

Amendment 1 to Council Bill No. 61-2020

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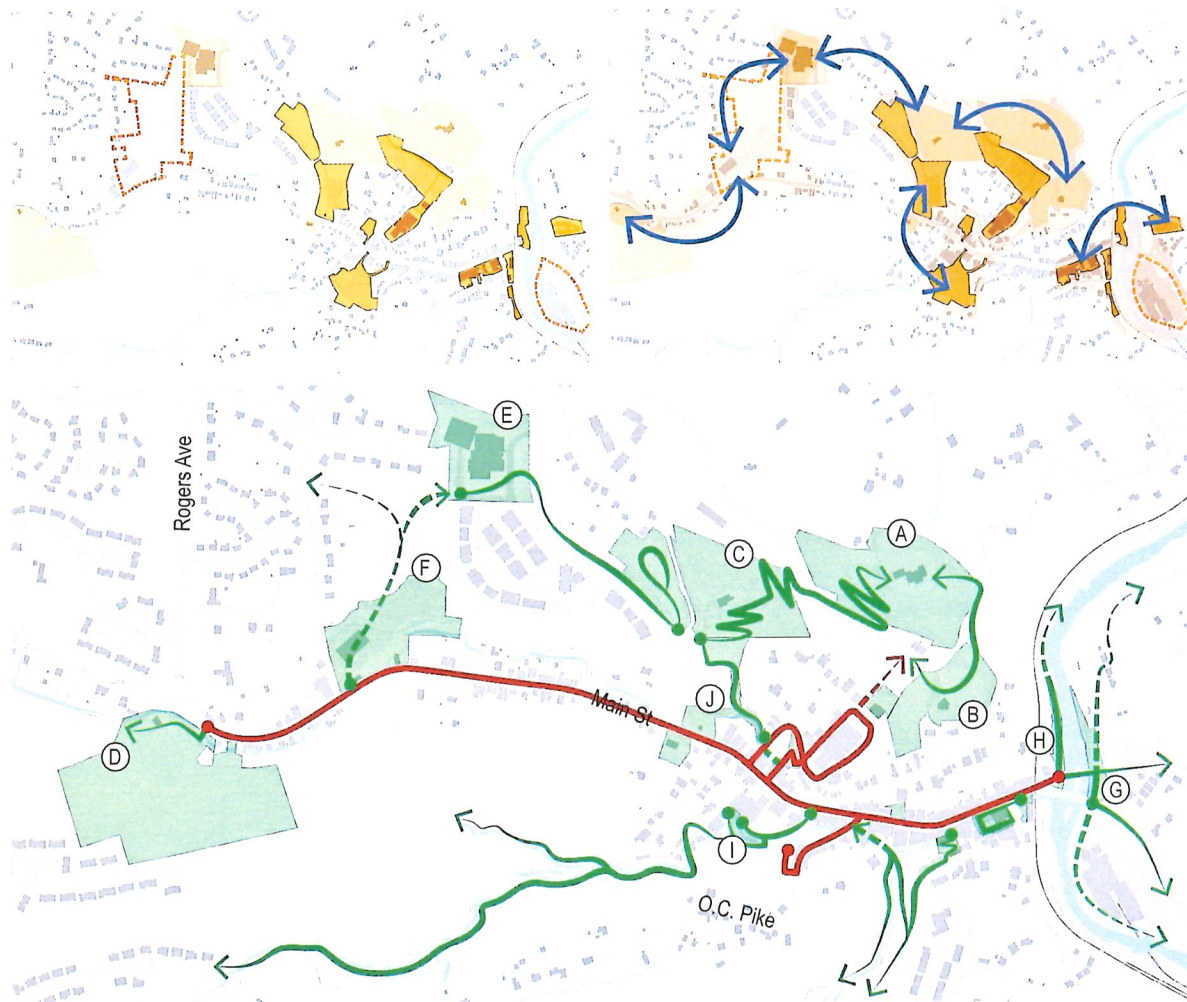
(This amendment expands the parameters of the "Green Cultural Trail".)

1 In Exhibit A attached to the Bill, on page 70, in "Policy 1.7 "Green Cultural Trail"", immediately
2 before the period, strike "West End and beyond" and substitute "tributaries' headwaters".

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4 In Exhibit A attached to the Bill, on page 125, in "Policy 5.2 "Sidewalk and Trail Connectivity""
5 strike "Implementing Action f. Trails:" and substitute "d. Trails:". On the same page, in the item
6 "i. "Green Cultural Trail"", immediately before the period strike "West End and beyond" and
7 substitute "tributaries' headwaters". Also, on the same page, in the item "ii. "New Cut Trail"", in
8 the first sentence, strike "and the proposed "green cultural trail"" and at the end of the first
9 sentence, before the period, insert "via the proposed 'green cultural trail'".

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12 Substitute the attached maps for Figure 31 on page 71 of Exhibit A and Figure 77 on page 124 of
13 Exhibit A.

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
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b. Capital Project Coordination: Use capital projects—such as flood mitigation projects, park improvements, or other changes to county owned-land—to provide missing links in the pedestrian network.

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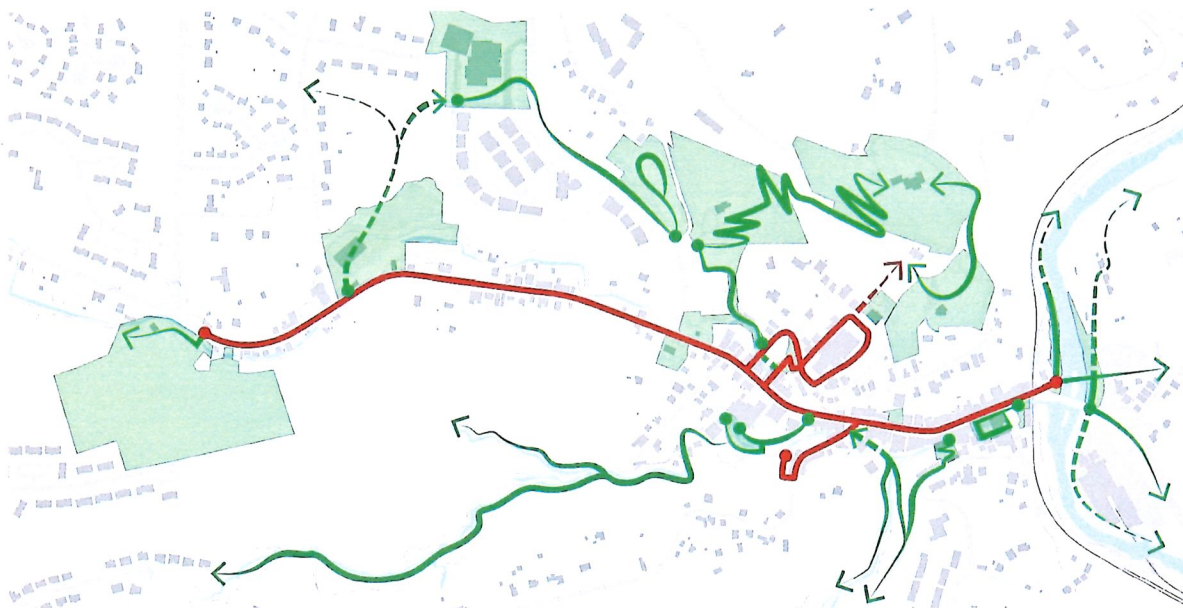
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each geographic area. As with the Public Arts Plan, the program should include a component of HPC Advisory review. Additionally, carefully place lighting to avoid creating obstacles for emergency vehicles and first responders.

- h. Interpretation:** Incorporate interpretive signs, displays and features throughout the core and watershed to increase public awareness of Ellicott City's flood risk. Consider art to mark high water levels during past floods, or to mark the location of a stream channel that is covered by a structure or roadway.
- i. Attracting Arts and Entertainment Uses:** Promote attraction of artist housing or arts-based businesses.

POLICY 1.7 GREEN CULTURAL TRAIL

Phase-in the establishment of an inter-connected "green cultural trail" for residents and visitors to experience Ellicott City through a connected trail network extending from the Patapsco River to the West End and beyond tributaries' headwaters.

Implementing Actions

- a. Historic and Cultural Resources:** Connect historic and cultural resources (physically and programmatically) to allow for a broader understanding.
- b. Main Street Connections:** Consider appropriate design treatments and signage for areas where the trail intersects with and crosses Main Street and for areas where it coincides with Main Street when it is not possible to create a separate trail.
- c. Open Spaces:** Link existing and potential open spaces, both active and passive.
- d. Natural Areas:** Incorporate daylighted channels, naturalized channels, rock outcrops and associated open spaces.
- e. Stewardship and Interpretation:** Highlight environmental demonstration projects and provide interpretive displays to provide educational opportunities on flood mitigation and

cultural, historic and environmental elements.

- f. Access:** Consider guided access through the expanded Tiber Branch channel in Lower Main for maintenance and educational purposes.
- g. Branding:** Consider an extension of the branding developed by ECP to brand and name the trail.

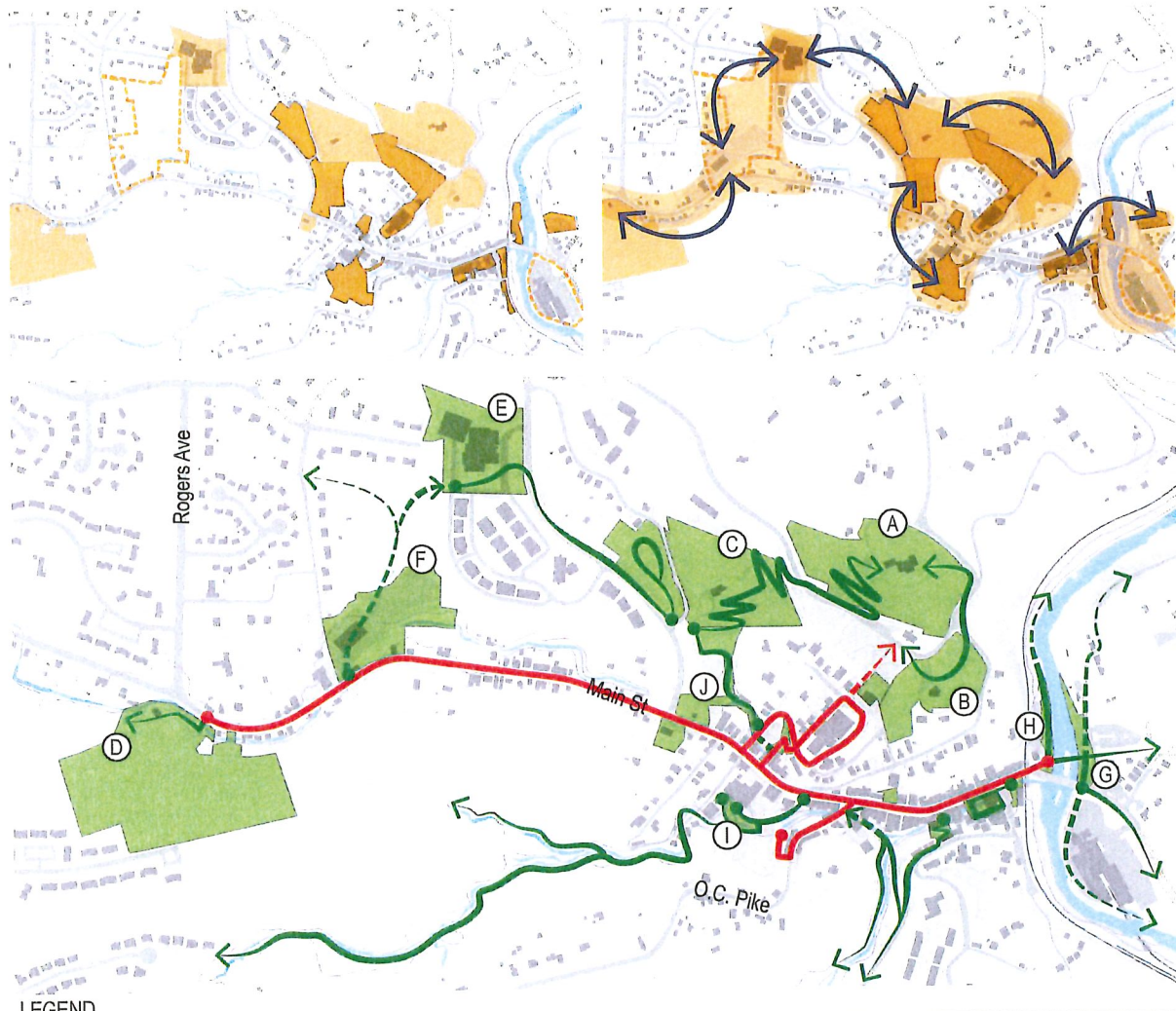
Refer to the geographic area frameworks to understand how the green cultural trail interfaces with each of these specific areas.

POLICY 1.8 PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS

Work with all entities responsible for special events within Ellicott City and evaluate existing events and their benefit to the businesses, downtown, West End and the community as a whole.

Implementing Actions

- a. Events Assessment:** Work with ECP to conduct a full assessment of each event including costs, logistics (access, parking, event location, etc.), attendance from outside visitors and benefits to the businesses and community. Consider eliminating events that are under-attended or overly costly. Choose events that have a strong visitor and retail focus and rebuild the event calendar from this standpoint to reap the most benefits.
- b. Annual Events Calendar:** Following the completion of the assessment, create and maintain an annual events calendar, keeping in mind that there are differences in special events, retail events and community events.
- c. New Events:** Following completion of an events calendar, discuss the need for any additional events, changes in events, restructuring of previous events, etc. While no new programs or events should be added until this assessment is completed, some considerations that evolved during this master planning process include new events to highlight some of the major infrastructure projects. Events could occur while



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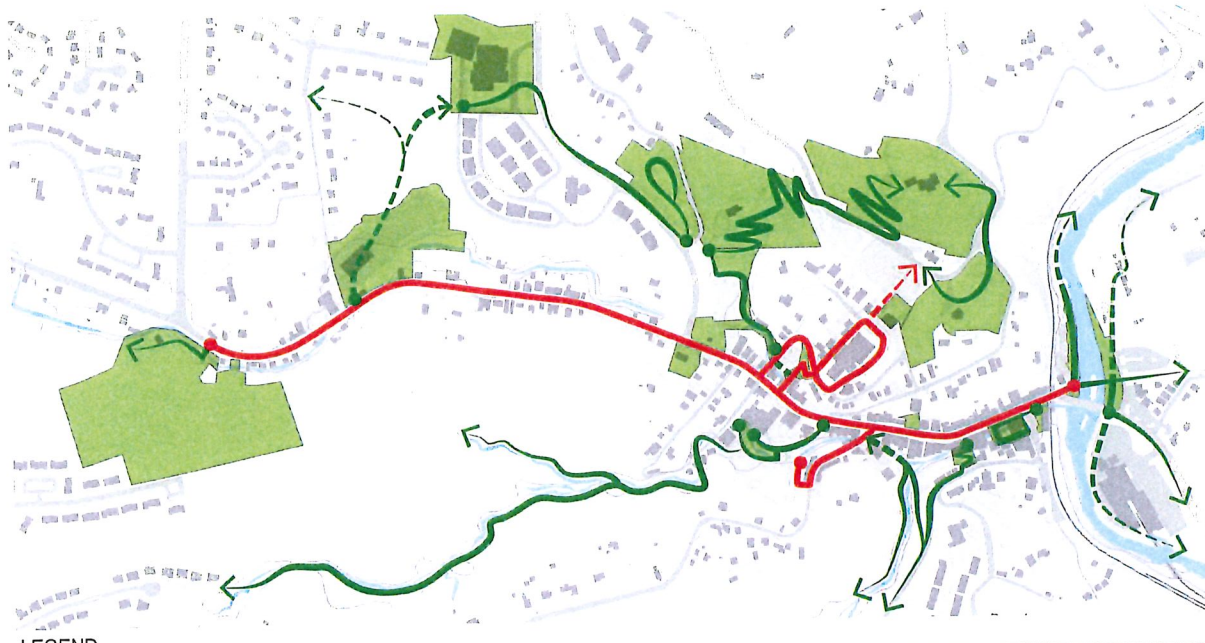
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f. Trails: d. Trails:

- i. **“Green Cultural Trail”:** As described in Community Character and Placemaking, phase-in the establishment of an interconnected “green cultural trail” for residents and visitors to experience Ellicott City through a connected trail network extending from the Patapsco River to the West End and beyond tributaries' headwaters.
- ii. **New Cut Trail:** Plan and design a trail along New Cut Road linking Main Street ~~and the proposed “green cultural trail”~~ with Worthington Park via the proposed ‘green cultural trail’. Work with private property owners to explore options for easements for the trail alignment and identify opportunities to incorporate access easements to accommodate stream maintenance. Plan the alignment to respect and capitalize upon the scenic qualities of the corridor and facilitate future stream maintenance efforts. Develop typical design treatments that respond to the localized site conditions of various sections of the trail. Design treatments may include hard and soft surface pavement, boardwalks and bridges.
- iii. **Grist Mill Trail:** Participate in discussions with Baltimore County regarding the design and extension of the Grist Mill Trail. This should include the current plans to run along River Road (as part of its conversion to one-way traffic flow) and any potential opportunities to align the trail along the Patapsco River edge.
- iv. **Patapsco Natural Surface Trail:** Continue to work with the Patapsco Regional Greenway/ BMC plan and other groups to explore a natural surface trail extending along the west side of the Patapsco River, north of Main Street, and connecting to the Hollofield Area of the Patapsco Valley. Work with the North Tunnel design team to explore opportunities for a safe trail connection past the tunnel outfall.



Figure 78: Opportunity for Pedestrian/Bicycle Connectivity Between Core and Upper Watershed Neighborhoods, Credit: Google Maps



Figure 79: Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridges Through Woodlands Can Create Unique Experiences in Ellicott City



Figure 80: Woodland Trail/Multi-use Pathways Can Create Alternative Ways to Experience Ellicott City on Foot or Bicycle