

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2012 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 15

Resolution No. 181-2012

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

A RESOLUTION approving the application and receipt of financing for a Neighborhood Conservation Initiative Project in Howard County, further described in the Neighborhood Conservation Initiative 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.

Introduced and read first time December 3, 2012.

By order Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on December 17, 2012.

By order Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted, Adopted with amendments, Failed, Withdrawn, by the County Council on January 7, 2013.

Certified By Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive Jan. 10, 2013

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. 91-2001, Howard County designated the
6 area of the Route 1 Corridor as a Community Legacy Area, as shown on the attached map, now
7 recognized as a Sustainable Communities Area by the State of Maryland; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the State of Maryland is making available certain funds from the National
10 Mortgage Loan Servicing Practices Settlement to be administered through the Maryland
11 Department of Housing and Community Development’s Neighborhood Stabilization Program
12 (NSP-NCI); and
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14 **WHEREAS**, Howard County proposes to develop a Neighborhood Conservation
15 Initiative Project in the Route 1 Corridor (the “Area”), as further described in the Neighborhood
16 Conservation Initiative Application, the purpose of which will be to contribute to the
17 reinvestment and revitalization in the Area through the redevelopment of blighted or abandoned
18 properties to be used for new housing and/or community facilities; and
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20 **WHEREAS**, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (the
21 “Department”), either through the Neighborhood Conservation Initiative Program or through
22 other programs of the Department, or in cooperation with other state departments or agencies,
23 may provide some or all of the financing for the Project (the “Project Financing”) in order to
24 assist in making the Project financially feasible; and
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26 **WHEREAS**, the Area is located within a priority funding area under Section 5-7B-02 of
27 the Smart Growth Act, set forth in the State Finance and Procurement Article, and the Project
28 will conform to the Howard County Zoning Regulations; and
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1 **WHEREAS**, the Project will directly support Howard County's Plan to End
2 Homelessness through the creation of permanent, affordable, supportive housing for chronically
3 homeless individuals; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Project includes the new construction of approximately thirty three
6 small efficiency units (SEA'S) units including related infrastructure improvements and
7 development of an on-site resource center; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the applicable law, regulations and Departmental requirements necessitate
10 approval of the Project and the Project Financing by the County Executive and the County
11 Council.
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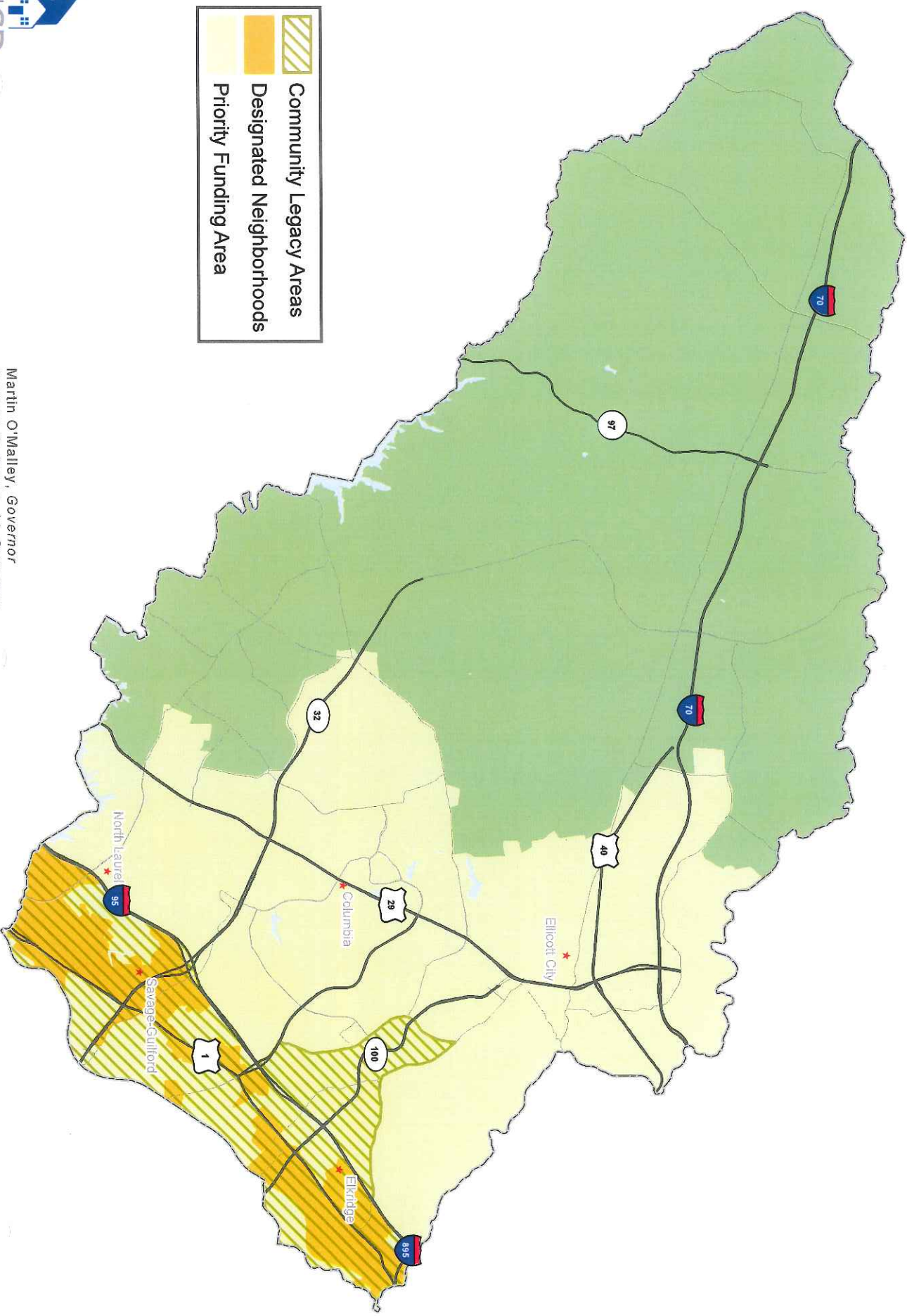
13 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
14 Maryland, this 7th day of January, 2017 that it hereby endorses the Project in the Area
15 and approves the application for Project Financing in the form of a grant or loan, up to the
16 amount of \$700,000.
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18 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Executive is hereby requested to
19 endorse this Resolution, thereby expressing his approval thereof.
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21 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Executive is hereby authorized
22 to execute documents and take any action necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.
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24 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the
25 Secretary of the Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland.

Howard County Neighborhood Revitalization Areas



	Community Legacy Areas
	Designated Neighborhoods
	Priority Funding Area



Martin O'Malley, Governor
 Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor
 Raymond A. Skinner, Secretary
 Clarence J. Snuggs, Deputy Secretary



Howard County
Internal Memorandum

Subject: Testimony – Maryland Neighborhood Conservation Initiative
Application for Funding

To: Lonnie R. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Thomas P. Carbo, Director
Housing and Community Development

Date: November 13, 2012

Resolution _____ -2012 provides local approval of the County's application for \$700,000 in grant funds from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Neighborhood Conservation Initiative Program to be used to redevelop the existing site of the Beechcrest Mobile Home Park.

Background

Under the National Mortgage Loan Servicing Practices Settlement, the State of Maryland has determined that \$14 million will be made available for projects that stabilize Maryland neighborhoods affected by the foreclosure crisis and related economic downturn. The funding will be made available through the Neighborhood Conservation Initiative (NCI) which is administered through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The goals of the NCI Program are: (1) to increase affordable housing opportunities for individuals and families, both rental and homeownership, in neighborhoods most affected by foreclosure; (2) to maximize revitalization in targeted neighborhoods through the leveraging and coordination of other public and private investments; and (3) to encourage innovation and partnership between the public and private sectors in deploying new approaches to household and neighborhood stabilization.

In September 2012, DHCD issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) inviting eligible applicants such as county governments, the City of Baltimore, non-profit organizations and housing authorities to apply for funding. The minimum request for funding by an eligible applicant is \$500,000 and funding must be used for one or any combination of the following activities: (1) Downpayment and closing cost assistance for income eligible homebuyers to acquire houses as their primary residences; (2) acquisition and rehabilitation of houses for resale or rental to income eligible persons; (3) acquisition and redevelopment of blighted or abandoned properties to be used for new housing or community facilities; and (4) other innovative strategies

that demonstrate significant funding leverage and potential to stabilize local neighborhood housing markets. Further, for any projects that will address housing, the activities undertaken must benefit persons at or below 120% of the area median income established annually by HUD for each County and all beneficiaries must be income qualified.

Howard County Housing has been working closely with the Department of Citizen Services and the Howard County Board to Promote Self Sufficiency, through its Committee to End Homelessness, on the implementation of the County's recently adopted Plan to End Homelessness (PEH). The housing component of the Plan identifies the need for additional permanent supportive housing resources and the redevelopment of the Beechcrest site will provide a unique opportunity to develop population-specific housing within the community, more specifically the U.S. Route 1 corridor, most affected by homelessness. In addition to its strategic coordination efforts with DCS, Howard County Housing, through the Housing Commission, will partner with Volunteers of America Chesapeake (VOA), to develop, construct and operate the units. VOA is a nationally recognized non-profit organization, dedicated to helping individuals and families rebuild their lives following episodes of homelessness.

The Department successfully administered a NCI grant during the initial round of DHCD funding which resulted in the purchase, renovation and resale of four foreclosed properties located in Howard County zip codes that were most adversely impacted by the foreclosure crisis.

As was the requirement with the initial NCI funding award, the grant application process for the current funding opportunity requires the Department to provide a resolution showing support from the County Council.

Fiscal Impact

Upon execution of the grant agreement, \$665,000 will be used for pre-development and construction costs and \$35,000 will be used for administrative costs.

The Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development recommends approval of the Resolution.

cc: Ken Ulman, County Executive
Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on January 10, 2013.

Stephen M. LeGendre
Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on _____, 2013.

Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on _____, 2013.

Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on _____, 2013.

Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on _____, 2013.

Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on _____, 2013.

Stephen M. LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council

