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### County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2015 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 5

Bill No. 18 -2015

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

AN ACT amending *PlanHoward 2030*, the general plan for Howard County, to include Patapsco Heritage Area Management Plan and recognizing that the Plan is a way to further opportunities for recreation, environmental and historic conservation, and heritage tourism and to support economic development; and generally relating to planning, zoning and land use in Howard County.

Introduced and read first time May 4, 2015. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.  
By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on May 18, 2015.  
By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on June 1, 2015 and Passed  Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_\_.  
By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 2nd day of June, 2015 at 12 a.m. (p.m.)  
By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive June 3, 2015  
Allan H. Kittleman  
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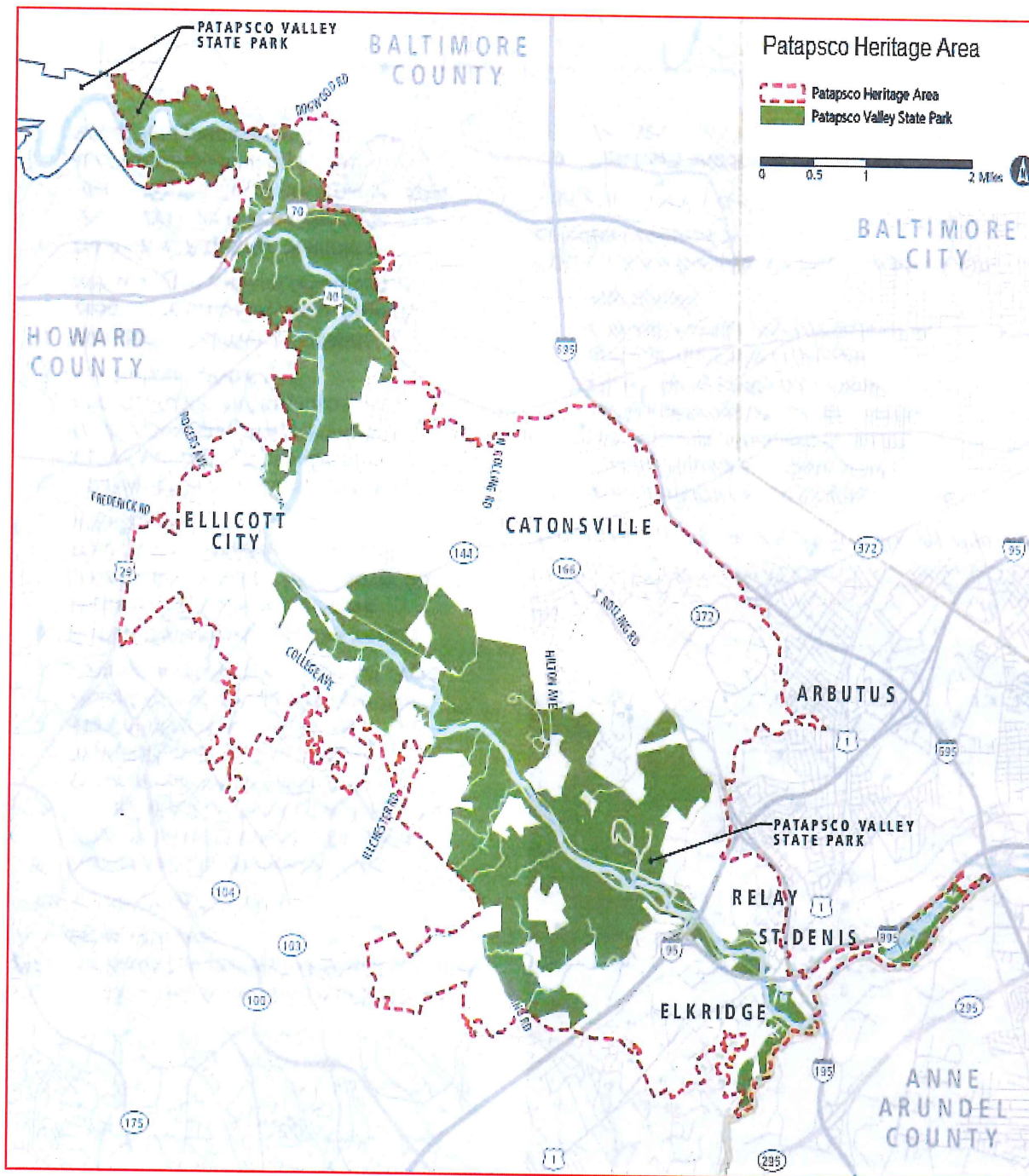
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### Patapsco Heritage Area Amendment

The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority requires a county within a certified heritage area to include in the county's general plan those portions of the heritage area management plan applicable to the county. Meeting this requirement establishes the eligibility of qualified organizations and government entities, within the Howard County portion of the certified heritage area, for receipt of Maryland Heritage Areas Authority financial and other benefits including grants, loans, and tax credits.

Therefore, the version of the Patapsco Heritage Area Management Plan, as was approved by the Maryland Heritage Area Authority on January 15, 2015, insofar as it is consistent with the rest of PlanHoward 2030, is included within PlanHoward 2030 in order to further opportunities for recreation, environmental and historic conservation, and heritage tourism and to support economic development.

The map at left is illustrative and indicates the area of Howard County located within the certified heritage area as approved by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority.

The Patapsco Heritage Area Management Plan defines its own purpose on page xi: "The heritage area's management plan provides the blueprint for coordinating ... many collaborative efforts. It is an advisory document demonstrating awareness of the heritage area's partners and stakeholders, their "buy-in", and general support for management concepts. ... Participation in plan implementation will be voluntary and will not be required as a result of potential actions identified in the approved management plan. ... Participation in the program does, however, qualify PHG [Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc.] and its partners and stakeholders – such as Baltimore County, Howard County, and others – for potential state matching grants for actions identified in the plan or that otherwise support accomplishing the goals for the Patapsco Heritage Area."



# Howard County

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## *Internal Memorandum*

**Subject:** Testimony for Council Bill \_\_\_\_\_-2015  
General Plan Amendment (GPA) 2015-1 to *PlanHoward 2030*

**To:** Lonnie Robbins  
Chief Administrative Officer

**From:** Marsha S. McLaughlin, Director *msm*  
Department of Planning and Zoning

**Date:** April 13, 2015

On July 26, 2012, the Howard County Council adopted *PlanHoward 2030* as Howard County's new general plan. The fully searchable text of *PlanHoward 2030* is posted on the [DPZ portal page](#) and [Plan Howard site](#).

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On April 9, 2015, the Planning Board recommended for approval of GPA 2015-1 to include the Patapsco Heritage Area and the Patapsco Heritage Area Management Plan (PHAMP) in the adopted *PlanHoward 2030*.

### ***Fiscal Impact***

The PHAMP includes 52 actions for implementation by Howard County including specific departments and agencies; however, participation in the plan is voluntary and incurs no direct obligation, financial or otherwise. Howard County is free to participate in actions identified in the plan or to forego, depending on the availability of funding and budgetary constraints as determined annually through the operating and capital budget processes.

c: B. Diane Wilson, Chief of Staff  
Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on June 3, 2015.

Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council



Ellicott City Partnership

POB 92 | Ellicott City, MD 21041 | 443.240.2060

May 13, 2015

The Honorable Mary Kay Sigaty  
Chairperson, Howard County Council  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

RE: Boundary Lines *Patapsco Heritage Area*

Dear Chairman Sigaty and members of the County Council:

The Ellicott City Partnership asks the County Council to pass Council Bill 18-2015 that amends the Howard County General Plan to show the boundary lines of the Patapsco Heritage Area in Howard County and adds additional language regarding the Heritage Area into the County's General Plan.

The Ellicott City Partnership has already applied for Heritage Area 2015 grant. We hope we will be approved in July. Our expectation is that we will benefit from the Heritage Area designation and are proud to be included within the boundaries.

We urge your support.

Sincerely,

*D.A. Hall (awk)*

Andy Hall, President





League of Women Voters of Howard County  
5430 Vantage Point Road, Suite C  
Columbia, MD 21044  
410-730-0142

May 18, 2015  
Re: CB 18-2015  
General Plan 2030 Amendment  
Patapsco Heritage Area Management Plan

Chairman Sigaty and members of the County Council:

The League of Women Voters of Howard County urges the County Council to adopt the proposed amendment to General Plan 2030. The amendment provides language to expand on comments regarding the Certified Patapsco Heritage Area and delineates the specific map lines of the Maryland Heritage Area for Howard County boundaries.

Baltimore County and Howard County have worked together to adopt the Patapsco Heritage proposed Master Plan. The League of Women Voters in Baltimore County supported the adoption of both the language and map boundary lines. The Howard County League supported the Plan Howard 2030 language for the Heritage area, the master plan and now supports the proposed map lines and additional language proposed for the County's General Plan 2030. The master plan for the Heritage Areas was adopted in July 2014 by Howard Council action under CR 96-2014. The League provided supporting testimony for these past Council actions.

The Howard County League's support is based on our position regarding Natural Resources support in preserving historic sites and the National League's position regarding Natural Resources to promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest.

We urge your adoption of Council Bill 18-2015.

Lillie Gallant  
President LWVHC



**Patapsco Heritage Greenway**  
**P. O. Box 96**  
**Ellicott City, MD 21041**  
**410-480-0824**

May 18, 2015

Council Chairperson Mary Kay Sigaty  
George Howard Building  
3430 Court House Road  
Ellicott City, MD, 21043

Ref: **CB18-2015**

Dear County Council Chair Sigaty,

My name is John Slater and I live at 4993 Dalton Drive, Columbia, MD. I am writing on behalf of the Patapsco Heritage Greenway (PHG). I currently have the honor of serving as the president of the organization.

Please adopt CB 18-2015. When you adopt the boundaries for the Patapsco Heritage Area you will close out the final chapter of this long certification process. We submitted our proposed Management Plan to the County Council last Spring and you all gave it your unanimous approval in July. Baltimore County and the State have since voted unanimously to support our PHG effort.

Now it is time to amend PlanHoward 2030, our General Plan, so we can get on with supporting our Mission. Let us not forget why we are here. Patapsco Heritage Greenway Inc. (PHG) is dedicated to preserving, protecting, interpreting and restoring the environment, history and culture of the Patapsco River Valley.

Please adopt CB 18-2015. We thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John B. Slater".

John B. Slater, President  
**Patapsco Heritage Greenway**  
c/o Slater Associates, Inc.  
5560 Sterrett Place, Suite 302  
Columbia, MD 21044  
410-992-0001

May 18, 2015

Council Chair and Council Members,

The officers and board of Preservation Howard County support of CB 18-2015 amending PlanHoward2030 to include Patapsco Heritage Greenway Plan. Its passage will secure the Certification of the Patapsco valley as a Heritage Area Certification. The Certification will provide the opportunity to bring significant state dollars to support programs to Howard County. Grants will be available for Certification projects by partners like Preservation Howard County and other heritage area groups.

Preservation Howard County requests your passage of CB-18.

Fred Dorsey,  
President  
Preservation Howard County

**Habicht, Kelli**

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**From:** Feldmark, Jessica  
**Sent:** Friday, May 08, 2015 11:18 AM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery; Habicht, Kelli  
**Subject:** CB18-2015  
**Attachments:** GPA2015-1pbr.pdf; GPA 2015-1rev.pdf

For file and posting...thanks!

Jessica Feldmark  
Administrator  
Howard County Council  
410-313-3111  
[jfeldmark@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:jfeldmark@howardcountymd.gov)

# Howard County

*Internal Memorandum*

**Subject:** *Planning Board Recommendation for GPA 2015-1*

**To:** Mary Kay Sigaty, Council Chair, District 4  
Jon Weinstein, Council Vice-Chair, District 1  
Dr. Calvin Ball, Council Member, District 2  
Gregory Fox, Council Member, District 5  
Jen Terrasa, Council Member, District 3

**From:** Josh Tzucker, Chair  
Planning Board *JT / JB*

**Date:** April 23, 2015

On April 9, 2015, the Howard County Planning Board held a public hearing to consider General Plan Amendment 2015-1 to *PlanHoward 2030*, as submitted by the Department of Planning and Zoning.

In conjunction with Section 16.900 (i) of the Howard County Code, a 30-day notice of the time and place of the public hearing was posted on the County's website. An agenda, technical staff report and related exhibits were posted on March 26, 2015. The technical staff report includes the proposed map, new text, and new implementing action that together form the content of the general plan amendment.

Pursuant to Policy 2.1 a., DPZ reported to the Planning Board that community outreach was conducted including Howard County's Ethnic Roundtable, Howard County's Commission on Disability Issues, neighboring jurisdictions, environmental groups on record, contacts in the local tourism community, historic preservation stakeholders, homeowners associations registered in Howard County and located within the heritage area boundaries, County departments and agencies involved in *PlanHoward 2030*, the Maryland Heritage Area Authority representative, and the Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc.

Prior to the Chair opening the public hearing for citizen comment, staff presented an overview of the amendment. The President of Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc. spoke in support of the amendment.

**Recommendation**

Based on the public input and Board member discussion at the public hearing and the work session that immediately followed, on April 9, 2015, the Planning Board recommended for approval, voting 4 to 0.

- c: B. Diane Wilson, Chief of Staff
- Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator
- Marsha S. McLaughlin, DPZ Director



DEPARTMENT OF  
PLANNING AND ZONING  
Marsha S. McLaughlin, Director  
TECHNICAL STAFF REPORT

Thursday, March 26, 2015

*Planning Board Meeting of April 9, 2015  
County Council Hearing to be scheduled*

**Case No. /Petitioner:** Marsha S. McLaughlin, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning

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*Department of Planning and Zoning recommendation:* *Approval*

**I. OVERVIEW**

Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc. (PHG), a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, received conditional approval by the Maryland Heritage Area Authority (MHAA) for the Patapsco Heritage Area to become a certified heritage area (Exhibit A). PHG also proposed the Patapsco Heritage Area Management Plan (PHAMP) to provide for the management of the certified heritage area with the five goals of stewardship, interpretation, heritage tourism, recreation, and management of the non-profit entity itself. The PHAMP has also received conditional approval by the MHAA. There are two, required conditions for approval:

- The adoption by each jurisdiction that will be within the Certified Heritage Area of an appropriate amendment of its local comprehensive/master plan to incorporate by reference, or by other means determined appropriate by the jurisdiction, all portions of the Patapsco Heritage Area Management Plan, except those portions solely relating to other jurisdictions within the Patapsco Heritage Area, as required under COMAR Title 14, Subtitle 29, Chapter 03, Section .05 (G); and, ...
- The local jurisdiction amendment shall be acceptable to the Authority (Exhibit B).

General Plan Amendment 2015-1, *Patapsco Heritage Area Amendment* (directly attached), is intended to meet these conditions, as required by COMAR Title 14, Subtitle 29, Chapter 03, Section .05 (Exhibit C).

## II. BACKGROUND

On March 20, 2010, the Howard County Council adopted CR9-2010 to support “the County Executive’s effort to work cooperatively with other jurisdictions and appoint without delay a committee of interested citizens to pursue Maryland State Heritage certification for the Patapsco Heritage Greenway (Exhibit D).”

Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc. (PHG) is the result of that effort. Key partners include the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA), Baltimore County, Howard County, Enjoy Baltimore County, Visit Howard County, and the Patapsco Valley State Park (Maryland Department of Natural Resources).

On June 5, 2014, PHG presented a draft PHAMP for the Planning Board’s recommendation, prior to the PHAMP going forward to Council for endorsement of the Patapsco Heritage Area as a certified heritage area. The Planning Board heard testimony and at work session on June 19, 2014, the Planning Board unanimously agreed to recommend for the approval of the PHAMP and the request to become a certified heritage area by the PHG.

On July 25, 2014, Howard County Council adopted CR96-2014, “approving and authorizing submittal of a Management Plan for certification of the Patapsco Heritage Area as a Certified Maryland Heritage Area.

On September 15, 2014, in advance of MHAA approval, Baltimore County Council by Resolution 88-14 resolved “to adopt the Patapsco Heritage Management Plan as part of the Baltimore County Master Plan 2020.” The resolution states “that the Management Plan adopted herein, and its policies, statements, and goals, constitute a guide for PHG activities in the certified Heritage Area and do not limit control, or bind the County governing body with respect to its land use or development policies or decisions.”

Background and the full text of *PlanHoward 2030* are posted at [PlanHoward](#) and also on the [DPZ Portal](#). Large-scale versions of maps within *PlanHoward 2030* are under the “Planning” tab at [GIS Map Gallery](#).

## III. DESCRIPTION

The proposed Patapsco Heritage Area Amendment is modeled after similar amendments from other counties. The proposed GPA 2015-1 includes a new implementation item, text and a map.

The proposed Patapsco Heritage Area Amendment references both the certified heritage area via the Patapsco Heritage Area map and the Patapsco Heritage Area Management Plan (PHAMP). The PHAMP includes 52 actions for implementation by Howard County including specific departments and agencies as well as related organizations such as Visit Howard County. Actions are presented by general category in Table 9.1 (Exhibit E) and presented in detail in the excerpted Table 9.2, prepared by DPZ (Exhibit F).

An overview of the PHAMP may be easily gained from the PHAMP Executive Summary and the listing of all goals found in Chapter 2 (Exhibit G). By referencing the Patapsco Heritage Area and the PHAMP in *PlanHoward 2030*, Howard County, the Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc. and other partners will be eligible for State grants and other funding opportunities available for Maryland certified heritage areas.

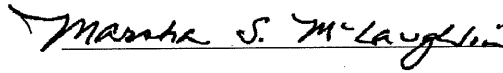
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Finally, DPZ would like to commend the PHG. The PHAMP is a highly professional document created

by dedicated volunteers working with many partners in the private, non-profit, and governmental sectors.

**IV. RECOMMENDATION**

The Department of Planning and Zoning recommends **approval** of the proposed GPA 2015-1, known as the *Patapsco Heritage Area Amendment*, to *PlanHoward 2030*.

 3/26/15  
Marsha S. McLaughlin, Director March 26, 2015

**Directly Attached**

Draft Council Bill with Page 20 (replacement) and Page 20.1 (addition)

**Exhibits**

- A. Patapsco Heritage Area Map (Area Management Plan, p. 5-15)
- B. Jan 15, 2015 Resolution by Maryland Heritage Areas Authority
- C. Excerpted COMAR Title 14, Subtitle 29, Chapter 3, Section .05
- D. Council Resolution 9-2010 adopted by Howard County Council
- E. Table 9.1, Patapsco Heritage Area Management Plan (PHAMP)
- F. List of Actions Items proposed for Howard County by PHAMP
- G. Executive Summary and Chapter 2 excerpted from the PHAMP



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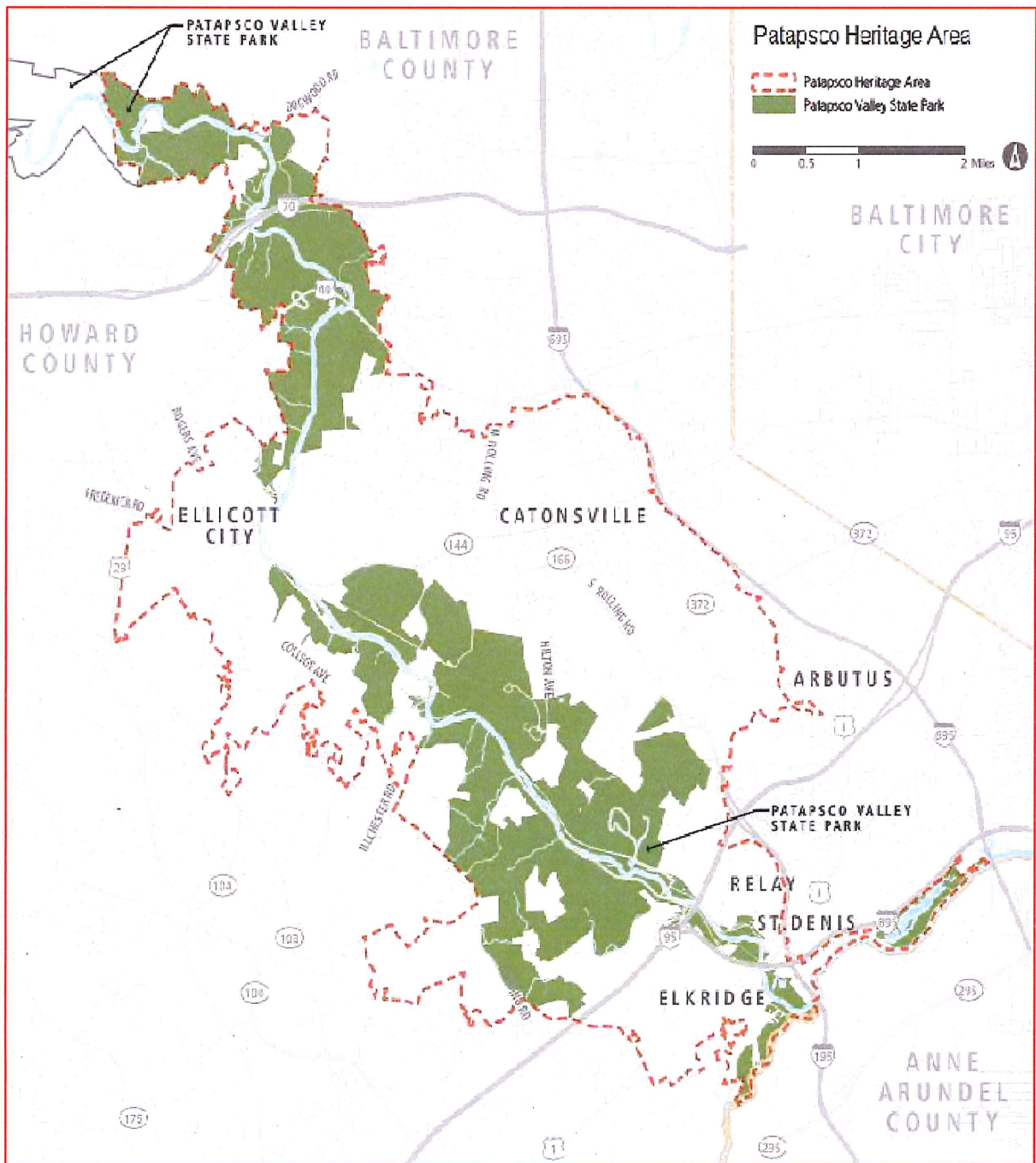
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**Implementing Actions**

- a. **Patuxent and Patapsco Rivers.** Coordinate and cooperate with other

local, regional, and State agencies and organizations on joint watershed planning and management for the Patuxent and the Patapsco Rivers.

- b. **Patapsco Heritage Greenway.** Coordinate with Baltimore County to accomplish certification of the Patapsco Heritage Greenway.
- c. **Patapsco Heritage Area Management Plan.** Work with the Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc. and Baltimore County to assist in implementing the management plan, certified by the Maryland Heritage Area Authority, for those portions that apply to Howard County.



**Patapsco Heritage Area Amendment**

The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority requires a county within a certified heritage area to include in the county's general plan those portions of the heritage area management plan applicable to the county. Meeting this requirement establishes the eligibility of qualified organizations and government entities, within the Howard County portion of the certified heritage area, for receipt of Maryland Heritage Areas Authority financial and other benefits including grants, loans, and tax credits.

Therefore, the version of the Patapsco Heritage Area Management Plan, as was approved by the Maryland Heritage Area Authority on January 15, 2015, insofar as it is consistent with the rest of PlanHoward 2030, is included within PlanHoward 2030 in order to further opportunities for recreation, environmental and historic conservation, and heritage tourism and to support economic development.

The map at left is illustrative and indicates the area of Howard County located within the certified heritage area as approved by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority.

The Patapsco Heritage Area Management Plan defines its own purpose on page xi: "The heritage area's management plan provides the blueprint for coordinating ... many collaborative efforts. It is an advisory document demonstrating awareness of the heritage area's partners and stakeholders, their "buy-in", and general support for management concepts. ... Participation in plan implementation will be voluntary and will not be required as a result of potential actions identified in the approved management plan. ... Participation in the program does, however, qualify PHG [Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc.] and its partners and stakeholders – such as Baltimore County, Howard County, and others – for potential state matching grants for actions identified in the plan or that otherwise support accomplishing the goals for the Patapsco Heritage Area."