

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2012 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 11

Resolution No. 141 -2012

Introduced by: The Chairman at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving the application and receipt of financing for a Community Legacy Project in Howard County, further described in the Community Legacy Application, to be financed either directly by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development or through other departments or agencies of the State of Maryland and authorizing certain actions necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Introduced and read first time September 4, 2012.

By order Stephen LeGendre
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on September 18, 2012.

By order Stephen LeGendre
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn , by the County Council on October 1, 2012.

Certified By Stephen LeGendre
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive Oct 5, 2012

Ken Ulman
Ken Ulman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN ALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive and County Council of Howard County recognize
2 that there is a significant need for reinvestment and revitalization of certain communities in
3 Howard County; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, by approval of Resolution No. 112-2012, Howard County designated an
6 area of Ellicott City (the “Area”), as shown in the attached Exhibit A, as a Sustainable
7 Community and the designation was approved by the State of Maryland; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, Howard County proposes to develop a Community Legacy Project (the
10 “Project”) in the Area, as further described in the Community Legacy Application, the purpose
11 of which will be to contribute to the reinvestment and revitalization in the Area; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (the
14 “Department”), either through the Community Legacy Program or through other programs of the
15 Department, or in cooperation with other state departments or agencies, may provide some or all
16 of the financing for the Project (the “Project Financing”) in order to assist in making the Project
17 financially feasible; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, the Area is located within a priority funding area under Section 5-7B-02 of
20 the Smart Growth Act, set forth in the State Finance and Procurement Article, and the Project
21 will conform to the Howard County Zoning Regulations; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, for the Project, the County seeks funding in order to establish the Ellicott
24 City Façade Improvement Program; and
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26 **WHEREAS**, the applicable law, regulations and Departmental requirements necessitate
27 approval of the Project and the Project Financing by the County Executive and the County
28 Council.
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30 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
31 Maryland, this 15th day of October, 2012 that it hereby endorses the Project in the Area

1 and approves the application for Project Financing in the form of a grant, up to the amount of
2 \$75,000;

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4 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Executive is hereby requested to
5 endorse this Resolution, thereby expressing his approval thereof;

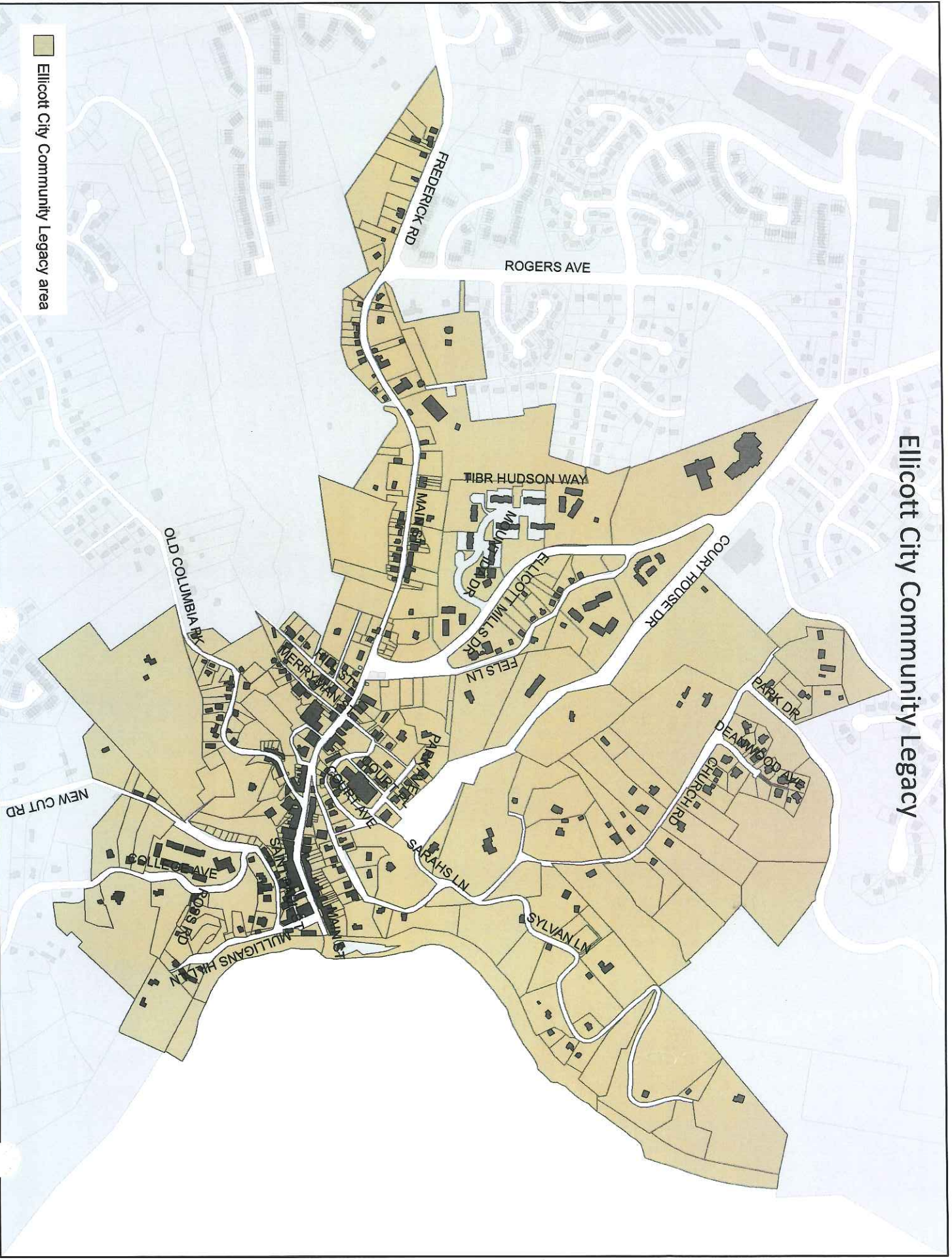
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7 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Executive, Director of the
8 Department of Planning and Zoning, or the Deputy Director of the Department of Planning and
9 Zoning are hereby authorized to execute documents and take any action necessary to carry out
10 the intent of this Resolution;

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12 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the
13 Secretary of the Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland
14 for consideration by the Community Legacy Board.

Ellicott City Community Legacy



Ellicott City Community Legacy area

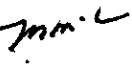



Howard County

Internal Memorandum

Subject: *Testimony for Council Resolution in Support of the County's Application for Community Legacy Funding from the State of Maryland*

To: *Lonnie R. Robbins
Chief Administrative Officer*

Through: *Marsha McLaughlin, Director 
Department of Planning and Zoning*

From: *Stephen Lafferty *

Date: *August 9, 2012*

The Department of Planning and Zoning supports the adoption of Resolution No. ____ - 2012. This Resolution is an endorsement of the Department's request to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for funds from its Community Legacy Program.

This funding request is for \$75,000 to establish the Ellicott City Façade Improvement Program. This is a new initiative designed to stimulate investment and enable owners to enhance and improve their historic structures. It will provide a match of up to 50% for the cost of repairs and renovations to historic commercial buildings in the Ellicott City Historic District. This is also the County's designated Sustainable Communities Area. These funds will be made to owners in the form of grants up to \$10,000 and will be administered in conjunction with applications to the Historic District Commission ("HDC"). Departmental staff will manage and administer the program.

This Resolution is required by the State to demonstrate the County's support for the application. This initiative is one that was recommended by merchants as a way to encourage physical improvements and was identified in the County's Sustainable Communities application as an action item.

There are no County funds involved. The only fiscal impact is the utilization of staff time for review and approval of the fund request. This will be minimal since staff is already involved in reviewing and giving approval to the improvements as part of the HDC process. Please contact Stephen Lafferty at x4302 if you have any questions.

cc: Jessica Feldmark, Chief of Staff
Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator