



2024 Sustainable Communities Grant Application Workshop

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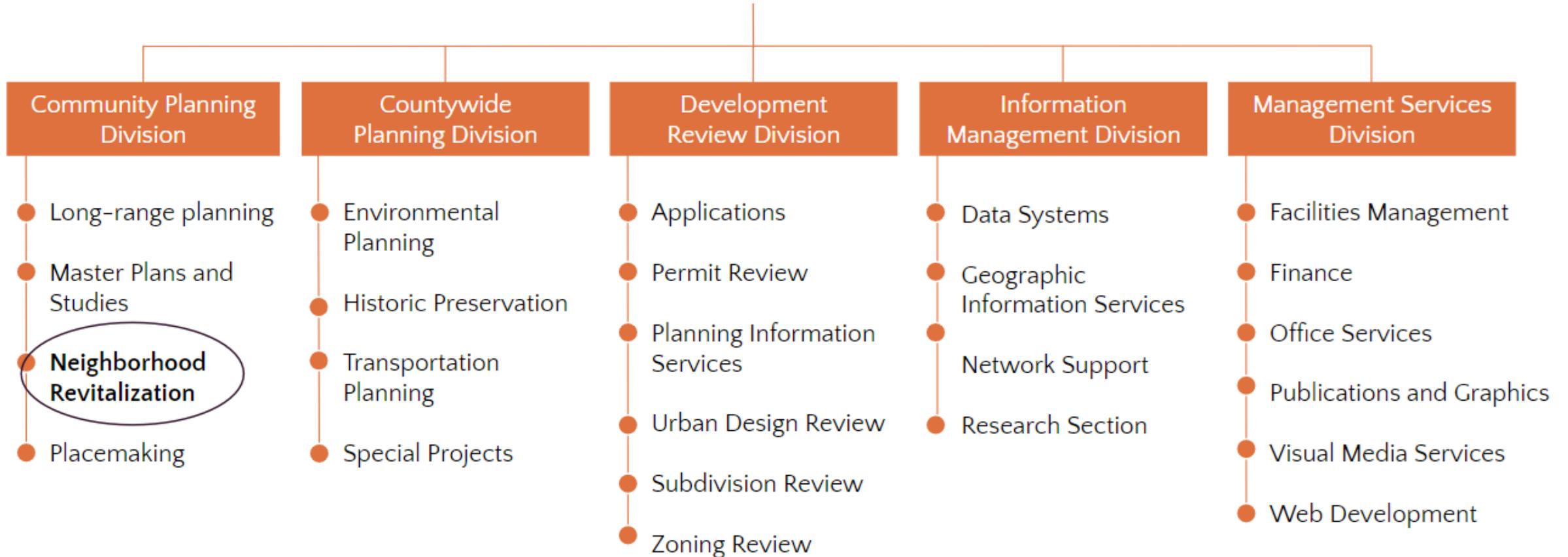


Today's Agenda

- Introductions
 - Jean Cannon, Prince George's County Program Officer - DHCD
 - Why we're here today
 - Carter Reitman, Sustainable Communities Program Manager - DHCD
 - Lizzie Mekonnen, Planner I - M-NCPPC
- M-NCPPC's role
- SRP overview
 - Programs
 - Sustainable Communities
 - Application process and timeline
 - Tips and example projects
- Contact information
- Questions?

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Office of the Planning Director



The Neighborhood Revitalization Section (NRS) and Sustainable Communities



Technical Assistance

Helps prepare and renew sustainable community designations.



Inter-Agency and Stakeholder Coordination

Collaborate with other County agencies as well as community stakeholders



Capacity-Building

Offers assistance for planning and implementation of action plan outcomes/strategies.

Division of Neighborhood Revitalization

- Dedicated to working with local partners to bring new investment and vitality to Maryland's core communities.

Offers a broad range of loan, grant and technical assistance programs to help local governments, nonprofit organizations and small businesses reinvest in their communities and make great places for Marylanders to live, work and prosper.



ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Program	Local Governments	Community Development Organizations	Hospitals or Higher Education Institutions
Community Legacy	✓	✓	
Maryland Façade Improvement Program	✓		
Strategic Demolition Fund <i>Statewide</i>	✓	✓	
Strategic Demolition Fund Project C.O.R.E (Baltimore City Only)	✓	✓	
Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative		✓	
National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund (NED)	✓	✓	
SEED Community Development Anchor Institution Fund			✓



Community Legacy (CL)

- Capital expenditures *only*
- **PURPOSE:** To preserve existing communities as places to live/conduct business and promote sustainable communities



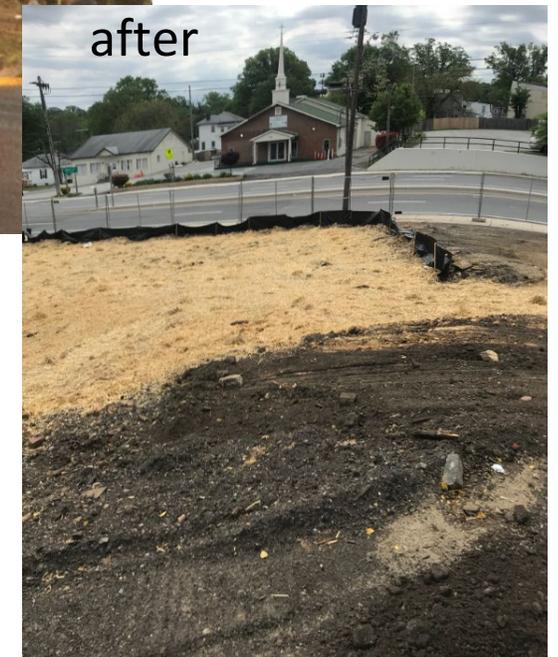
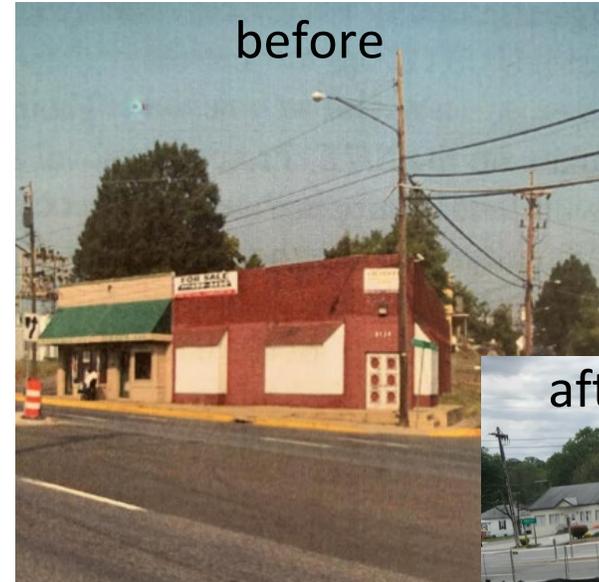
National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund (NED)

- Capital expenditures and limited operating costs
 - Help support the goals & objectives in a target area's Sustainable Communities Action Plan
- **PURPOSE:** To provide competitive funding for strategic investment in local housing and businesses to encourage healthy sustainable communities with a growing tax base and enhanced quality of life.



Strategic Demolition Fund (SDF)

- Capital expenditures *only*
 - Predevelopment activities (demo, site acquisition & assembly, site development, public infrastructure improvements, construction level design, stabilization)
- **PURPOSE:** To accelerate economic development and job production & improve the economic viability of “grey field development”



Capital versus operating activities

CAPITAL

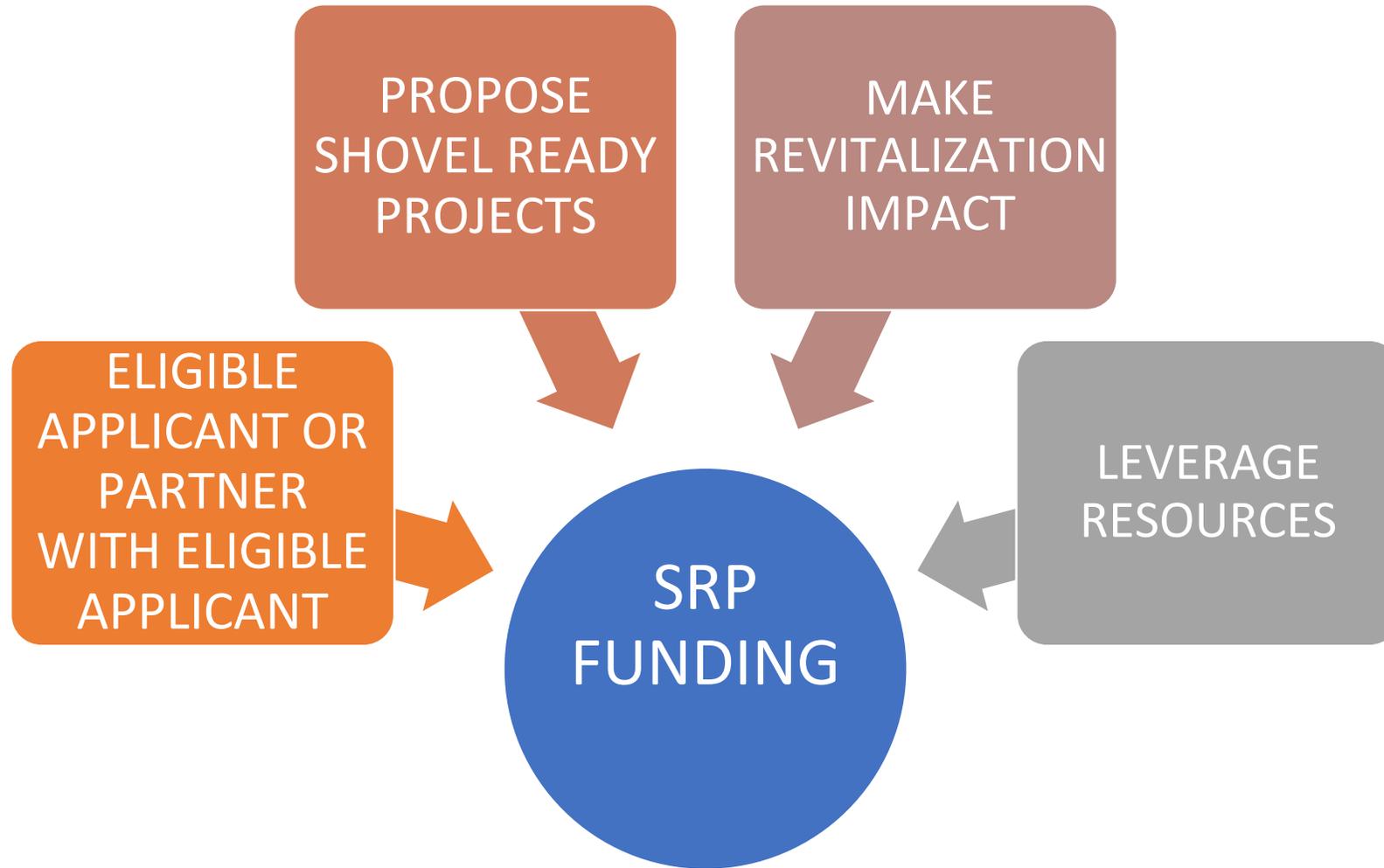
- “Bricks and sticks” -Land, structures, bricks and mortar
- 15-year shelf life
- Examples: Property acquisition, construction, architectural & engineering drawings, site development, demolition, deconstruction, rehabilitation
- DGS guidebook as a *general* reference:

https://dgs.maryland.gov/Documents/grants/CGL_Booklet.pdf

OPERATING

- Costs associated with day-to-day operations of a program, organization, business, etc.
- Does not last 15 years
- Can be moved or is not directly related to real property
- Examples: Staff salaries, feasibility/planning studies, marketing, maintenance

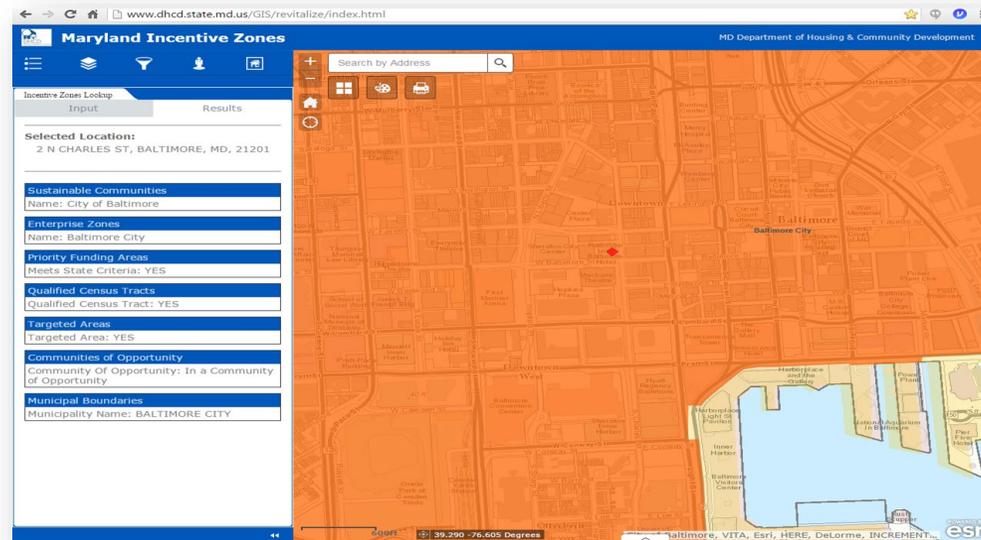
HOW TO ACCESS STATE REVITALIZATION PROGRAM (SRP) RESOURCES



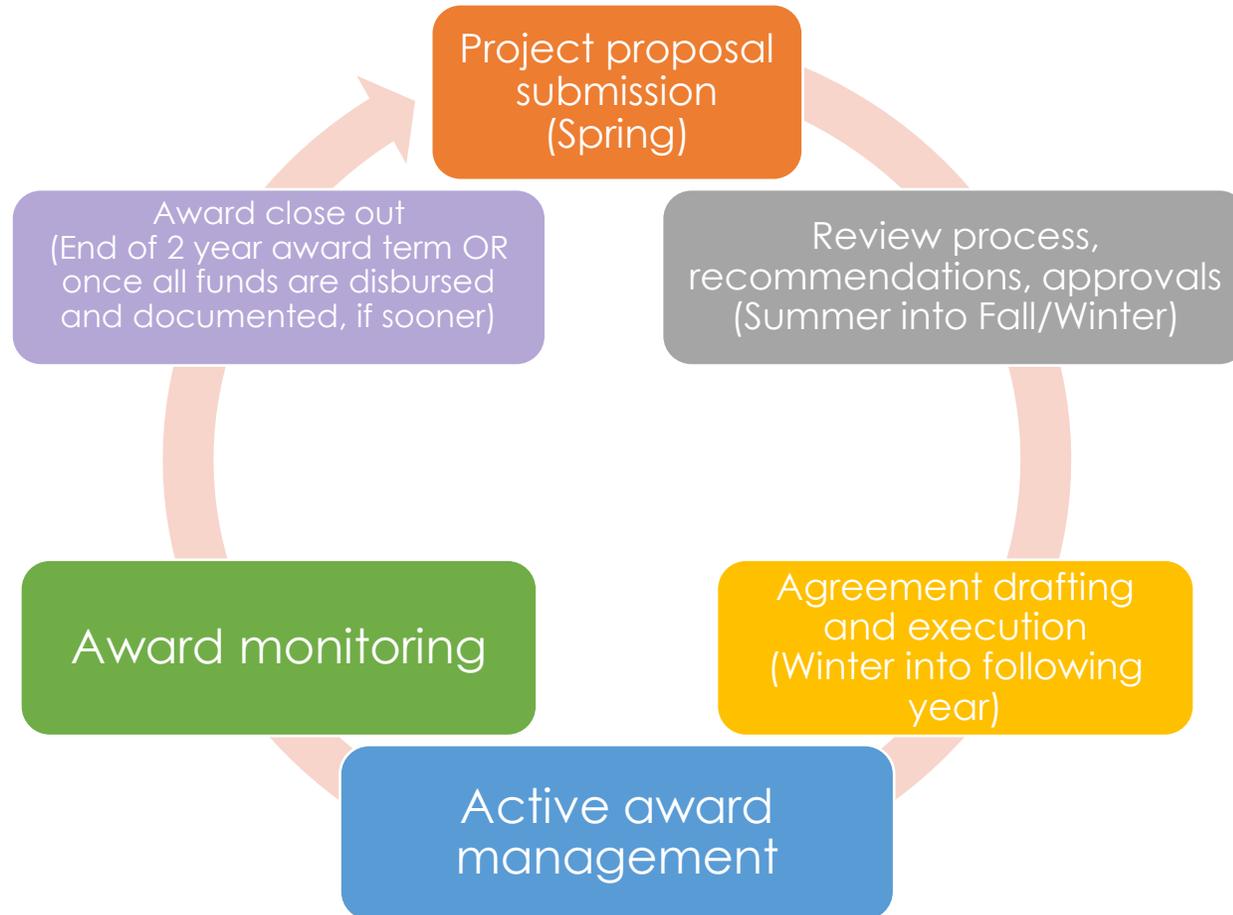
Geographic Targeting - Sustainable Communities

Use the Neighborhood Revitalization mapper to confirm that your project is in a Sustainable Communities area:

<http://portal.dhcd.state.md.us/GIS/revitalize/index.html>



General Application Timeline and Award Life Cycle



Building Change, Inc. PG Municipal Healthy Homes

Project Description: Supports MEA Empower LMI grants by providing weatherization and structural improvements to homes of LMI residents to enhance health, community, and environmental conditions.

Award Amount: \$100,000

Impact:

- 16 homes completed
- Continuation of a successful program funded over multiple years



Housing Initiative Partnership Fairmount Heights Historic Park

Project Description: Creation of a small pocket park commemorating the African-American history adjacent to the site where the 6 new Zero Energy Ready homes are being built.

Award Amount: \$175,000

Impact: Will create a historic memorial park honoring the former municipal building and providing a much-needed pocket park amenity for the Town of Fairmount Heights. Will capitalize on attractively screening a microgrid transformer for the 6 newly constructed zero energy ready homes.

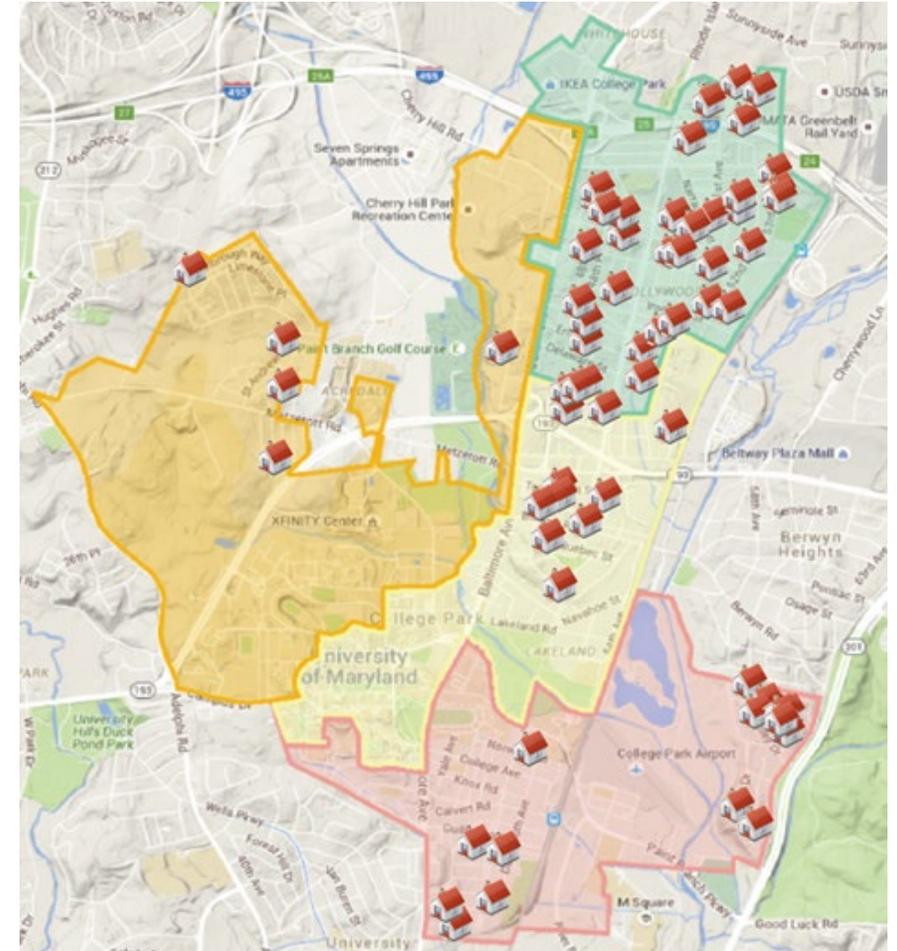


College Park City-University Partnership Down Payment Homeownership Program

Project Description: Continue and expand its established, successful Homeownership Program, strengthening neighborhoods, reducing commutes, and improving the economy.

Typical Award Amount: \$150,000

Impact: Part of a multi-faceted approach to housing in the City of College Park providing \$15,000 in downpayment and closing cost assistance, structured as a ten-year, zero-interest forgivable loan to full-time, benefits-eligible University of Maryland faculty and staff and full-time City of College Park employees. The Homeownership Program encourages homeownership and reduces commutes by living near work and/or access to transit, strengthens neighborhoods, and supports our local economy. To date, the Program has served 81 households and through this program there are 190 new College Park residents.



Cal Ripkin Sr. Foundation, Inc. Prince George's County YPD - Infrastructure Park Project III

Project Description: Infrastructure improvements at a Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation Park Project in conjunction with Prince George's County and the local Police Athletic Leagues Center.

Award Amount: \$100,000

Impact: Creating a baseball diamond and greenspace to bridge and build connections between the police, the overall community and especially the youth in Prince George's County.



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and next steps...