	8,000	5,000	-38%
6890 · Utilities	7,000	7,000	8,000	14%
Subtotal	1,235,504	1,284,594	1,319,576	3%
6950 · Debt Service	47,000	18,000	-	-100%
Total Expense	1,282,504	1,302,594	1,319,576	1%
	10%	11%	13%	

Town of Bladensburg
Public Safety FY27 Draft Budget

	FY25 Total	FY26 Total	FY27 Total	% inc.	Notes to Line Items
6000 · Compensation					
6010 · Regular Pay	3,793,792	3,236,082	3,527,380	9%	Funding for: (27) Law Enforcement Officers (7) Communications/PIO (3) Code Enforcement (2) Community Coord. and Executive Asst.
6020 · Overtime	350,000	400,000	440,000	10%	
6030 · FICA	317,842	277,707	304,366	10%	
6040 · Health Insurance	708,706	680,071	751,899	11%	
6050 · Pension	415,864	349,622	475,390	36%	
6060 · Workers Comp	250,000	230,000	240,000	4%	
Total 6000 · Compensation	5,836,204	5,173,482	5,739,035	11%	
6110 · Tuition Reimbursement	20,000	20,000	15,000	-25%	Reimbursement for new officers to attend training academy.
6120 · Uniforms	80,000	80,000	50,000	-38%	Uniforms, new officer bullet proof vests and outer carry vests
6130 · Recruitment	16,000	16,000	16,000	0%	Background checks, investigations, and psychological evaluations for new hires
6140 · Professional Development	50,000	50,000	50,000	0%	Training and leadership opportunities
6160 · Employee Recognition	14,000	10,000	15,000	50%	Commendations and recognitions
6226 · Fire Department Donation		20,000	20,000		Stipend for fire and EMS personnel
6230 · Community Events	20,000	20,000	20,000	0%	NNO, Movie in the Park, Shop w/Cop, Citizens Police Academy, Safe Streets, etc.
6310 · Telephone	32,000	32,000	16,000	-50%	All Town phone services run through Communications
6320 · Wireless Communications	60,000	60,000	70,000	17%	Mobile Data Terminals on cruisers, T-Mobile hotspots, wireless phones
6330 · Communications Contracts	40,000	40,000	47,000	18%	Licensing and upkeep of mobile radios radio tower
6350 · Internet Access	7,000	7,000	7,000	0%	Broadband access for Town Hall and for COPS office
6420 · Computer Expense	40,000	40,000	25,000	-38%	Hardware purchases and upgrades
6440 · IT Support	142,500	100,000	100,000	0%	Contractual services to manage computers, servers, hardware, and software
6460 · Software Contract	60,000	60,000	60,000	0%	Barracuda backup, Trend Micro, SonicWall, LIPDR, Records Management, etc.
6545 · Insurance - Auto	50,000	70,000	80,000	14%	Insurance on Town vehicles
6550 · Insurance - Liability	50,000	60,000	70,000	17%	Police liability
6570 · Equipment Lease	10,000	10,000	15,000	50%	Monthly copier lease and usage charges for (2) copiers and postage meter
6580 · Contractual Services	120,000	120,000	110,000	-8%	Equifax, Lexis Nexus, storage. Shot Spotter and Grants Mgr. under Speed Camera
6590 · Automated Traffic Enforcement	125,000	125,000	125,000	0%	Automated traffic enforcement service
6620 · Fuel	115,000	115,000	125,000	9%	Fuel for all Public Safety vehicles
6640 · Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance	40,000	40,000	50,000	25%	Maintenance and repairs to Public Safety vehicles
6650 · Vehicle Body Repairs	25,000	25,000	25,000	0%	Repairs paid for damage to vehicles, less deductible if applicable
6680 · Weapon Repairs and Supplies	15,000	15,000	15,000	0%	Firearm purchases and ammo for range
6825 · Membership	10,000	10,000	6,000	-40%	Memberships to professional and trade organizations
6835 · Travel	8,000	8,000	12,000	50%	Lodging and per diem for conferences, trainings, and seminars
6850 · Office Supplies	15,000	15,000	15,000	0%	Office consumables for Public Safety
6855 · Postage	3,000	5,000	6,000	20%	Mailings for investigations, complaints, and tickets
6865 · Supplies	20,000	20,000	20,000	0%	Vehicle and safety supplies and investigation kits
6870 · K9 Supplies	15,000	15,000	15,000	0%	Supplies and veterinarian care
6885 · Finger Printing	1,000	1,000	2,000	100%	Charges by CJIS to perform finger print scans
6890 · Utilities	20,000	20,000	20,000	0%	Utilities for Public Safety Office and Police Annex
Subtotal	7,059,704	6,402,482	6,961,035	9%	
6970 · Capital Outlay					
6975 · Capital Outlay - Speed Camera		77,545	-		(3) Public Safety equipped SUV's, removed, will add back later in year if can
6970 · Capital Outlay - Other	300,000	-	-		
Total 6970 · Capital Outlay	300,000	77,545	-	-100%	
Total Expense	7,359,704	6,480,027	6,961,035	7%	
	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL		

Town of Bladensburg
Public Works FY27 Draft Budget

	FY25 Budget	FY26 Budget	FY27 Budget	% inc.	Notes to Line Items
6000 · Compensation					
6010 · Regular Pay	410,908	421,450	452,327	7%	(1) Supervisor (6) F/T Workers
6020 · Overtime	10,000	15,000	15,000	0%	
6030 · FICA	32,199	33,388	35,751	7%	
6040 · Health Insurance	86,499	107,361	119,968	12%	
6050 · Pension	44,912	46,054	63,326	38%	
6060 · Workers Comp	40,000	26,000	30,000	15%	
Total 6000 · Compensation	624,518	649,253	716,372	10%	
6110 · Tuition Reimbursement	3,500	1,000	1,000	0%	Education opportunities
6120 · Uniforms	4,000	5,000	10,000	100%	Work and safety gear
6140 · Professional Development	2,000	2,000	5,000	150%	Training and leadership opportunities
6350 · Internet Access	3,000	3,000	3,000	0%	Internet access
6420 · Computer Expense	-	-	-		
6620 · Fuel	20,000	20,000	20,000	0%	Fuel for equipment and Public Safety trucks
6640 · Vehicle Repairs and Maint.	20,000	20,000	20,000	0%	Repairs and upkeep of trucks and attached equipment
6670 · Equipment Maintenance	10,000	10,000	15,000	50%	Repairs and upkeep of mowers and heavy equipment
6710 · Building Maintenance	50,000	50,000	60,000	20%	Repairs and upkeep of all Town facilities
6720 · Grounds Maintenance	30,000	30,000	40,000	33%	Upkeep of grounds around Town buildings, roads, parks, and right of ways
6740 · Street Lights	50,000	50,000	50,000	0%	Lighting costs for Town roads and paths
6750 · Sanitation Contract	250,000	300,000	330,000	10%	Contracted 2x weekly trash, 1x weekly bulk trash and yard waste, and composting
6760 · Landfill Fees	15,000	15,000	15,000	0%	Disposal costs of street and roadway debris
6770 · Building Supplies	12,000	12,000	12,000	0%	Building consumables - paper towels, water, cleaning supplies, etc.
6790 · Janitorial Services	36,000	25,000	25,000	0%	Contracted service for daily cleaning of Town buildings
6835 · Travel	500	1,500	1,500	0%	Costs associated with attending conferences and seminars
6860 · Shop Supplies	2,000	2,000	3,000	50%	Shop consumables
6890 · Utilities	28,000	28,000	28,000	0%	Electric, water, sewer, and gas for Public Works building and Bostwick
Subtotal	<u>1,160,518</u>	<u>1,223,753</u>	<u>1,354,872</u>	11%	
6970 · Capital Outlay					
6979 · Highway User Projects	150,000	150,000	150,000		Street repairs funded through Highway User Revenues
6970 · Capital Outlay - Other	-	-	150,000		New dump truck HUR
Total 6970 · Capital Outlay	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>	100%	
Total Expense	<u>1,310,518</u>	<u>1,373,753</u>	<u>1,654,872</u>	20%	

Town of Bladensburg
Budget Summary
July 2026 through June 2027

	Jul '26 - Jun 27
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 · Property Taxes	
4020 · Real Estate Taxes	5,250,487
4040 · Business Personal Property Tax	1,000,000
4060 · Personal Property Tax - Other	425,000
Total 4000 · Property Taxes	6,675,487
4100 · Income Tax	700,000
4200 · Other Local Taxes	5,000
4300 · Licenses and Permits	
4310 · Local Business Licenses	115,000
4320 · County Traders License	5,000
4370 · Cable Franchise Fees	90,000
Total 4300 · Licenses and Permits	210,000
4400 · Federal Funding	
4500 · State Funding	
4510 · Highway User Revenues	324,000
4520 · Police Aid	330,000
4540 · Police Grants	100,000
4550 · Bond Bill	
Total 4500 · State Funding	754,000
4600 · County Funding	
4620 · County Disposal Fee Rebate	22,485
4640 · Bank Stock	2,372
Total 4600 · County Funding	24,857
4700 · Service Charges	
4720 · Local Fines/Fees	50,000
4730 · Copier Fees	2,000
4740 · Fingerprinting	1,000
4760 · Reimbursements	
4770 · Automated Traffic Enforcement	800,000
4780 · Red Light Camera	800,000
Total 4700 · Service Charges	1,653,000
4800 · Other Revenues	
4810 · Insurance Reimbursement	20,000
4820 · Bus Shelter Advertising	1,000
4830 · Property Rental	45,000
4840 · Vehicle Deployment	24,000
4870 · Misc. Revenues	5,000
4880 · Interest Earned	180,000
Total 4800 · Other Revenues	275,000
4900 · Restricted Revenues	
4997 · Transfer from HUR Fund Balance	
4998 · Transfer from Speed Camera Fund	
4999 · Transfer from Fund Balance	
Total Income	10,297,344
Gross Profit	10,297,344

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	Jul '26 - Jun 27
Expense	
6000 · Compensation	
6010 · Regular Pay	4,677,504
6020 · Overtime	470,000
6030 · FICA	394,646
6040 · Health Insurance	993,885
6050 · Pension	636,407
6060 · Workers Comp	272,000
Total 6000 · Compensation	7,444,442
6110 · Tuition Reimbursement	21,000
6120 · Uniforms	60,000
6130 · Recruitment	16,000
6140 · Professional Development	
6145 · Council Business Development	30,000
6140 · Professional Development - Other	61,000
Total 6140 · Professional Development	91,000
6150 · Payroll Service	11,000
6160 · Employee Recognition	25,000
6210 · Council Projects	5,000
6220 · Community Initiatives	15,000
6225 · Community Grants	
6226 · Fire Department Donation	50,000
6227 · Scholarships	5,000
6225 · Community Grants - Other	12,000
Total 6225 · Community Grants	67,000
6230 · Community Events	85,000
6235 · Senior Citizen Projects	4,500
6240 · Memorials	1,000
6255 · Town Meetings	12,000
6260 · Transportation	50,000
6270 · Historic Promotion	2,402
6310 · Telephone	16,000
6320 · Wireless Communications	70,000
6330 · Communications Contracts	47,000
6350 · Internet Access	10,000
6360 · Data Fees	
6420 · Computer Expense	31,000
6440 · IT Support	100,000
6460 · Software Contract	90,000
6510 · Audit	25,000
6520 · Bank Charges	5,000
6530 · Bad Debts	8,000
6545 · Insurance - Auto	80,000
6550 · Insurance - Liability	96,000
6560 · Legal	40,000
6570 · Equipment Lease	24,000
6580 · Contractual Services	290,000
6590 · Automated Traffic Enforcement	125,000
6620 · Fuel	145,000
6640 · Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance	70,000
6650 · Vehicle Body Repairs	25,000
6670 · Equipment Maintenance	15,000
6680 · Weapon Repairs and Supplies	15,000
6710 · Building Maintenance	60,000
6720 · Grounds Maintenance	40,000
6740 · Street Lights	50,000

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	Jul '26 - Jun 27
6750 · Sanitation Contract	330,000
6760 · Landfill Fees	15,000
6770 · Building Supplies	12,000
6790 · Janitorial Services	25,000
6810 · Advertising	25,000
6820 · Website	4,000
6825 · Membership	29,500
6835 · Travel	35,500
6850 · Office Supplies	25,000
6855 · Postage	8,000
6860 · Shop Supplies	3,000
6865 · Supplies	20,000
6870 · K9 Supplies	15,000
6880 · Election Costs	5,000
6885 · Finger Printing	2,000
6890 · Utilities	56,000
6900 · Grants - Restricted	
Total Expense	9,997,344
Net Ordinary Income	300,000
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Other Expense	
6950 · Debt Service	
6970 · Capital Outlay	
6972 · Long Term Capital Projects	
6979 · Highway User Projects	150,000
6970 · Capital Outlay - Other	150,000
Total 6970 · Capital Outlay	300,000
Total Other Expense	300,000
Net Other Income	-300,000
Net Income	

Town of Bladensburg
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
July 2026 through June 2027

	Administrator	Clerk	Finance	Total Mayor and ...	Speed Camera F... (Public Safety)	Public Safety - Ot... (Public Safety)	Total Public Safety	Total Public Works	Revenues	TOTAL
	Jul '26 - Jun 27	Jul '26 - Jun 27	Jul '26 - Jun 27	Jul '26 - Jun 27	Jul '26 - Jun 27	Jul '26 - Jun 27	Jul '26 - Jun 27	Jul '26 - Jun 27	Jul '26 - Jun 27	Jul '26 - Jun 27
Ordinary Income/Expense										
Income										
4000 · Property Taxes										
4020 · Real Estate Taxes									5,250,487	5,250,487
4040 · Business Personal Property Tax									1,000,000	1,000,000
4060 · Personal Property Tax - Other									425,000	425,000
Total 4000 · Property Taxes									6,675,487	6,675,487
4100 · Income Tax									700,000	700,000
4200 · Other Local Taxes										
4220 · Admissions and Amusement T...									5,000	5,000
Total 4200 · Other Local Taxes									5,000	5,000
4300 · Licenses and Permits										
4310 · Local Business Licenses									115,000	115,000
4320 · County Traders License									5,000	5,000
4370 · Cable Franchise Fees									90,000	90,000
Total 4300 · Licenses and Permits									210,000	210,000
4400 · Federal Funding										
4500 · State Funding										
4510 · Highway User Revenues									324,000	324,000
4520 · Police Aid									330,000	330,000
4540 · Police Grants									100,000	100,000
Total 4500 · State Funding									754,000	754,000
4600 · County Funding										
4620 · County Disposal Fee Rebate									22,485	22,485
4640 · Bank Stock									2,372	2,372
Total 4600 · County Funding									24,857	24,857
4700 · Service Charges										
4720 · Local Fines/Fees									50,000	50,000
4730 · Copier Fees									2,000	2,000
4740 · Fingerprinting									1,000	1,000
4760 · Reimbursements										
4770 · Automated Traffic Enforcement									800,000	800,000
4780 · Red Light Camera									800,000	800,000
Total 4700 · Service Charges									1,653,000	1,653,000
4800 · Other Revenues										
4810 · Insurance Reimbursement									20,000	20,000
4820 · Bus Shelter Advertising									1,000	1,000
4830 · Property Rental									45,000	45,000
4840 · Vehicle Deployment									24,000	24,000
4870 · Misc. Revenues									5,000	5,000
4880 · Interest Earned									180,000	180,000
Total 4800 · Other Revenues									275,000	275,000
4900 · Restricted Revenues										
4970 · Other Grants										
Total 4900 · Restricted Revenues										
4997 · Transfer from HUR Fund Balance										
4998 · Transfer from Speed Camera Fund										
4999 · Transfer from Fund Balance										
Total Income									10,297,344	10,297,344
Gross Profit									10,297,344	10,297,344

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	Administrator	Clerk	Finance	Total Mayor and ...	Speed Camera F... (Public Safety)	Public Safety - Ot... (Public Safety)	Total Public Safety	Total Public Works	Revenues	TOTAL
	Jul '26 - Jun 27	Jul '26 - Jun 27	Jul '26 - Jun 27	Jul '26 - Jun 27	Jul '26 - Jun 27	Jul '26 - Jun 27	Jul '26 - Jun 27	Jul '26 - Jun 27	Jul '26 - Jun 27	Jul '26 - Jun 27
Expense										
6000 · Compensation										
6010 · Regular Pay	160,000	229,817	245,181	62,799		3,527,380	3,527,380	452,327		4,677,504
6020 · Overtime		10,000	5,000			440,000	440,000	15,000		470,000
6030 · FICA	12,240	18,346	19,139	4,804		304,366	304,366	35,751		394,646
6040 · Health Insurance	30,000	25,623	11,929	54,466		751,899	751,899	119,968		993,885
6050 · Pension	22,400	32,174	34,325	8,792		475,390	475,390	63,326		636,407
6060 · Workers Comp	500	500	500	500		240,000	240,000	30,000		272,000
Total 6000 · Compensation	225,140	316,460	316,074	131,361		5,739,035	5,739,035	716,372		7,444,442
6110 · Tuition Reimbursement	1,000	2,000	2,000			15,000	15,000	1,000		21,000
6120 · Uniforms						50,000	50,000	10,000		60,000
6130 · Recruitment						16,000	16,000			16,000
6140 · Professional Development										
6145 · Council Business Development				30,000						30,000
6140 · Professional Development - Ot...	2,000	2,000	2,000			50,000	50,000	5,000		61,000
Total 6140 · Professional Development	2,000	2,000	2,000	30,000		50,000	50,000	5,000		91,000
6150 · Payroll Service			11,000							11,000
6160 · Employee Recognition				10,000		15,000	15,000			25,000
6210 · Council Projects				5,000						5,000
6220 · Community Initiatives										
6223 · Food Assistance				15,000						15,000
Total 6220 · Community Initiatives				15,000						15,000
6225 · Community Grants										
6226 · Fire Department Donation				30,000	20,000		20,000			50,000
6227 · Scholarships				5,000						5,000
6225 · Community Grants - Other				12,000						12,000
Total 6225 · Community Grants				47,000	20,000		20,000			67,000
6230 · Community Events				65,000		20,000	20,000			85,000
6235 · Senior Citizen Projects				4,500						4,500
6240 · Memorials		1,000								1,000
6255 · Town Meetings				12,000						12,000
6260 · Transportation	50,000									50,000
6270 · Historic Promotion		2,402								2,402
6310 · Telephone						16,000	16,000			16,000
6320 · Wireless Communications						70,000	70,000			70,000
6330 · Communications Contracts					47,000		47,000			47,000
6350 · Internet Access						7,000	7,000	3,000		10,000
6360 · Data Fees										
6420 · Computer Expense		2,000	3,000	1,000		25,000	25,000			31,000
6440 · IT Support						100,000	100,000			100,000
6460 · Software Contract		15,000	15,000		60,000		60,000			90,000
6510 · Audit			25,000							25,000
6520 · Bank Charges			5,000							5,000
6530 · Bad Debts			8,000							8,000
6545 · Insurance - Auto						80,000	80,000			80,000
6550 · Insurance - Liability			20,000	6,000		70,000	70,000			96,000
6560 · Legal	40,000									40,000
6570 · Equipment Lease		9,000				15,000	15,000			24,000
6580 · Contractual Services	180,000				110,000		110,000			290,000
6590 · Automated Traffic Enforcement					125,000		125,000			125,000
6620 · Fuel						125,000	125,000	20,000		145,000
6640 · Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance						50,000	50,000	20,000		70,000
6650 · Vehicle Body Repairs						25,000	25,000			25,000
6670 · Equipment Maintenance								15,000		15,000
6680 · Weapon Repairs and Supplies						15,000	15,000			15,000
6710 · Building Maintenance								60,000		60,000
6720 · Grounds Maintenance								40,000		40,000
6740 · Street Lights								50,000		50,000
6750 · Sanitation Contract								330,000		330,000
6760 · Landfill Fees								15,000		15,000
6770 · Building Supplies								12,000		12,000
6790 · Janitorial Services								25,000		25,000

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6810 · Advertising	25,000									25,000
6820 · Website	4,000									4,000
6825 · Membership	2,000	1,000	500	20,000		6,000	6,000			29,500
6835 · Travel	5,000	1,500	500	15,000		12,000	12,000	1,500		35,500
6850 · Office Supplies		10,000				15,000	15,000			25,000
6855 · Postage		2,000				6,000	6,000			8,000
6860 · Shop Supplies								3,000		3,000
6865 · Supplies						20,000	20,000			20,000
6870 · K9 Supplies						15,000	15,000			15,000
6880 · Election Costs		5,000								5,000
6885 · Finger Printing						2,000	2,000			2,000
6890 · Utilities		8,000				20,000	20,000	28,000		56,000
6900 · Grants - Restricted										
6920 · Community Legacy										
Total 6900 · Grants - Restricted										
Total Expense	534,140	377,362	408,074	361,861	362,000	6,599,035	6,961,035	1,354,872		9,997,344
Net Ordinary Income	-534,140	-377,362	-408,074	-361,861	-362,000	-6,599,035	-6,961,035	-1,354,872	10,297,344	300,000
Other Income/Expense										
Other Income										
4990 · Other Financing Sources										
Total Other Income										
Other Expense										
6950 · Debt Service										
6970 · Capital Outlay										
6979 · Highway User Projects								150,000		150,000
6970 · Capital Outlay - Other								150,000		150,000
Total 6970 · Capital Outlay								300,000		300,000
Total Other Expense								300,000		300,000
Net Other Income								-300,000		-300,000
Net Income	-534,140	-377,362	-408,074	-361,861	-362,000	-6,599,035	-6,961,035	-1,654,872	10,297,344	

FY 2025 | Community Grant Application
Deadline April 30, 2026
3:30 P.M.



Organization Name: Anacostia Watershed

Executive Director/Officer Chris Williams

Fiscal Sponsor Name: N/A

Mailing Address 4302 Baltimore Avenue, Bladensburg, MD

Phone Number (301) 699-6204 Email sjohnson@anacostiaws.o

Federal ID# 52-166651

Incorporation Date 1989 501 (c) (3) Registration Date 1989

Project Title Bladensburg Environmental Education Boat

Project Location Bladensburg Waterfront Park and the Anacostia River,

CERTIFICATION

"I certify that I have reviewed this application and that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements and figures contained herein are true, accurate, and complete. If your organization does not have a Board of Directors, please indicate "NA" on the signature line and have the Organization's Director sign.

 Signature of Chief Executive Officer _____
 Date

Print Name Chris Williams Title President and CEO

Address 4302 Baltimore Avenue, Bladensburg, MD

Phone 301-699-6204 Email cwilliams@anacostiaws.or

Provide the following information about your clients based on your most recent data. Information current as of (date) _____

RESIDENCE OF CLIENTS SERVED (*Preference will be given to agencies serving Bladensburg residents*)

Town of Bladensburg	<u>40</u>
Prince Georges County	<u>30</u>
Port Towns (Edmonston, Cottage City, Colmar Manor)	<u>10</u>

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - Provide a brief summary of your project and organization. Please include the following: the project purpose, the number of people in **the Town of Bladensburg** to be served, and how the Town grant funds will be used.

AWS is requesting \$2,000 from the Town of Bladensburg to support environmental education boat tours for residents of Bladensburg and the Port Towns. These tours provide place based learning experiences that connect participants directly to the Anacostia River while building awareness of watershed health, water quality, wildlife, restoration, and stewardship.

This project will serve approximately 80 residents, with a focus on youth and families. Grant funds will support program delivery, outreach, and educational materials. The tours will help residents experience the river as a community asset and serve as an accessible entry point into continued education, volunteerism, and stewardship.

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Describe the overall or general purpose of your agency and how it serves the residents of Bladensburg.

The mission of the Anacostia Watershed Society is to protect and restore the Anacostia watershed for all who live here and for future generations.

AWS pursues this mission through policy advocacy, field conservation and restoration initiatives, adult and youth education and outreach programs, and volunteer and recreation activities. Education boat tours are one way AWS connects residents to the river through direct experience, helping participants understand local ecology, water quality, restoration efforts, and the role communities play in protecting the watershed.

For Bladensburg residents, these tours offer a meaningful opportunity to experience the Anacostia River as part of their own community and to better understand the environmental, social, and quality of life benefits of a restored river.

PERFORMANCE HISTORY (Prior Grant Award Applicants Only) - If you received Town Grants last year, please evaluate the progress you have made in implementing the project. Please discuss factors that may have hindered your progress

COMMUNITY NEED/POPULATION BEING SERVED- Describe the issue or community that needs to be addressed. Provided the demographic data and geographic information used to determine the extent of the problem or the need not being addressed.

Bladensburg is a riverfront community within the Anacostia watershed, yet many residents, particularly youth and families, have limited opportunities to experience the river through structured environmental education. Without direct access and guided learning, the river can remain separate from daily community life rather than understood as a shared natural resource.

This project will serve approximately 80 Bladensburg and Port Towns residents through education boat tours that are accessible, locally relevant, and focused on the health of the Anacostia River. Participants will learn about water quality, wildlife, habitat restoration, and ways they can support a healthier watershed.

By connecting residents directly to the river, this project supports environmental sustainability, community pride, and long term stewardship.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION- Please provide a detailed description of the program you are proposing. Please include the group of people you plan to serve, the expected number of participants, the activities or services you will provide, and the location of the program/project.

AWS will provide environmental education boat tours for Bladensburg and Port Towns residents at or near Bladensburg Waterfront Park. Tours will be led by trained AWS staff and will combine direct river access with structured learning about the Anacostia watershed.

Participants will observe local wildlife and habitat conditions, learn about water quality and restoration efforts, and discuss how individual and community actions affect the river. The tours are designed to be educational, accessible, and engaging for youth, families, and community members.

AWS expects to provide approximately five boat tours serving about 80 residents during the grant period. These tours will serve as an entry point into continued engagement with AWS education programs, volunteer opportunities, and broader watershed stewardship.

METHODOLOGY- Describe the methodology (or approach) for the proposed program/project, e.g., the procedures, tasks, techniques, or tools you will use to develop the program.

Anacostia Watershed Society will implement this project using its established model for delivering environmental education boat tours. Staff will coordinate scheduling, conduct targeted outreach to Bladensburg residents and community partners, and manage participant registration to ensure strong local participation.

Each tour will be led by trained educators and will follow a structured format that integrates place based learning, guided observation, and interactive discussion. Participants will learn about watershed ecology, water quality, and local restoration efforts while directly experiencing the Anacostia River.

AWS will use existing equipment, curriculum, and safety protocols to ensure consistent and high quality program delivery. Participation will be tracked and basic outcomes will be documented to inform future engagement and reporting.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND IMPACT - Please provide activities and events that your organization has held within the Town of Bladensburg and the Port Towns. Tell us about the impact of your community activities.

Anacostia Watershed Society maintains an active presence in Bladensburg and the Port Towns through education, outreach, and river based programming that connects residents directly to the Anacostia River. AWS prioritizes engagement that is place based and accessible, ensuring that community members can meaningfully experience and understand the river as part of their neighborhood.

Education boat tours are a key part of this approach and serve as an entry point for residents, particularly youth and families, to engage with the river in a structured and supportive environment. These experiences build awareness of local environmental conditions, highlight ongoing restoration efforts, and create opportunities for continued involvement.

Through this work, AWS contributes to broader community revitalization by activating the waterfront, strengthening community connection to natural resources, and reinforcing the role of the river as a shared community asset.

ORGANIZATION CAPABILITIES - Describe the organization’s ability to implement the program/project

Anacostia Watershed Society has over 35 years of experience delivering environmental education, restoration, and community engagement programming across the 176-square-mile Anacostia watershed. Each year, AWS engages approximately 10,000 students through education programs and provides river-based experiences, including boat tours, to more than 1,500 community members.

The organization maintains trained staff, including three educators and a network of dozens of volunteers, along with established curriculum and the operational infrastructure necessary to safely and effectively implement this project.

AWS has the administrative and financial capacity to manage grant funds responsibly and complete all required reporting.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS: Please attach any materials that will provide more context for your activities and events in the Town of Bladensburg and the Port Towns. *Examples include event flyers, social media posts, links to media articles, and other information on your organization.*

PROJECT BUDGET

Please see the project budget template, which includes all budget items and the total for each.

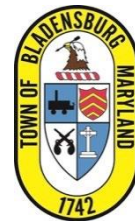
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Budget Category	Description	Requested Amount (\$)
Personnel	(Stipends for project staff, if applicable)	\$800
Supplies & Materials	(List project-related items such as tools, equipment, or materials)	\$300
		\$0
Contractual Services	(Payments for external services such as consultants or instructors)	\$0
Event Expenses	(Venue rental, permits, marketing, refreshments, etc.)	\$500
Printing & Outreach	(Flyers, posters, online ads, or other marketing materials)	\$300
Transportation	(Mileage reimbursement or rental costs, if applicable)	\$100
Other Costs	(Miscellaneous expenses essential to the project)	
Total Requested	(Must not exceed \$2,000)	<u>\$ 2,000</u>

FY 2025 | Community Grant Application

Deadline April 30, 2026

3:30 P.M.



Organization Name: Central American Resource Center-CARECEN

Executive Director/Officer Abel Nuñez

Fiscal Sponsor Name: _____

Mailing Address 4930-A Annapolis Rd. Bladensburg, MD 20710

Phone Number 202-328-9799 Email abel.nunez@carecendc.org

Federal ID# 52-1271888

Incorporation Date 1982 501 (c) (3) Registration Date _____

Project Title Immigration Legal Services

Project Location 4930-A Annapolis Rd. Bladensburg, MD 20710

CERTIFICATION

"I certify that I have reviewed this application and that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements and figures contained herein are true, accurate, and complete. If your organization does not have a Board of Directors, please indicate "NA" on the signature line and have the Organization's Director sign.

4/10/2026

Signature of Chief Executive Officer

Date

Print Name Abel Nuñez Title Executive Director

Address 4930-A Annapolis Rd. Bladensburg, MD 20710

Phone 202-328-9799 Email abel.nunez@carecendc.org

Provide the following information about your clients based on your most recent data. Information current as of (date) 4/10/2026

RESIDENCE OF CLIENTS SERVED (*Preference will be given to agencies serving Bladensburg residents*)

Town of Bladensburg	82
Prince Georges County	_____
Port Towns (Edmonston, Cottage City, Colmar Manor)	_____

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - Provide a brief summary of your project and organization. Please include the following: the project purpose, the number of people in **the Town of Bladensburg** to be served, and how the Town grant funds will be used.

The Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) fosters the comprehensive development of the Latino and immigrant populations in the Washington metropolitan region. Founded in 1981, CARECEN provides direct services, including low-to-no-cost legal assistance, housing counseling, citizenship assistance and educational workshops, while promoting grassroots empowerment, civic engagement and human rights advocacy.

Grant funds will be used to provide full and brief legal consultations to at least 20 Bladensburg residents. Consultations are especially important in the current moment as they help individuals assess eligibility for immigration relief, understand their current status, potential risks, and identify vulnerabilities that could affect their families.

As part of the timely legal counsel offered, families will benefit from our offering of family emergency planning, deportation preparation, education and accompaniment. This way, the community will have knowledge to best prepare for any eventuality, including protection of their families and assets in case of detention or deportation and a renewed sense of strength and agency. Deportees and their families will also benefit from access to practical guidance and resources for reintegration.

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Describe the overall or general purpose of your agency and how it serves the residents of Bladensburg.

CARECEN has two core programs:

a) The Legal Immigration Department provides low-to-no-cost legal services, including assistance with FOIAs, advanced parole services, work permits, DACA renewals, work authorization, permanent residence, and family reunification.

The Legal program holds regular Know Your Rights (KYR) presentations that include individualized legal consultations after the general presentation. Our presentations provide free legal advice to underserved Haitian, Senegalese, and West African communities. These workshops help immigrants and their families understand any benefits for which they may qualify, resulting in increased access to justice.

These KYR trainings have become increasingly important for educating immigrant communities about their constitutional rights, especially given rapidly shifting policies, such as the expansion of expedited removal and intensified immigration enforcement. Alongside KYR sessions, brief consultations are crucial to ensure that individuals are fully informed and understand their immigration status and history. This helps determine whether they are eligible for any immigration relief, or not - which is important for planning and preparedness in case of detention. Family preparedness plans have also become increasingly essential, particularly for mixed-status families. These plans enable families to proactively prepare for potential detention scenarios, ensuring they are well-informed and equipped to navigate such situations.

b. The Citizenship and Civic Participation program, a subset of the Legal program, provides a comprehensive naturalization process. This includes quarterly citizenship classes to prepare applicants for the US naturalization exam, individualized tutoring, and interview preparation. The program also promotes informed community participation in local civic and democratic processes through education and training.

By taking an integrated approach to the naturalization process, CARECEN helps immigrants successfully transition from Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) status to US citizenship, facilitating access to job opportunities, educational advancement, higher earnings, derivative citizenship for minor children, family reunification, and enhanced civic participation and leadership opportunities. In the upcoming 2026 local and national elections, the importance of increasing civic engagement within this historically marginalized population could not be overstated.

c. The Housing Department helps to maintain safe and affordable housing by informing tenants of their rights, providing financial literacy training, and individualized counseling to prevent displacement. Additionally, we provide technical assistance to cooperatives and tenant association boards subjected to threats of displacement or who need support with sale negotiations.

For decades, CARECEN has been operating out of our DC office, serving residents across DC, Maryland, and Virginia. In the past decade, we've witnessed a significant displacement of our clients due to the high cost of living in the District, prompting many to seek more affordable housing in Prince George's County and surrounding areas. This led us to open our Bladensburg, MD office in 2025. Having a physical presence in Bladensburg has made it easier for residents to access our services without needing to travel all the way to DC. We are continuing to conduct outreach to raise awareness about our presence and services in Bladensburg, MD.

PERFORMANCE HISTORY (Prior Grant Award Applicants Only) - If you received Town Grants last year, please evaluate the progress you have made in implementing the project. Please discuss factors that may have hindered your progress

To date, we have provided brief legal services to 82 residents and hosted two KYR workshops attended by 68 individuals, with positive feedback from participants. Clients reported feeling more confident about their rights and several successfully renewed their work permits with our assistance, maintaining their legal status in the US and protected from deportation.

COMMUNITY NEED/POPULATION BEING SERVED- Describe the issue or community that needs to be addressed. Provided the demographic data and geographic information used to determine the extent of the problem or the need not being addressed.

The Washington Post recently reported that ICE agents made nearly 20,000 arrests in DC, Maryland, and Virginia from the start of President Trump's second term. Prince George's County, Maryland, is home to a large and diverse immigrant population. U.S. Census Bureau data shows that 39.5% of Bladensburg's residents are foreign-born, with 46.4% speaking a language other than English at home. Many of these individuals face significant barriers, including an inability to afford legal services and a lack of understanding of available resources. The area is also home to many low- and moderate-income families, with a large portion employed in low-wage or informal sectors. These economic challenges are compounded by limited English proficiency, financial instability, and housing insecurity, making accessing essential services, including legal resources, particularly difficult.

While we cannot prevent people from being detained or deported, legal service providers can help immigrant families, especially those with mixed immigration statuses by equipping them with resources and preparing them for worst-case scenarios so they are not left even more vulnerable. Family emergency preparedness has become so critical to maintaining stable family units and overall integrity. We've encountered numerous stories where individuals were detained or deported, leaving children stranded and facing challenges in reuniting them with their families due to missing guardianship forms or temporary parental consent documents. Additionally, when primary breadwinners, often men are detained, households face a secondary crisis if their names are not on leases or bank accounts, leading to housing insecurity and an inability to access immediate funds.

While there are some local organizations providing legal assistance to immigrants, many lack the multilingual capacity and cultural competency needed to serve the diverse populations, particularly those who speak languages such as Spanish, Haitian Creole, French, Wolof, and Djola. CARECEN's diverse and multilingual team is uniquely equipped to offer culturally appropriate services, addressing both legal and social service needs in a way that meets the distinct needs of these immigrant communities.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION- Please provide a detailed description of the program you are proposing. Please include the group of people you plan to serve, the expected number of participants, the activities or services you will provide, and the location of the program/project.

The grant funds will be used to provide brief legal consultations to at least 20 residents of Bladensburg, with a focus on underserved communities, including Latino, Haitian, Senegalese and other migrant populations. These legal services include brief legal consultations, which are so critical for immigrants, mixed-status families understand their legal status, vulnerabilities and risks for themselves and loved ones.

In addition to timely legal counsel, families will benefit from family emergency planning, deportation preparation, education and accompaniment. This way, the community will have knowledge to best prepare for any eventuality, including protection of their families and assets in case of detention or deportation and a renewed sense of strength and agency. Deportees and their families will also benefit from access to practical guidance and resources for reintegration.

CARECEN's multilingual team will ensure that services are accessible and culturally relevant to Bladensburg's diverse population. Through this grant, CARECEN aims to promote the integration of immigrant residents, educating and preparing families in case of detention and deportation so that they are better equipped to make informed decisions for their families.

Services are provided at CARECEN's Maryland office located at 4930-A Annapolis, Rd. Bladensburg, MD 20710.

METHODOLOGY- Describe the methodology (or approach) for the proposed program/project, e.g., the procedures, tasks, techniques, or tools you will use to develop the program.

CARECEN's trauma informed services are informed by the principles of safety, choice, collaboration, trustworthiness and empowerment. We ensure that clients feel safe, both within and outside of our presence, by providing a safe and secure environment, building trustful relationships, and addressing client fears and concerns. CARECEN assures clients that the services will be confidential and conducts conflict checks as needed. CARECEN respects the choices of its clients and provides referrals and support without judgment. CARECEN's support, guidance, education and referrals are also geared towards empowering our clients.

CARECEN implements the following strategies and tools to measure progress and tracks outcomes:

- A. Training: Staff is provided continuing legal education for all Legal Services Program staff, supervised legal interns, and pro bono attorneys to ensure they will be able to provide trauma-informed representation to clients.
- B. Case Management: Staff maintain both online (Salesforce and Cerenade) and physical tracking systems to efficiently manage client requests, anticipate document submissions, and oversee long-term cases, especially those affected by administrative backlogs lasting five years or more.
- C. Technology: We leverage technology to streamline consultations and application processes. Our staff completes immigration applications online whenever possible, and scans necessary documents such as police and hospital reports, as well as photos of the victims' injuries. To address safety concerns from the use of technology, clients are informed about the methods used to file their applications, and the electronic records that will be maintained. Clients are reassured about the safety of the databases maintained by CARECEN and all actions taken by CARECEN are done only with client consent.
- D. Evaluation Method: To ensure grant compliance and evaluate service efficiency, we track data on the number of new clients served and those returning for additional legal services.
- E. Community Outreach and Engagement: Most of our clients learn about CARECEN through word of mouth. We also collaborate with local organizations, community groups, and places of worship to further promote our programs to potential clients. Our outreach efforts include distributing informational materials, hosting community events, and utilizing social media platforms to raise awareness.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND IMPACT - Please provide activities and events that your organization has held within the Town of Bladensburg and the Port Towns. Tell us about the impact of your community activities.

- Held 3 twelve-week citizenship preparation classes, enrolling 35 eligible Legal Permanent Residents (LPRs)
- Hosted a virtual KYR session for PG residents in partnership with Council Member Jolene Ivey and Congressman Ivey, attended by 46 residents and conducted in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and French
- Partnered with Council Member Alison Pages to host a bilingual KYRs for Colmar Manor residents, attended by 60 residents
- Participated in a citizenship event in Brentwood in July 2025 which had about 8 participants, and a KYR at Kenmoor Middle School in August 2025 with 60 participants

ORGANIZATION CAPABILITIES - Describe the organization’s ability to implement the program/project

Having served the community in various capacities for over 45 years, CARECEN is recognized throughout the greater Maryland and Washington, DC metropolitan region as a trusted advocate and legal service provider for the immigrant community. CARECEN’s experienced legal services team is highly qualified to undertake this project and provide high-quality, affordable culturally competent and trauma-informed services, and extensive community outreach.

The Director of Legal Services, who has over 29 years of legal experience including 14 years in immigration law, supervises the Legal Services Program team. The legal services team is not only experienced in immigration practice, but is also well-versed in culturally competent, community-based representation for low-literacy, and multilingual clients who may be hesitant or stigmatized in divulging information about their victimization.

The team is also managed by a Deputy Legal Director with over 20 years of experience as a licensed attorney in Spain and El Salvador and includes a staff attorney and two Immigrant Justice Corps (IJC) fellows who focus on serving crime victims and unaccompanied minors, and reviewing paralegal work, ensuring quality control (QC), as well as providing additional oversight. The team also has two fully accredited U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) representatives who can represent clients before Immigration Judges and the Board of Immigration Appeals, and five partially accredited DOJ paralegals who can represent clients before the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Finally, we have one legal assistant who will support the paralegals.

A key strength of CARECEN’s Legal Services Program is its diverse team, which is fluent in Spanish, Portuguese, French, Haitian Creole, Wolof, and Djola. This multilingual capacity is essential for creating an inclusive and supportive environment where clients feel understood and empowered. It enables us to effectively address the legal needs of a diverse clientele, ensuring that language is never a barrier to justice.

Furthermore, through strategic partnerships with law schools and law firms, such as Georgetown University, American University, Steptoe, and Wilmer Hale we expand our capacity to meet the growing demand for legal services. These partnerships allow us to extend legal representation to more clients than we could have on our own. Moreover, Pro bono attorneys, volunteers, and interns trained and mentored by CARECEN gain invaluable experience in immigration law, expanding their capacity to serve immigrants. This not only supports our mission to provide legal services but also contributes to the broader goal of ensuring more immigrants have access to justice and legal representation.

In response to the community’s needs, our legal team has worked tirelessly in close collaboration with various partners. With extensive experience in conducting Know Your Rights (KYR) trainings, managing materials, and adapting content to evolving immigration policies, our team has been dedicated to providing crucial support. In 2025, CARECEN provided 170 KYRs trainings reaching a total of 7,781 individuals. We utilized a hybrid model consisting of 121 virtual sessions and 49 in-person. The impact was felt across the region, with 92 trainings reaching 4,468 Maryland constituents and 78 sessions reaching 3,313 in DC.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS: Please attach any materials that will provide more context for your activities and events in the Town of Bladensburg and the Port Towns. *Examples include event flyers, social media posts, links to media articles, and other information on your organization.*

PROJECT BUDGET

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Note the funding cap of this grant is **\$2000.00**.

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Contractual Services	(Payments for external services such as consultants or instructors)	
Event Expenses	(Venue rental, permits, marketing, refreshments, etc.)	
Printing & Outreach	(Flyers, posters, online ads, or other marketing materials)	
Transportation	(Mileage reimbursement or rental costs, if applicable)	
Other Costs	(Miscellaneous expenses essential to the project)	
Total Requested	(Must not exceed \$2,000)	\$ ²⁰⁰⁰ <u> </u>

FY 2025 | Community Grant Application

Deadline April 30, 2026

3:30 P.M.

Organization Name: Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc.Executive Director/Officer William TaylorFiscal Sponsor Name: N/AMailing Address 6316 Oxon Hill Rd, #815, Oxon Hill, MD 20745Phone Number 240-508-4203 Email info@cpsts.orgFederal ID# 46-4531506Incorporation Date 12/16/2013 501 (c) (3) Registration Date 7/11/2014Project Title Driver's Ed for Returning CitizensProject Location Prince George's County, MD**CERTIFICATION**

"I certify that I have reviewed this application and that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements and figures contained herein are true, accurate, and complete. If your organization does not have a Board of Directors, please indicate "NA" on the signature line and have the Organization's Director sign.

Signature of Chief Executive Officer

April 30, 2026

Date

Print Name William Taylor Title Executive DirectorAddress 6316 Oxon Hill Rd, #815, Oxon Hill, MD 20745Phone 240-508-4203 Email wtaylor@cpsts.org

Provide the following information about your clients based on your most recent data. Information current as of (date) March 31, 2026

RESIDENCE OF CLIENTS SERVED (Preference will be given to agencies serving Bladensburg residents)

Town of Bladensburg

30

Prince Georges County

689

Port Towns (Edmonston, Cottage City, Colmar Manor)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - Provide a brief summary of your project and organization. Please include the following: the project purpose, the number of people in **the Town of Bladensburg** to be served, and how the Town grant funds will be used.

Founded in December 2013, the Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc. (CPSTS) is a charitable nonprofit with the mission to educate, advocate, and foster the development of Public Safety and career technical training in schools and support workforce development for the benefit of the local community and society. CPSTS's goals are to provide exposure and technical training opportunities necessary for County youth and returning citizens to obtain gainful employment. CPSTS targets returning citizens and youth attending middle and high school, especially those considered to be at risk, low-income, or from underserved communities. The objective of CPSTS is to train youth for employment in Public Safety and technical careers.

Since its founding, CPSTS has provided over 1,750 driver education scholarships to help students obtain the required training to obtain a Maryland driver's license. In October 2025, CPSTS became the chosen vendor for Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) to provide driver education scholarships to public school students. Because of this partnership, CPSTS will provide 780 driver education scholarships during the 2025-2026 school year. The program with PGCPS does not cover students attending private school or returning citizens.

A grant from the Town of Bladensburg will provide the revenue necessary to offer similar support to returning citizens and other County residents in Bladensburg who are not enrolled in PGCPS.

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Describe the overall or general purpose of your agency and how it serves the residents of Bladensburg.

Through a partnership with 123-ABC Linnel Driver Training, CPSTS offers driver education scholarships to local students. With the scholarship, students obtain driver's education required by the Motor Vehicle Administration before they are eligible to test for a driver's license. Having a driver's license makes the students better prepared to transition to work, especially considering government agencies and private employers require employees to have experience behind-the-wheel. CPSTS currently has a 99% pass rate for students who receive a driver education scholarship.

Linnel Driver Training is a top-rated driver education training school certified by the Motor Vehicle Administration pursuant to COMAR Title 11, Subtitle 23. Founded in 1990, the proprietors bring over 35 years of experience to the business. Linnel Driver Training offers the basic 36-hour Driver Education Course to help first-time students prepare for the written test offered at the Motor Vehicle Administration. Linnel Driver Training offers small-to-medium classrooms which allows for direct teacher-to-student contact. Instructors provide extra effort to help students succeed and have the maximum driver education experience. The Linnel Driver Training philosophy is to provide the best learning experience by offering professional instruction with dedicated instructors in a positive learning environment. The owner of Linnel Driver Training, Linwood Nelson, also serves as a volunteer director on the CPSTS Board of Directors. The costs of the driver education course is within the acceptable range of prices in Maryland but are lower than those charged by other approved businesses. The cost of \$575 per student.

CPSTS also re-established its educational and informational programs regarding Public Safety. In May 2026, CPSTS, in partnership with the Parks and Recreation Division of the Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission, will host its first Public Safety Expo. Prince George's County residents will learn about the Public Safety industry from first responders through live presentations and demonstrations. CPSTS will also provide lunch for participants.

PERFORMANCE HISTORY (Prior Grant Award Applicants Only) - If you received Town Grants last year, please evaluate the progress you have made in implementing the project. Please discuss factors that may have hindered your progress

N/A

COMMUNITY NEED/POPULATION BEING SERVED- Describe the issue or community that needs to be addressed. Provided the demographic data and geographic information used to determine the extent of the problem or the need not being addressed.

The U.S. Census Bureau has described Maryland as "poverty in the midst of plenty." According to the Annie E. Casey Foundation's KIDS COUNT Data Center, 12% of Maryland's children live in poverty. Approximately 39% of households are either living in poverty (10%) or are considered ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed). This means they struggle to afford basic living expenses, even though some may earn above the federal poverty level, according to United For ALICE. Marylanders living in poverty face multiple barriers to ending the cycle within their families.

For most people, access to work requires transportation. The vast majority of Americans use a personal vehicle to get to work, but not everyone has access to one. A driver's license is critical to a person's ability to acquire an automobile. The Federal Reserve Board of Richmond reports that while car ownership may seem almost universal, the share of people with access to at least one car is about 40% among households with very low income in the District of Columbia area.

In Prince George's County, the poverty rate is 11.0%, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. This rate is slightly higher than the state average of 9.5% but lower than the national average of 12.5%. The rate of poverty among children under 18 in Prince George's County is estimated 14%. The county's poverty rate, however, is complex because there are significant inequalities within the county. For example, some municipalities like Cottage City have poverty rates over 21%, while others like Colmar Manor have much lower rates, according to the National Collaborative for Health Equity.

Education and employment are key indicators of well-being, promoting not only economic mobility but also dignity, life satisfaction, safety, and community participation. The impact of reconnecting youth to work or school results in better physical and mental well-being, stronger social bonds, and a lower likelihood of poverty. Lower rates of disconnection correlate to less crime and result in decreased spending for social services and new revenue from increased economic participation. Disconnected youth present an opportunity for building a more robust community, workforce, and economy.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION- Please provide a detailed description of the program you are proposing. Please include the group of people you plan to serve, the expected number of participants, the activities or services you will provide, and the location of the program/project.

The requested funds will support the Driver Education Scholarship Program, and Public Safety Educational/Informational tours. The Scholarship Program covers all costs associated with the driver education training for students eligible by way of:

- Enrollment in a Fire Science Cadet, Police Explorer, or career technical education program.
- Demonstrating interest in a career/industry with underrepresented groups.
- Recipient of free/reduce meals at school.
- Demonstrating household falls at a low-income level, e.g., receives SNAP/EBT/TANF benefits.
- Enrollment at a school that receives the USDA Community Eligibility Provision meal service.
- Residence in a zip code in which at least 20% of the households have an income below the poverty level.
- Residence in a single-parent household or household with 4 or more school age children.
- Written recommendation from a public-school teacher, social worker, or administrator.
- Child of an incarcerated parent.
- Returning citizenship.

Pursuant to COMAR Title 11, Subtitle 23, students will receive 30 hours of classroom instruction from Linnell Driver Training virtually or in-person, and 6 hours of behind-the-wheel evaluation. Linnell Driver Training provides the vehicles for the behind-the-wheel evaluation. Upon successfully passing both parts of the basic 36-hour Driver Education Course, students will be certified to take the road test at the Motor Vehicle Administration to receive a Maryland driver's license.

The educational/informational tours consist of a visit with local Public Safety agency. Students participate in hands-on demonstrations from first responders and public servants and receive information about the various careers in the Public Safety industry.

METHODOLOGY- Describe the methodology (or approach) for the proposed program/project, e.g., the procedures, tasks, techniques, or tools you will use to develop the program.

CPSTS provides a framework for discipline, achievement, and self-efficacy, consistent with the Positive Youth Development model, which promotes engaging youth in their communities, schools, organizations, peer groups, and families in a positive and constructive manner; recognizes, utilizes, and enhances their strengths; and, promotes positive outcomes by furnishing the support needed to build on leadership strengths. The social development framework supports the sequential influence on children and youth by their families, schools, peers, and community.

The strategies and approaches CPSTS employs are based on a well-thought-out plan of action outlining methods to secure higher wages and a higher standard of living. The programs funded by this grant will address the needs, problems, and ancillary factors that contribute to unsavory, uninviting conditions Prince George's County youth routinely face. Education, training, mentoring, leadership, social skills, and on-the-job experience are typical of the techniques imparted in the process of preparing youth to become employment-ready and successful once hired.

CPSTS offers free training to educate students and help remove barriers that precluded them from taking advantage of opportunities in the Public Safety industry. Through structured, classroom instruction, guided tours, virtual training, hands-on exercises, and other results-oriented techniques, students experienced Public Safety careers and obtained skills that would qualify them for jobs. The Driver Education Scholarship Program provides the "hard skills" necessary to qualify for employment with a Public Safety agency or in a trade.

CPSTS programs are delivered using Zoom technology in the virtual classroom environment or via in-person and hands-on instruction. The Driver Education Scholarship funds instruction based on the curriculum approved by the Motor Vehicle Administration.

CPSTS targets low-income, at-risk, and underserved students within PGCPs or through Employ Prince George's and social service agencies. The programs are also advertised via CPSTS social media and website.

CPSTS will use pre- and post-training surveys, as well as student interviews to determine the effectiveness of its programs.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND IMPACT - Please provide activities and events that your organization has held within the Town of Bladensburg and the Port Towns. Tell us about the impact of your community activities.

CPSTS has not held any events within the Town of Bladensburg or the Port Towns in recent years. CPSTS participates in community events at Bladensburg High School and when invited locally to reach the local community and bring awareness to its programs. CPSTS also attends the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association events at the Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

CPSTS addresses the needs, problems, and other factors Prince George's County residents face in the employment market. The organization provides funding for low-income, at-risk, and underserved students to obtain training that is not offered in schools but is necessary to obtain gainful employment, e.g., a driver's license and mentoring. Since 2013, CPSTS has awarded over 1,750 driver education scholarships. Because of CPSTS programs, 43 students are now Firefighters/EMTs in the local area.

ORGANIZATION CAPABILITIES - Describe the organization's ability to implement the program/project

CPSTS has 12 volunteer directors, 3 employees, and one consultant dedicated to implementation of its programs and operations. The directors devote an average of 15 hours per week to CPSTS operations. The CPSTS Community Outreach Coordinator works part-time to complete administrative tasks in furtherance of CPSTS daily functions. The Coordinator also represents CPSTS at community events and meetings. CPSTS executive leadership are directly responsible for policies, management, and program implementation. All CPSTS volunteers and staff receive regular training through Non-Profit Prince George's.

The CPSTS Board of Directors includes a diverse background and experience. The Executive Director is well-regarded in the building trades and is the former chair of the State Apprenticeship Council. The Linnel Driving School provides classroom and online support of CPSTS programs with professional driving instructors. Other directors include a former member of the Prince George's Board of Education, a police officer, a college educator and administrator, and federal civil servants. The Deputy Executive Director is an accomplished attorney, parent leader, and community activist.

CPSTS works closely with the County public safety agencies and PGCPD to ensure its programs meet the necessary standards. CPSTS continues to build relationships with local trade professionals to offer students opportunities to learn about emergency management and other technical professions and trades. CPSTS continues to build capacity to deliver services and programs with integrity and skill.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS: Please attach any materials that will provide more context for your activities and events in the Town of Bladensburg and the Port Towns. *Examples include event flyers, social media posts, links to media articles, and other information on your organization.*

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Other Costs	(Miscellaneous expenses essential to the project)	
Total Requested	(Must not exceed \$2,000)	\$ ²⁰⁰⁰ _____

PROJECT BUDGET

Budget Category	Description	Requested Amount (\$)
Personnel (Stipends for project staff, if applicable)	Wages for Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, Community Outreach Coordinator, and Social/Web Manager	275
Supplies & Materials (List project-related items such as tools, equipment, or materials)		
Contractual Services (Payments for external services such as consultants or instructors)	Driver Education Scholarships (3)	1,725
Event Expenses (Venue rental, permits, marketing, refreshments, etc.)		
Printing & Outreach (Flyers, posters, online ads, or other marketing materials)		
Transportation (Mileage reimbursement or rental costs, if applicable)		
Other Costs (Miscellaneous expenses essential to the project)		
Total Requested (Must not exceed \$2,000)		2,000



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Organization Name: We Lead By Example, Inc.

Executive Director/Officer Adrian H. Seemangal, President and CEO

Fiscal Sponsor Name: Susan R. McCutchen, Resident Agent

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Phone Number 301-699-9035 Email tkdramblers@yahoo.com; tkdmccutch@yahoo.com

Federal ID# 45-3760188

Incorporation Date 11/07/2011 501 (c) (3) Registration Date 11/07/2011

Project Title Safety and Self-Defense Classes and Community Events

Project Location Bladensburg Community Center and other Port Towns locales

CERTIFICATION

"I certify that I have reviewed this application and that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements and figures contained herein are true, accurate, and complete. If your organization does not have a Board of Directors, please indicate "NA" on the signature line and have the Organization's Director sign.

Signature of Chief Executive Officer

April 13, 2026
Date

Print Name Adrian H. Seemangal Title President and CEO

Address 4102 Lawrence Street, Brentwood MD 20722

Phone 240-701-3570 Email tkdramblers@yahoo.com

Provide the following information about your clients based on your most recent data. Information current as of (date) April 13, 2026

RESIDENCE OF CLIENTS SERVED *(Preference will be given to agencies serving Bladensburg residents)*

Town of Bladensburg	<u> X </u>
Prince Georges County	<u> X </u>
Port Towns (Edmonston, Cottage City, Colmar Manor)	<u> X </u>

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - Provide a brief summary of your project and organization. Please include the following: the project purpose, the number of people in **the Town of Bladensburg** to be served, and how the Town grant funds will be used.

We Lead By Example, Inc., is a nonprofit organization set up to promote successful and meaningful futures for children, youth, and adults through teaching them about safety and practical methods of self-defense. Our organization consistently serves 100 or more youth and adults in the Town of Bladensburg through our combined tae kwon do, muay thai kickboxing, and safety classes, as well as our participation in community events (e.g., annual Walk for Bullying Prevention and Child Safety as part of the Bladensburg Day Parade and subsequent performance at the event) throughout the year. We would like to use these grant funds to partially cover the cost of a one-time stipend for our six-member volunteer teaching and administrative staff to acknowledge their dedication to our organization and our community.

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Describe the overall or general purpose of your agency and how it serves the residents of Bladensburg.

We Lead By Example, Inc., is a multi-generational organization committed to empowering youth and adults with skills that develop confident, successful leaders by promoting personal safety and security as well as to build high moral standards that reflect acceptance and respect for all cultures. We advocate a sense of personal, family, and social responsibility. Our organization promotes successful and meaningful futures for children, youth, and adults through the teaching of both physical and spiritual aspects of martial arts and practical methods of self-defense. We strive to inculcate moral strength and integrity through the cultivation of leadership skills, including the development of a positive sense of self-worth and confidence to face life’s challenges. We promote a strong academic foundation and work ethic, which assists with the development of career goals. We have set aside funds to be able to provide educational scholarships for our students and other needed financial support on a case-by-case basis, based on a vetted application process. It should be noted that our website provides extensive information about scholarships and educational resources and other opportunities.

PERFORMANCE HISTORY (Prior Grant Award Applicants Only) - If you received Town Grants last year, please evaluate the progress you have made in implementing the project. Please discuss factors that may have hindered your progress

In FY25, we used the funds we received from Bladensburg to partially cover the cost of a one-time stipend for our six-member volunteer teaching and administrative staff to acknowledge their dedication to our organization and our community. Our teachers are focusing on their personal martial arts training to be able to bring these skills to their instructional repertoire. There also has been discussion about restructuring the organization based on emerging individual leadership skills and the range of abilities of our board members.

In 2025, we began focusing on revamping our technical and educational programming. We have been successful in continuing our basic tae kwon do program post-pandemic @90 students registered for each of our six eight-week sessions. We have enhanced it with muay thai kickboxing training that will strengthen the skills of our students. Team-teaching approaches and methods are consistently reviewed to determine the best approaches to instruction. Our teachers are focusing on their personal martial arts training to be able to bring these skills to their instructional repertoire. There also has been discussion about restructuring the organization based on emerging individual leadership skills and the range of abilities of our board members.

COMMUNITY NEED/POPULATION BEING SERVED- Describe the issue or community that needs to be addressed. Provided the demographic data and geographic information used to determine the extent of the problem or the need not being addressed.

Violence of all kinds is trending upward in our country, according to local, state, and national reports. Many current government actions are creating potentially dangerous situations where individuals must be able to defend themselves. We teach safety and self-defense skills and provide potential life-saving training. The youth and adults of Bladensburg and its surrounding communities need consistent and comprehensive safety and self-defense programs to make them street smart and learn how to handle themselves if faced with life-threatening situations. Our programs help address the use of violence associated with physical and psychological assaults.

Further, in these intense and rapidly changing times, particularly in environmental justice communities, our positive programs tackle underlying issues of systemic racism, sexism, and pervasive social strife by empowering individuals to be personally accountable, confident, and successful leaders through their positive and inclusive actions. Our year-round programs promote personal, family, and social responsibility and a respect for all cultures, which leads to a better community as we face current and future challenges.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION- Please provide a detailed description of the program you are proposing. Please include the group of people you plan to serve, the expected number of participants, the activities or services you will provide, and the location of the program/project.

We Lead By Example, Inc., will offer and teach safety and self-defense courses to and serve at least 500 individuals a year, from ages three/four through adults of all ages, through ongoing classes, community events, and other demonstrations at the Bladensburg Community Center and at Port Towns events. This year in October, our team plans to hold our 11th Annual Walk for Bullying Prevention and Child Safety by participating in the Bladensburg Day Parade and subsequent performance at the event, partnering with interested local organizations, and holding other events at the Bladensburg Community Center or other locations.

METHODOLOGY- Describe the methodology (or approach) for the proposed program/project, e.g., the procedures, tasks, techniques, or tools you will use to develop the program.

The practice of martial arts is a way of life, a gradual journey that requires patience and determination. We promote a sense of family and mutual support within the organization and community involvement outside of the classroom through our outreach. We understand that most people will not become martial artists. Nonetheless, we can create a positive learning experience for the time our students and their families spend with our organization. Our curriculum addresses basic safety and situational awareness through teaching tae kwon do and muay thai kickboxing skills. Our instruction is appropriate for people of all ages. Understandably, sparring is part of the Ramblers' curriculum. The goal is not to promote fighting; rather, to encourage students to be confident should they find themselves in a situation where they need to defend themselves.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND IMPACT - Please provide activities and events that your organization has held within the Town of Bladensburg and the Port Towns. Tell us about the impact of your community activities.

We teach eight classes each Saturday during six eight-week sessions each year, with extra practice on Thursday nights, so much of our time is associated with teaching. We welcome and encourage partnerships with other nonprofit organizations in the community. Our activities and events include our Annual Walk for Bullying Prevention and Child Safety. In 2025, we partnered with the town and joined the Bladensburg Day Parade for this walk and performed at the event. We have assisted the Bladensburg Police Department in their yearly Shop With a Cop event working with Walmart to procure funding. We have been part of Mexican Independence Day and Cinco de Mayo. In 2023, we participated in the first Bladensburg International Day. We participated in the 2024 Bladensburg Day and 2023 Bladefest. We were a part of Mental Health Awareness Day in 2022. We regularly promote Bladensburg events to the many families with students in our classes and encourage them to participate. We try to make inroads in the community in support of other organizations and bring our work to the attention of a wider audience to be able to carry out our nonprofit’s goals.

ORGANIZATION CAPABILITIES - Describe the organization’s ability to implement the program/project

We Lead By Example, Inc., implements programs/projects through an established marketing approach and our well-established brand. Naturally, there is a strong basis of implementation through our well-attended classes held at the Bladensburg Community Center. We follow our nonprofit requirements and regularly meet to strategize and improve our programs/projects. We work with local, Prince George’s County, and statewide organizations, and successfully network with elected and other public officials who have a strong interest in public safety and have been supportive of our efforts in that capacity.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS: Please attach any materials that will provide more context for your activities and events in the Town of Bladensburg and the Port Towns. *Examples include event flyers, social media posts, links to media articles, and other information on your organization.*

PROJECT BUDGET

Please see the project budget template, which includes all budget items and the total for each.

Note the funding cap of this grant is **\$2000.00**.

Budget Category	Description	Requested Amount (\$)
Personnel	(Stipends for project staff, if applicable)	\$2,000.00
Supplies & Materials	(List project-related items such as tools, equipment, or materials)	
Contractual Services	(Payments for external services such as consultants or instructors)	
Event Expenses	(Venue rental, permits, marketing, refreshments, etc.)	
Printing & Outreach	(Flyers, posters, online ads, or other marketing materials)	
Transportation	(Mileage reimbursement or rental costs, if applicable)	
Other Costs	(Miscellaneous expenses essential to the project)	
Total Requested	(Must not exceed \$2,000)	<u>\$2,000.00</u>

Obtaining a printout of Good Standing Status
From the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation

Information about business entities can be found at the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) website.

Go to www.dat.state.md.us. From the center of the home page, select “Business Data Search”. From the menu in the second block, select “Business Entity Information”. Under “Name Search”, enter the name or part of the name of the entity. There should be no spaces between words, and you should not include the words “the” or “and”. Also, do not include any “tail” such as “Inc.” or “LLC”. If you only search part of the name, follow the part with “%” for a wildcard search. It will give you the entity’s name, status with the SDAT, and whether the entity is in good standing with the SDAT.

A printout of entity details from the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation webpage indicating the organization's good standing is acceptable. Please note that if the entity is listed as “forfeited” or not in good standing with SDAT, it cannot enter into a contract with the Town of Bladensburg until the forfeiture or lack of good standing is resolved.

Attachments to be included with the Grant Application *Identify*
each document alphabetically

DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

Please ensure you have attached the required documents before submitting your grant application.

- ATTACHMENT- A** – Federal Tax-Exempt IRS Determination Letter or Fiscal Sponsor Information. (The organization's Name must match the SDAT Records)
- ATTACHMENT- B** - Good Standing Status with the State of Maryland
(Organization’s Full Legal Name must match the SDAT records)
- ATTACHMENT- C** - Articles of Incorporation
(Organization’s Full Legal Name must match the SDAT records)
- ATTACHMENT- D** - Organizations By-Laws
(Organization’s Full Legal Name must match the SDAT records)
- ATTACHMENT- E** – Board of Directors with names, addresses, and terms of office
- ATTACHMENT- F** - Organization Mission Statement
- ATTACHMENT- G** - Financial Statements
- ATTACHMENT -H** – Copy of budget for the current year
- ATTACHMENT-I** - Signed For W-9 Request for Taxpayer-Identification Number & Certification
(Organization's Full Legal Name must match SDAT records)
- ATTACHMENT-J** – Insurance requirements/proof of insurance
- ATTACHMENT K** – Letter(s) of Support

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Organization Name: Community Forklift
 Executive Director/Officer: Trey Davis
 Fiscal Sponsor Name: N/A
 Mailing Address: 4671 Tanglewood Drive, Edmonston, MD 20781
 Phone Number: (301) 985-5180 Email: trey@communityforklift.org
 Federal ID#: 52-1975012
 Incorporation Date: March 22, 1996 501 (c) (3) Registration Date: October 1997
 Project Title: Lifting Communities through Reuse
 Project Location: DC/MD/VA Region

CERTIFICATION

"I certify that I have reviewed this application and that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements and figures contained herein are true, accurate, and complete. If your organization does not have a Board of Directors, please indicate "NA" on the signature line and have the Organization's Director sign.


 Signature of Chief Executive Officer

4/29/2026
 Date

Print Name: Trey Davis Title: Executive Director
 Address: 4671 Tanglewood Drive Edmonston, MD 20781
 Phone: (301) 985-5180 Email: trey@communityforklift.org
Provide the following information about your clients based on your most recent data. Information current as of (date) April 29, 2026

RESIDENCE OF CLIENTS SERVED (Preference will be given to agencies serving Bladensburg residents)

Town of Bladensburg
 Prince Georges County
 Port Towns (Edmonston, Cottage City, Colmar Manor)

3,150

43,795

no data reported.

- 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Provide a brief summary of your project and organization. Please include the following: the project purpose, the number of people in the Town of Bladensburg to be served, and how the Town grant funds will be used.**

Community Forklift is a leading nonprofit reuse center for building materials and home goods in the town of Edmonston in Prince George's County, Maryland. The organization runs two community giving programs, the Home Essentials program (HELP) and Community Building Blocks program (CBB), which provide free home and building materials to individuals and community organizations in need. If awarded, this grant will be used to support at least 500 Bladensburg residents with donations of home and building materials to support home repairs and community projects. Funds will support the programs' staff, which includes the community giving manager and truck teams who pick up and deliver donated materials and prepare them for reuse.

- 2. PROGRAM INFORMATION: Describe the overall or general purpose of your agency and how it serves the residents of Bladensburg.**

Community Forklift operates an extensive array of programs, services, and activities to fulfill the mission and goals of the organization while generating most of its own financial support:

- **Reuse Center:** Community Forklift operates a 40,000-square-foot reuse center open to the public six days a week; employs 35 staff; sells building materials and home goods at below-market prices; diverts millions of dollars of materials from overcrowded landfills; productively occupies a brownfield site (contaminated land); supports hundreds of local businesses through the availability of low-cost materials; and acts as a resource center and gathering place for the local community. More than 75,000 individuals visit the Reuse Center each year.
- **Home Essentials Program (HELP):** Community Forklift provides home repair supplies and household essentials free of cost to families and individuals who qualify for need-based assistance. The program has donated over \$650,000 worth of materials to over 7,000 individuals in need. Community Forklift also partners with dozens of other charitable organizations and agencies to facilitate greater access to its services.
- **Community Building Blocks Program (CBB):** Community Forklift gives grants to organizations in need of building materials for projects that serve the greater community. The program has supported over 500 organizations with over \$650,000 worth of lumber, doors, windows, and so much more. Examples of partners include community-based theater groups; groups addressing housing, homelessness, and poverty; shelters; educational and arts groups; and community gardens.



- **Waste Diversion:** Community Forklift has three full-time truck crews providing free, convenient pickups of materials for residents and businesses throughout the DC region. In 2024, Community Forklift provided over 1,600 pickups. The truck teams also deliver large appliances and furniture for free to neighbors in need and community groups.
- **Professional and Workforce Development:** Community Forklift offers paid professional growth opportunities to recent graduates with the Maryland Corps/Service Year Option and to students with the Port Towns Youth Council. Community Forklift also works with the DC Project Empowerment program and others that place returning citizens and those with employment barriers into local jobs. Community Forklift provides ongoing training, mentorship, and support. A significant portion of the current workforce is comprised of individuals with barriers to traditional employment, with several moving into management positions.
- **Education and Outreach:** Community Forklift hosts free workshops, family friendly events, educational activities, fairs, and hands-on activities throughout the year.
- **Deconstruction/Workforce Training:** Community Forklift launched a skills training program in 2021 to train individuals in deconstruction, which is the careful dismantling of a building so that materials can be salvaged for reuse rather than dumped in a landfill. Through this program, Community Forklift has provided hands-on training opportunities for staff to learn about deconstruction, disassembly, and material reuse.

To further highlight Community Forklift's commitment and history of supporting Bladensburg residents, the organization recently supported a resident with some gently used appliances, as their old ones had broken down. The organization was also able to provide a free delivery, emphasizing the ease of access that characterizes the community giving programs.

Additionally, Community Forklift has sustained a multiyear partnership with Rogers Heights Elementary School, where the school was able to upgrade their teachers' break room, and create a dedicated space for parents to engage with staff. Community Forklift also has a long-term partnership with Eco City Farm and Anacostia Watershed Society, both of which have regularly received materials to support their community projects. Eco City Farms is currently partnering with Community Forklift to further build out their farms, which educate the community on gardening, cooking, and intentional environmental support. Anacostia Watershed Society has both received and donated materials to Community Forklift, emphasizing a two-way collaboration and commitment to serving the community.

3. N/A



4. COMMUNITY NEED/POPULATION BEING SERVED: Describe the issue or community that needs to be addressed. Provided the demographic data and geographic information used to determine the extent of the problem or the need not being addressed.

The state of Maryland is amidst a housing crisis. The shortage of 100,000 housing units limits affordability and disproportionately affects low-to-moderate income residents. Moreover, according to the Port Towns Sector Plan, over half of households are cost burdened, spending more than 30% of their income on housing. The area has also seen minimal housing development since the adoption of the 2009 Port Towns Sector Plan, which limits families' opportunities for moving to lower their burden.

However, the Port Towns have a wealth of older housing stock, which can be preserved to increase affordability, as they serve as naturally occurring affordable housing. Community Forklift is one of the only organizations in the region positioned to ease the sectoral housing burden through supporting home repair and preservation for community groups, and for individuals.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Please provide a detailed description of the program you are proposing. Please include the group of people you plan to serve, the expected number of participants, the activities or services you will provide, and the location of the program/project.

This program serves low-income residents and community organizations with free home and material donations. The expected outcomes through the project period include:

- 500 individuals in Bladensburg directly served with the provision of free home and building materials to support home repairs and community projects serving the greater good.

6. METHODOLOGY: Describe the methodology (or approach) for the proposed program/project, e.g., the procedures, tasks, techniques, or tools you will use to develop the program.

The methodology for the community giving programs is fully developed and sustainable. Interested individuals will complete the brief application, followed by a screening with the community giving manager, and lastly be brought in to discuss how Community Forklift can meet their needs.

7. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND IMPACT: Please provide activities and events that your organization has held within the Town of Bladensburg and the Port Towns. Tell us about the impact of your community activities.



Most of Community Forklift's activities and events occur within the Town of Edmonston where the organization is headquartered. Community Forklift's primary event series is its annual First Friday series, which aims to celebrate the economic, social, and environmental support the organization provides. The goal is to provide a fun, sustainable environment to educate the public on reuse while affirming those already in practice. The program offers ample opportunity to engage neighbors on their waste reduction efforts, which will further support organizations making our communities safe and sustainable places to live, work, and play. These events have brought about 1,000 individuals out per series, making a clear display of the community's commitment to reuse.

Community Forklift hosted its first gala last year, where the organization raised over \$50,000 to support sustainable community initiatives. As a result, Community Forklift now aims to host additional yearly benefits to share reuse with its community in a new and unique way.

8. ORGANIZATIONAL CAPABILITIES: Describe the organization's ability to implement the program/project.

Community Forklift is confident in the sustainability of these programs as they have been operational for 15 years. Since 2011, Community Forklift's community giving programs have impacted over 770,000 individuals with \$1.3 million worth of donations. With a dedicated staff of nine and strong track record, the organization is well-equipped to continue implementing the community giving programs.



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Organization Name: Engaged Community Offshoots, Inc dba ECO City Farms

Executive Director/Officer Margaret Morgan-Hubbard

Fiscal Sponsor Name: _____

Mailing Address 6010 Taylor Road Riverdale, MD 20737

Phone Number 2406066306 Email info@ecocityfarms.org

Federal ID# 26-4196401

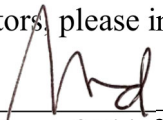
Incorporation Date June 26, 2009 501 (c) (3) Registration Date June 26, 2009

Project Title Sustaining Urban Farming to Support Fresh Food Access in Bladensburg

Project Location 6100 Emerson Street Bladensburg, MD 20710

CERTIFICATION

"I certify that I have reviewed this application and that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements and figures contained herein are true, accurate, and complete. If your organization does not have a Board of Directors, please indicate "NA" on the signature line and have the Organization's Director sign.


 Signature of Chief Executive Officer

4/30/2026

Date

Print Name Margaret Morgan-Hubbard Title CEO

Address 6010 Taylor Road Riverdale, MD 20737

Phone 2028123901 Email info@ecocityfarms.org

Provide the following information about your clients based on your most recent data. Information current as of (date) 4/30/2026

RESIDENCE OF CLIENTS SERVED (Preference will be given to agencies serving Bladensburg residents)

Town of Bladensburg

X

Prince Georges County

x

Port Towns (Edmonston, Cottage City, Colmar Manor)

x

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - Provide a brief summary of your project and organization. Please include the following: the project purpose, the number of people in **the Town of Bladensburg** to be served, and how the Town grant funds will be used.

ECO City Farms is seeking an operating grant from the Town of Bladensburg to sustain its mission of promoting food security, community health, and environmental stewardship through urban farming. Intentionally located in Prince George's County, ECO aims to serve the community of Bladensburg by providing access to affordable, local, and chemical-free produce, educating beginner farmers in sustainable farming practices, and fostering a deeper connection to nature to promote environmental stewardship.

The grant funds will support critical aspects of ECO's operations, including community events, utilities, and farm supplies. The primary beneficiaries include the hundreds of Bladensburg residents who participate in ECO's programs and events. This encompasses the students who participate in our 6-week Summer Youth Program, 10-15 rising sophomores at Bladensburg High School; the community growers who cultivate plots at the Bladensburg Farm, as well as their families and community; our farm staff; and our dozens of CSA members. Additionally, ECO will use this funding to support our Summer Open House, which connects hundreds of Bladensburg residents, especially our immediate neighbors, with our offerings, growing practices, and dialogues about our food system. We estimate that this funding will support us in serving 300 Bladensburg residents through fresh food access, farming education, and community events.

ECO City Farms has been a pioneer in urban agriculture for over 15 years, transforming underutilized suburban and industrial spaces into thriving farms that address food insecurity, soil remediation, and environmental education. Our Bladensburg Farm, where our farmers produce fresh vegetables, compost, and community on three and a half acres of previously-vacant land, is the only urban farm in the Town of Bladensburg.

Through partnerships with local institutions and advocacy efforts, ECO has positioned itself as a leader in sustainable agriculture in Prince George's County, contributing to policy change and increased community resilience. The grant will enable ECO to continue and expand upon these efforts.

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Describe the overall or general purpose of your agency and how it serves the residents of Bladensburg.

Engaged Community Offshoots, Inc. (better known as ECO City Farms or ECO) is a teaching and learning urban farming nonprofit in Prince George's County whose mission is to grow great food, farms, and farmers in ways that protect, restore, and sustain the natural environment and the health of local communities. Working with area children, youth, and adults, ECO educates and trains the next generation of urban farmers, eaters, and environmental activists.

More than 15 years ago, ECO first brought the concept and the reality of urban agriculture to Prince George's County and the DC metropolitan area. We transformed two abandoned sites in low-income, low-food-access neighborhoods in the County's Port Towns into vibrant urban farms, where community comes together around fresh food, farming and nutrition education, and growing and green space access. We pioneered urban farming to enhance local food security, remediate polluted soils, reconnect area residents to nature, provide new livelihoods for those in need, overcome past violence and heal our relationship with the land, and grow the next generation of environmental leaders and entrepreneurs. We pursue this important work – refining farming techniques and food access, and teaching and learning from fellow farmers – because our overarching goal is to ensure that all of us, collectively and individually, will have a safe, equitable, and healthy food future.

For an organization with a small footprint and only six full-time staff, we continue to have a large reach. ECO co-founded the Prince George's County Food Equity Council; served on the County's Agricultural Advisory Commission; and has forged enduring partnerships with large and small local institutions, from M-NCPPC and a dozen County Public Schools, to the Soil Conservation District, the Chesapeake Bay Trust, a number of County municipalities, and local churches and nonprofits. Prince George's County nonprofits fulfill the unmet needs of our community and improve the quality of life of resident families. We do so with integrity, innovation, and collaboration to find new solutions. At ECO City Farms, we pursue environmental and food justice – improving the physical environment while demonstrating new ways for people to better interact within it. We consider ourselves what Grace Lee Boggs, famed Civil Rights leader, called "solutionaries." Through our mission of growing great food, farms, and farmers, ECO replenishes County soil and trains our youth and new farmers how to grow food in ways that are mutually nourishing in order to assure the healthy food and chemical-free environment that our communities deserve.

PERFORMANCE HISTORY (Prior Grant Award Applicants Only) - If you received Town Grants last year, please evaluate the progress you have made in implementing the project. Please discuss factors that may have hindered your progress

In 2025, ECO City Farms received a general operating grant from the Town of Bladensburg to sustain operations at our Bladensburg Farm. The \$2,000 that we received was used to further our mission of promoting food security, community health, and environmental stewardship through urban farming. This grant supported conducting the Summer Open House, training Bladensburg High School youth, and covering water costs for community growers.

We hosted the 2nd annual Summer Open House at the Bladensburg Farm, drawing in over 200 residents. Our Summer Youth Program of Bladensburg High School students were instrumental in planning and conducting the event. Along with managing the event activities, they help to administer community feedback surveys to help us better serve our residence. Survey participants were entered into a raffle to receive a CSA share for the season. The raffle was won by a Bladensburg family.

In addition, the funding subsidized water use to support our community gardeners and covered the general operating expenses that contribute to the fresh, chemical-free produce that feeds our community. This funding was especially critical as the federal funding climate has become increasingly unstable. Overall, this contributed to the Town's goals of promoting environmental sustainability, localized economies, and food security for Bladensburg residents. We are grateful for our continued partnership with the Town and look forward to exploring future opportunities to collaborate.

COMMUNITY NEED/POPULATION BEING SERVED- Describe the issue or community that needs to be addressed. Provided the demographic data and geographic information used to determine the extent of the problem or the need not being addressed.

In the context of the greater United States, Prince George's County is a unique amalgamation of cultures, demographics, languages, and land use strategies. The Town of Bladensburg itself is highly diverse, in many ways making it the perfect living laboratory for addressing long term issues of food security, equity, and environmental restoration. Despite attempts to frame our modern-day society as a "post-agricultural economy," food is at the very heart of our relationship with our bodies, communities, ecosystems, and institutions. Considering our country's painful history, where the same systems of power perpetrated violence against both people and our planet, our mission of cultivating healthy food creates intertwined pathways to healing.

According to Capital Area Food Bank's 2025 Hunger Report, 49% of Prince George's County residents are food insecure. Reflective of larger socioeconomic inequities within the United States, Black and Hispanic populations in the Greater Washington area are 3 times more likely to be food insecure when compared to White populations, highlighting the vulnerabilities of communities of color to food insecurities and related disparities in income, education access, and health outcomes. The selection of our sites in the Port Towns was highly intentional as a strategy for establishing nourishing produce, educational opportunities, and nature access directly into the neighborhoods most in need. Our Bladensburg Farm is located in a disadvantaged community as is defined by the White House's Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool. The farm's census tract is in the 87th percentile for diabetes, 98th percentile for housing cost, and 74th percentile for low income. The site is in immediate proximity to three Title 1 public schools, Bladensburg Community Center, and a senior living community. All of these reasons highlight exactly why healthy diets are so necessary for Bladensburg residents – making their bodies more resilient to the array of socioeconomic and geographic factors that have a tremendous impact on their long-term health outcomes. However, the otherwise limited access to fresh and healthy foods in our area has all of the characteristics of a food desert. Stepped up local food production alone cannot ensure a future where food is accessible to all. Creating an equitable and viable food system requires intentional community improvement strategies, like proliferating urban farms and farming. Deliberate efforts and policies need to center on assuring healthy food for all as a basic human right.

Growing local food is a strategy for strengthening and restoring our communities, economy, and planet. To do so requires Town of Bladensburg support.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION- Please provide a detailed description of the program you are proposing. Please include the group of people you plan to serve, the expected number of participants, the activities or services you will provide, and the location of the program/project.

ECO's Bladensburg Farm is the organization's largest staff-run operation, located on three and a half acres in the middle of a residential community. The site contains growing space used for commercial distribution and donations; our hot compost and vermicompost infrastructure, where all of our on-farm compost is produced; nine community growing plots, cultivated independently by Bladensburg residents; and our food forest, orchard, and apiary. This site is central to our aspirations as a teaching and learning farm, where educators, trainees, and community members come together to work side-by-side. As a nonprofit organization, our operations are designed to support community. In a country where large-scale agriculture is heavily subsidized – where the US public pays proportionally less for food than any other country in the developed world – it is difficult to turn a profit while properly valuing the labor and investment that goes into our produce. However, we know that our mission of establishing food security in the underserved communities that we reside in is a necessary one. Therefore, in a time where so much is stacked against work like ours, we turn to the support of our local governments to increase our organization's capacity in our day-to-day operations.

ECO is requesting general operating funds to support our daily farm operations. These funds would act to support events, staff time, and equipment. We estimate that 2,500 people are touched by our organization each year, whether that is through our produce, events, trainings, or workshops. By supporting our core operations, the Town of Bladensburg will ensure our offerings continue to reach our community. Last July, ECO held our annual Summer Open House at our Bladensburg Farm, where we re-introduced our farm to the community, educated our neighbors on our mission and growing practices, learned more about how to meet community needs, and created space for coming together. We welcomed our neighbors onto the farm so they could get to know us and each other. We estimate that 200+ people attended the event, including both long-time supporters and people who had never stepped foot on our farm. Now, as we approach summer 2026, we intend to host another Summer Open House celebration. At this event, we will have ECO-grown produce sales, free food, a CSA raffle, a cooking demonstration, kids' activities, tours, vendors, and more. We also intend to use portions of this grant to fund staffing costs for the event. We hope to bring out another 200+ people, not only to enjoy themselves at the farm, but to inspire continued engagement in our programs and offerings.

ECO is working with many stakeholders to establish the Bladensburg Community Garden. We've received approval from the Town Council and M-NCPPC. For the design process, we've contracted with Neighborhood Design Center to create a conceptual design and assist with collecting community feedback. We've done sessions with parents from Port Towns Elementary School and residences who attended Town events. Currently, we're negotiating and MOU with PGCPs for water access that will be crucial to the success of the garden. This funding would support staff time to continue to work with PGCPs and PTES reach and agreement and begin construction of the garden.

Finally, funding would go towards general farm needs, such as necessary equipment replacements. With our resources shared amongst our farmers, trainees, and community growers, we are in need of additional supplies to compensate for old and degraded equipment. There are many individuals and groups that our organization touches who would be supported by this funding. This includes our farmers and farming apprentices, members of our Beginning Farmer Training Program and Summer Youth Program, community growers and their families and community networks, our CSA members, people who purchase our produce, and attendees of our public events. Close to 50 farmers – across our farms and programs – would be supported through an expanded farming capacity. The community reach extends even farther. We have relationships with neighbors at many of the surrounding apartments, including Emerson House, Parkview, and Autumn Woods, who would be supported through this funding by increased food access and community events. We are building relationships with local public schools and their students. As the only urban farm in Bladensburg, we are providing a crucial resource to the Town and to Prince George's County more generally – meaning that hundreds would benefit directly and indirectly from the Towns' support.

METHODOLOGY- Describe the methodology (or approach) for the proposed program/project, e.g., the procedures, tasks, techniques, or tools you will use to develop the program.

ECO City Farms' theory of change is based on the belief that community values and long-term health are shaped by and reflect the land use, industries, resources, and institutions inside its borders. Local food production can be a powerful stimulus for economic and social transformation. ECO's presence in the Bladensburg community is designed to create pathways for change through increased community resiliency, education, and sovereignty.

In these rapidly changing times, as everyday people cope with inflation, economic instability, and the felt realities of climate change, our organization is looking to mold to our community's ever-changing needs. A foundational piece of serving our community is to properly gauge how best to tailor our offerings to match the present-day climate, which this grant will help to serve. Our Summer Open House was designed, in part, to engage our community about what they would most like to see from ECO through a series of conversations and surveys. This community engagement and stakeholder consultation will enable us to understand broader community goals and align our initiatives accordingly. This community dialogue is central to dictating the best path forward to make our organization's mission into a reality. Collective decision-making is a core principle of a community-embedded organization such as ours. The direction of the produce and event offerings that will come out of this grant can only be properly defined after properly quantifying community interests and needs through neighborhood dialogue.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND IMPACT - Please provide activities and events that your organization has held within the Town of Bladensburg and the Port Towns. Tell us about the impact of your community activities.

Programs offered at our farms this past year:

- Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) – 1,000+ shares distributed in 2025
- Beginner Farmer Training Program – 25 graduates in 2024
- SEED2FEED Summer Youth Program – attended by 12 Bladensburg High School students in 2025

Events held at our farms this past year:

- Bladensburg Farm Summer Open House
- Earth Day Celebration and Seedling Sale
- Think Locally, Connect Globally: Community Networking and Movement Building Roundtable Discussion
- 10+ volunteer days
- 10+ farm tours and farm-to-school visits

Events where ECO attended or contributed produce this past year:

- Bladensburg Day
- Town of Edmonston Unity Rally
- Town of Edmonston Garden Tour

ECO is deeply integrated into the communities of Bladensburg and Edmonston. We cultivate an array of offerings for residents of the Port Towns. Our CSA shares provide fresh, local, chemical-free produce for members of our community in order to combat food insecurity and diet-related illnesses. We offer a sliding scale payment system, free shares for our neighbors, accept SNAP/EBT, SUN Bucks, FMNP, SFMNP, and eWIC, and offer discounted rates with Maryland Market Money to make our produce as accessible as possible. Our youth and adult educational opportunities – including our free Summer Youth Program and Beginner Farmer Training Program – offer farming and nutrition education to historically underserved communities. We host a wide variety of public workshops each year. These workshops act as collaborative spaces for teaching and learning. Our tours, field trips, and farm-to-school visits connect Port Towns youth to the origins, cultural connections, and joys of food. Our volunteer days engage youth and adults in the realities of urban farming and provide nature access and education to our community. Additionally, we strive to be a presence at Town events to inform our community about our offerings and educational opportunities. All of these offerings are intended to install fresh food in our neighborhoods through food distribution, growing education, and modeling local food access strategies to be replicated throughout the County

ORGANIZATION CAPABILITIES - Describe the organization’s ability to implement the program/project

ECO City Farms has been operating in the Port Towns for 16 years. At the time of the organization’s establishment, urban farming was practically non-existent in our region. Over this time, Prince George’s County has seen huge steps forward in public education and policy to support urban farming, in part due to ECO’s advocacy. ECO has played a key role in moving local farming forward, changing zoning laws across Prince George’s County to allow for farming on 80% of county land and assisting in the establishment of Prince George’s County’s Food Equity Council. In that time, ECO has continued to offer fresh, local produce and expanded our programs and operations, acting as a stable supporter of food sovereignty and land access for our communities throughout major shifts in the economy, local and national government, and a global pandemic. ECO was created not just as an urban farm, but as a model for urban farming intended to be replicated locally and globally.

Our Bladensburg Farm was established over a decade ago, and has seen significant financial and labor investment in that time. As a mission-driven organization, ECO has proved its continued dedication to developing our soils and community relationships in the town of Bladensburg, and we plan to continue this investment for decades to come. We have seen many iterations of our programs, staff, and organizational direction over time, but have always operated primarily via grant funding. We manage a dozen small, medium, and large-scale grants in any fiscal year. Each year, we successfully run our ten-month Beginning Farmer Training Program and 6-week SEED2FEED Summer Youth Program, distribute our CSA to over 50 families year-round, and hold community events centering farming and nutrition education. We have 6 full-time staff members and several part-time employees who will support in the implementation of this funding if awarded.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS: Please attach any materials that will provide more context for your activities and events in the Town of Bladensburg and the Port Towns. *Examples include event flyers, social media posts, links to media articles, and other information on your organization.*

Bladensburg Farm Open House (flyer): https://www.instagram.com/p/DLqHLfxuXV3/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==

Summer Youth Program recap: https://www.instagram.com/p/DM0kIBMRqYT/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==

PROJECT BUDGET

Please see the project budget template, which includes all budget items and the total for each.

Note the funding cap of this grant is **\$2000.00**.

Budget Category	Description	Requested Amount (\$)
Personnel	(Stipends for project staff, if applicable)	\$800
Supplies & Materials	(List project-related items such as tools, equipment, or materials)	\$400
Contractual Services	(Payments for external services such as consultants or instructors)	
Event Expenses	(Venue rental, permits, marketing, refreshments, etc.)	\$800
Printing & Outreach	(Flyers, posters, online ads, or other marketing materials)	
Transportation	(Mileage reimbursement or rental costs, if applicable)	
Other Costs	(Miscellaneous expenses essential to the project)	
Total Requested	(Must not exceed \$2,000)	\$ ²⁰⁰⁰ <u> </u>

FY 2025 | Community Grant Application
Deadline April 30, 2026
3:30 P.M.



Organization Name: End Time Harvest Ministries
 Executive Director/Officer Rev. Gail A. Addison
 Fiscal Sponsor Name: _____
 Mailing Address 5808 Harland Street, New Carrollton, MD 20784
 Phone Number (301) 537-4322 Email revaddison@ethm.org
 Federal ID# 52-1373909
 Incorporation Date 1996 501 (c) (3) Registration Date _____
 Project Title Pathway to Career Success Program
 Project Location Bladensburg, MD 20710

CERTIFICATION

"I certify that I have reviewed this application and that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements and figures contained herein are true, accurate, and complete. If your organization does not have a Board of Directors, please indicate "NA" on the signature line and have the Organization's Director sign.

Gail A. Addison
 Signature of Chief Executive Officer

April 22, 2026

Date

Print Name Gail A. Addison Title President/CEO
 Address 5808 Harland Street, New Carrollton, MD 20784
 Phone (301) 345-7548 Email revaddison@ethm.org

Provide the following information about your clients based on your most recent data. Information current as of (date) 4-22-2026

RESIDENCE OF CLIENTS SERVED (*Preference will be given to agencies serving Bladensburg residents*)

Town of Bladensburg	<u>54</u>
Prince Georges County	<u>216</u>
Port Towns (Edmonston, Cottage City, Colmar Manor)	<u>3</u>

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - Provide a brief summary of your project and organization. Please include the following: the project purpose, the number of people in **the Town of Bladensburg** to be served, and how the Town grant funds will be used.

End Time Harvest Ministries (ETHM) will use these funds to prepare 138 Pathways to Career Success (PTCS) Program students for academic success, character and leadership development, workforce development, and college preparation. Of the 138 students, there are 54 Bladensburg residents. There are 3 component programs that focus on the holistic development of these youth: Port Towns Youth Council (PTYC), ETHM's Leadership and Character Development program; Wellness Ambassadors Leadership Program that promotes Health and Wellness Leadership advocacy; and Jobs For Youth Summer Employment Program that provides paid stipends to selected students in our Jobs For Youth Summer Employment Program (JFYSEP).. This year, ETHM is focusing on parent education in partnership with the principal of Bladensburg High School's (BHS) Parent University initiative. Through the PTCS program, these funds will help support parents' stipends they will receive to incentivize them to attend these monthly Parent University workshops.and the stipends for summer interns.

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Describe the overall or general purpose of your agency and how it serves the residents of Bladensburg.

End Time Harvest Ministries (ETHM) is a faith-based and community-based nonprofit organization with a strong track record of serving disadvantage youth, ages 12-18 for more than 30 years, and in Prince George's County (PGC), for 30 years countywide. Primarily in the Port Towns of Bladensburg, Colmar Manor, Cottage City, Edmonston, and the Riverdale communities. ETHM's annually provides approximately 120 Bladensburg H S/PTCS—70% Hispanic, 25% AA, 5% AP & others)—students with year-round college, career, and workforce readiness coaching and mentoring. Three highly qualified staff are the primary providers of these services—the founder/Executive Director, and two Academic Success Coaches (one being a Spanish/English speaker) who are highly effective in accomplishing ETHM's mission of engaging PGC youth for academic, career, and life success (Key staff bios attached). ETHM engages many local, county, and state partners, and contractors, with the expertise required to meet the holistic needs of our at-risk youth with approximately 200 volunteers (includes parents). ETHM's Individual Career Development Plan (ICDP) is the tracking system we use to monitor each student's academic and career progress through graduation. This data-driven process (along with Attendance sheets for each event/workshop) gives us, the school, parents, and community evidence of our students' outcomes. When they enter into ETHM's Pathways to Career Success (PTCS), in the 9th grade through graduation with a parent, our students avoid the barriers that prevent and reduce student truancy and absenteeism, illiteracy, unequal access to education, health disparities, access to economic wealth, poverty, unemployment, and prevents students from entering the pipeline from high school to prison. Our program participants have fewer than 10 absences per year. ETHM has equipped thousands of students and families with life skills that link students' academic performance to the life skills they need to graduate on time successfully.

PERFORMANCE HISTORY (Prior Grant Award Applicants Only) - If you received Town Grants last year, please evaluate the progress you have made in implementing the project. Please discuss factors that may have hindered your progress

ETHM did not receive a grant award last year.

COMMUNITY NEED/POPULATION BEING SERVED- Describe the issue or community that needs to be addressed. Provided the demographic data and geographic information used to determine the extent of the problem or the need not being addressed.

End Time Harvest Ministries (ETHM) is shifting its focus this school year to Parent Education because more than ever, we recognize how critical parental involvement is in their children's education. It will help to reduce truancy and absenteeism in our schools, as well as helping to prevent crime and violence in our schools and communities. Parents learning how to monitor their children's grades, attendance, and assignments will impact the safety, mental health, and morality of students. Parents will have increased knowledge of their children's whereabouts before and after school. Parent engagement educationally improves the relationship between parents and their children, which ETHM experienced because parent engagement has been ETHM's greatest core value for more than 3 decades. Our students' graduate on time with a graduation rate of 99%. The research overwhelmingly supports the following conclusions, which we know:

1. Academic achievement increases when parents are involved in their children's education. The more intensively involved the parents are, the greater the positive impact on academic achievement.
2. Parental involvement leads to better classroom behavior. Parental involvement not only enhances academic performance, but it also has a positive influence on student attitude and behavior. A parent's interest and encouragement in a child's education can affect the child's attitude toward school, classroom conduct, self-esteem, absenteeism, and motivation.
3. Parents should stay involved in their children's education from preschool through high school. Parental involvement can make a positive difference at all age levels. Parental involvement tends to be the greatest with young children and tends to taper off as children get older. Studies have shown, however, that the involvement of parents of middle and high school students is equally important. In high school, for example, a parent's encouragement can influence whether a child stays in school or drops out. Similarly, a child may consider going to college more seriously when parents show interest in the child's academic achievements and talk with the child about the benefits of a college education.
4. Training helps parents of disadvantaged children get involved. Parents of minority or low-income children are less likely to be involved in their children's education than parents of non-disadvantaged children. If they receive adequate training and encouragement, parents of minority or low-income children can be just as effective as other parents in contributing to their children's academic success.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION- Please provide a detailed description of the program you are proposing. Please include the group of people you plan to serve, the expected number of participants, the activities or services you will provide, and the location of the program/project.

For SY 2025-2026 year, ETHM will partner with BHS principal's Parent University vision through ETHM's Parent Education initiative. We have agreed to jointly develop curriculum for each monthly session that will be conducted during the standing Port Towns Youth Council workshops every 3rd Thursday at our community partner's Colmar Manor Town Hall in Colmar Manor and then in the cafeteria of BHS alternately from 6:00-8:00pm. We anticipate that 50 parents with their children (students) will participate in each workshop. We will invite parents and students from each BHS cohort in our PTCS program to attend these sessions. The subject matter will determine the faculty and/or contractors we will engage for each session. For instance, if crime and violence related, we will engage our law enforcement and nonprofit gun violence, drug use prevention and mental health expert partners. For school subjects, school faculty will lead these segments. Sometimes ETHM and the school will co-present. ETHM will coordinate everything under our PTYC Parent Education program. Additional staff are needed for full implementation of the added Parent Education/Parent University workshops.

METHODOLOGY- Describe the methodology (or approach) for the proposed program/project, e.g., the procedures, tasks, techniques, or tools you will use to develop the program.

ETHM will partner with BHS principal's Parent University vision through ETHM's Parent Education initiative. We will partner primarily with BHS principal and parent engagement staff. We have agreed to jointly develop curriculum for each monthly session that will be conducted alternately at the Colmar Manor town hall and BHS cafeteria during the standing Port Towns Youth Council workshops every 3rd Thursday from 6:00-8:00pm. We anticipate that 50 parents with their children (students) will participate in each workshop. We will invite parents and students from each BHS cohort in our PTCS program to attend these sessions. The subject matter will determine the faculty and/or contractors we will engage for each session. For instance, for crime and violence related topics, we will engage our law enforcement and nonprofit gun violence, drug use prevention and mental health expert partners. For school subjects, school faculty will lead these segments. Sometimes ETHM and the school will co-present. ETHM will coordinate everything under our PTYC Parent Education program. Additional staff are needed for full implementation of our Parent Education/Parent University workshops.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND IMPACT - Please provide activities and events that your organization has held within the Town of Bladensburg and the Port Towns. Tell us about the impact of your community activities.

Since ETHM's inception in 1996, our students and parents have served in numerous Town of Bladensburg activities and events, i.e., with the town in their cleanups, healthy eating active living initiative activities held in the town hall, community center, and in the senior citizen assisted living residents (Emerson House and Parkview at Bladensburg). In the late 90s, ETHM's office was housed in Autumn Woods where many Bladensburg youth and students received jobs through our Jobs For Youth Summer Employment Program and engaged in planning activities with senior citizens, businesses, other nonprofits, etc. After ETHM signed a formal MOU with PGCPs, ETHM designed curriculum with BHS science department for BHS students to be educated in agricultural science at ECO City Farms during school hours. ETHM Bladensburg students also engaged in environmental science classes in partnership with AWS in the Bladensburg Waterfront Park. ETHM's PTYC partnered with the town administrator to conduct a community assets mapping initiative and gave their input that led to the establishing of the Harrington Park. During the mid 2000s, the PTYC led joint Christmas parties for Bladensburg's town residents. Many of our PTYC meetings were held in the Bladensburg Town Hall throughout its existence. We currently participate in Bladensburg Days that include parades and special events. During COVID, we helped the town collect census data within the town.

ORGANIZATION CAPABILITIES - Describe the organization's ability to implement the program/project

ETHM has proven that we have the capacity to implement our programs and projects throughout our 30 year of serving the Town of Bladensburg and the rest of the Port Towns. ETHM is a key partner of the Port Towns Revitalization Initiative since its inception. Partnerships with many Port Towns schools, businesses, churches, and other nonprofit organizations. Also, one of ETHM's major partners is Bladensburg High School where our operating office is housed since 2005. Partnerships with other organizations throughout PGC also gives ETHM the ability to implement excellent programming for our students and families. We have implemented major initiatives in partnership with the Prince George's County (PGC) government such as with the County Executives team in the implementation of ETHM's countywide Conflict Resolution Program. These and other ETHM program models have been replicated by other agencies and community organizations throughout the county. Prince George's County legislative government, MD-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, State of Maryland Legislature, and Prince George's County School System are among the agencies that have contracted with ETHM to implement youth development and engagement programs or have replicated our program models. Most recently, ETHM is partnering with PGC Police Department. Municipal Law Enforcement, the State Attorney's Office, Port Towns Mayors and Councils, school leaders, churches, state legislators, and business leaders and nonprofit organizations to pilot the Youth Safety Mental Health Education Initiative for Port Towns and PGC youth.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS: Please attach any materials that will provide more context for your activities and events in the Town of Bladensburg and the Port Towns. *Examples include event flyers, social media posts, links to media articles, and other information on your organization.*

PROJECT BUDGET

Please see the project budget template, which includes all budget items and the total for each.

Note the funding cap of this grant is \$2000.00.

Budget Category	Description	Requested Amount (\$)
Personnel	(Stipends for project staff, if applicable)	
Supplies & Materials	(List project-related items such as tools, equipment, or materials)	
Contractual Services	(Payments for external services such as consultants or instructors)	
Event Expenses	(Venue rental, permits, marketing, refreshments, etc.)	
Printing & Outreach	(Flyers, posters, online ads, or other marketing materials)	
Transportation	(Mileage reimbursement or rental costs, if applicable)	
Other Costs	(Miscellaneous expenses essential to the project)	
Total Requested	(Must not exceed \$2,000)	\$ ²⁰⁰⁰ _____



April 30, 2026

Town of Bladensburg
Office of the Mayor and Town Council
4229 Edmonston Road
Bladensburg, MD 20710

FY26 Community Grant Proposal – Bladensburg Baby Diaper Program

Dear Mayor, Councilmembers, and Grant Review Committee:

On behalf of Global Health and Education Projects, Inc. (GHEP), I am pleased to submit this proposal requesting FY26 Town Grant support to continue implementing the **GHEP Baby Diaper Program** for residents of the Town of Bladensburg.

We are deeply grateful for the Town's support of this program last year. With that investment, GHEP was able to provide direct assistance to Bladensburg families caring for infants and toddlers by distributing diapers, wipes, and related baby supplies. That support helped reduce financial stress for parents and caregivers while promoting infant health, hygiene, and family stability.

This FY26 request builds on that successful partnership. Through the proposed project, GHEP will serve approximately **40 Bladensburg households/families**, reaching about **25 babies**, and will distribute an estimated **1,500 diapers, 1,000 wipes, and 13 boxes of diaper supplies** to eligible Town residents.

GHEP's mission is to eliminate health disparities by addressing the social and economic conditions that affect health outcomes. Diaper need is one of those practical, urgent needs that affects child health, parental stress, and household stability. By supporting this project, the Town of Bladensburg will continue demonstrating compassion, social responsibility, and a strong commitment to the well-being of its youngest residents.

Thank you for your continued leadership and for considering GHEP's FY26 Town Grant proposal. We look forward to the opportunity to continue serving Bladensburg families in partnership with the Town.

Sincerely,

Romuladus "Romey" Azuine, DrPH, MPH
Executive Director
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reazuine@globalhealthprojects.org

FY 2025 | Community Grant Application
Deadline April 30, 2026
3:30 P.M.



Organization Name: Global Health and Education Projects, Inc. (GHEP)

Executive Director/Officer Dr. Romuladus E. Azuine

Fiscal Sponsor Name: Not Applicable

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Phone Number 301-254-1435 Email info@globalhealthprojects.org

Federal ID# 45-2977882

Incorporation Date 08/12/2011 501 (c) (3) Registration Date 08/12/2011

Project Title Bladensburg Community Baby Diaper Program

Project Location 6220 Rhode Island Avenue, Suite 1A, Riverdale, MD 20737

CERTIFICATION

"I certify that I have reviewed this application and that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements and figures contained herein are true, accurate, and complete. If your organization does not have a Board of Directors, please indicate "NA" on the signature line and have the Organization's Director sign.

Romuladus Azuine 04/30/2026
 Signature of Chief Executive Officer Date

Print Name Dr. Romuladus E. Azuine Title Executive Director

Address 6220 Rhode Island Avenue, Suite 1A, Riverdale Park, MD 20737

Phone 301-254-1435 Email reazuine@globalhealthprojects.org

Provide the following information about your clients based on your most recent data. Information current as of (date) 04/28/2026

RESIDENCE OF CLIENTS SERVED (Preference will be given to agencies serving Bladensburg residents)

Town of Bladensburg	<u>40 households & 23 babies</u>
Prince Georges County	<u> </u>
Port Towns (Edmonston, Cottage City, Colmar Manor)	<u> </u>

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - Provide a brief summary of your project and organization. Please include the following: the project purpose, the number of people in **the Town of Bladensburg** to be served, and how the Town grant funds will be used.

The Global Health and Education Projects, Inc. (GHEP) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating health disparities by addressing the social and economic conditions that affect health, family stability, and quality of life. Through its Community Baby Diaper Program, GHEP provides diapers, wipes, and related baby essentials to families experiencing diaper need due to financial hardship.

With support from the Town of Bladensburg FY26 grant, GHEP will implement its Baby Diaper Program to serve families with infants and toddlers living in the Town of Bladensburg. The purpose of the project is to reduce diaper need, promote infant health and hygiene, and relieve financial stress for parents and caregivers who may struggle to afford enough diapers and wipes for their children.

During the anticipated FY26 grant period, GHEP expects to serve 40 Bladensburg households/families, reaching approximately 24 babies. Grant funds will be used to purchase and distribute diapers, wipes, and related program supplies directly to eligible Town residents. GHEP anticipates distributing approximately 1,000 diapers, 1,000 wipes, and 13 boxes of diaper supplies to Bladensburg families during the grant period.

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Describe the overall or general purpose of your agency and how it serves the residents of Bladensburg.

Global Health and Education Projects, Inc. (GHEP) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to improving health, education, and quality of life by addressing the social and economic factors that affect families. GHEP serves communities through practical, community-based programs that reduce health disparities, support families, and connect residents to essential resources.

In Bladensburg, GHEP will continue to serve residents through its Baby Diaper Program, which provides diapers, wipes, and related baby essentials to families with infants and toddlers from birth to age 5. This program helps the Town's families meet a basic child health and hygiene need while reducing financial pressure on parents and caregivers.

With the requested FY26 support from the Town of Bladensburg, GHEP will provide direct assistance to eligible Town residents, helping families care for their babies with dignity and consistency. This partnership offers a simple, measurable, and high-impact way to support Bladensburg's youngest residents and strengthen family well-being. Through this program, the Town's leadership has distinguished the Town as caring, empathetic, and supportive community.

PERFORMANCE HISTORY (Prior Grant Award Applicants Only) - If you received Town Grants last year, please evaluate the progress you have made in implementing the project. Please discuss factors that may have hindered your progress

Yes. GHEP received grant support in FY25 to implement its Baby Diaper Program for residents of the Town of Bladensburg. We made strong progress in carrying out the project and meeting the basic needs of the Town's families with infants and toddlers.

With the Town's support, GHEP served 40 Bladensburg households/families and reached 24 babies. The program distributed 1,556 diapers, 1,000 wipes, and 13 boxes of diaper supplies directly to eligible families. These services helped parents and caregivers reduce the financial burden of purchasing diapers and wipes, while supporting infant hygiene, comfort, and family stability.

Overall, the project was implemented successfully and demonstrated that there is a clear need for continued diaper assistance among Bladensburg families. The primary factor that affected progress was the ongoing high cost of diapers and baby care supplies. Despite the increasing cost of diapers, GHEP used the grant efficiently and ensured that Town resources were directed to families with young children who needed immediate support.

COMMUNITY NEED/POPULATION BEING SERVED- Describe the issue or community that needs to be addressed. Provided the demographic data and geographic information used to determine the extent of the problem or the need not being addressed.

Diaper need is a serious but often hidden challenge for families with infants and toddlers in Bladensburg. Nationally, the National Diaper Bank Network reports that 1 in 2 U.S. families with young children struggle to afford enough diapers, and diapers are not covered by SNAP or WIC.

The need is especially relevant in Bladensburg. U.S. Census QuickFacts reports that the Town has an estimated population of about 9,635 residents, with 10.6% under age 5 and 32.9% under age 18, showing a significant young-child population. Data USA reports that 21.7% of Bladensburg residents live below the poverty line, higher than the national average.

GHEP's program database further confirms local unmet need: approximately 350 Bladensburg families have signed up for diaper assistance but cannot currently be served because of limited funding. Town support will directly address this gap.

By funding this program, the Town of Bladensburg is demonstrating empathy, social responsibility, and a practical commitment to supporting families who are raising the Town's youngest residents. This grant shows that Town leaders recognize that helping parents meet basic needs like diapers and wipes is an investment in child health, family stability, and the overall well-being of the Bladensburg community.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION- Please provide a detailed description of the program you are proposing. Please include the group of people you plan to serve, the expected number of participants, the activities or services you will provide, and the location of the program/project.

GHEP proposes to implement its Baby Diaper Program to serve low-income families and caregivers in the Town of Bladensburg who are caring for infants and toddlers ages 0–5. The program will prioritize families experiencing financial hardship and those already requesting diaper assistance through GHEP’s enrollment system.

During the FY26 grant period, GHEP expects to serve 40 Bladensburg households/families, reaching approximately 30 babies. Services will include the distribution of free diapers, baby wipes, and related baby care supplies. GHEP anticipates distributing approximately 1,500 diapers, 1,000 wipes, and 13 boxes of diaper supplies to eligible Town residents.

Families will sign up through GHEP’s online intake and reservation system, reserve diaper packages, select pickup appointments, and receive reminders. The program will be delivered from GHEP’s distribution location in Riverdale Park, Maryland, just a few miles from Bladensburg.

METHODOLOGY- Describe the methodology (or approach) for the proposed program/project, e.g., the procedures, tasks, techniques, or tools you will use to develop the program.

GHEP will use a structured, technology-assisted, and community-centered approach to implement the Baby Diaper Program for Bladensburg families. The program will begin with targeted outreach to eligible residents through community partners, local service providers, schools, faith-based networks, health centers, social media, flyers, digital newsletters, and multilingual announcements. Outreach materials will clearly explain eligibility, registration steps, pickup procedures, and available support.

Families will register through GHEP’s secure online intake and reservation system. Through this system, caregivers can request diaper assistance, reserve diaper packages based on child size, select pickup appointments, and receive automated email or text reminders. This approach helps reduce confusion, manage demand, and ensure that limited supplies are distributed fairly and efficiently.

GHEP will purchase diapers, wipes, and related baby care supplies, organize inventory through a centralized bulk supply and tracking system, and prepare diaper packages with volunteer support. Distribution will occur through scheduled pickup events at GHEP’s Riverdale Park location, a few miles from Bladensburg. During pickups, families may also receive basic child health, hygiene, and parenting information. This method allows GHEP to combine compassionate service, efficient logistics, and measurable accountability.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND IMPACT - Please provide activities and events that your organization has held within the Town of Bladensburg and the Port Towns. Tell us about the impact of your community activities.

GHEP has actively engaged residents in the Town of Bladensburg and the Port Towns through family support and environmental stewardship initiatives that respond to practical community needs. Through our Baby Diaper Program, GHEP has served Bladensburg families by providing diapers, wipes, and related baby supplies that help reduce financial stress and support infant health, hygiene, and family stability.

GHEP has also advanced local environmental improvement through its Family Tree Adoption Program of Prince George’s County. In Bladensburg, GHEP planted 16 trees at 5 residential properties, with 25 additional trees reserved by residents for planting at 10 more locations. These activities support air and water quality, neighborhood beautification, shade, stormwater management, and long-term community health for Town’s residents.

Together, these programs demonstrate GHEP’s commitment to serving Bladensburg and the Port Towns with visible, resident-centered services that strengthen families, improve quality of life, and promote healthier, more resilient neighborhoods.

ORGANIZATION CAPABILITIES - Describe the organization’s ability to implement the program/project

GHEP has the leadership, experience, and systems needed to successfully implement the Baby Diaper Program for Bladensburg families. The organization brings more than 20 years of combined experience in public health, maternal and child health, community outreach, program implementation, and project monitoring. We are a trusted organization called upon by our residents for assistance with diapers and other baby hygiene products.

GHEP is led by Executive Director Dr. Romuladus "Romey" Azuine, DrPH, an experienced maternal and child health professional. Program Manager Dr. Sussan Ekejiuba, PhD, is a Prince George’s County resident, mother, and certified project management professional. Program Officer Dr. Chidubem Egboluche brings public health training, while Outreach and Communications Officer Mr. Brownmagnus Olivers supports digital outreach, social media engagement, database management, and participant communications.

GHEP also has established online registration, appointment scheduling, inventory tracking, and distribution systems. The program has received support from the Town of Riverdale Park, Prince George’s County Government, private foundations, and the Town of Bladensburg, demonstrating strong capacity and community trust.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS: Please attach any materials that will provide more context for your activities and events in the Town of Bladensburg and the Port Towns. *Examples include event flyers, social media posts, links to media articles, and other information on your organization.*

PROJECT BUDGET

Please see the project budget template, which includes all budget items and the total for each.

Note the funding cap of this grant is **\$2000.00**.

Budget Category	Description	Requested Amount (\$)
Personnel	(Stipends for project staff, if applicable)	500
Supplies & Materials	(List project-related items such as tools, equipment, or materials)	1200
Contractual Services	(Payments for external services such as consultants or instructors)	
Event Expenses	(Venue rental, permits, marketing, refreshments, etc.)	300
Printing & Outreach	(Flyers, posters, online ads, or other marketing materials)	
Transportation	(Mileage reimbursement or rental costs, if applicable)	
Other Costs	(Miscellaneous expenses essential to the project)	
Total Requested	(Must not exceed \$2,000)	<u>\$ 2000</u>

3:30 P.M.

Project Location **Bladensburg**

Date _____

Provide the following information about your clients based on your most recent data. Information current as of (date)

Town of Bladensburg	Yes
Prince Georges County	Yes
Port Towns (Edmonston, Cottage City, Colmar Manor)	Yes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - Provide a brief summary of your project and organization. Please include the following: the project purpose, the number of people in **the Town of Bladensburg** to be served, and how the Town grant funds will be used.

Good Intentions Foundation is a community-based nonprofit dedicated to empowering youth through mentorship, life skills development, and positive community engagement. Through our Growth Youth Mentorship Program, we provide structured support and leadership opportunities for youth in Bladensburg and the surrounding Port Town communities.

The purpose of the Growth Youth Mentorship Summer Program is to provide a safe, structured, and enriching environment for youth ages 11 – 18 during the summer months. This need is especially critical in Bladensburg, where approximately 43% of residents are under the age of 25, reflecting a high concentration of young people in need of positive developmental opportunities. Additionally, many families in the area face economic challenges, with poverty rates estimated to be nearly double the Maryland state average, limiting access to affordable summer programming.

The program will serve approximately 25 – 40 youth from the Town of Bladensburg, prioritizing those who would benefit most from mentorship, guidance, and structured engagement. Participants will engage in weekly mentorship sessions, life skills workshops, academic enrichment, and recreational activities designed to build confidence, improve

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Describe the overall or general purpose of your agency and how it serves the residents of Bladensburg.

Good Intentions Foundation is a community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the growth, development, and well-being of youth and families through mentorship, education, and community engagement. The overall purpose of the organization is to provide positive, structured opportunities that empower young people to reach their full potential while strengthening the communities in which they live.

We serve the residents of Bladensburg by offering youth-centered programs that address key community needs, including access to safe spaces, mentorship, and life skills development. Through initiatives such as the Growth Youth Mentorship Program, we provide consistent guidance, academic support, and leadership development opportunities for youth ages 11 – 18. These programs are designed to reduce youth disengagement, promote positive decision-making, and build confidence among participants.

Good Intentions Foundation aligns its work with statewide youth priorities through engagement with the Governor’ s Office for Children, including initiatives such as ENOUGH, which focuses on supporting youth in communities disproportionately impacted by poverty and violence. This partnership helps inform our approach to targeting resources, strengthening prevention efforts, and ensuring that our programs are responsive to the specific needs of Bladensburg youth.

PERFORMANCE HISTORY (Prior Grant Award Applicants Only) - If you received Town Grants last year, please evaluate the progress you have made in implementing the project. Please discuss factors that may have hindered your progress

Good Intentions Foundation successfully implemented its previous Town-funded program and achieved strong outcomes in youth engagement and community participation. The program provided meaningful opportunities for youth in Bladensburg to access experiences and activities that they may not otherwise have exposure to.

One of the highlights of the program was utilizing local amenities such as Bladensburg Waterfront Park, where participants were introduced to rowing and water-based activities. Many of the youth served had never experienced being on the river or participating in structured rowing instruction. This opportunity not only exposed them to new skills but also built confidence, teamwork, and a sense of accomplishment.

In addition to recreational activities, the program incorporated team-building exercises and educational components that supported personal development and positive peer interaction. We also maximized the use of Town facilities to host

COMMUNITY NEED/POPULATION BEING SERVED- Describe the issue or community that needs to be addressed. Provided the demographic data and geographic information used to determine the extent of the problem or the need not being addressed.

Youth in the Town of Bladensburg, particularly those ages 11 – 18, face a significant need for safe, structured, and affordable programming—especially during the summer months when school is not in session. Without access to consistent supervision and enrichment opportunities, many young people are at greater risk of disengagement, negative peer influences, and academic regression.

Bladensburg is a diverse, youth-rich community, with approximately 43% of residents under the age of 25, demonstrating a high demand for youth-focused services. The Town is located in Prince George’s County, an area that includes communities facing economic challenges, with poverty rates higher than the Maryland state average. These conditions can limit access to extracurricular activities, mentorship programs, and positive recreational outlets for youth and their families.

Geographically, Bladensburg is part of the Port Towns corridor (including Edmonston, Cottage City, and Colmar Manor), where access to affordable, high-quality youth programming remains limited despite the growing youth population. Many families in these areas rely on community-based organizations to provide structured programming that supports both supervision and youth development.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION- Please provide a detailed description of the program you are proposing. Please include the group of people you plan to serve, the expected number of participants, the activities or services you will provide, and the location of the program/project.

The Good Intentions Foundation proposes to implement the Growth Youth Mentorship Summer Program, a structured, community-based initiative designed to serve youth ages 11 – 18 in the Town of Bladensburg and surrounding Port Town communities. The program will serve approximately 25 – 40 participants, with priority given to youth who would benefit from mentorship, structured engagement, and access to positive developmental opportunities.

The program will operate over the summer months and will provide a combination of mentorship, educational enrichment, and recreational activities in a safe and supportive environment. Participants will be grouped appropriately by age and will be paired with mentors who provide guidance, encouragement, and consistent support throughout the program.

Key program activities will include:

METHODOLOGY- Describe the methodology (or approach) for the proposed program/project, e.g., the procedures, tasks, techniques, or tools you will use to develop the program.

The Growth Youth Mentorship Summer Program will utilize a structured, evidence-informed mentorship approach designed to engage youth ages 11 – 18 in consistent, supportive, and developmentally appropriate programming. The program will be implemented through a combination of mentorship, experiential learning, and skill-building activities delivered in a safe and supervised environment.

The program will follow a weekly schedule that includes structured mentorship sessions, group workshops, and hands-on activities. Each session will begin with a check-in to build trust and rapport, followed by guided discussions and interactive exercises focused on life skills such as communication, goal setting, conflict resolution, and decision-making. Youth will be grouped by age to ensure content is relevant and engaging.

Participants will be paired with trained mentors who will provide ongoing support, encouragement, and accountability throughout the program. Mentors will use positive youth development techniques, including active listening, modeling positive behavior, and reinforcing constructive choices.

The program will also incorporate experiential learning opportunities by utilizing community resources such as Bladensburg Waterfront Park and other Town facilities. Activities such as rowing, team-building exercises, and outdoor learning will be used to promote confidence, teamwork, and exposure to new experiences.

To ensure program effectiveness, Good Intentions Foundation will:

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND IMPACT - Please provide activities and events that your organization has held within the Town of Bladensburg and the Port Towns. Tell us about the impact of your community activities.

Good Intentions Foundation has demonstrated a strong and consistent commitment to serving the Town of Bladensburg and the surrounding Port Town communities through a wide range of community-based activities, outreach efforts, and partnerships.

Our organization regularly leads and participates in community giveback events, including large-scale outreach initiatives in partnership with leaders such as Diana Fennell and Wanda Durant. These events provide essential resources, community engagement, and positive experiences for youth and families, helping to strengthen trust and connection within the community.

Through our “Feeding with Hope” initiative, we host ongoing food distribution events that provide free groceries and fresh produce to families in need. These distributions are held regularly across Prince George’s County and surrounding areas, helping to reduce food insecurity and ensure that families have access to basic necessities. These efforts are critical in supporting community stability and allowing families to focus on

ORGANIZATION CAPABILITIES - Describe the organization’s ability to implement the program/project

Good Intentions Foundation has the experience, leadership, and community partnerships necessary to successfully implement the Growth Youth Mentorship Summer Program. Our organization has a proven track record of delivering youth-focused programming, community outreach initiatives, and resource-based events that directly benefit residents of Bladensburg and the surrounding Port Town communities.

Our team includes dedicated staff, trained mentors, and committed volunteers who have experience working with youth ages 11 – 18 in structured and community-based settings. We utilize a hands-on, relationship-centered approach that ensures participants receive consistent support, guidance, and engagement throughout the program.

The organization has successfully managed and executed a variety of programs, including youth mentorship activities, community givebacks, food distributions, and

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS: Please attach any materials that will provide more context for your activities and events in the Town of Bladensburg and the Port Towns. *Examples include event flyers, social media posts, links to media articles, and other information on your organization.*

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Hi Ray,

Great seeing you today! Here's the information I mentioned regarding the testimony:

Provide feedback on the Preliminary Port Towns Sector Plan. For the District Council and Planning Board to consider your testimony, you'll need to submit your comments into the record prior to the **end of business day on Tuesday, May 26, 2026**. There are a couple of ways to do this, which we've noted below.

PROVIDE VERBAL TESTIMONY AT THE JOINT PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026.

What: Joint Public Hearing
 When: Monday, May 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
 Where: Wayne K. Curry Administrative Building
 1st Floor, Council Hearing Room
 1301 McCormick Drive, Largo, MD 20774

[Registering in advance to speak](#) is encouraged, but on-site registration is also available. If you don't want to provide verbal testimony but want to watch the hearing, you may do so online here: <https://pgccouncil.us/LIVE>

SUBMIT WRITTEN TESTIMONY PRIOR TO END OF BUSINESS DAY TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026.

- Written testimony or comments will continue to be accepted via the Council's eComment portal.
 - **E-Comment Portal:**
<https://princegeorgescountymd.granicusideas.com/meetings>
- Written correspondence may be emailed to: onlinesignup@co.pg.md.us or faxed to (301) 952-5178.

Please follow up with Emily or Arnaldo if any questions in providing testimony. Copying them in this email.

Thanks for your time and support!!

Thanks

Josephine Selvakumar

Supervisor | Neighborhood Revitalization Section | Community Planning Division

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PORT TOWNS

SECTOR PLAN AND SECTIONAL MAP AMENDMENT

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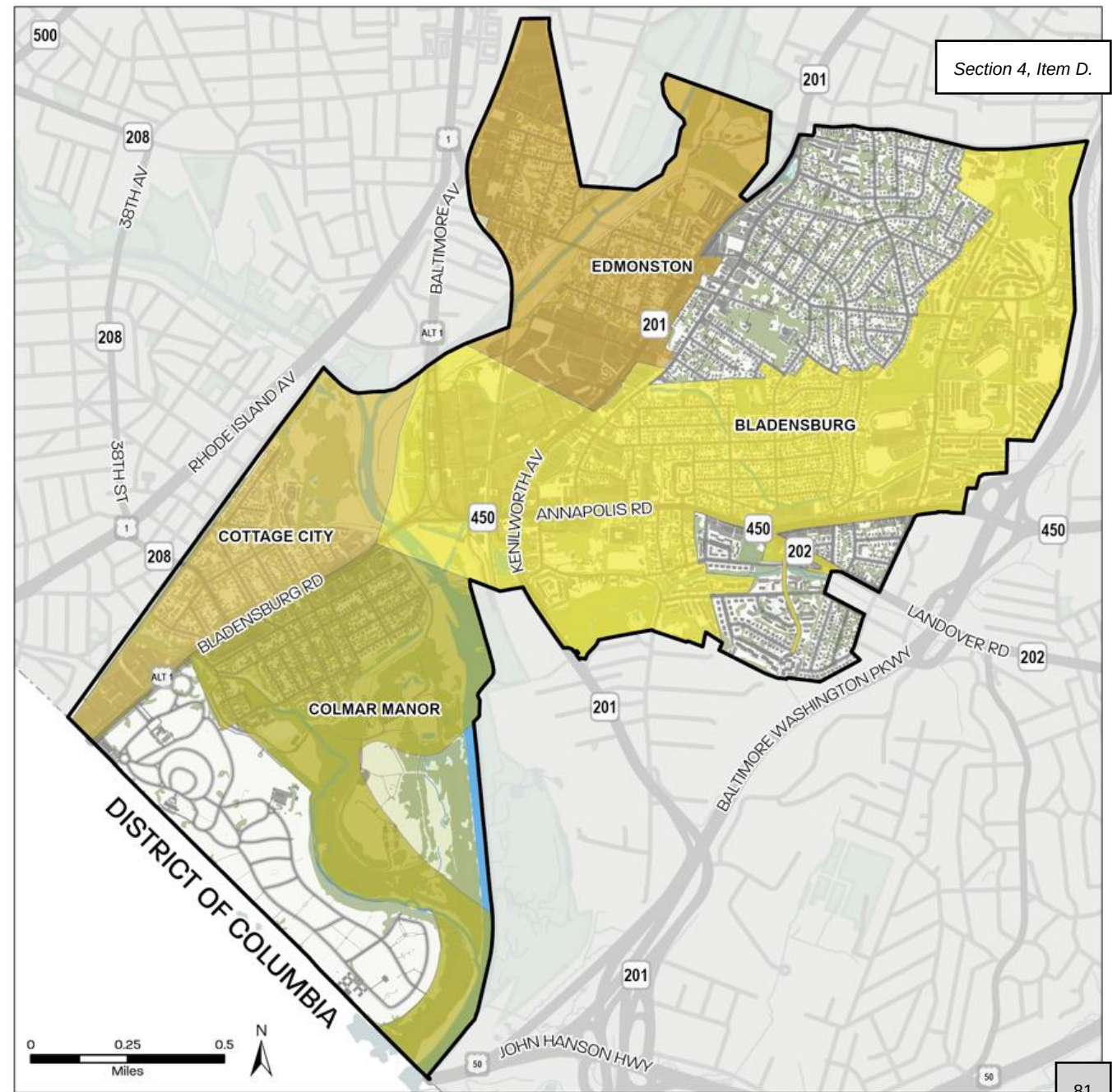
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Next Steps &
Schedule

Project Background

Sector Plan Area

- District 5
- Subregion II
- Planning Areas 68 and 69



Community Engagement Events Summary

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Notable Event Dates



TOWN HALL
December 6, 2023
Public Kickoff Meeting
Colmar Manor



OPEN HOUSE
March 20, 2024
Open House
Edmonston



WORKSHOP
June 8, 2024
Lariscy Spark Event/Workshop
Colmar Manor



OPEN HOUSE/WORKSHOP
September 26, 2024
Final Interactive Open House
Cottage City



STEERING COMMITTEE

January 25, 2024
Steering Community Meeting
Virtual

July 24, 2024
Steering Community Meeting
Virtual



POP-UPS
August 1, 2024
Coffee with Planners
Hyattsville

August 8, 2024
Autumn Woods
Bladensburg



YOUTH OUTREACH

December 19, 2023
Colmar Manor Youth Council
Colmar Manor

May 21, 2024
Teen Action Group (TAG) Meeting
Bladensburg

September 19, 2024
End Time Harvest Ministries
Youth Council
Riverdale



BRIEFINGS

February 8, 2023
Edmonston Council Briefing
Edmonston

May 10, 2023
Cottage City Council Briefing
Cottage City

September 18, 2023
Port Towns Quarterly Briefing
Cottage City

January 30, 2024
Port Towns Quarterly Briefing
Bladensburg

March 14, 2024
Colmar Manor Council Briefing
Colmar Manor

March 26, 2024
Port Towns Quarterly Briefing
Bladensburg

July 10, 2024
Cottage City Council Briefing
Cottage City

September 24, 2024
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Cottage City



FOCUS GROUPS

April 24, 2024
CHCD and Public Facilities
Focus Group
Virtual

April 24, 2024
Land Use, Housing and
Neighborhoods, and Economic
Prosperity Focus Group
Virtual

April 25, 2024
Natural Environment and
Healthy Communities
Focus Group
Virtual

April 25, 2024
Transportation and Mobility
Virtual

August 15, 2024
Senior Focus Group
Bladensburg

September 5, 2024
Artist Focus Group
Publick Playhouse



WALK AUDIT
June 4, 2024
TAG Walk Audit
Bladensburg



COMMUNITY EVENTS

July 22, 2023
International Day
Bladensburg

August 1, 2023
National Night Out
Edmonston

August 11, 2023
Town Visioning Day
Colmar Manor

September 7–10, 2023
Prince George's County Fair
Upper Marlboro

September 9, 2023
Mexican Independence
Day Festival
Bladensburg

September 16, 2023
Hispanic Heritage Month
Bladensburg

September 29, 2023
Senior Day
Bladensburg

September 30, 2023
Festival del Rio Anacostia
Bladensburg

52 stakeholder meetings
(Winter 2022- Spring 2025)

October 28, 2023
Bladefest
Bladensburg

February 10, 2024
Black History Month Event
Bladensburg

May 4, 2024
Cinco de Mayo
Bladensburg

June 1, 2024
Centennial Celebration
Edmonston

July 5, 2024
Bladensburg Fireworks:
The American Frontier
Bladensburg

August 6, 2024
National Night Out
Bladensburg

August 24, 2024
Cottage City Day
Cottage City

Feedback Themes that Shaped the Plan



Design
Complete and
Connected
Streets



Experience a
Diverse Small-
Town
Community



Create
Sense of
Place



Promote
Affordable
Housing + Age
in Place



Invest in
Youth



Create Mixed-
Use Areas



Encourage
Healthy Food
and
Environment

Sector Plan Recommendations



Draft Plan Vision

Port Towns is an attractive community for residents of all ages and backgrounds, as well as an inviting destination for visitors from throughout the region. It exemplifies a thriving and collaborative relationship between communities showcasing a **unified identity** that respects and honors the area's **rich heritage**—its history, diversity, and natural assets. By harnessing its vibrant neighborhoods with **diverse residential options**, a robust commercial and industrial base, and expansive open spaces, Port Towns focuses change within its **mixed-use hubs** and corridors. This focus, combined with compatible infill development, strengthens the vibrancy and success of its neighborhoods. With a commitment to **multi-modal transportation** including enhanced pedestrian, bicycle, and transit connections—Port Towns provides seamless access to regional destinations and jobs, while ensuring that all communities enjoy abundant green spaces, trails, and the Anacostia River. As it looks ahead, Port Towns prioritizes resilience to climate change, implementing a sustainable long-range plan that enables **future generations** to thrive and prosper.

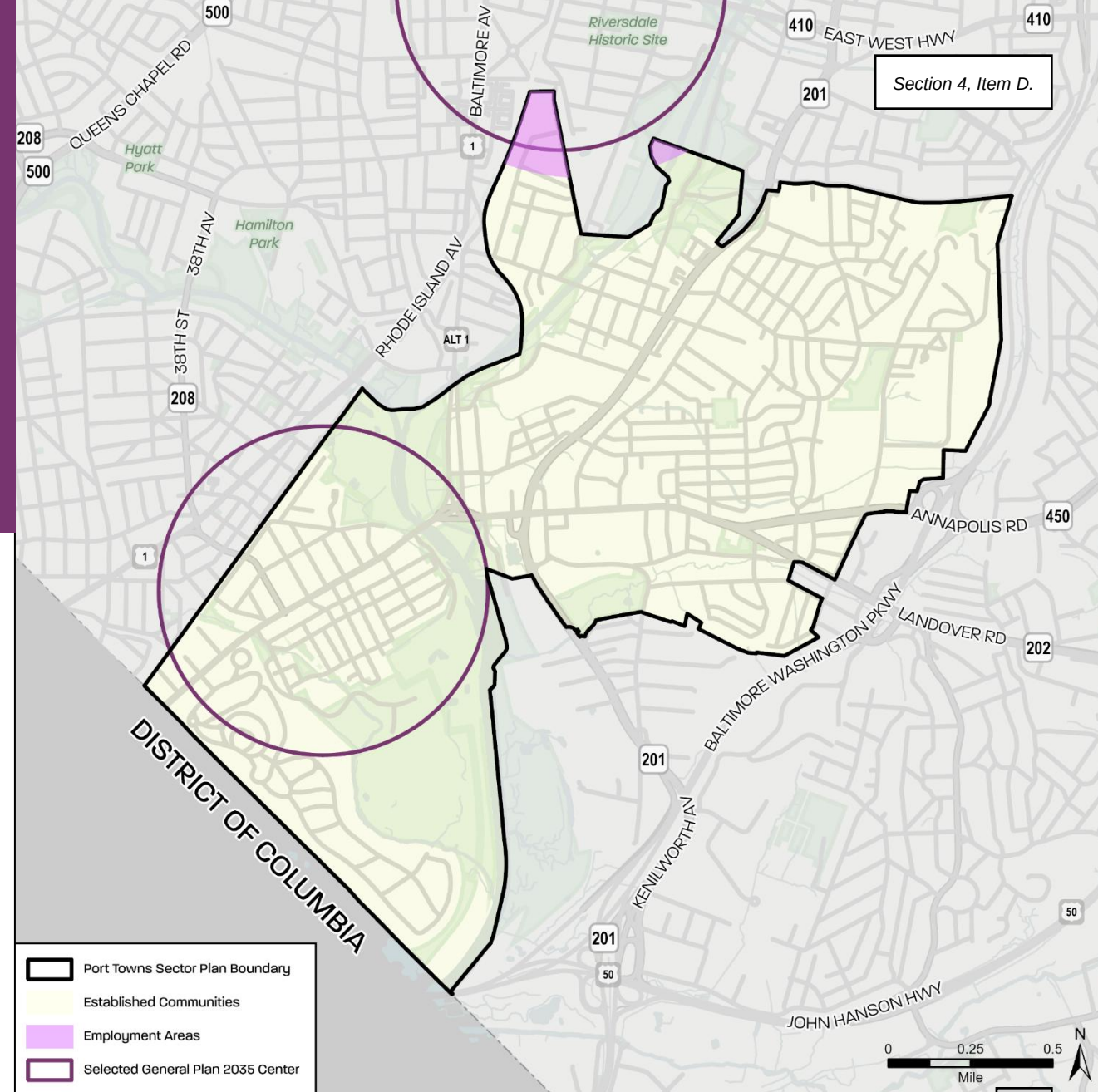
Defining the Neighborhood Center Boundary

What We Heard

Favorite places include
Waterfront Park, Local
Restaurants, Library

Small Town feel /
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Opportunities and Recommendations

Land Use



Transportation and Mobility



Housing and Neighborhoods



Healthy Communities



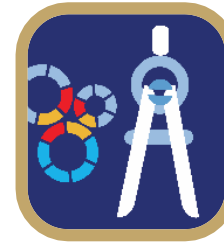
Placemaking



Economic Prosperity



Natural Environment



Community Heritage, Culture, and Design



Public Facilities



WHAT WE HEARD

Encourage mixed-use development along major corridors

Transform/
Re-imagine
industrial
areas

More green
spaces



More retail and
commercial
spaces

Connect housing
to commercial
and recreation

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RECOMMENDATIONS

» Vibrant Focal Areas

» Well Connected Neighborhoods



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WHAT WE HEARD

More economic opportunities for all, including youth

Become a green industry innovator



Lots of places to eat and things to do

Want new businesses and diverse amenities

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RECOMMENDATIONS

» Attract New / Support Small Businesses

» Reimagine Industrial Areas



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WHAT WE HEARD

Housing is not affordable

Access to safe and affordable housing

Ability to age in place



Concerned about displacement

More diverse housing options

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RECOMMENDATIONS

» Housing Affordability & Diversity

» Emphasis on Anti-Displacement



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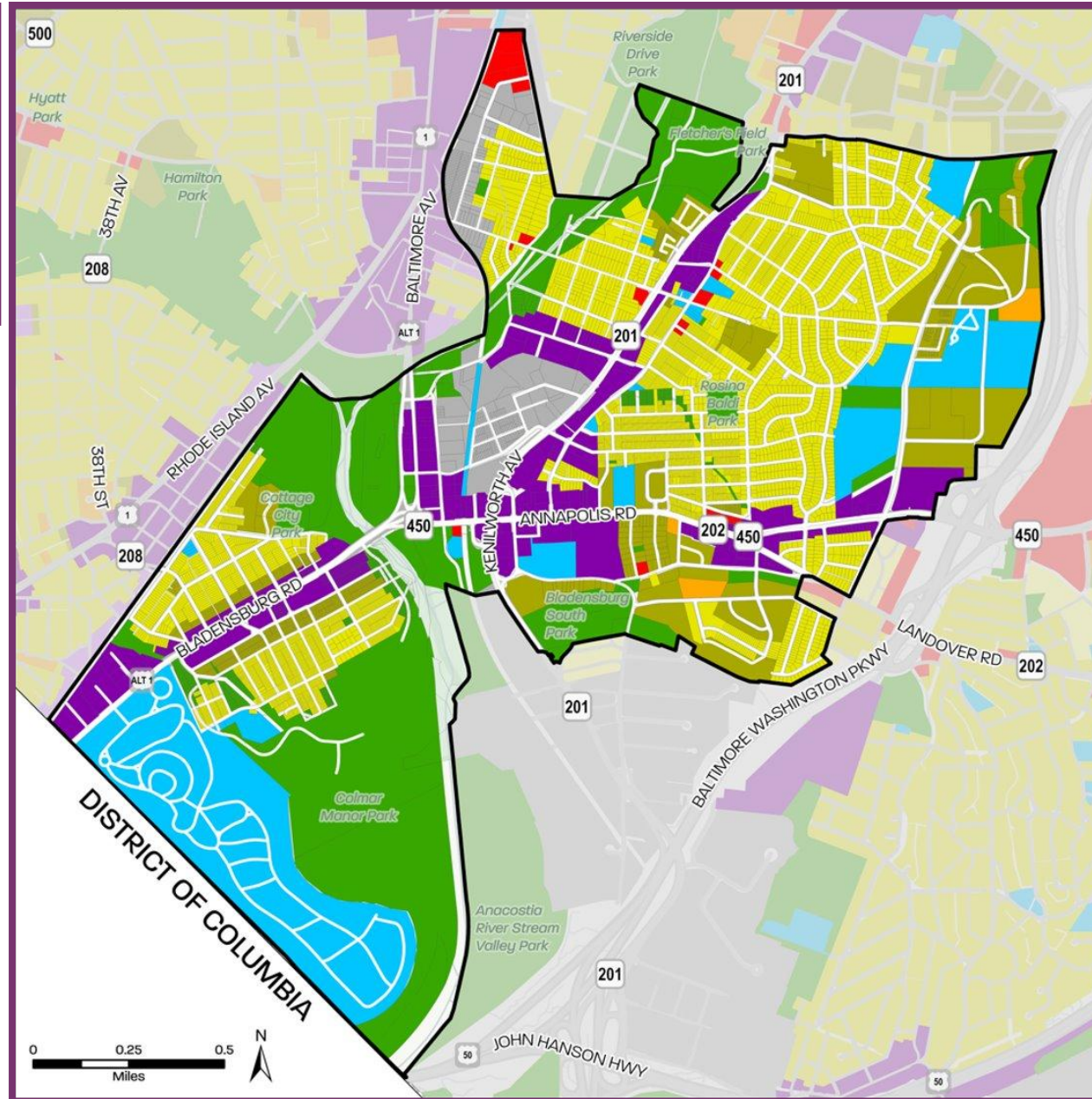
LAND USE



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HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOODS



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Future Land Use

Map Legend

- Port Towns Sector Plan Boundary
- Parks and Open Space
- Residential Medium
- Residential Medium-High
- Residential High
- Mixed Use
- Commercial
- Institutional
- Industrial/Employment



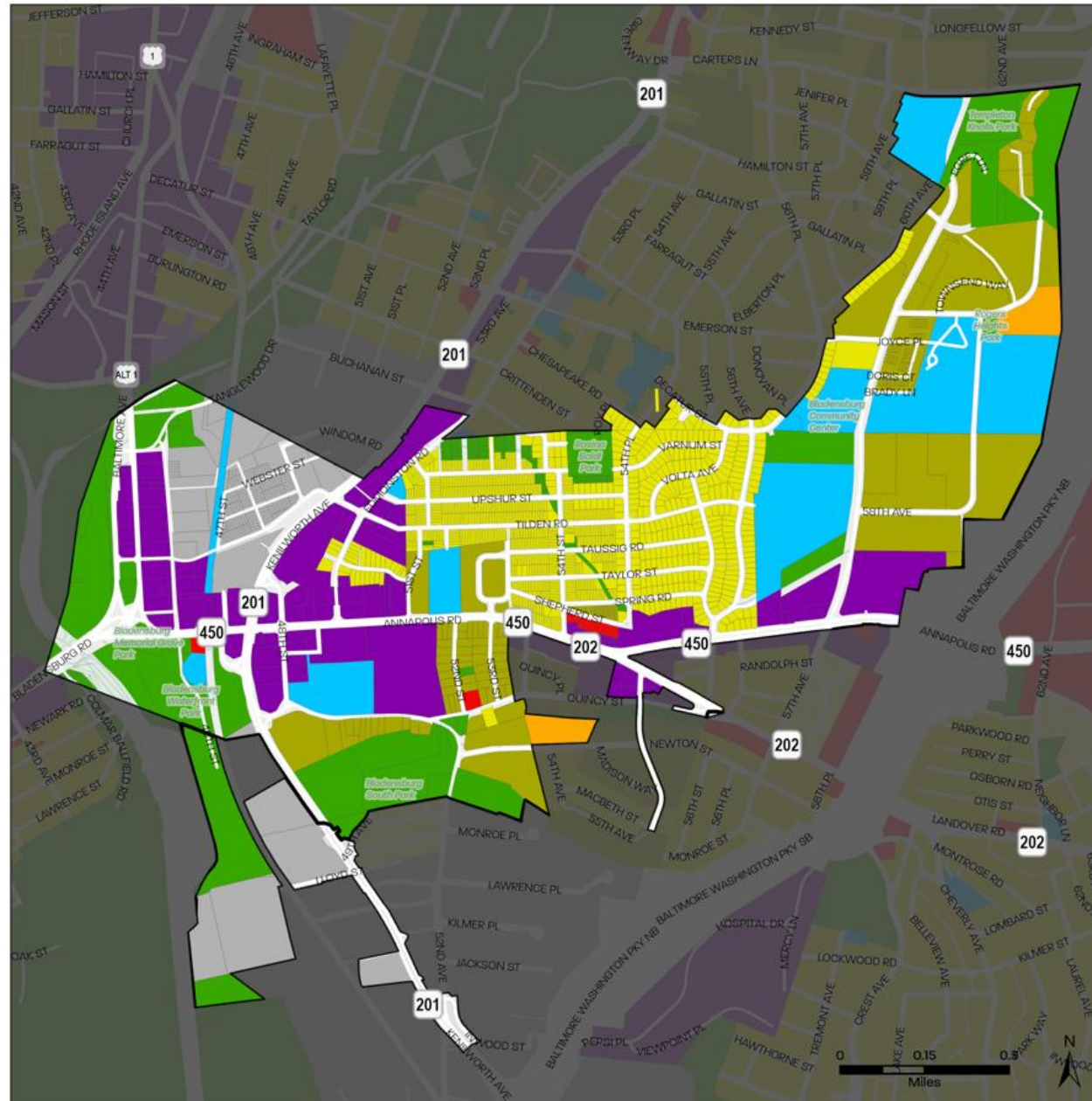
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WHAT WE HEARD

Promote green,
complete,
connected streets

Pedestrian
safety for
school children

Auto-oriented



Fragmented and
narrow sidewalks

Promote safe
multimodal
transportation

RECOMMENDATIONS

» Multimodal Connectivity » Active Transportation



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WHAT WE HEARD

More senior services

Improve healthcare access and health services

Better access to green space and recreation



More health and wellness programming

Access to affordable and healthy food and local agriculture

RECOMMENDATIONS

» Expand Access to Healthy Food

» Invest in Social Infrastructure



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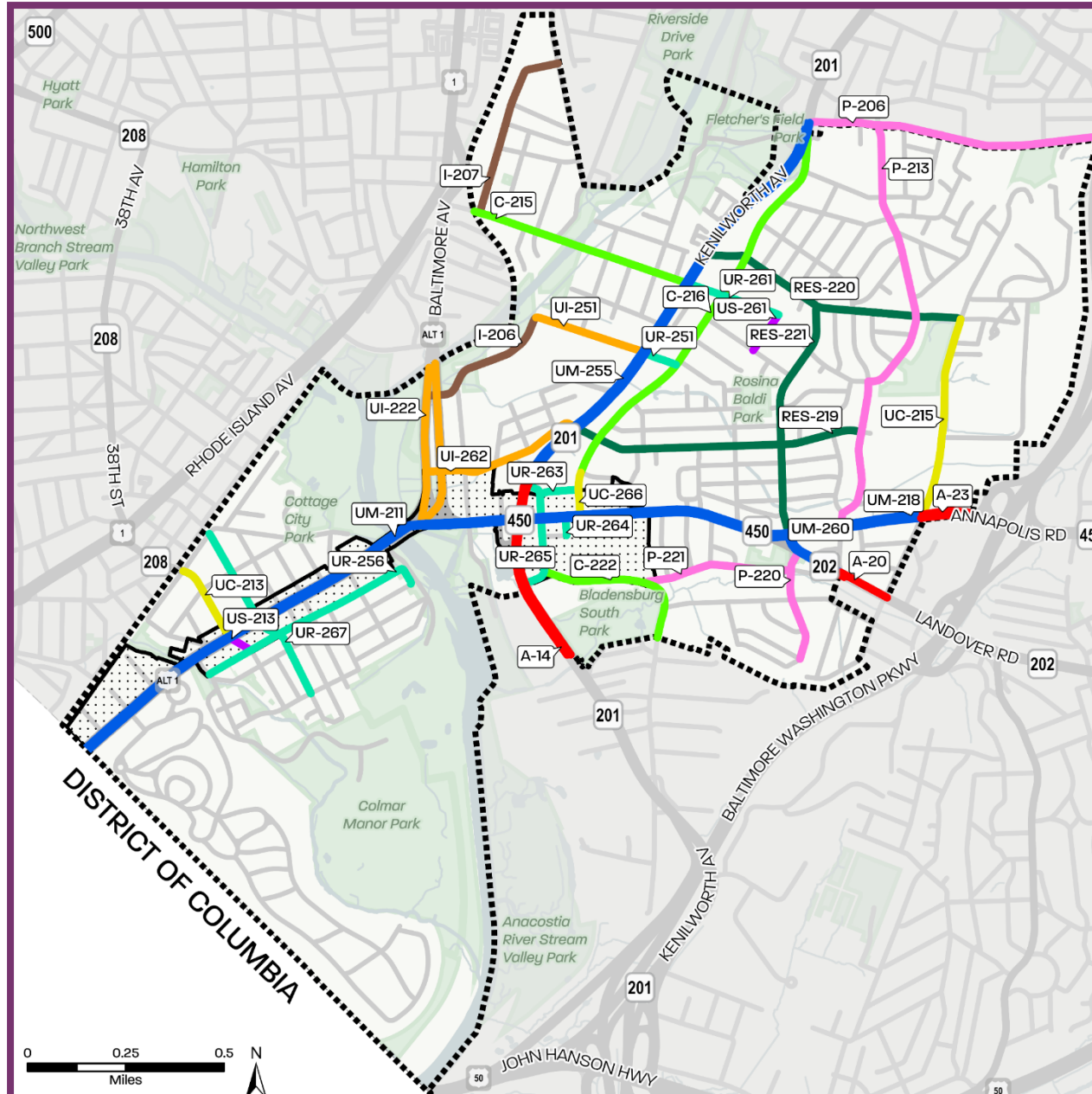
TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

- » Multimodal Connectivity
- » Active Transportation



HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

- » Expand Access to Healthy Food
- » Invest in Social Infrastructure



Proposed Facilities and USDS Designations

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Map Legend

- Port Towns Sector Plan Boundary
- Neighborhood Center
- Arterial
- Collector
- Industrial
- Neighborhood Connector
- Neighborhood Residential
- Primary
- Residential
- Mixed-Use Boulevard
- Urban Industrial
- Shared Street



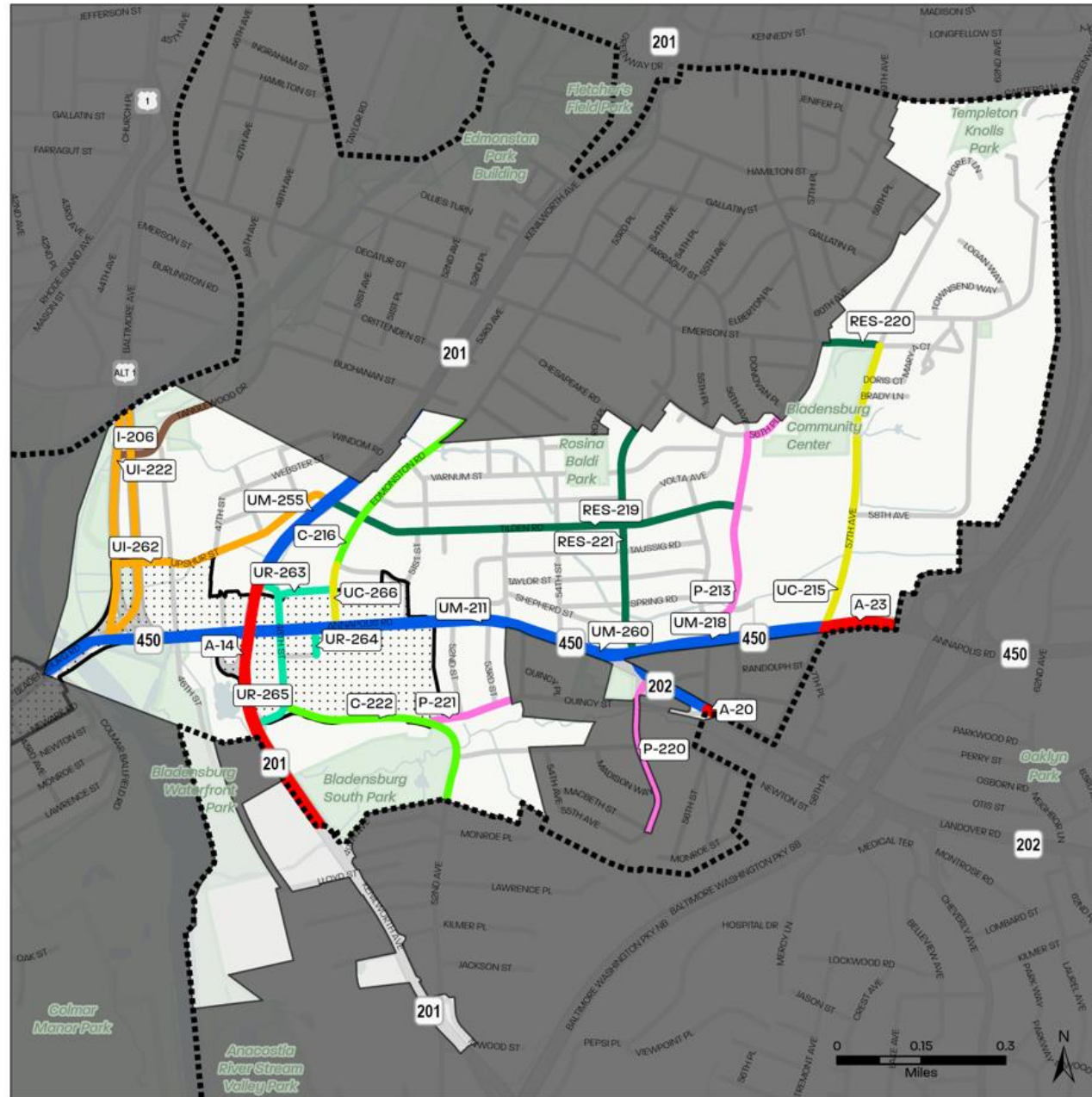
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WHAT WE HEARD

Plan for
climate
change

Consistent
flooding and lack
of help

Improve health
of natural
environment



Enjoy proximity
to natural areas

Invest
in alternative
energy and green
infrastructure

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RECOMMENDATIONS

» Green Infrastructure
Investment

» Greenway/Blueway
Corridors

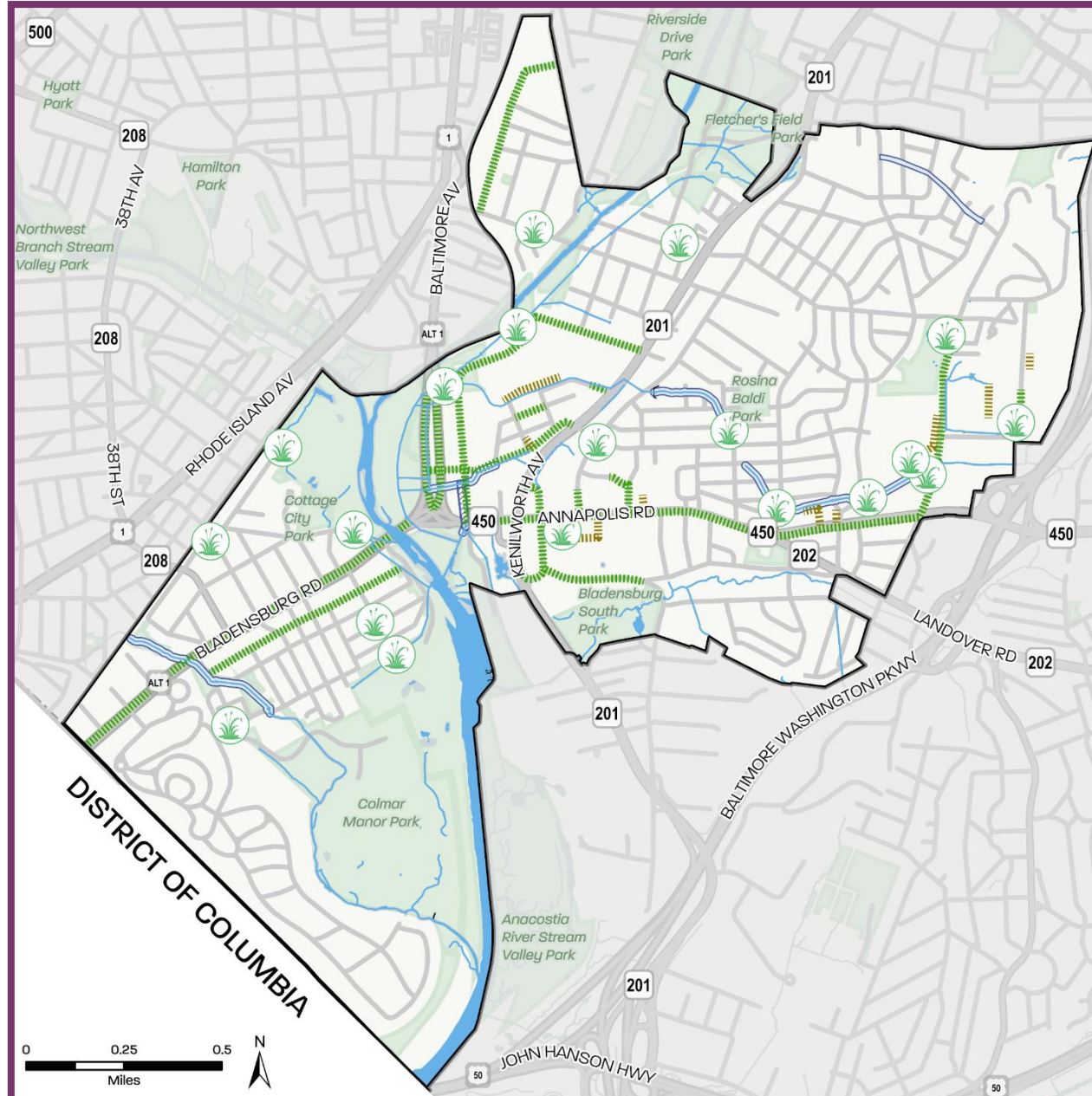


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NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- » Green Infrastructure
- » Greenway/Blueway Corridors



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Priority Stormwater Infrastructure Projects

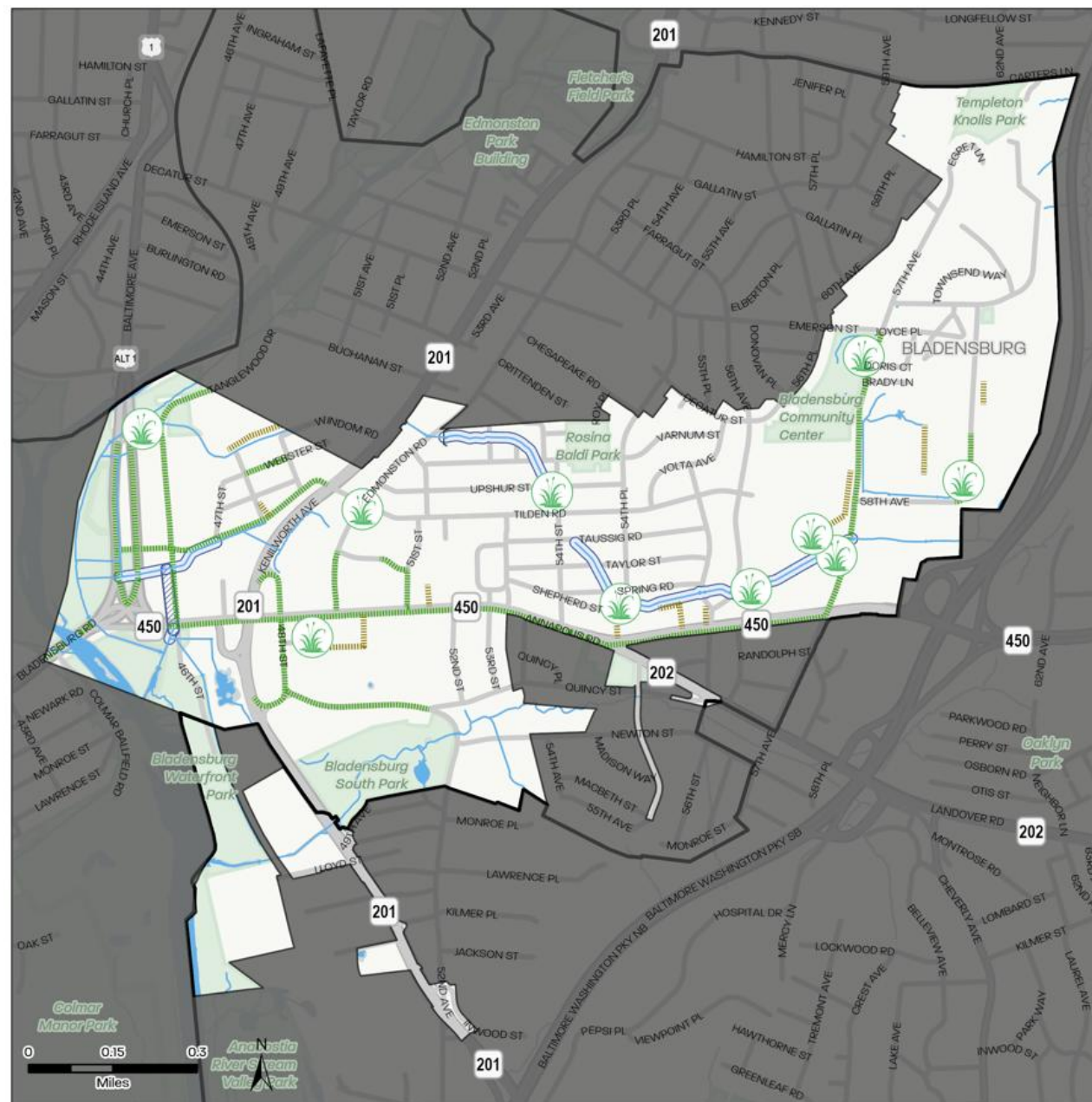
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- Port Towns Sector Plan Boundary
- Green Infrastructure Streetscape
- Parking Lot Green Infrastructure
- Priority Green Infrastructure Projects
- Greenway/Blueway Corridor
- Proposed Stream Corridor Connection
- River and Streams



NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- » Green Infrastructure
- » Greenway/Blueway Corridors



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WHAT WE HEARD

More community events (festivals, parades)

Better public services (police, recycling, education)



Parks and playgrounds matter

Improved public facilities (pools, centers, dog parks)

RECOMMENDATIONS

» Expand Public Facilities

» Continue Emergency Service Planning



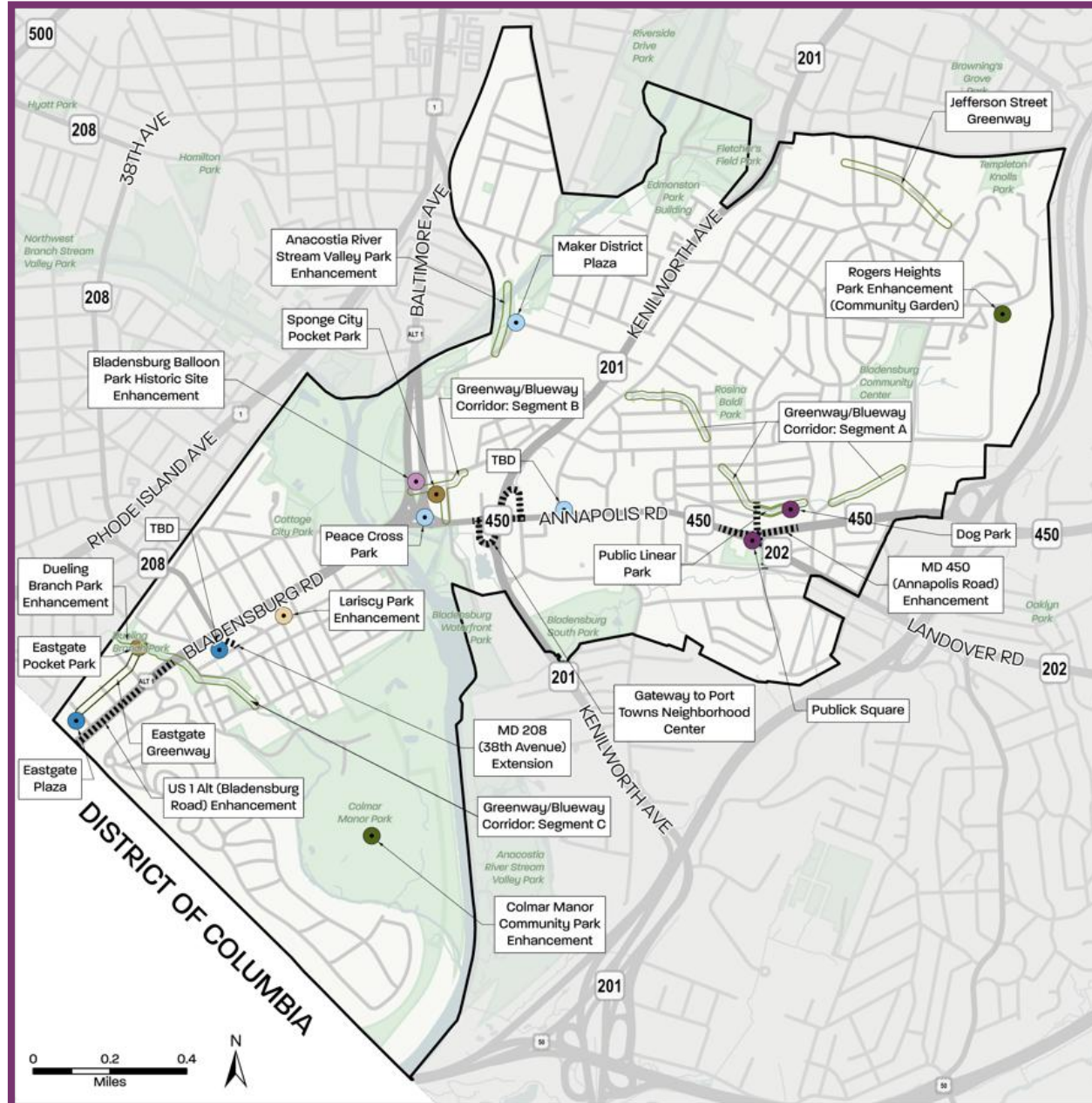
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PUBLIC FACILITIES

- » Expand Public Facilities
- » Continue Emergency Service Planning



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Recommended Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Facilities

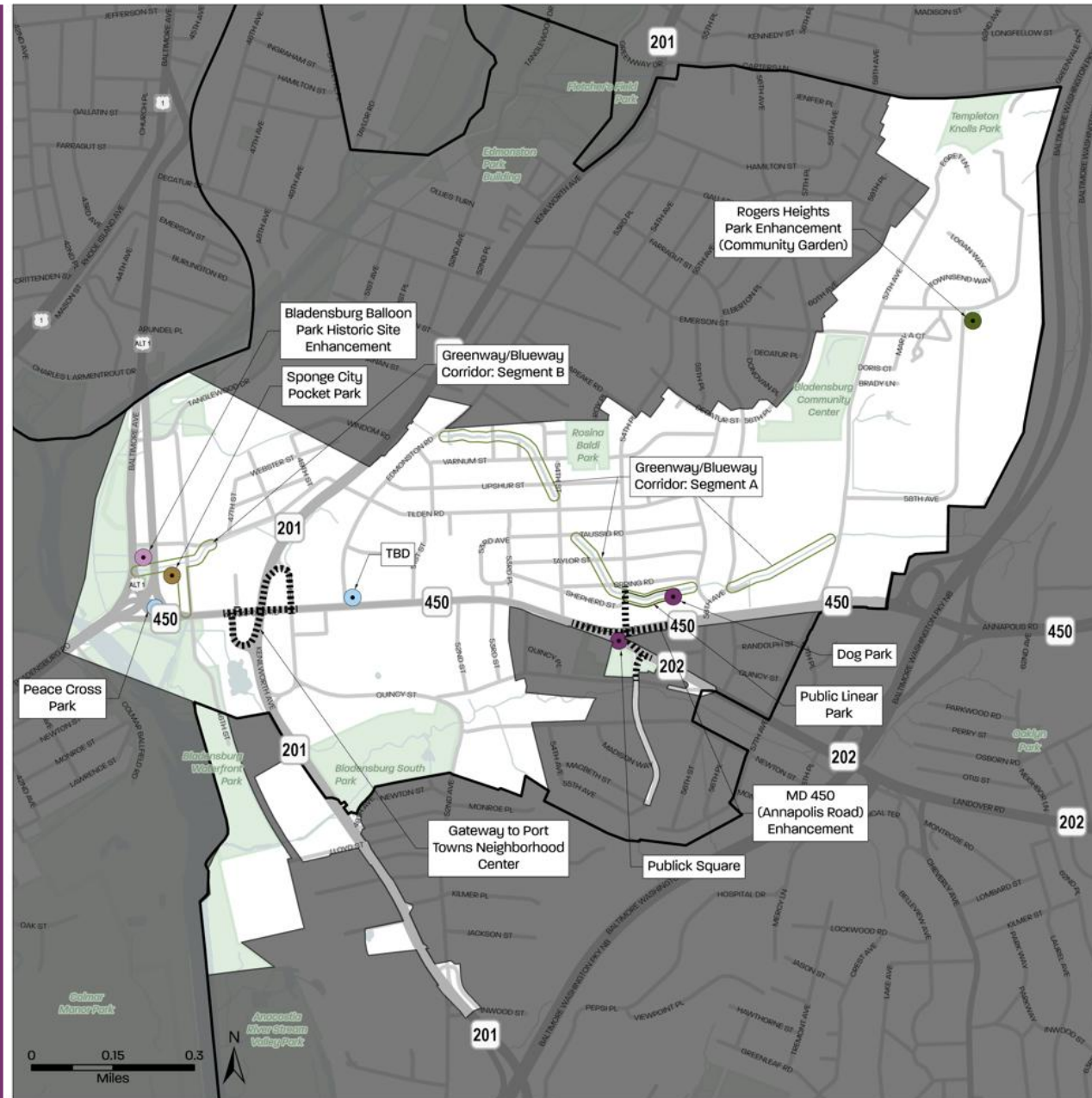
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Strong placemaking

Maintain small town feel

Better wayfinding for landmarks

Need branding across Port Towns



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RECOMMENDATIONS

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- » Identify sites for future initiatives



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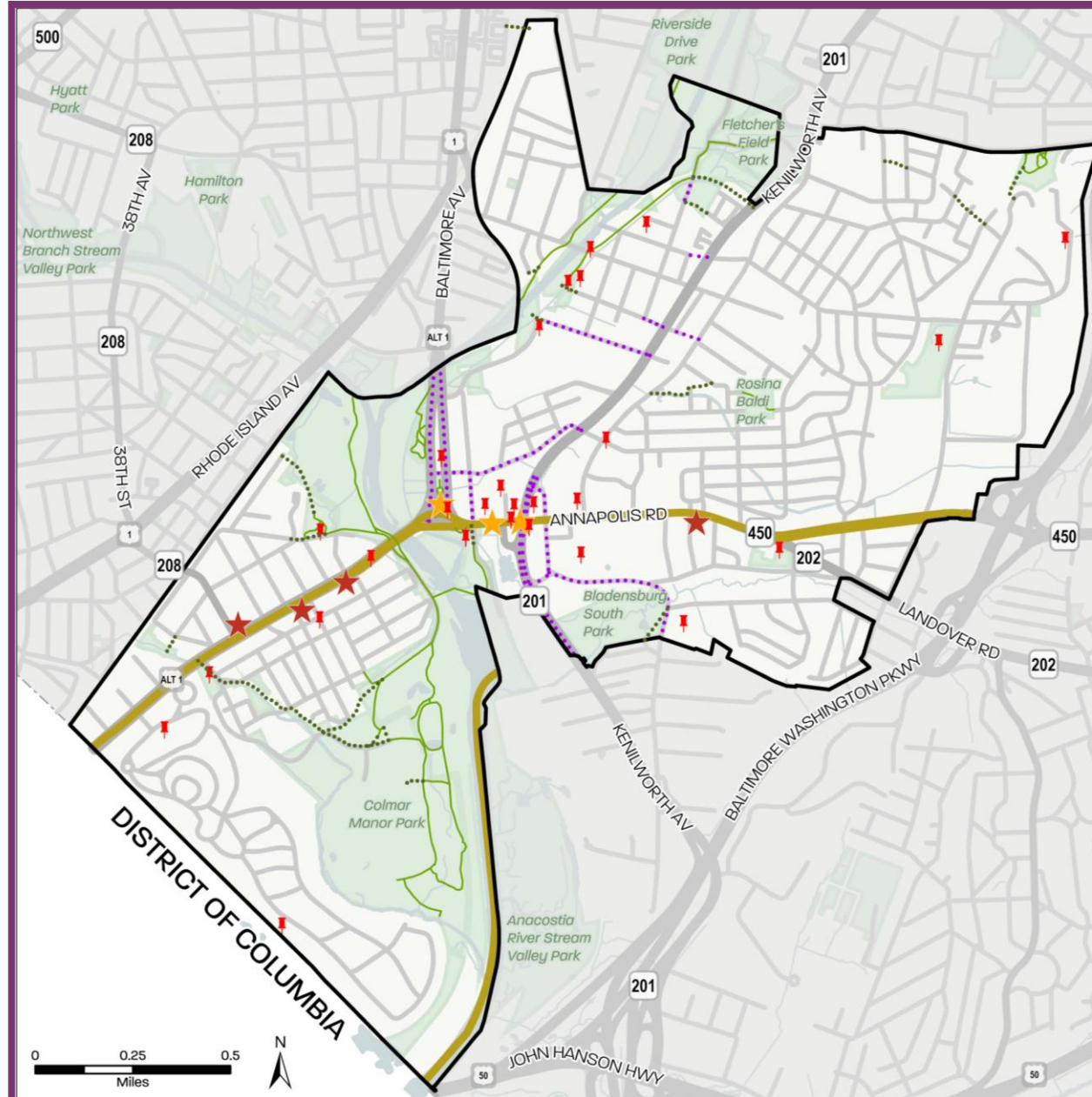
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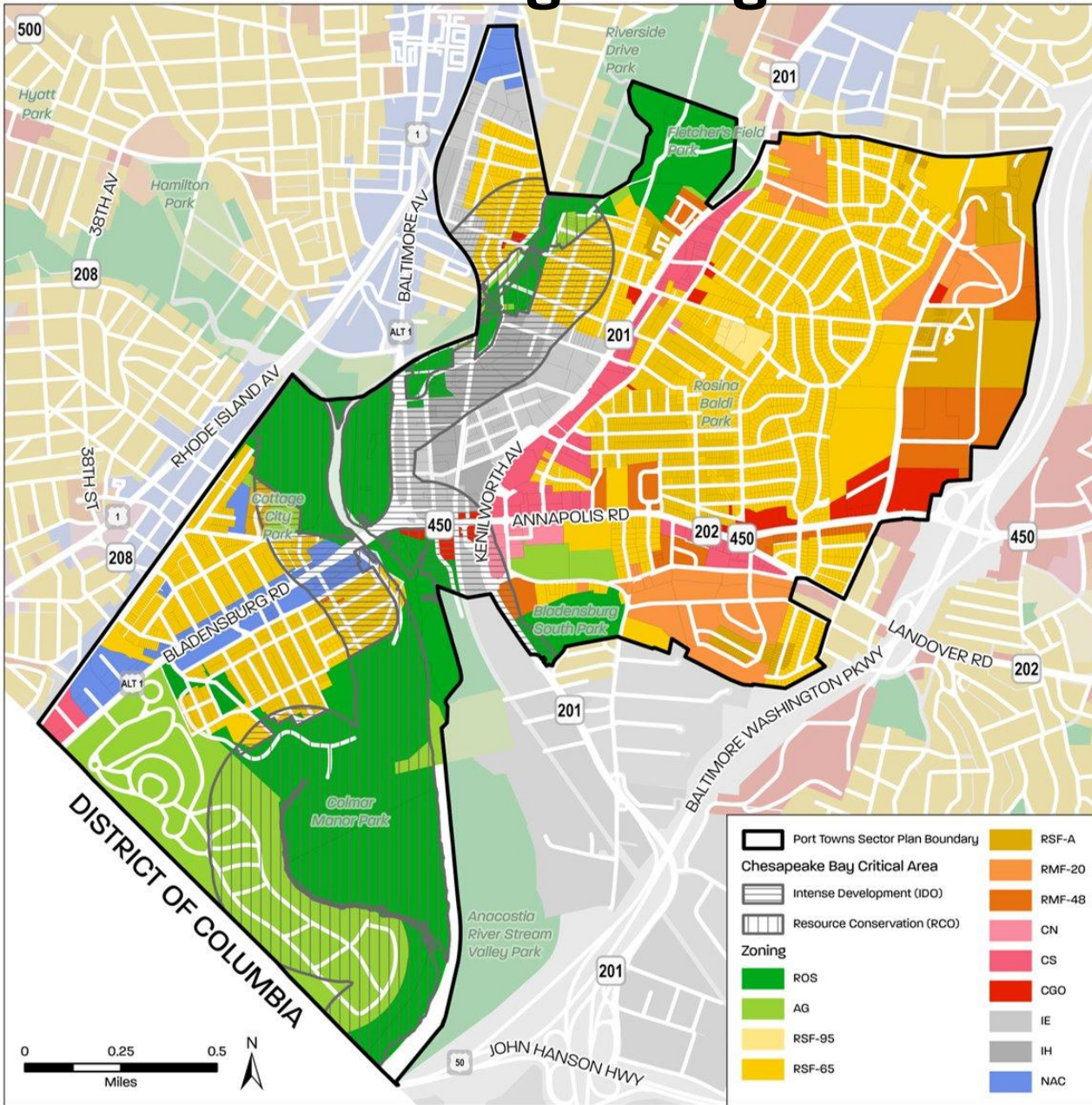
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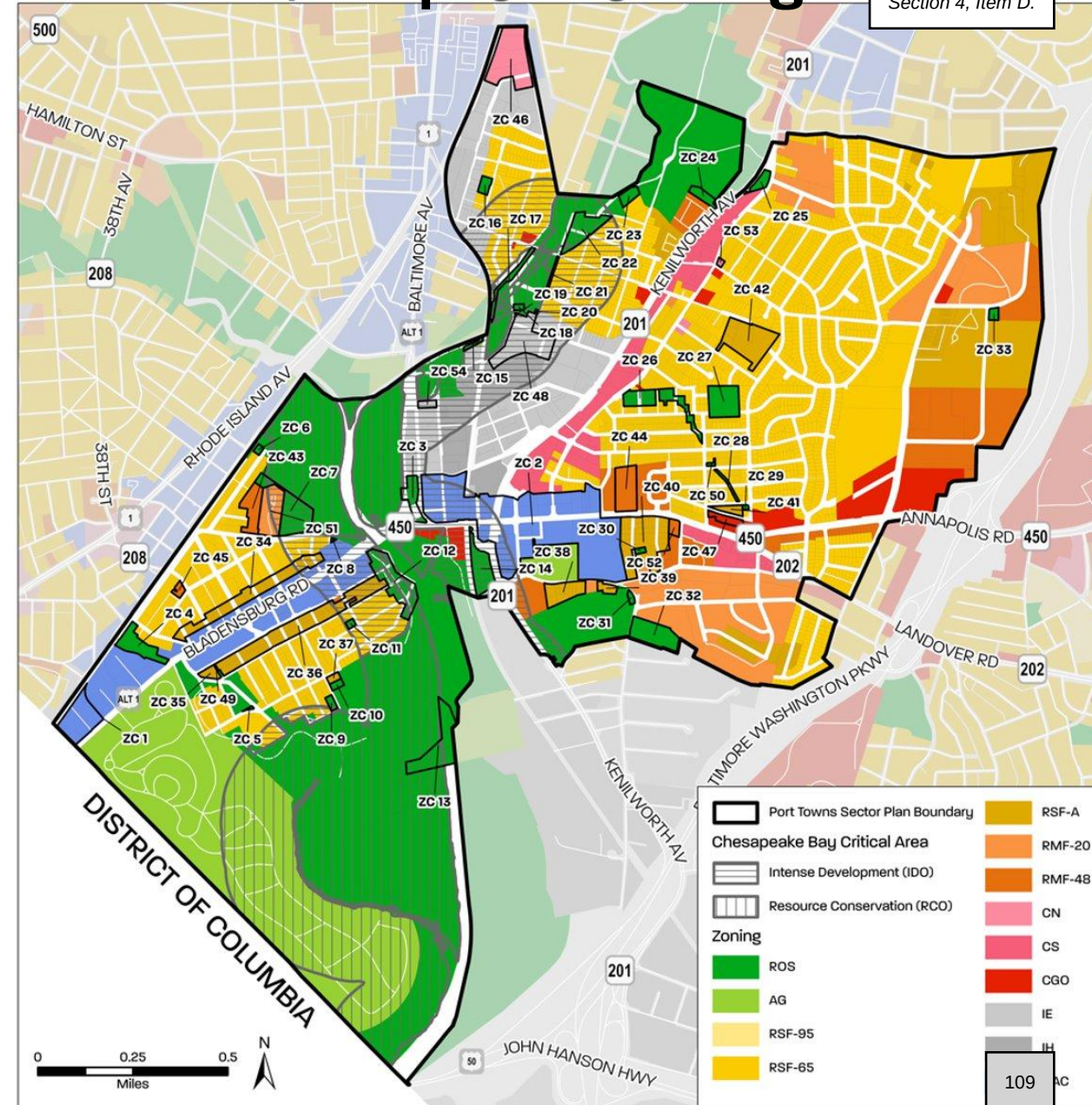
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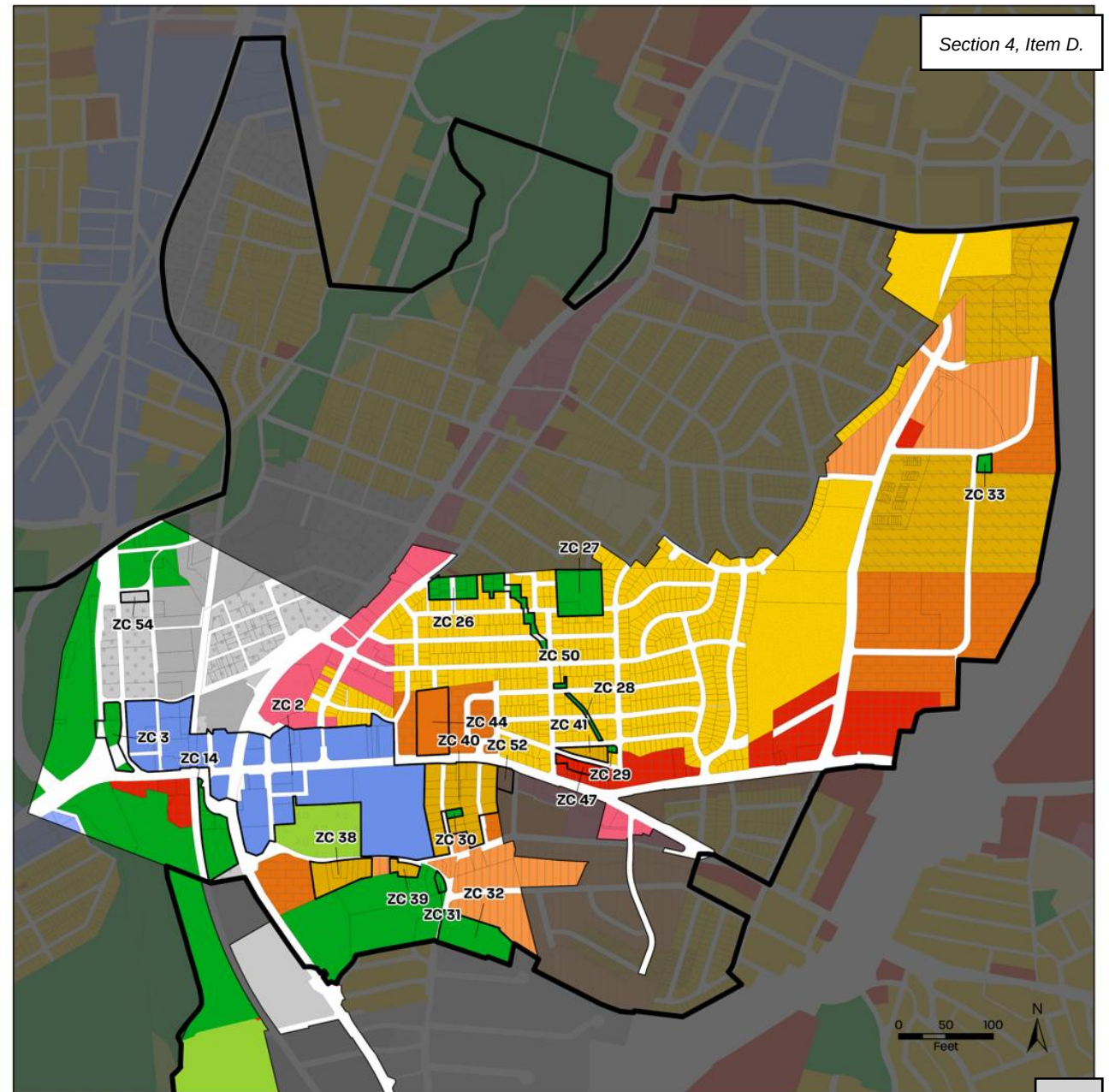


Proposed Zoning

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Bladensburg Zoning Changes



Zoning Changes Categories



Open Space

Residential

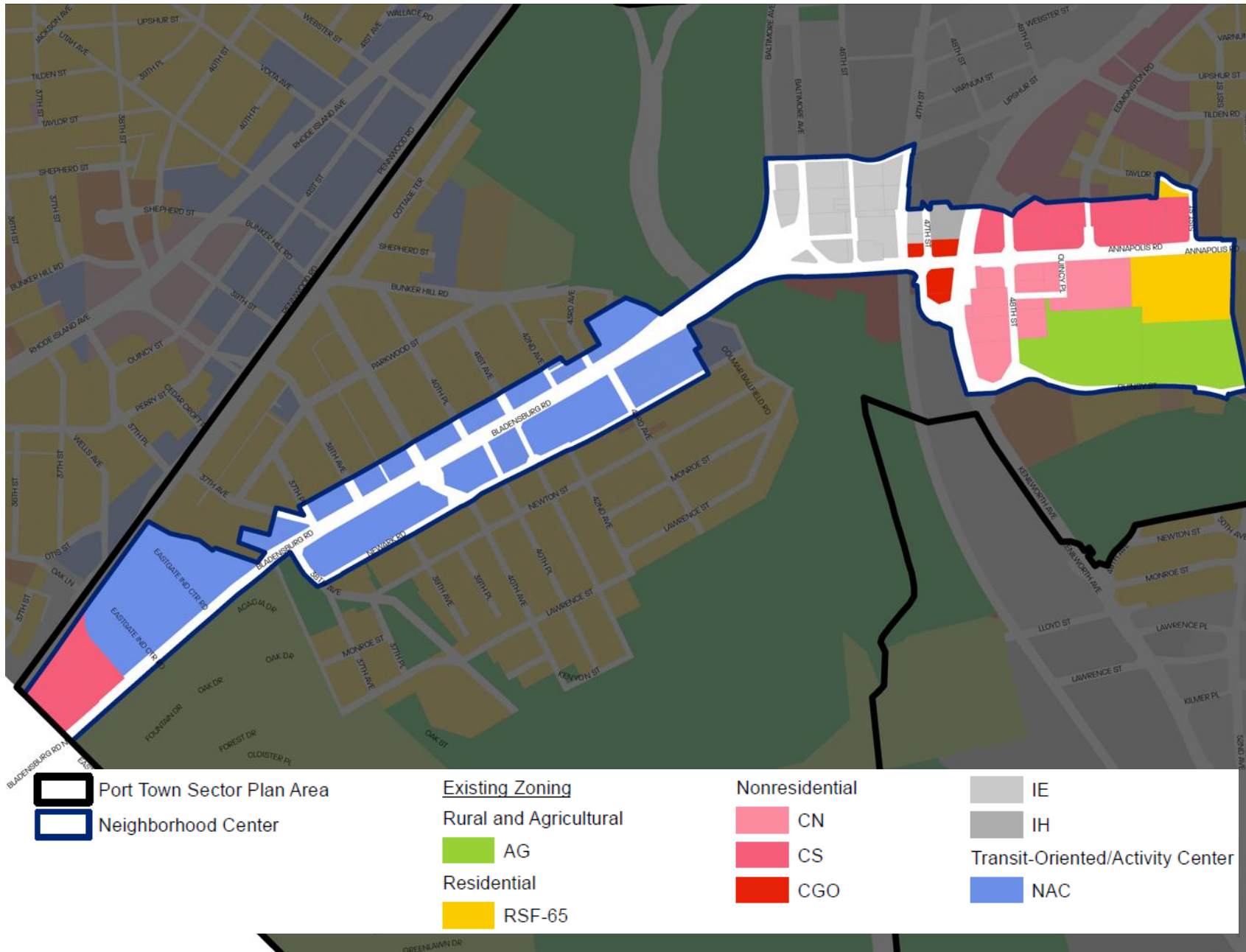
Commercial/
Industrial

Neighborhood Activity Center (NAC) Zone

The purpose of the NAC Zone is to:

- Provide lands for mixed-use centers;
- Create walkable, bikeable, and well-connected areas; and
- Provide neighborhood serving uses.



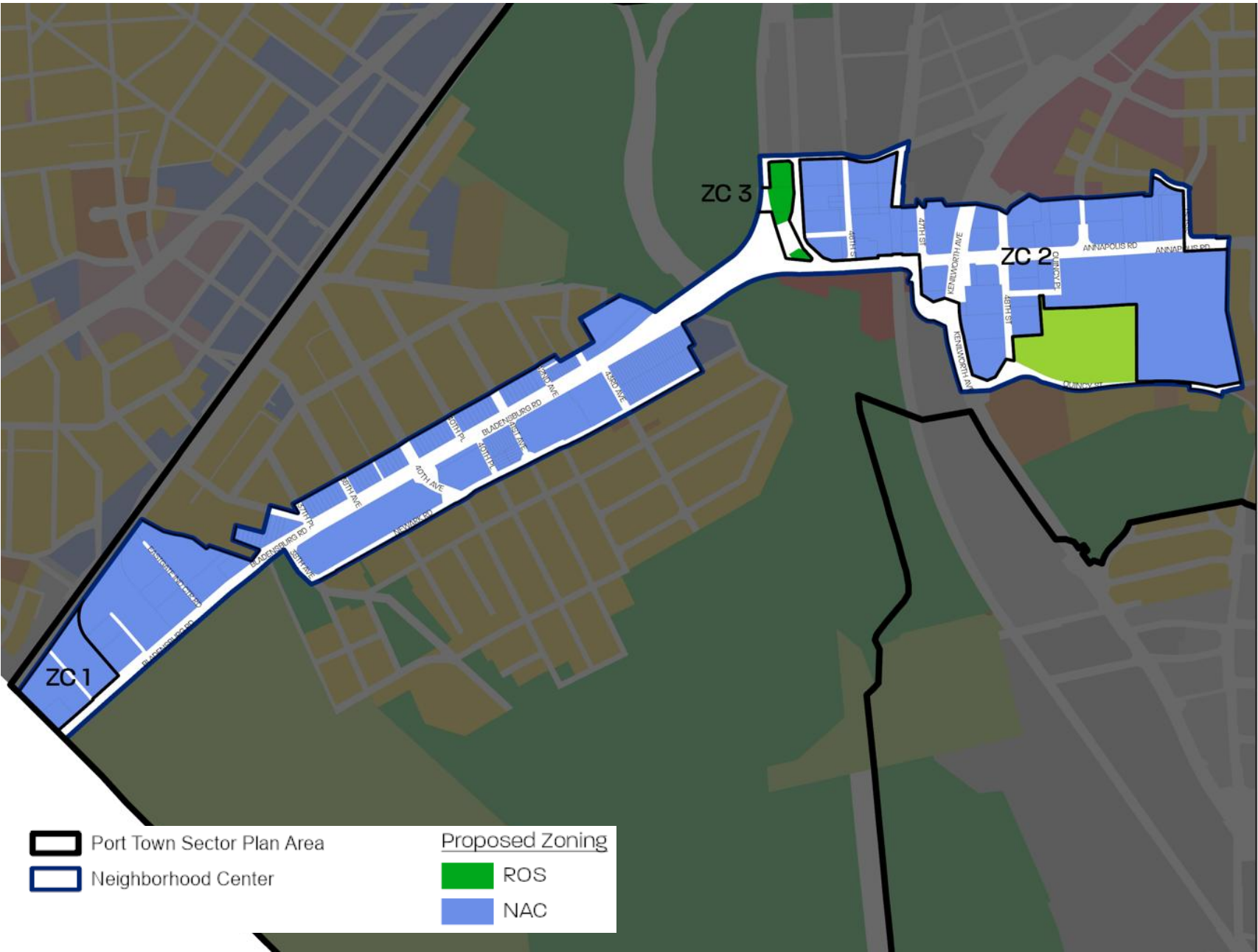


Existing Zoning in Proposed Neighborhood Center

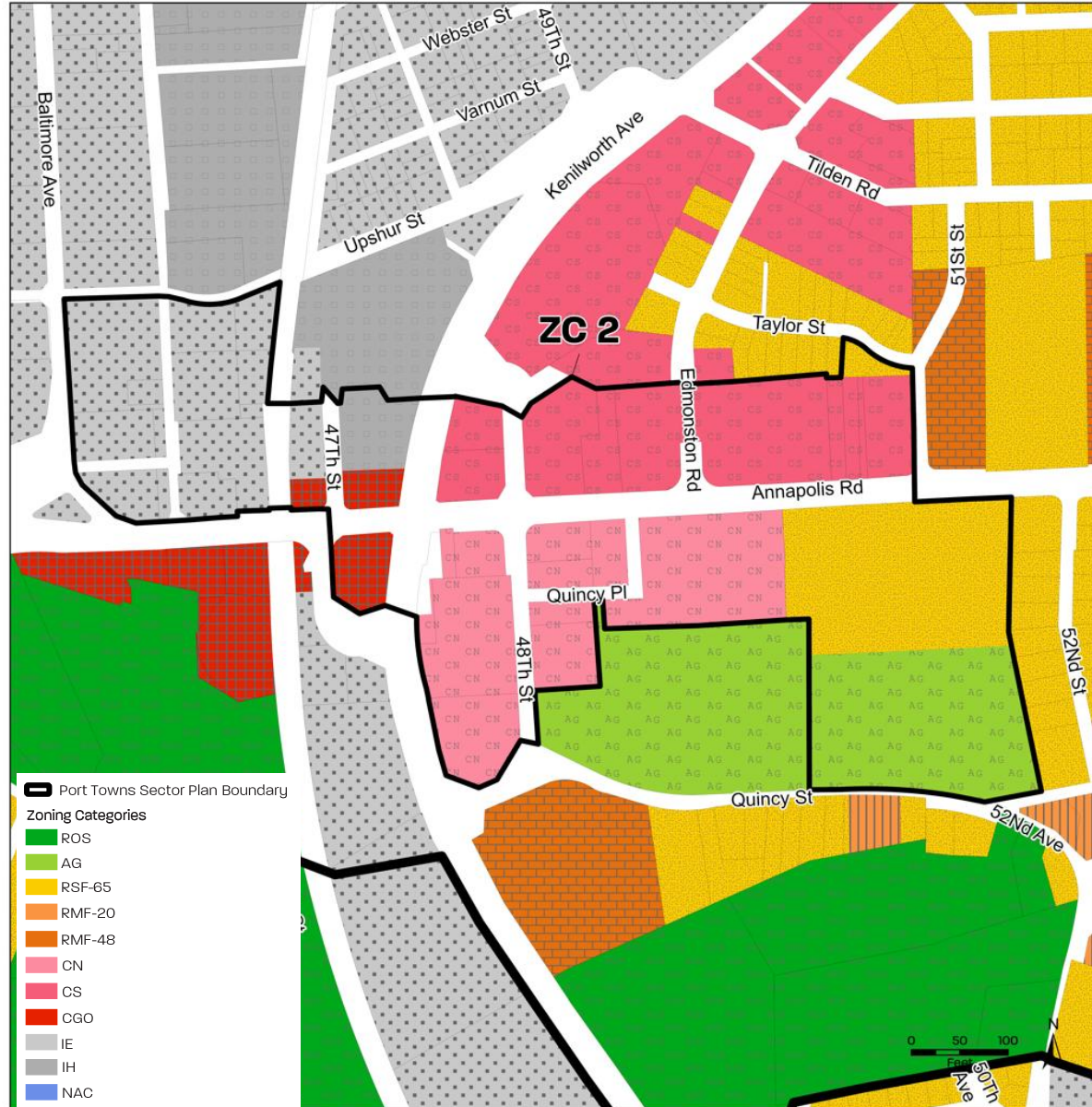
Proposed Zoning in Neighborhood Center

Property Inventory

Zoning Class	Number of Parcels
NAC	55
ROS	4
Total	59

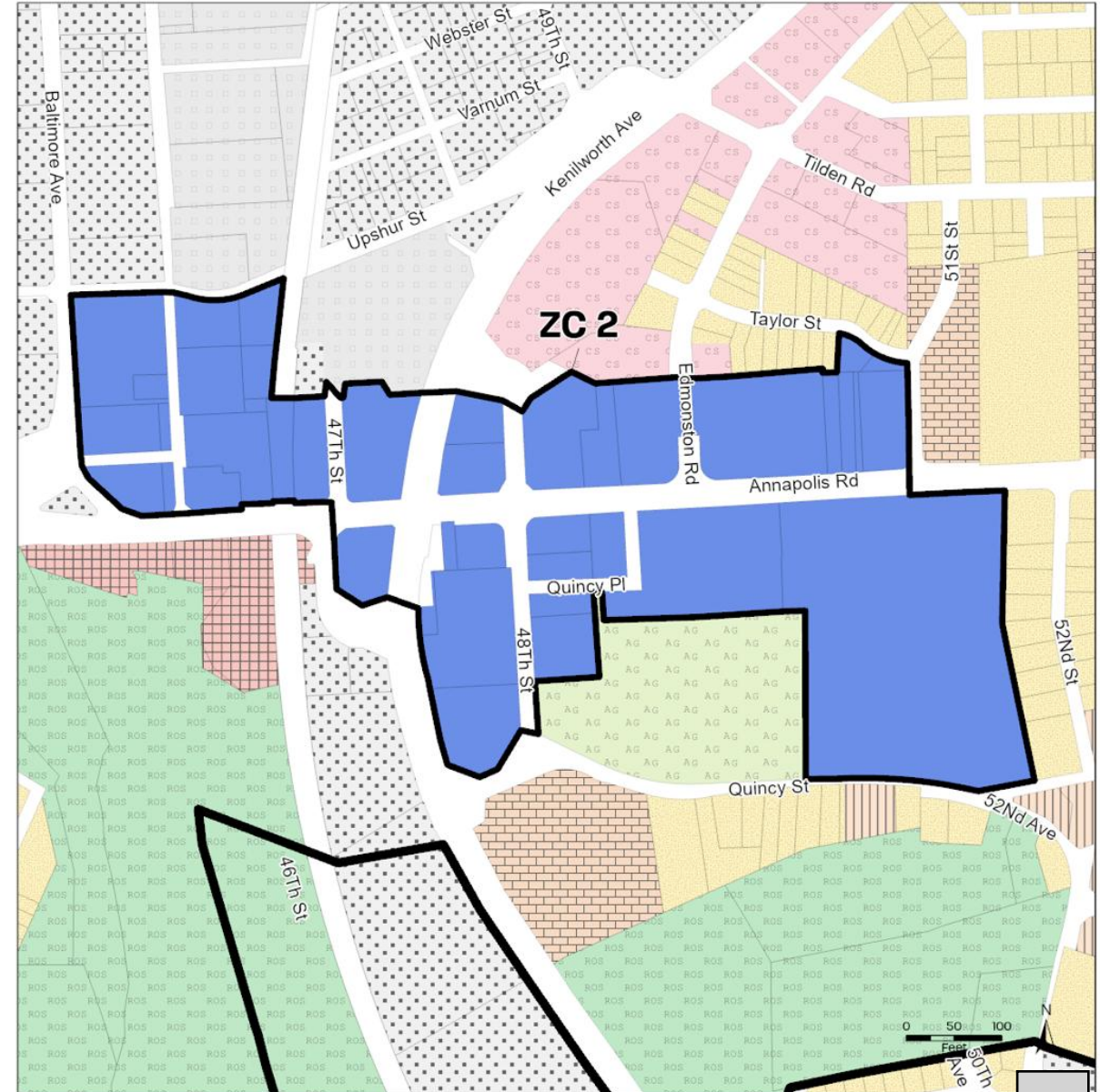


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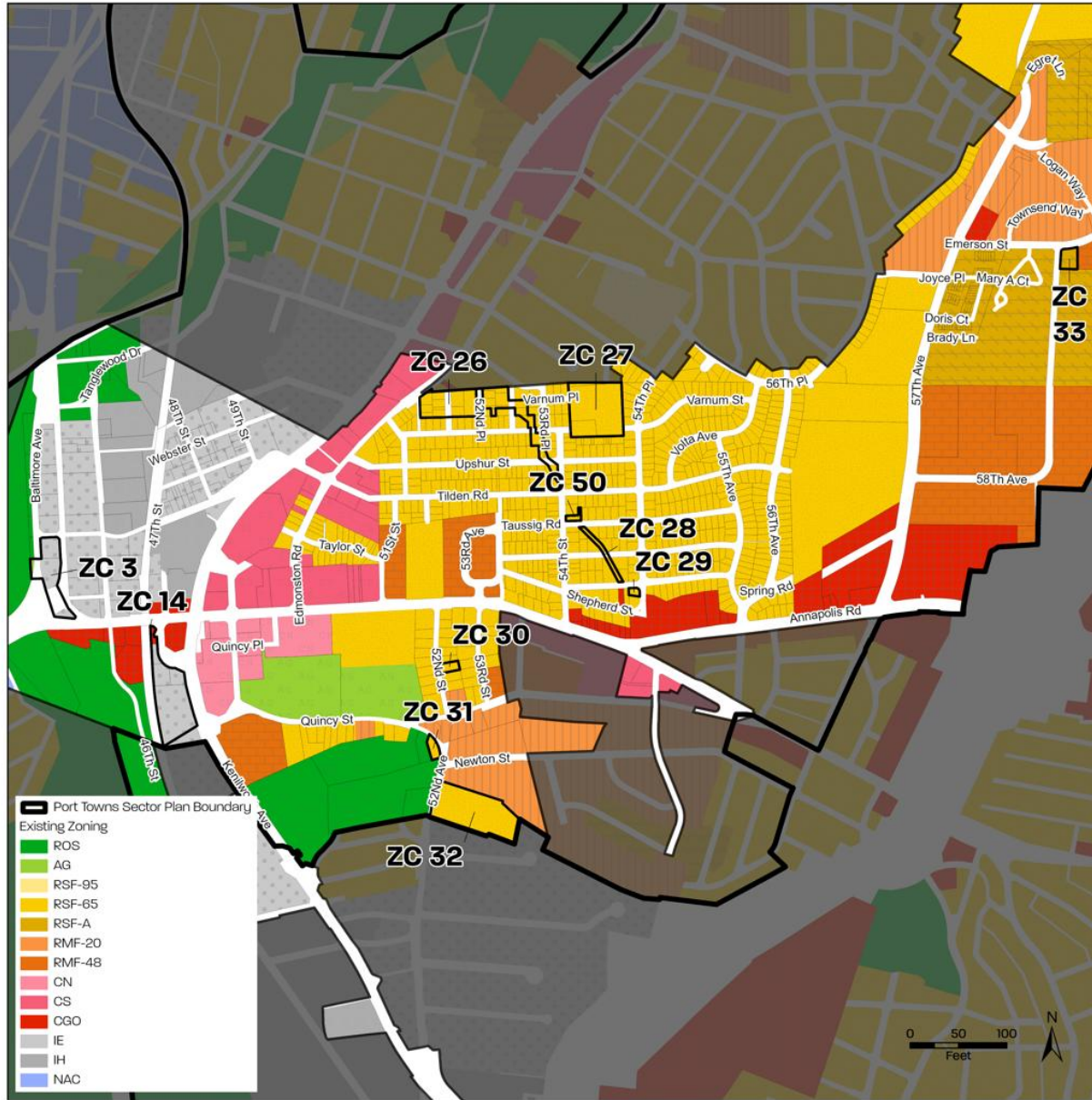
Reserved Open Space (ROS) Zone

The purpose of the ROS Zone is to:

- Encourage preservation;
- Protect scenic and environmentally-sensitive areas;
- Retain areas for non-intensive uses; and
- Provide public, recreational, and agricultural uses.

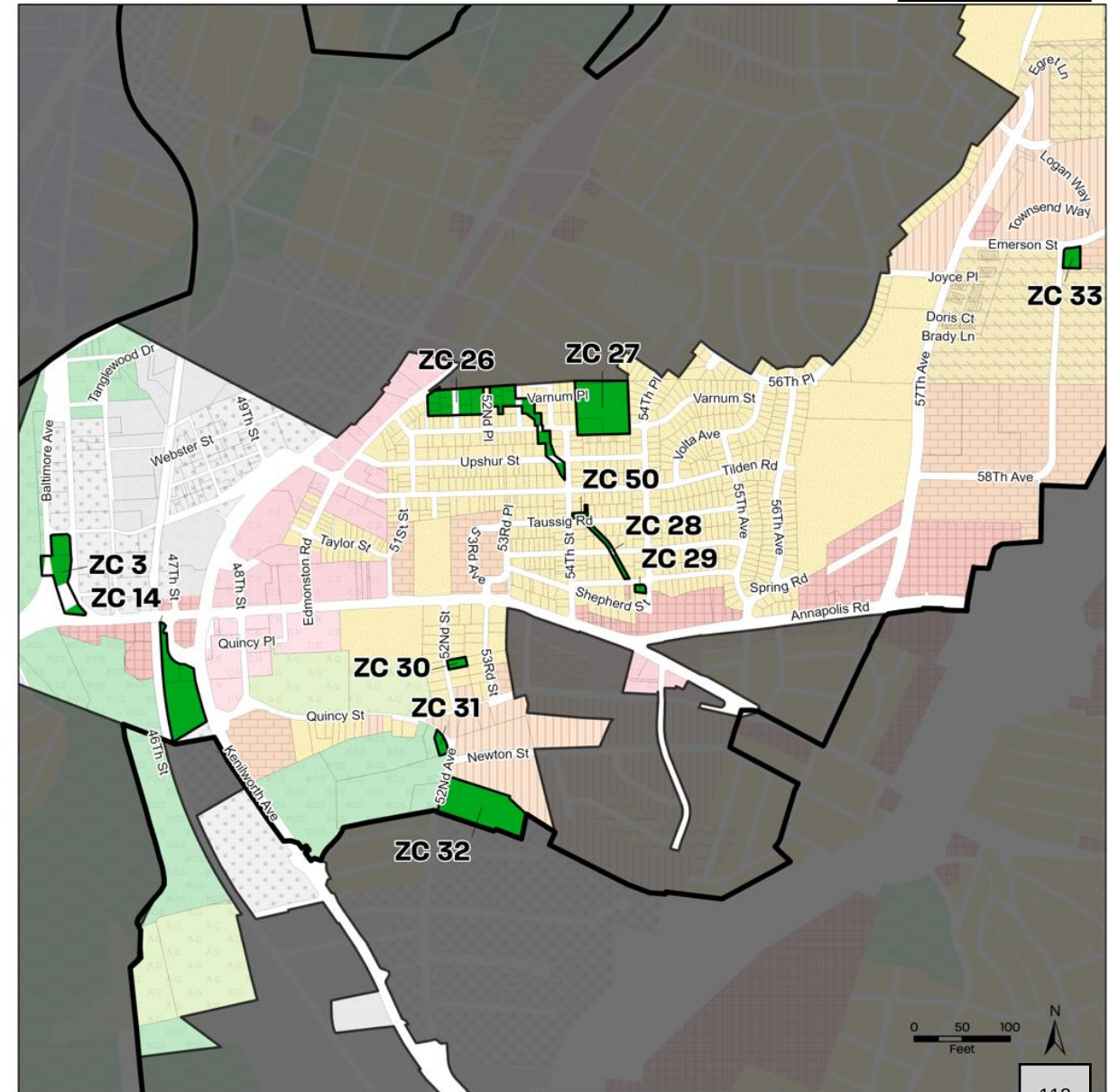


Existing Zoning



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Zoning Changes Categories

Neighborhood
Center

Open Space

Residential

Commercial/
Industrial

Residential, Multifamily-48 (RMF-48) Zone

The purpose of the RMF-48 Zone is to:

- Provide sites for high-density multifamily development; and
- Ensure compatible development and walkability.



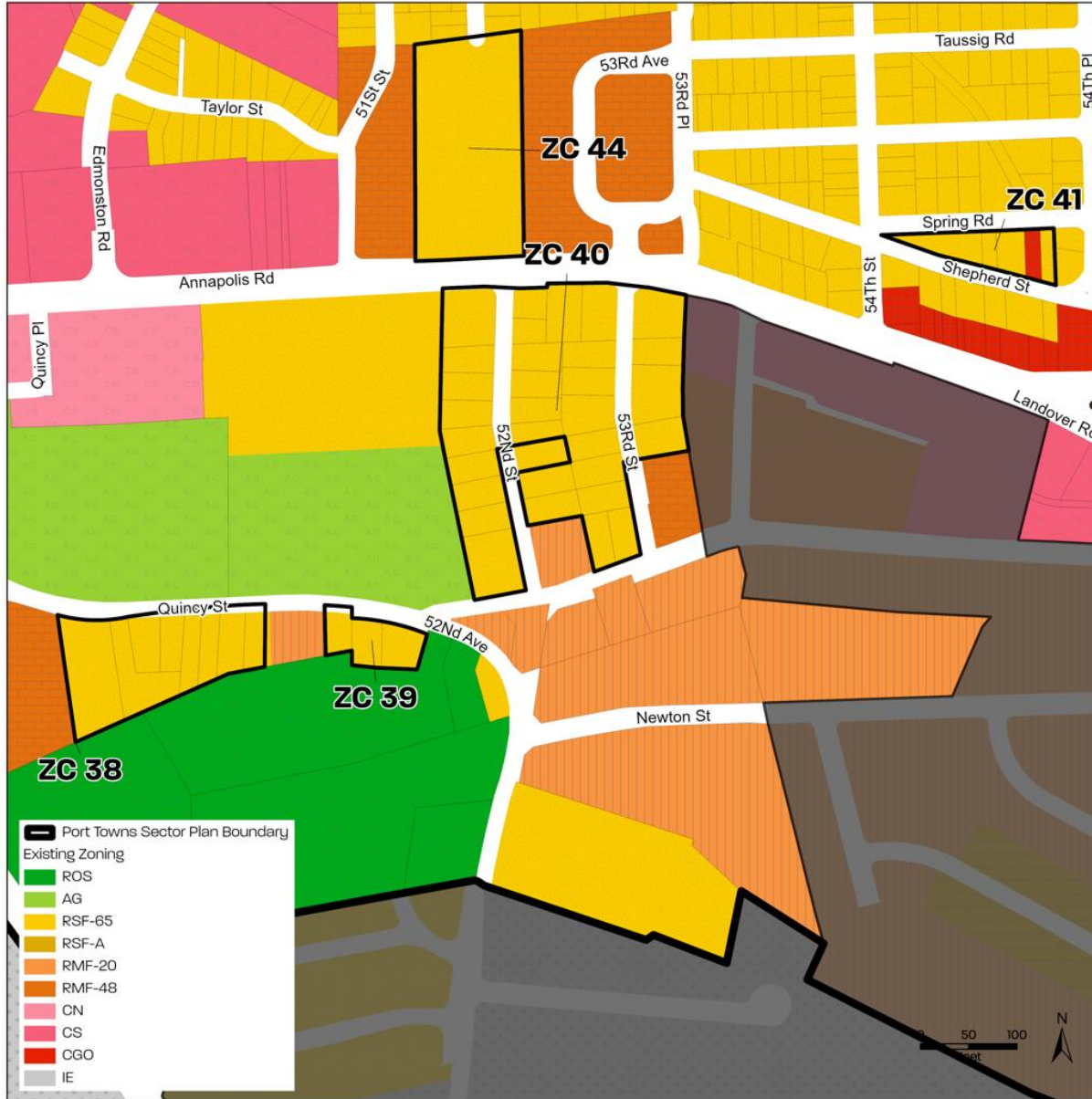
Residential, Single-Family-Attached (RSF-A) Zone

The purpose of the RSF-A Zone is to:

- Encourage compatible residential development; and
- Provide walkable, pedestrian oriented areas.

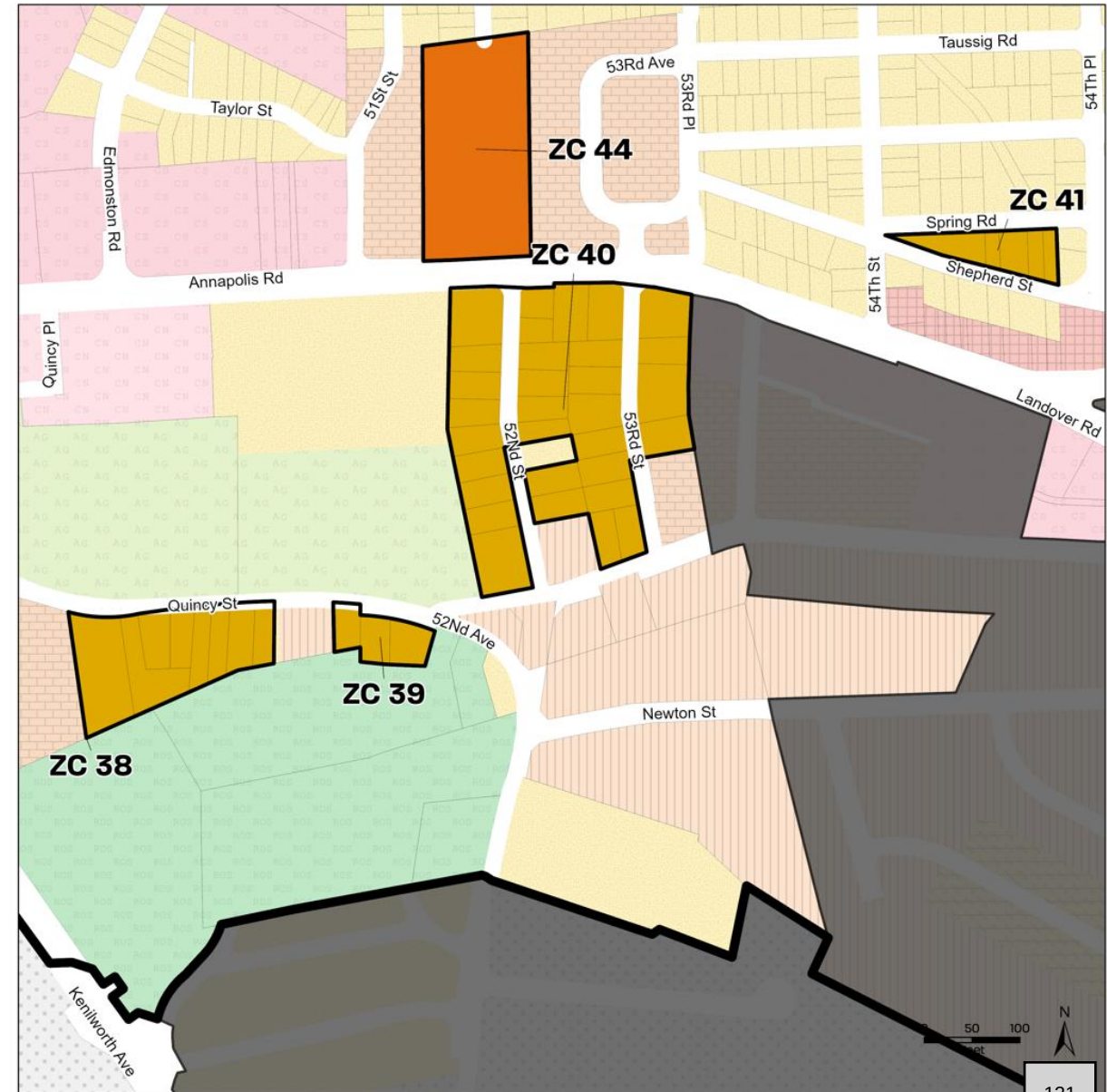


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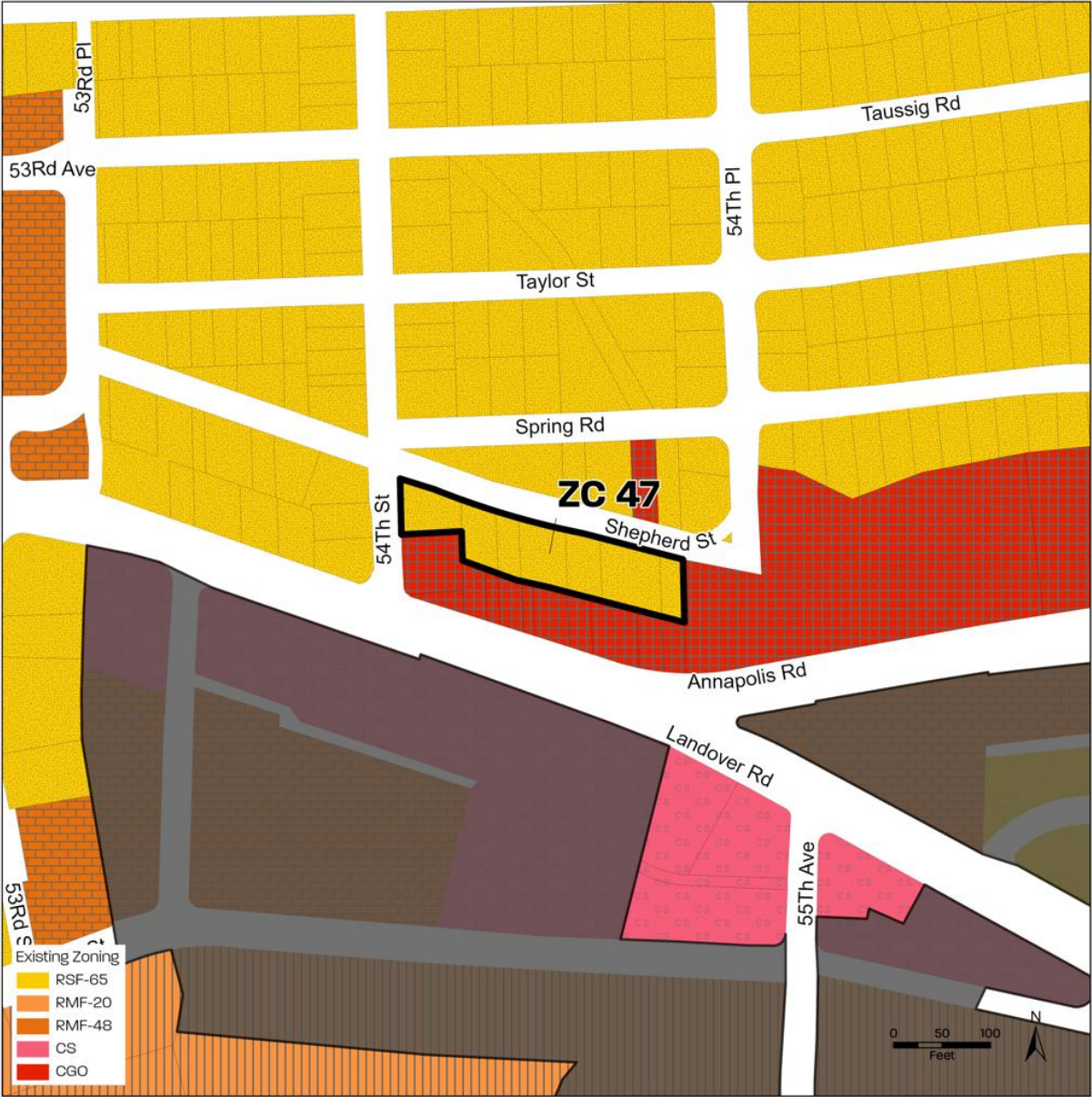
Commercial, General, and Office (CGO) Zone

The purpose of the CGO Zone is to:

- Provide lands for a diverse range of business, civic, and mixed-use development; and
- Accommodate residential uses as part of mixed-use development.

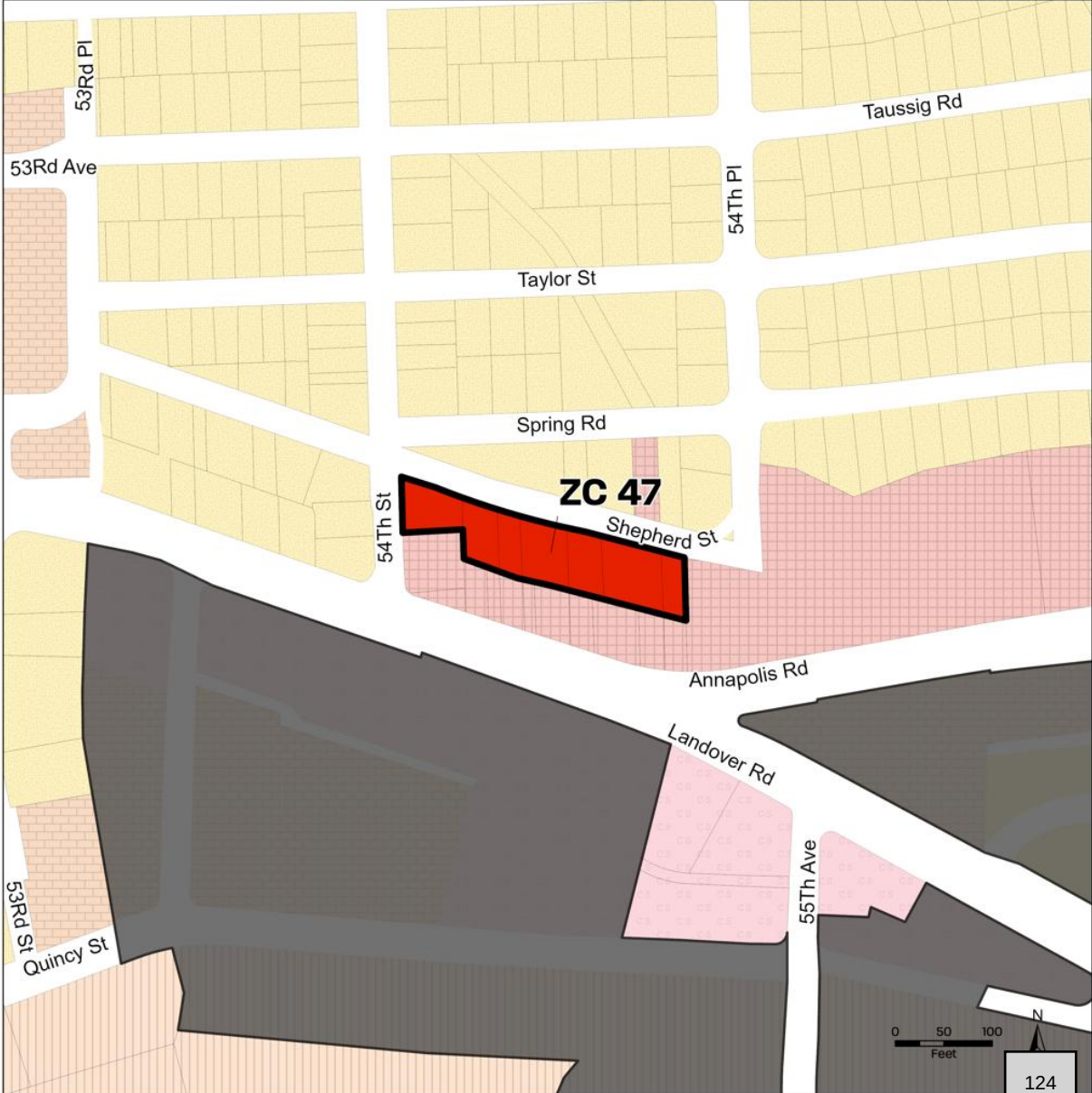


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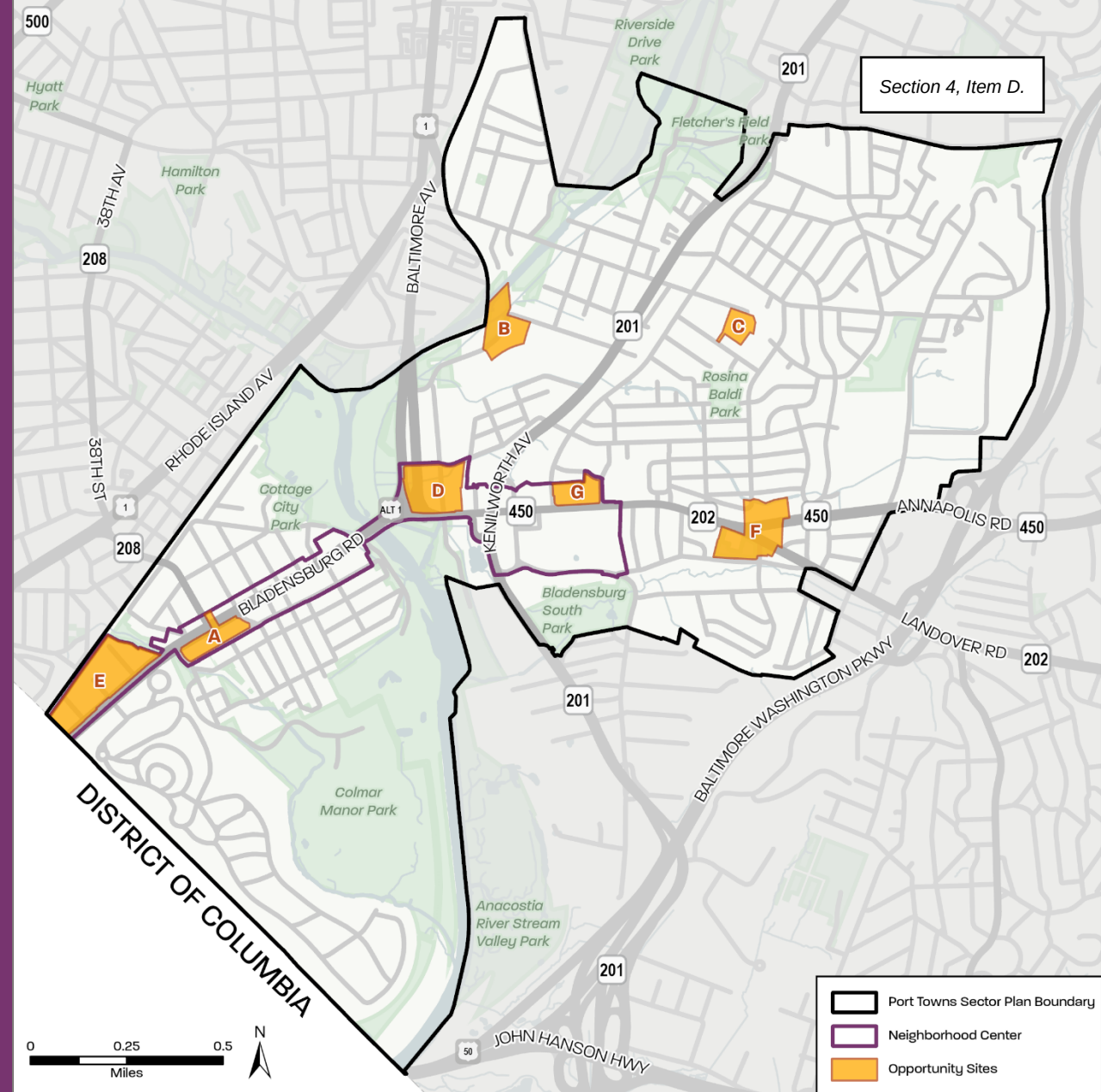
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What might implementation look like?

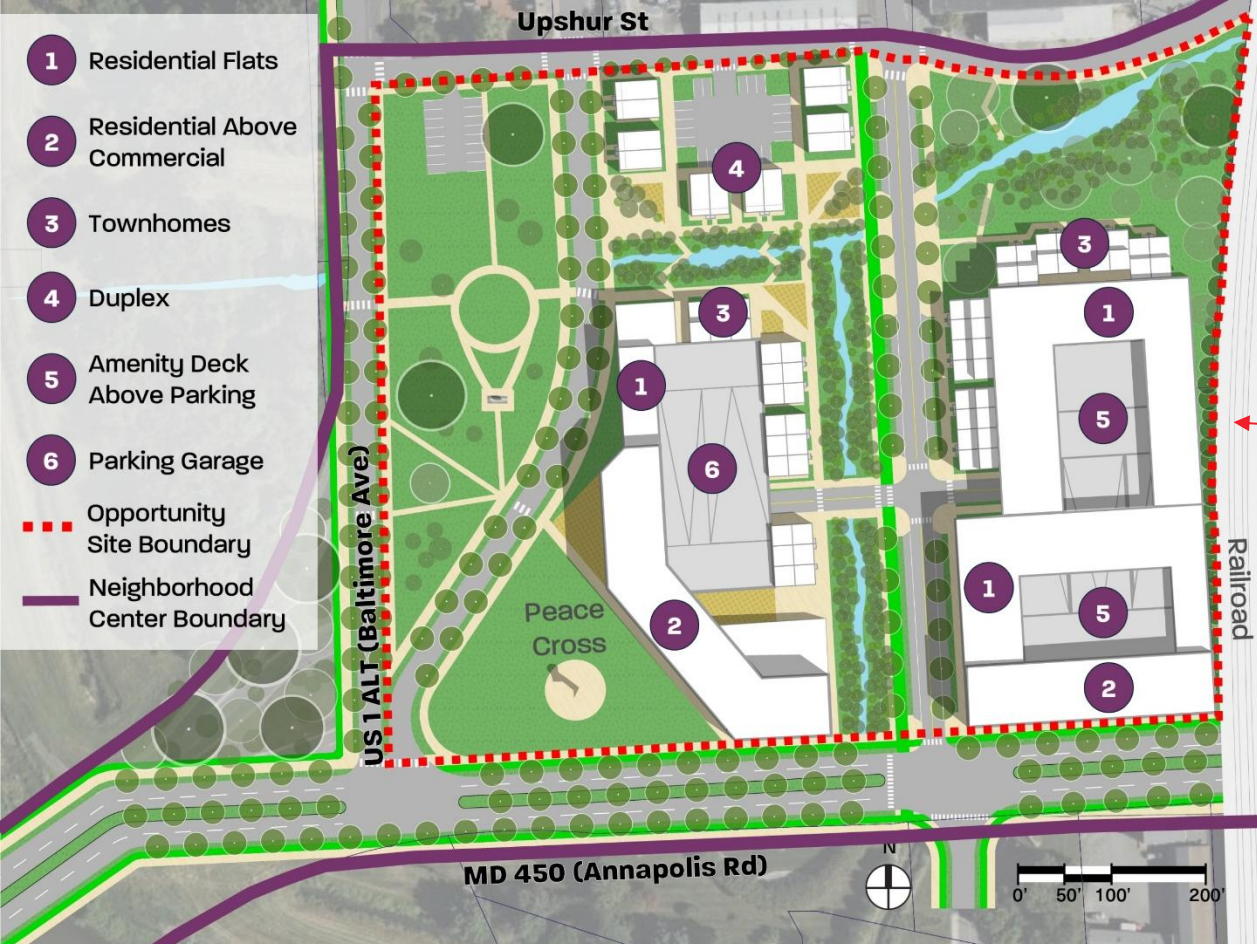
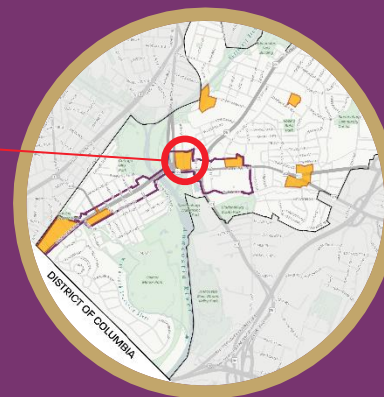
OPPORTUNITY SITES

- SITE A: Port Towns Shopping Center
- SITE B: Buchanan Street Industrial Area
- SITE C: Residential Infill Along Decatur Street
- SITE D: Peace Cross Industrial Area
- SITE E: Eastgate Industrial Center
- SITE F: Publick Playhouse and Vicinity
- SITE G: Port of Bladensburg Shopping Center



SITE D: PEACE CROSS INDUSTRIAL AREA

- Address: 4107 Baltimore Avenue
- Area: 7.75 acres
- Located **inside** the Neighborhood Center Boundary
- Current Zoning: IE, CBCAO (I-D-O)
- Proposed Zoning: NAC, ROS (and maintain CBCAO (I-D-O))



SITE D: SPONGE CITY

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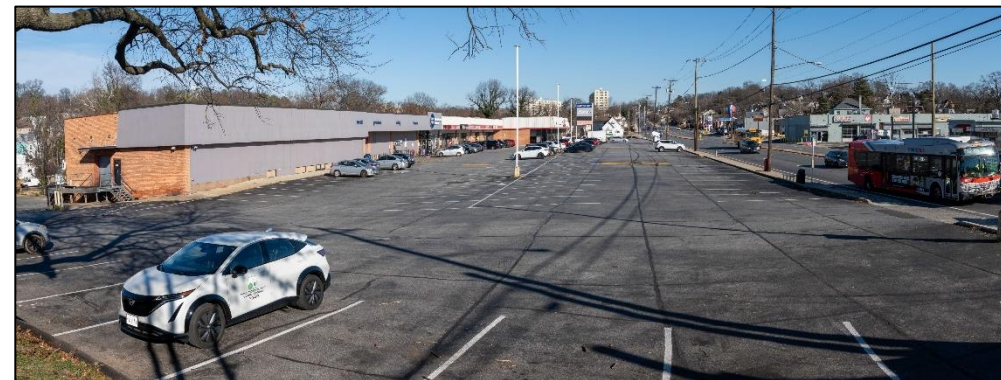
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SITE F: PUBLIC PLAYHOUSE AND VICINITY



- Address: 5445 Landover Road
- Area: 10.43 acres
- Located **outside** the Neighborhood Center Boundary
- Current Zoning: CS, CGO, RMF-48, and RSF-65
- Proposed Zoning: No Change



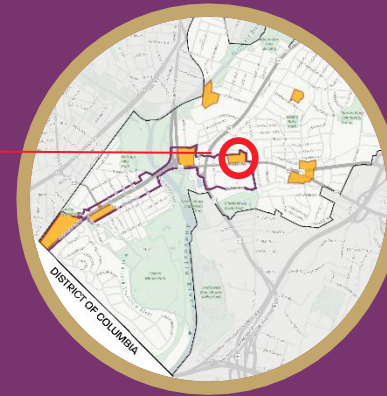
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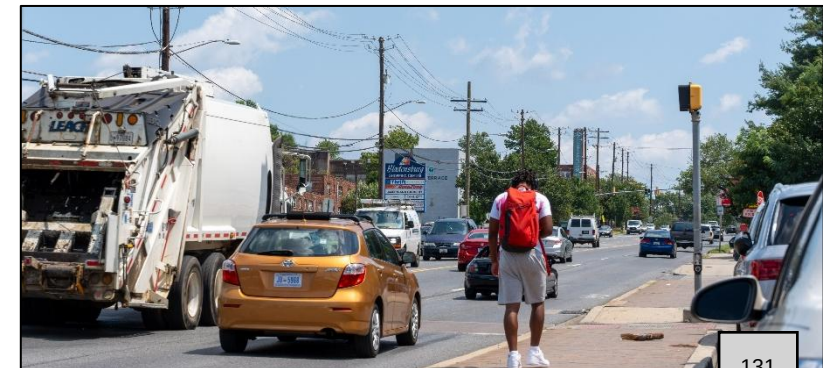


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SITE G: PORT OF BLADENSBURG SHOPPING CENTER



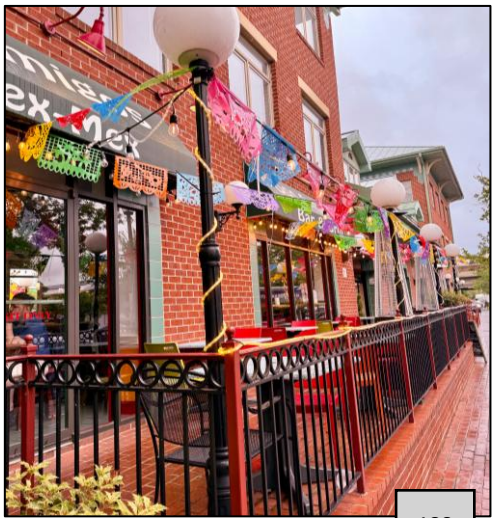
- Address: 4900 Annapolis Road
- Area: 4.74 acres
- Located **inside** the Neighborhood Center Boundary
- Current Zoning: CS and RSF-65
- Proposed Zoning: NAC



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SITE G:
THE MERCANTILE

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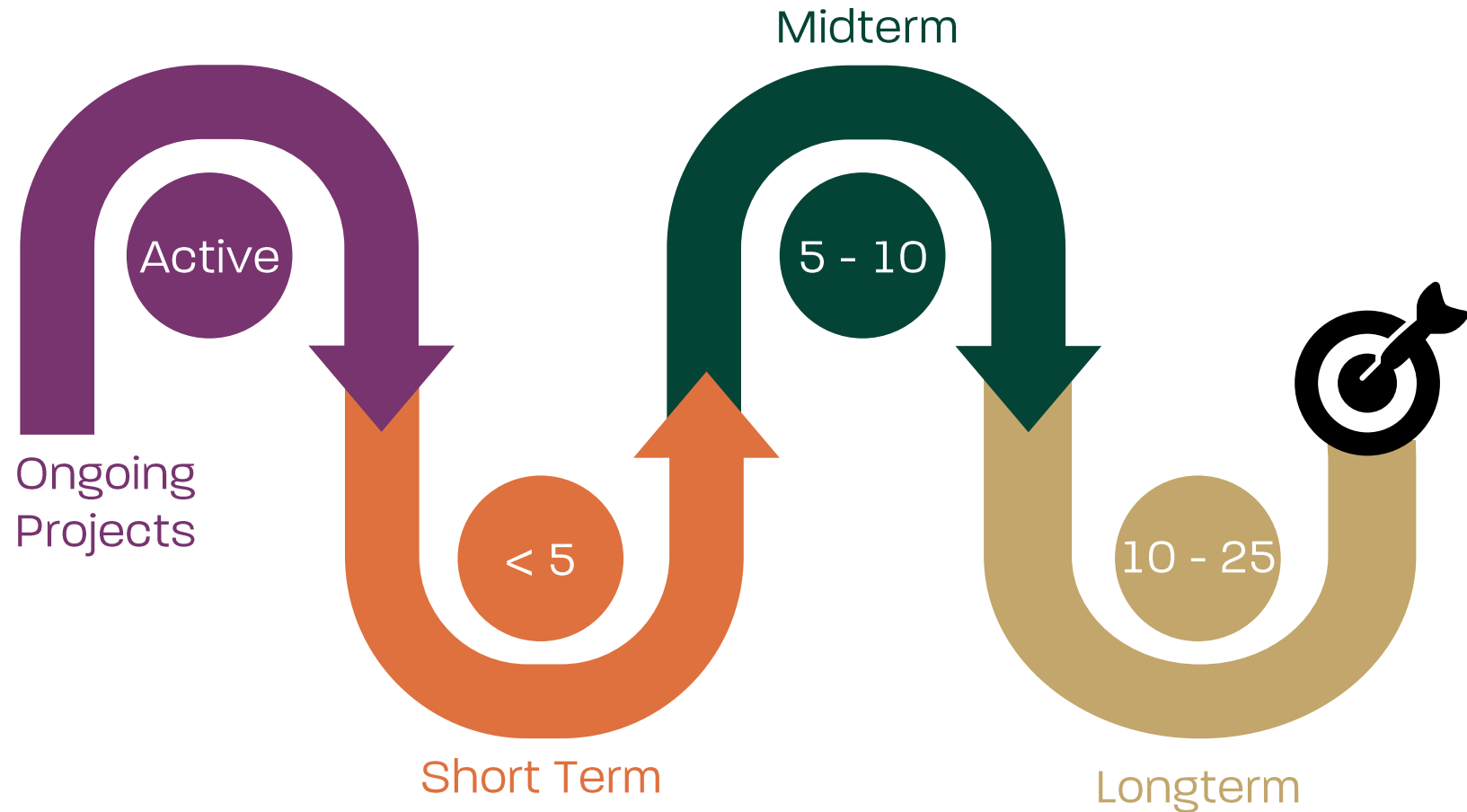
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Implementing the Plan

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- Agency and Stakeholder Action
- Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) Approval
- Capital Improvement Projects
- Private Investment
- Collaborative Partnerships

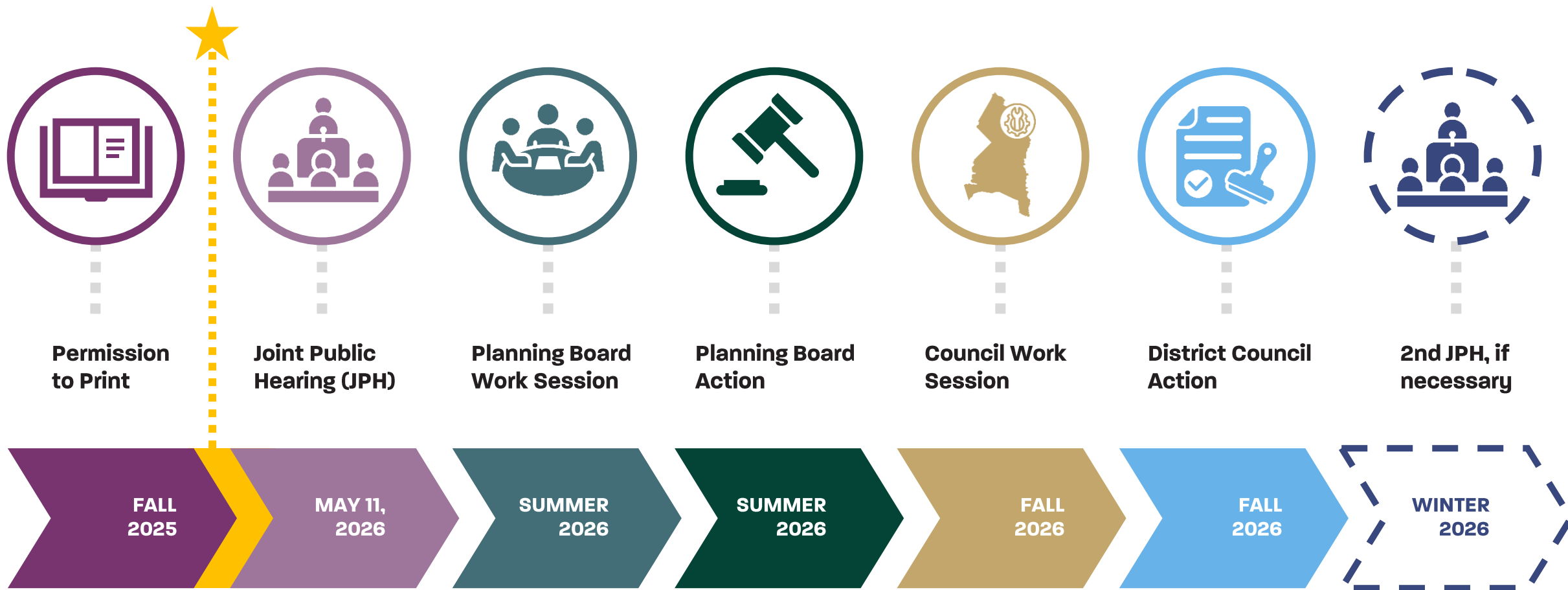
Implementation and Monitoring



Next Steps & Schedule

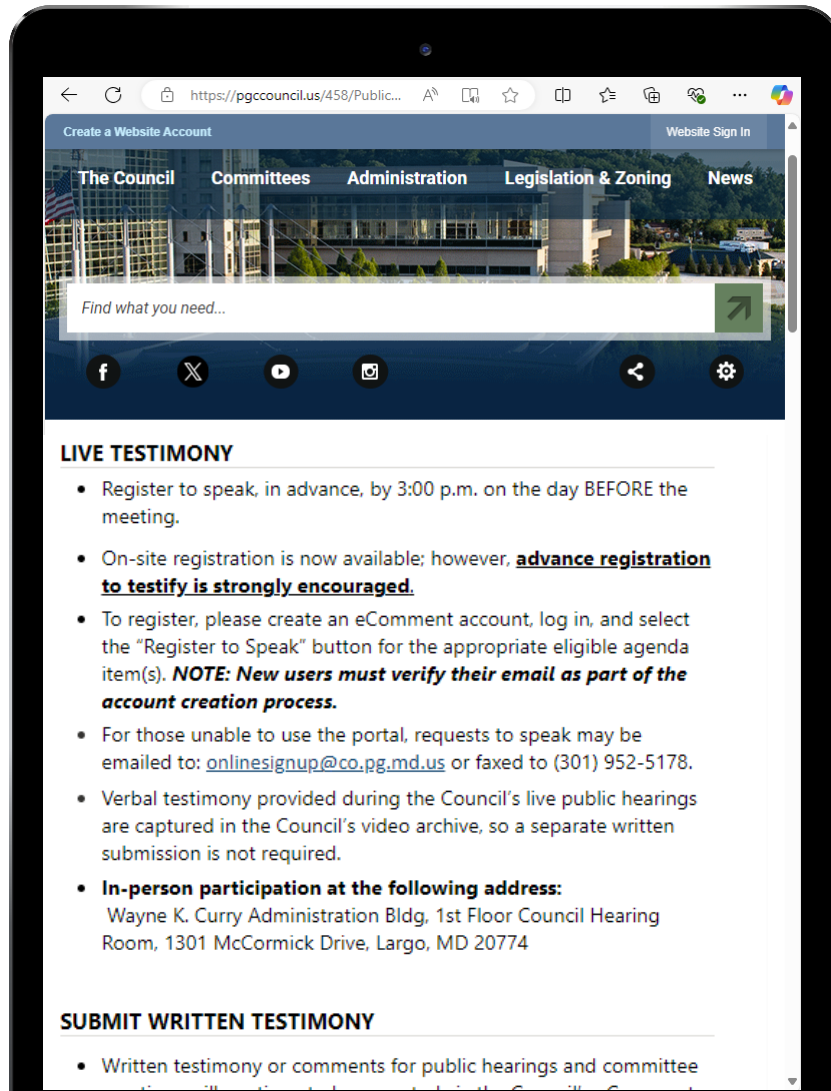
Tentative Schedule

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How to Participate

<https://pgccouncil.us/Speak>



Continue Sector
Plan Review



Prepare Testimony



Submit Testimony

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