



# Howard County

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## *Internal Memorandum*

**Subject:** *Testimony for Council Resolution to Designate Long Reach as a Sustainable Community*

**To:** *Lonnie R. Robbins  
Chief Administrative Officer*

**Through:** ✓ *Valdis Lazdins, Director  
Department of Planning and Zoning*

**From:** *Raj Kudchadkar, Deputy Director  
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**Date:** *May 24, 2016*

The Department of Planning and Zoning supports the adoption of Resolution No. \_\_\_\_ - 2016, which requests the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to designate the Long Reach area as a Sustainable Community. This area includes the Long Reach Village Center (LRVC) as a primary focus area, but also includes older residential neighborhoods surrounding the LRVC. A key purpose of a Sustainable Community designation is to advance the revitalization of and reinvestment in older communities.

Such a Resolution is required by the State to demonstrate the County's support of its application. The application indicates the County's initiative, support for and commitment to enhancing the growth and vitality of Long Reach through a partnership with the Columbia Association, Long Reach Village Board/Management, Long Reach High School, and area business owners. The designation of this area as a Sustainable Community, under the Sustainable Communities Act of 2010, will make this area eligible for various state funds and resources.

The anticipated fiscal impacts associated with adoption of this Resolution involve a continued allocation of staffing to support this effort and, as yet undetermined, use of capital funds for physical improvements. Please contact Raj Kudchadkar at 410-313-6376 if you have any questions.

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