

**Amendment 1 to Council Resolution No. 16 - 2022**

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**Amendment No. 1**

*(This amendment requests that the County Executive identify an alternative to the conveyance in fee simple of the subject property given that the county property is needed for public purposes.)*

1 On the title page, strike the title in its entirety and substitute the following:

2 “A RESOLUTION requesting that the County Executive identify an alternative to the  
3 conveyance in fee simple of that portion of land containing a total of 1,669 square feet or  
4 0.0383 acres owned by Howard County, Maryland located on Main Street in Ellicott  
5 City.”.

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7 On page 1, immediately following line 5, insert the following:

8 “WHEREAS, pursuant to Council Bill No. 86-1994, introduced by the Chairperson at the  
9 request of the County Executive, effective March 10, 1995, the County Council  
10 authorized and empowered the County to borrow on its full faith and credit and issue and  
11 sell its bonds therefor in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for the acquisition of the  
12 County property to construct “a temporary at-grade parking lot; and”.

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14 On page 1, in line 11, strike the comma and substitute “; and”.

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16 On page 1, strike beginning in line 12 through line 24 on page 2, and substitute the following:

1 “WHEREAS, Main Street, Ellicott City and the surrounding New Cut, Tiber and Hudson  
2 Watersheds are home to innumerable cultural, economic, environmental and recreational  
3 attractions, as well as historical sites, streetscapes and public spaces, linked by an  
4 imperfect network of passageways, together and in part significant and beneficial to the  
5 community and the County as a whole; Main Street, Ellicott City is a State-recognized  
6 Main Street and State-approved Sustainable Community Area and part of a district on the  
7 National Register of Historic Places; and

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9 WHEREAS, the County property is a central piece of this invaluable collective good; and

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11 WHEREAS, on November 2, 2020, the Chairperson of this Council at the request of the  
12 County Executive introduced CB61-2020—“An Act amending PlanHoward 2030, the  
13 General Plan for Howard County, to include The Ellicott City Watershed Master Plan and  
14 recognizing that the Plan is a comprehensive, long-range document created by a  
15 community-driven vision for historic Ellicott City and the Tiber Branch Watershed;” and

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17 WHEREAS, on December 7, 2020 this County Council unanimously approved The  
18 Ellicott City Watershed Master Plan (THE “2020 WATERSHED MASTER PLAN”) to  
19 provide policies and implementing actions for protecting and enhancing flood-impacted  
20 Ellicott City and the surrounding New Cut, Tiber and Hudson watersheds; and

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22 WHEREAS, the County property and the community-driven enhancements specifically  
23 envisioned there appear in the “Upper Main” framework of the 2020 Watershed Master  
24 Plan: as a “Pedestrian Link: Lot E is part of an important network of pedestrian  
25 connections linking the Courthouse Area with Main Street;” the courthouse area sits  
26 largely vacated these several months later, though, its potential future uses yet to be  
27 determined; and

1 WHEREAS, FIGURE 31 from the 2020 Watershed Master Plan, as seen in Exhibit C,  
2 depicts the County Property as one of only three “urban ‘main street’ pedestrian/bicycle  
3 experiences along streetscape” turning off from either side of main street and up into the  
4 hillsides above; and

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6 WHEREAS, County plans for Main Street, Ellicott City from several years ago establish  
7 similar, consistent purposing for the County property particularly: as reported by the  
8 Baltimore Sun on October 14, 2013, “a mid-block crosswalk between Su Casa and the  
9 Ellicott Mills Brewing Company” was to link both sides of Main Street at the County  
10 property as depicted in Exhibit D; and

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12 WHEREAS, then-County Executive Ken Ulman confirmed why the County would soon  
13 invest in a multi-million-dollar staircase to be built further back from the proposed  
14 crosswalk spanning main: “by better connecting the Court House area and Main Street,  
15 we will open up new areas and make this historic community more walkable and more  
16 functional,” the Baltimore Sun reported on February 27, 2014; and

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18 WHEREAS, since the County’s successive investments to acquire and enhance the  
19 County property particularly, Ellicott City suffered two catastrophic floods, in 2016 and  
20 again in 2018; nearly all of the public work in and around Main Street since has been to  
21 repair, reconstruct or demolish and remove what remained; and

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23 WHEREAS, significantly more intentional demolition now is planned on lower Main as  
24 part of the County Executive’s proposed “EC Safe and Sound Plan”—depicted in figure  
25 138 of the 2020 watershed master plan as seen in Exhibit E—including two public  
26 passageways turning off from Main on the other side of Main Street, on either side of  
27 8069 Main; few if any other like public spaces exist or are planned elsewhere on Main  
28 Street, and

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WHEREAS, for at least the last nearly three decades the County has invested in the County property particularly and planned for its further enhancement for the same established and consistent public purposes that still remain to this day very much applicable, perhaps even more so than before; and

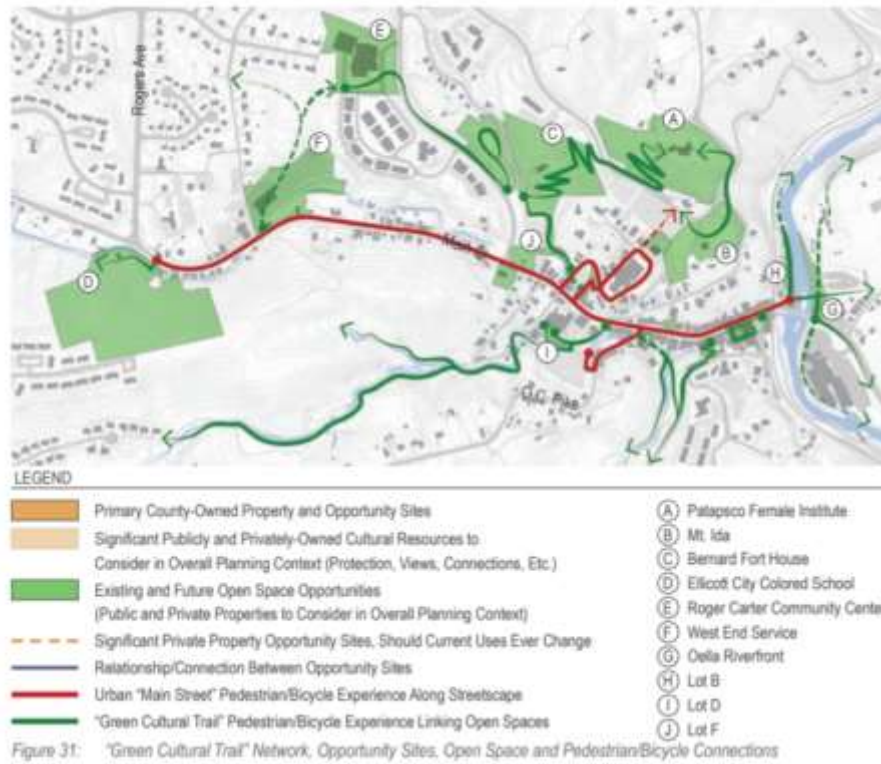
WHEREAS, the Council cannot reasonably conclude or declare at this time that the County property is no longer needed for public purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, to request that the County Executive identify an alternative to the conveyance in fee simple of that portion of the County property as described in Exhibit A and as shown in Exhibit B, containing approximately 1,669 square feet or 0.0383 acres of land in total.”.

Attach Exhibits C, D, and E, attached to this amendment to the Resolution.

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### Exhibit C



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Exhibit D



Planning Group rendering shows the concept for a mid-block crosswalk between Su Casa and Ellicott Mills Brewing Company. (Photo courtesy of TND Planning Group)

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Exhibit E

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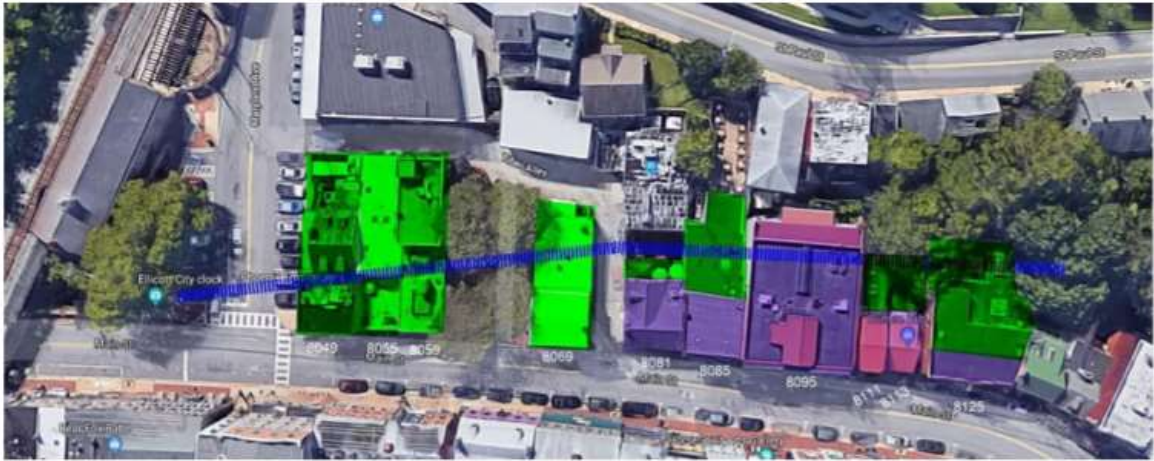


Figure 138: Howard County Acquired Ten Buildings on the South Side of Main Street. Under the EC Safe and Sound Plan, the Buildings or Rear Additions Shaded in Green Will Be Demolished (with Historical Building Components Salvaged) While Buildings Shaded Purple/Pink Will Remain. The Blue Line Indicates the Approximate Location of the Tiber Branch.

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