




# Howard County


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*Internal Memorandum*

**Subject:** *Testimony for Council Resolution to Designate Historic Downtown Ellicott City as a Maryland Main Street Community*

**To:** *Lonnie R. Robbins  
Chief Administrative Officer*

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

**From:** *Stephen Lafferty* 

**Date:** *June 23, 2014*

The Department of Planning and Zoning supports the adoption of Resolution No. \_\_\_\_ - 2014, which requests the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to designate historic downtown Ellicott City, the historic district and adjacent properties as a Maryland Main Street community.

A Resolution is required by the State to demonstrate the County's support of an application by the non-profit Ellicott City Historic District Partnership, Inc. (ECHDP) for this designation. The application indicates the County's support for and commitment to enhancing the growth and vitality of the historic portion of Ellicott City working with the ECHDP. Designation of this area as a Maryland Main Street community will help to strengthen and focus the ECHDP's efforts to establish and implement strategies for preservation and economic vitality.

There are no additional anticipated fiscal impacts associated with the adoption of this Resolution. The county has previously allocated staff to support this effort and to implement various capital improvement projects. Please contact Stephen Lafferty at 410-313-4302 if you have any questions.

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