

# County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2024 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 10

## Resolution No. 134-2024

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

Short Title – Supporting an Application – Eastern Howard County Enterprise Zone designation

Title: A RESOLUTION supporting an application to the State of Maryland for the designation of the Eastern Howard County Enterprise Zone as part of the Maryland Enterprise Zone Program.

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Introduced and read first time \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted \_\_, Adopted with amendments \_\_, Failed \_\_, Withdrawn \_\_, by the County Council on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

Certified By \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Calvin Ball, County Executive

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

1       **WHEREAS**, Maryland's Enterprise Zone Program (the “Program”) is a joint effort between  
2 the State and local governments to provide tax incentives to businesses and property-owners  
3 located in economically distressed communities; and  
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5       **WHEREAS**, the State of Maryland has designated in Title 5, Subtitle 7 of the Economic  
6 Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland a process for the designation of  
7 Enterprise Zones; and  
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9       **WHEREAS**, Howard County’s General Development Plan – HoCo By Design – adopted in  
10 2023, describes Columbia Gateway’s redevelopment as the County’s greatest opportunity to  
11 accommodate future job growth and identifies it as a major hub for employment, entertainment  
12 and innovation with access from one or more transportation corridors; and  
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14       **WHEREAS**, HoCo by Design and the County’s Route 1 Corridor Plan: A Plan for  
15 Washington Boulevard (2023) identify this area as vital to employment opportunities in the  
16 County and aim to support, retain, and grow the Corridor’s industrial and manufacturing base  
17 through redevelopment and reinvestment incentives; and  
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19       **WHEREAS**, the Howard County Economic Development Authority considers enterprise  
20 zone designation a critical tool in the effort to retain and attract business, create jobs and  
21 redevelop underutilized property; and  
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23       **WHEREAS**, the Howard County Executive and County Council seek this designation for  
24 the Eastern Howard County Enterprise Zone to support economic development in the Columbia  
25 Gateway area and along the Route 1 corridor; and  
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27       **WHEREAS**, the Eastern Howard County Enterprise Zone will include parcels within  
28 Howard County, located in the priority funding area and within portions of Census Tracts  
29 6067.06, 6067.08, and 6012.03, as shown on the attached Exhibit; and  
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31       **WHEREAS**, the primary benefits to businesses located within an Enterprise Zone are local

1 property tax credits and State income tax credits; and

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3 **WHEREAS**, eligible businesses in an Enterprise Zone may claim a 10- year credit against  
4 local real property taxes on a portion of real property improvements, that credit being 80 percent  
5 of the assessment increase during the first five years, and then decreasing 10 percent annually to  
6 30 percent in the tenth year; and

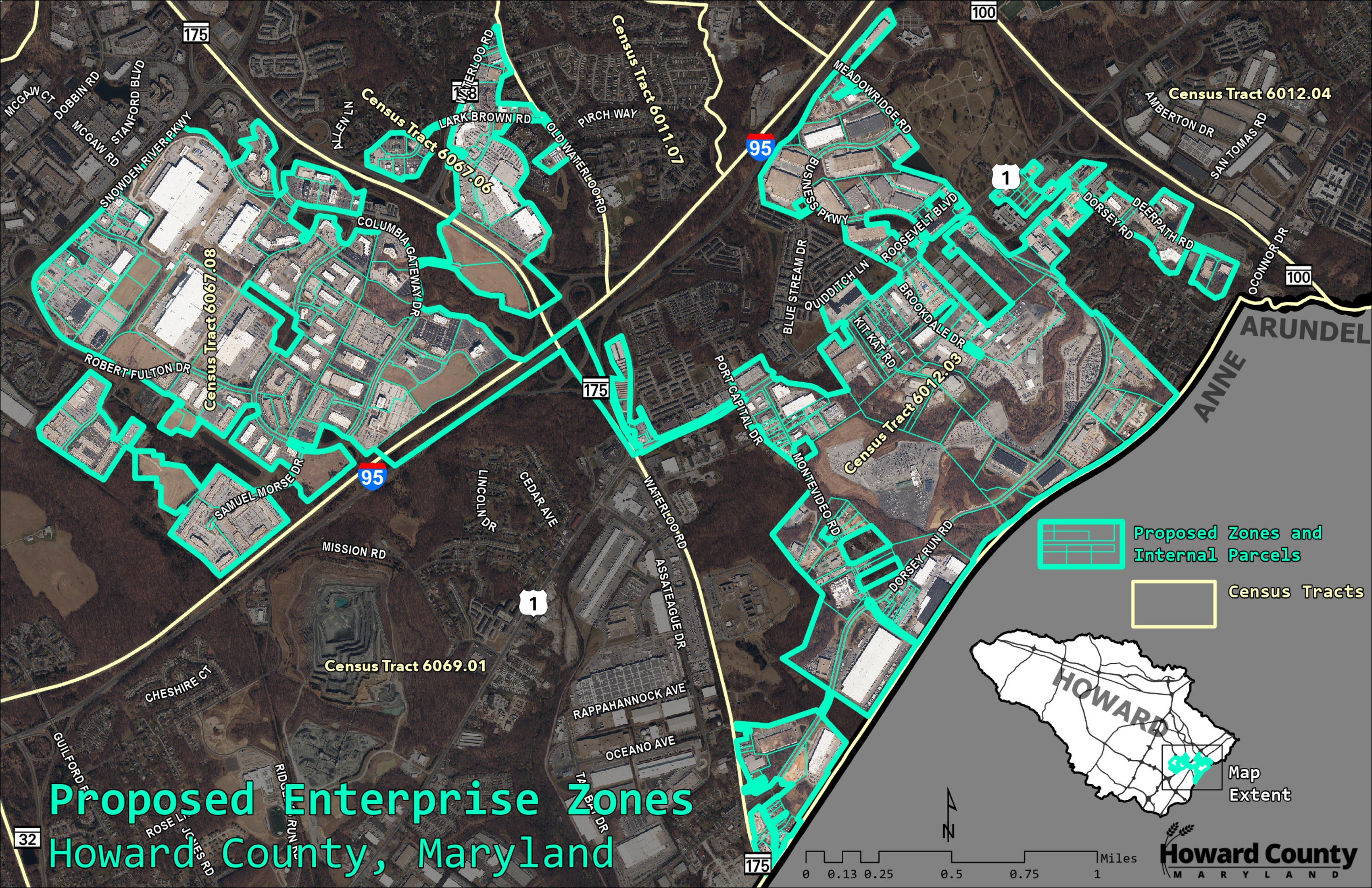
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8 **WHEREAS**, eligible businesses in an Enterprise Zone may claim credits for wages paid to  
9 new employees in new positions. Those credits being a one-time \$1,000 credit per new  
10 employees in general but increasing the credit amount in the case of economically disadvantaged  
11 employees to \$6,000 per employee, distributed over a three-year period. Such credits are to be  
12 claimed on Form 500CR and submitted to the Comptroller as part of an individual or business  
13 income tax return; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, Howard County is supportive of the application to designate the Eastern  
16 Howard County Enterprise Zone, thereby making qualified businesses located in the zone  
17 eligible for certain tax credits.

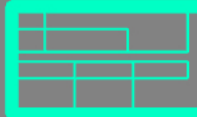

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19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the County Council of Howard County,  
20 Maryland this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 that it supports the County’s  
21 application for the designation of the Eastern Howard County Enterprise Zone containing  
22 portions of Census Tracts 6067.06, 6067.08, and 6012.03, as shown on the attached Exhibit.

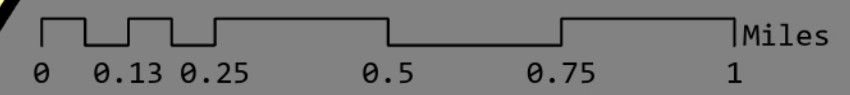
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24 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland  
25 that the County Executive is hereby requested to endorse this resolution, thereby indicating  
26 approval thereof.

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28 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary  
29 of the Maryland Department of Commerce.



# Proposed Enterprise Zones Howard County, Maryland

-  Proposed Zones and Internal Parcels
-  Census Tracts



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Census Tract 6067.06

Census Tract 6011.07

Census Tract 6012.04

Census Tract 6067.08

Census Tract 6012.03

Census Tract 6069.01

MCGAW CT  
DOBBIN RD  
MCGAW RD  
STANFORD BLVD  
SNOWDEN RIVER PKWY  
ROBERT FULTON DR  
SAMUEL MORSE DR  
GUILFORD F  
ROSE L  
JONES RD  
RIDGE RUN DR

WATERLOO RD  
LARK BROWN RD  
OLD WATERLOO RD  
COLUMBIA GATEWAY DR  
ALEN LN  
WATERLOO RD  
CEDAR AVE  
LINCOLN DR  
MISSION RD  
RAPPAHANNOCK AVE  
OCEANO AVE  
TAYBAY DR  
WATERLOO RD  
ASSATEAGUE DR  
WATERLOO RD

MEADOWRIDGE RD  
BUSINESS PKWY  
ROOSEVELT BLVD  
BLUE STREAM DR  
QUIDDITCH LN  
BROOKDALE DR  
KIT-KAT RD  
DORSEY RUN RD  
DORSEY RD  
DEERPATH RD  
OCOMOR DR  
PORT CAPITAL DR  
MONTEVIDEO RD

AMBERTON DR  
SAN TOMAS RD  
ANNE ARUNDEL