

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2009 Legislative Session

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Resolution No. 100 -2009

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
and Council Member, Courtney Watson

A RESOLUTION designating a certain portion of Ellicott City as a "designated neighborhood," as defined by state law, in order to qualify for participation in the Neighborhood Business Development Program of the Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland.

Introduced and read first time December 7, 2009.

By order Stephen LeGendre
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on December 21, 2009.

By order Stephen LeGendre
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted ☒, Adopted with amendments ☐, Failed ☐, Withdrawn ☐, by the County Council
on January 4, 2010.

Certified By Stephen LeGendre
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive January 6, 2010

Ken Ulman
Ken Ulman, 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**, the County wishes to designate that portion of Ellicott City largely
2 encompassing the historic district south of Court House Drive and including the residences along
3 Ellicott Mills Drive and Frederick Road to Papillon Drive, as outlined in the map attached as
4 Exhibit A (the "Area"), as a "designated neighborhood" defined in the Code of Maryland
5 Regulations (COMAR) Section 05.13.01.09 in order to qualify for participation in the
6 Neighborhood Business Development Program ("NBDP") of the Department of Housing and
7 Community Development ("DHCD") of the State of Maryland; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, DHCD has established NBDP for the purposes of:

- 10 (a) Assisting in the development, redevelopment, or expansion of small business
11 enterprises in designated neighborhoods;
12 (b) Stimulating investment by the private sector in designated neighborhoods;
13 (c) Investing in small business revitalization projects in designated neighborhoods;
14 and
15 (d) Stimulating the participation of local jurisdictions in developing and expanding
16 small business enterprises in designated neighborhoods; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, NBDP provides financial assistance to eligible projects that satisfy the
19 above purposes, if the project is located in a "designated neighborhood;" and

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21 **WHEREAS**, in order to determine whether the Area qualifies as a "designated
22 neighborhood," Howard County has taken into consideration the following factors:

- 23 (a) The availability, cost, and condition of business facilities;
24 (b) The age and number of abandoned structures;
25 (c) The age and number of substandard structures;
26 (d) The income of residents relative to state or regional median incomes, including
27 the number of persons who are welfare recipients or unemployed;
28 (e) The extent of unemployment and the availability in the area of jobs for residents
29 of the designated neighborhood;
30 (f) The need for financing for small businesses in order to upgrade the social and
31 economic conditions of the designated neighborhood;

- 1 (g) The neighborhood development or redevelopment strategy of the local
2 jurisdiction for the designated neighborhood;
- 3 (h) Any plans and financial commitment of the local jurisdiction to undertake
4 improvements in the designated neighborhood;
- 5 (i) Standards established for other relevant state or federal programs;
- 6 (j) Local government participation in revitalization activities including whether the
7 local jurisdiction has been designated as an empowerment zone;
- 8 (k) The presence of a special taxing district or historic district;
- 9 (l) Support from community or business organizations; and
- 10 (m) Other revitalization projects undertaken in the designated neighborhood; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, the appropriate data, reports, surveys, plans and other materials have been
13 submitted to Howard County for its consideration of the above factors; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, after due consideration of the above factors, Howard County has determined
16 that the Area qualifies as a “designated neighborhood.”
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18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
19 Maryland this 4th day of January, 2010 that it hereby designates that portion of
20 Ellicott City largely encompassing the historic district south of Court House Drive and including
21 the residences along Ellicott Mills Drive and Frederick Road to Papillon Drive, as outlined in the
22 map attached as Exhibit A, as a “designated neighborhood” for the purposes of qualifying for
23 NBDP financial assistance.

EXHIBIT A

DESIGNATED NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY
Historic District Vicinity
Ellicott City

