



# Glen Burnie Sustainable Community

## Application for Designation Renewal

Application Submitted to the  
Maryland Department of Housing  
and Community Development

December 2023



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NAME OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY:     Glen Burnie    

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## **SECTION A - SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY RENEWAL** **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

<b>Name of Sustainable Community:</b>		Glen Burnie	
<b>Name of Applicant:</b>		Anne Arundel County	
<b>Applicant's Federal Identification Number:</b>		52-6000878	
<b>Applicant's Street Address:</b>		44 Calvert Street	
<b>City: Annapolis</b>	<b>County: Anne Arundel</b>	<b>State: MD</b>	<b>Zip Code: 21401</b>
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<b>Phone Number:</b>	<b>Fax Number:</b>	<b>E-mail Address:</b>	

**(1) Sustainable Community Boundary and Description**

(1) Are you requesting any changes to your Sustainable Community boundary? Describe why or why not?

No boundary changes are being requested and no need for changes has been identified.

(2) If yes, Include the following in as an attachment:

- a. PDF or JPEG of modified Sustainable Communities boundary map,
- b. GIS shapefiles of modified Sustainable Community boundary (mapped to the parcel boundary),

(3) Approximate number of acres of entire SC Area: 5,000

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(4) Existing federal, state or local designations:

- Main Street  National Register Historic District  Local Historic District  
 Arts & Entertainment District  State Enterprise Zone Special Taxing District  BRAC  
 State Designated TOD  Other(s): Area includes County-designated Commercial Revitalization Areas.

(5) Describe the SC Area's current demographic trends (with respect to age, race, household size, household income, educational attainment, number of housing units, or other relevant factors). How have demographics changed in the last five years?

The Glen Burnie area has not experienced significant shifts in key demographic indicators over recent years, based on American Community Survey data from 2017 through 2021. The age distribution is similar to that seen Countywide, with a median age of 38 years. Approximately 20% of the population is under 18 years of age, and 13% is 65 years or older. The percentage of seniors in the population has remained the same in Glen Burnie over the past five years while it has increased slightly in the County, from 13.5% to 14.8%. The largest age cohorts in Glen Burnie are for persons 25 to 34 years old (15.1%), followed by those 35 to 44 years old (14.9%).

Median household incomes in Glen Burnie tend to be lower than in the County as a whole, but have increased over the five-year reporting period. The median household income in Glen Burnie was approximately \$62,200 in 2016, and increased to \$80,500 in 2021. Countywide, the median household income increased from \$92,000 in 2016 to \$108,000 in 2021.

There are fewer owner-occupied housing units in Glen Burnie than in the County, as a percentage of total units. Housing units in Glen Burnie are roughly 63% owner-occupied and 37% renter-occupied, while housing units in the County are 75% owner-occupied and 25% renter-occupied. The median value of owner-occupied homes in Glen Burnie was \$276,000 in 2021 as compared to \$380,000 in the County. This is a reflection of the older housing stock in Glen Burnie, one of the oldest suburban communities in the County.

Educational attainment levels are also somewhat lower in Glen Burnie than those seen Countywide but appear to be rising. Roughly 28% of Glen Burnie residents have earned a Bachelor's degree or higher, compared with 43% in the County. In Glen Burnie, 92% of residents have obtained a high school diploma or higher, such as an Associate's degree or some college. This compares to roughly 93% of residents Countywide.

In 2021 the poverty rate in Glen Burnie was approximately 5% for all families and 7% for all people, compared to rates of 4% and 6% respectively Countywide.

## (2) Organizational Structure, Experience and Public Input:

**(1) Describe any changes to the Applicant's organizational structure. Specifically, how has membership of the Sustainable Communities Workgroup changed in the last five years? Who are/were the leaders, and how will/did the Workgroup advisor or staff manage implementation of the SC Area Plan?**

After expiration of the former Glen Burnie Town Center Advisory Committee with a previous change in County Administration, a new Glen Burnie Sustainable Community Workgroup was formed in 2018 to help oversee preparation of the 2018 Renewal Application and implementation of the Sustainable Community Action Plan. The workgroup remains in place, with some changes in personnel, and has worked collaboratively to develop the 2023 Action Plan. The workgroup includes representatives from the Glen Burnie Improvement Association, the umbrella civic association for the greater Glen Burnie area, as well as local business owners and the Glen Burnie Rotary Club. The workgroup also includes representatives from the County's Office of Planning and Zoning, Arundel Community Development Services, Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation, the Northern Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce, Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation, Anne Arundel Community College, and the University of Maryland Baltimore-Washington Medical Center. Other County agencies participating include the Departments of Recreation and Parks and Aging and Disabilities as well as the Office of Transportation. Other County agencies provide support as needed. Implementation of the Sustainable Community Action Plan has been a collaborative partnership involving all of these entities.

**(2) What have been the strengths and challenges of the capacity of the Sustainable Communities Workgroup with respect to implementation of the SC Plan?**

A key strength of the Glen Burnie area and the Sustainable Community Workgroup is a diverse and engaged group of community stakeholders who are committed to improving their community. The Glen Burnie Improvement Association is a strong organization that remains actively involved and invests time and resources into improving the community. Challenges to implementation of the Action Plan relate primarily to constraints in resources, primarily in terms of funding, as well as market forces.

Although the market in the Glen Burnie area is generally healthy except in select locations, some economic indicators are not as strong as in other parts of the County, which can lead to a negative perception. In addition, poor property management by private owners and landlords is an issue in certain locations within the Glen Burnie Town Center, which can also contribute to a negative image of the area. However, there have been some improvements in property maintenance over the past few years as new businesses have located in the area.

Additionally, newer residential and commercial development near Arundel Mills, Fort Meade, BWI Airport, and in other areas where unimproved land is still available for development, can make it difficult for older areas such as Glen Burnie to compete in attracting new development or redevelopment.

The population trends younger in Glen Burnie as compared to elsewhere in the County, which is likely due in part to the availability of a more affordable housing stock. This is a strength in the area and brings renewed vitality as younger adults move to the area to start families and build their careers.

**(3) How did residents and other stakeholders in the community provide input to the Sustainable Communities Action Plan update? On which existing local plans (comprehensive plans, economic development plans, sector plans, etc.) is the Sustainable Communities Action Plan based?**

Input was provided through workgroup meetings. In addition, a Glen Burnie Revitalization Task Force worked collaboratively with local property owners from 2019 to 2022 to develop a revitalization plan for the Glen Burnie Town Center. The 2023 Action Plan is based on: 1) the 2018 Sustainable Communities Action Plan; 2) the 2022 Glen Burnie Town Center Revitalization Plan; 3) Plan2040, the County's 2021 General Development Plan; and 4) the Consolidated Plan (FY2021-2025). For the updated General Development Plan and Consolidated Plan, which were both developed during the past five years, extensive community input was solicited and obtained through surveys, focus groups and public comment periods.

**(4) Would you like any technical assistance from State agencies to help expand the capacity of your SC Workgroup or implement your SC plan? Please describe with which revitalization strategies you would like assistance.**

Technical assistance in evaluating whether the Glen Burnie Town Center might qualify for a Main Street designation and if so, assistance in obtaining that designation and in developing an economic development strategy for the Town Center would be beneficial. Additionally, assistance with marketing and branding strategies would be helpful.

## **SECTION B - SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY RENEWAL** **REPORT**

### **PART I: QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT**

**Descriptive Narrative: Please list the most significant accomplishments that apply.**

**Accomplishment 1: Several planning and capital projects have been completed to revitalize the Glen Burnie Town Center.**

**Outcome:** A more attractive and vibrant Town Center Plaza and public gathering place, with plans to initiate additional projects.

**Projects:**

Glen Burnie Town Center Revitalization Study – Using a \$20,000 DHCD Operating Assistance Grant and funds from the Office Planning and Zoning’s operating budget, the County hired an urban design consultant to prepare a Glen Burnie Town Center Revitalization Plan in collaboration with the Glen Burnie Revitalization Task Force and local property owners. The plan was completed in 2022 and includes a market assessment, concept plan for redevelopment, and branding and place-making strategies.

Rotary Park Improvements – With County capital funds and a place-making grant from the National Association of Realtors, the County made improvements to a small pocket park located in the core of the Glen Burnie Town Center, which had become deteriorated with overgrown landscaping, outdated furniture, and unattractive lighting. The improvements involved installing modern outdoor furniture, painting the light poles with colorful art, and replacement the plantings and landscaping to create a more open, attractive and inviting space.

Improvements to the Glen Burnie Town Center Plaza – This plaza is located at the Arundel Center North government office which also contains the north campus of Anne Arundel Community College (AACC), and is a central public activity area in the Town Center. Improvement made within the past few years include a colorful mural on the main building, new planters installed around the plaza, significant renovations to the ice skating rink, new street lamps, and new signage and street banners. The improvements were funded through the County’s capital fund and AACC’s operating budget. A \$200,000 Legislative Bond Initiative funded the new street lamps.

Town Center Place-making Improvements – Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation (AAEDC) received a \$250,000 Community Legacy Grant in 2022 to implement some of the recommendations from the Glen Burnie Town Center Revitalization Plan. This project will begin in the Fall 2023 and will focus on new signage and wayfinding throughout the Town Center, improvements at the B&A Trail in the Town Center, and the installation of public art.

**Partners:**

DHCD – provided Operating Assistance and Community Legacy grant funding.

Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning – provided funding, project and grant management and outreach.

Anne Arundel Economic Development Corp. – provided project and grant management.

Anne Arundel County Central Services / Recreation and Parks / AACC – capital project funding and management.

Maryland Association of Realtors – provided place-making grant funds.

**Impact:** Improved vitality of the Glen Burnie Town Center.

**Accomplishment 2: Legislation was adopted to encourage redevelopment and revitalization throughout the Glen Burnie sustainable community.**

**Outcome:** Additional tools are now available to facilitate redevelopment and revitalization of outdated, underutilized and deteriorated properties.

**Projects:**

Glen Burnie Sustainable Community Overlay – Legislation was passed in 2020 to establish a Glen Burnie Sustainable Community Overlay within the County’s zoning and development codes. The overlay encompasses the entire Glen Burnie Sustainable Community area and allows for flexibility in certain development regulations and zoning requirements, as well as financial incentives, to encourage redevelopment of declining and underutilized properties within the area.

Commercial Revitalization Districts – Legislation was passed in 2020 to establish two new Commercial Revitalization Area overlay districts within the County’s zoning code. This provides for certain development flexibility and a property tax credit to facilitate redevelopment of older properties within these districts. Applicants are also eligible for AAEDC’s Arundel Community Reinvestment (ACR) Loan for financial assistance. The two new districts cover the commercial hubs around Harundale Plaza and Marley Station Mall in Glen Burnie.

**Partners:**

Anne Arundel County Council  
Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning

**Impact:** To date three commercial properties have taken advantage of the Glen Burnie SC Overlay to improve their sites, including a former Moose Lodge property that has redeveloped into a community recreation center. A business located in Harundale Plaza received assistance for site improvements through an ACR loan.

**Accomplishment 3: Expanded community services and improved facilities to serve the greater Glen Burnie community.**

**Outcome:** A comprehensive range of educational, health, and recreational services and programs are available to Glen Burnie residents.

**Projects:**

New Glen Burnie Library – A capital project to improve and expand the Glen Burnie Library began in 2023 with solicitation of bids for design and construction. The new building will be 40,000 SF with 8,000 SF for a new Cultural Resources Lab and Local History Resource Center. Roughly \$45.5M has been funded for the project. Also, in 2022 the Library received funding for a new Kindergarten Readiness initiative, and new programs and services under this initiative will be offered at the Glen Burnie Library.

Anne Arundel Community College Improvements – AACC used operating funds and County capital funds for a number of improvements over the past five years including a new food pantry established in 2019; a mural, exterior signage and banners installed in 2019; and a new informal learning space installed in 2021. Updates to the Testing and Tutoring Centers as well as the main lobby will be completed in 2023. In addition, new programs and services that have been initiated. The School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development opened a lab for Certified Nurse Assistant and Certified Administrative Assistant training, and the School of Business and Law opened a Self-Help Legal Clinic in 2023 which works with paralegal students to provide legal assistance to the community at large.



Dept. of Aging and Disabilities (DoAD) Customer Service Center – In 2021 the County purchased a site in central Glen Burnie, which was formerly leased, on behalf of DoAD to operate their Customer Service Center which provides the community with in-person and accessible services and resources. The center now provides Korean and Spanish speaking resource navigators. It also houses the new Veterans Services Coordination Center, created in 2021, to provide benefit and resource delivery to the County’s veteran residents.

North Arundel Aquatic Center Improvements – A number of improvements to the North Arundel Aquatic Center in Glen Burnie are currently in the design phase with construction to begin in 2024, including a new splash pad, multipurpose field, playground, and pavilion. The Dept. of Recreation and Parks has also entered into a partnership with Woodside Elementary School to provide family water safety instruction, and has recently initiated an Intramural Swim Clinic which offers a non-competitive program for youth to refine their swim skills.

Child Care Services – The Dept. of Recreation and Parks, in partnership with Anne Arundel County Public Schools, now operates Licensed Child Care sites with Food and Nutrition Services at three Glen Burnie elementary schools – Marley, Oakwood, and Glen Burnie Park.

Community Health Services – Located in Glen Burnie, the University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center continues to expand its community health services which now include community screenings and vaccination clinics, exercise classes, health fairs, Red Cross blood drives, Nest and Nurture programs, support groups, youth and school support, food distribution, and a farmers market. These services are available to all residents throughout the Glen Burnie area.

**Partners:**

Anne Arundel County Libraries  
Anne Arundel Community College  
Anne Arundel Dept. of Aging and Disabilities  
Anne Arundel Dept. of Recreation and Parks  
Anne Arundel County Public Schools  
UMD Baltimore Washington Medical Center

**Impact:** Partnering by multiple County agencies and partners has allowed expansion of and increased accessibility to these community services and programs.

**Accomplishment 4: A combination of property revitalization, business incentive, and workforce training programs are collectively improving the economic vitality of Glen Burnie.**

**Outcome:** A more positive community identity that will attract new businesses, residents, and workers.

**Projects:**

Arundel Community Reinvestment (ACR) Loan Program - Anne Arundel Economic Development Corp. provided ACR loans to seven Glen Burnie businesses since 2018 for site renovations and improvements. AAEDC also hired a Town Center Revitalization Manager in 2023, who will work closely with business and property owners to facilitate revitalization in the Glen Burnie Town Center and along older commercial corridors such as Ritchie Highway and Crain Highway and will directly market loan and grant programs to local businesses.

Glen Burnie Farmers Market – The Northern Anne Arundel Chamber of Commerce and AAEDC partnered in 2021 to organize a farmers market operating at the Glen Burnie Town Center Plaza on Thursdays during the summer and fall season. Approximately 35 vendors participated in selling produce, food products and arts and crafts. The market will continue in 2024 and promotes locally grown produce throughout the County.

Workforce Training Programs - Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corp. has a strong presence in Glen Burnie. In the past five years over 300 Glen Burnie residents were screened for enrollment in occupational training programs. In 2022-23 Glen Burnie residents were awarded 78 stipends for training, 46 stipends for employment, and 17 stipends for credentials. In addition, AAWDC utilized funding through the Fostering Opioid Recovery Grant to provide services to those impacted by substance abuse disorders. Over 60 individuals in Glen Burnie have been enrolled in Fostering Opioid Recovery intensive services including training. Other services provided by AAWDC in the areas include a Humanitarian Relief Fund and Impact Worker Support Fund to assist residents impacted financially by COVID, occupational training, summer employment opportunities for youth, hiring events and job fairs, and stipends for support services (transportation, computers, clothing, equipment) for new hires entering the workforce.

**Partners:**

Anne Arundel Economic Development Corp. - provides program administration and project management assistance.

Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corp. - provides program administration and project management assistance.

Northern Anne Arundel Chamber of Commerce – provides local business and farmers market support and services.

**Impact:** These projects serve to improve both the appearance and economic vitality of the community, promote local agriculture, and build a stronger local workforce.

### **Accomplishment 5: Rehabilitation of Affordable Housing Communities and Increased Homeownership Opportunities**

**Outcome:** Aging and deteriorating housing units are being transformed to provide quality affordable housing options for low to moderate income households, and homeownership counseling has helped to prevent foreclosures and sustain homeownership in Glen Burnie.

**Projects:**

Homeownership Counseling Services - Homeownership Counseling services provided by ACDS, Inc. continue to educate homeowners and support sustainable homebuying. Nearly 500 clients from Glen Burnie participated in the Homeownership Counseling program over the past five years. Nineteen moderate income homebuyers utilized the ACDS Mortgage Assistance Program in the past five years, which provides downpayment and closing cost assistance, to purchase a home in Glen Burnie. Over 1,600 eviction assistance payments were made on behalf of households in Glen Burnie since early 2021. In addition, ACDS recently initiated predevelopment activities on a parcel to develop a small (10 unit) homeownership development affordable to moderate income homebuyers. To sustain and increase the homeownership rate, ACDS conducted a number of outreach activities in the Glen Burnie area to share information about homeownership opportunities.

Improvements to Villages at Marley Station - While no major affordable rental developments are planned in Glen Burnie at this time, the County has supported the redevelopment and preservation of existing affordable units when possible. During 2022 and 2023 the County passed legislation to support a Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement for Villages at Marley Station, a well-maintained but aging 757-unit apartment complex off Crain Highway which provides affordable housing to qualified renters. The property was in need of upgrades and financing to extend its affordability, which was at risk of expiring in 2025. The County PILOT will help reduce operating costs moving forward and allow the new owners to take on debt for improvements.

Improvements to Glen Square Apartments – ACDS, Inc. provided a \$1.5 million loan, utilizing County Affordable Housing Trust Fund and HOME dollars to support the renovation of Glen Square Apartments, a 127-unit community serving low and moderate income seniors and persons with disabilities in the Glen Burnie Town Center. Major renovations are expected to be complete in early 2025.

**Partners:**

Arundel Community Development Services, Inc. – provides program administration and project management services.

Housing Commission of Anne Arundel County – provides program administration and project management services.

US HUD – provides financial assistance for property rehabilitation and rental housing production through HOME program funds.

DHCD - provides financial assistance for property rehabilitation.

**Impact:** These programs serve to improve the appearance of aging housing for low to moderate income residents, encourage stable households to locate in the community, and help to promote additional private investment in residential units.

**Accomplishment 6: Additional projects and services have been completed or are underway toward completing a comprehensive multimodal transportation network throughout the community and County.**

**Outcome:** Increased opportunities for Glen Burnie residents and employees to utilize the local and regional transit network.

**Projects:**

North County Transit Operations Facility – In 2023 the County invested \$5.8M to purchase an 8 acre parcel of land on Dorsey Road, next to the Cromwell Light Rail Station, for the future location of a transit operations facility in North County. Currently the County has funded design of the facility and will be seeking funding for construction in the future.

Anne Arundel County Transit Services – In 2020 the County’s Office of Transportation took over operation of the AA-201 Route (formerly operated by the Regional Transit Authority), which provides connections between the Arundel Mills Mall, Cromwell Light Rail, Glen Burnie Town Center, and Sun Valley Shopping Center. Anne Arundel County Transit is fare free to all county residents. The 201 Route also connects to the Brooklyn Park Connector (AA-204) and to the Arundel Mills – Odenton route (AA-202). Ridership has increased over the past two years.

North County Call and Ride Transit Services – A new North County Call and Ride transit service was established in 2020 serving Glen Burnie and other northern Anne Arundel communities. The Call and Ride is a free transit service which is funded by the County’s General Fund and serves the entire Glen Burnie Sustainable Community area.

**Partners:**

Anne Arundel County Office of Transportation- provided technical and project management assistance.

Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works- provided technical and project management assistance.

**Impact:** These projects will provide improved multimodal transportation alternatives and increased access to public transit service.

**Descriptive Narrative: Please use this section to describe any major outcomes or projects from your last Sustainable Communities Action Plan that have NOT been accomplished and why.**

**Outcome:** A more attractive and vibrant Glen Burnie Town Center.

**Narrative:** Many positive steps have been accomplished over the past five years. Improvements to the Arundel Center North, Community College, and the Plaza including street lamps, plantings, public art, signage, and a renovated Rotary Park have all contributed to a fresh and more inviting atmosphere. A strategic plan for Town Center revitalization was completed, and zoning legislation has been passed to facilitate redevelopment. Renovations are underway at the Glen Square senior community. However, beyond the central core of government buildings, many private properties remain in need of revitalization if not complete redevelopment. The County's efforts to secure a private developer to redevelop the large County property at 7409 Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard in the Town Center with new residential and retail uses were not successful and so must begin again. The County plans to seek a Main Street Affiliate designation for the Town Center with the goal of creating more resources, partnerships and opportunities to implement the Town Center Revitalization Plan.

**Outcome:** Improved pedestrian and bicycle access and connectivity to key destinations within the greater Glen Burnie area.

**Narrative:** While public transit services have expanded serving the greater Glen Burnie area, the pedestrian and bicycle network continues to need improvements. Sidewalk connectivity, bike lanes, crosswalks, and streetscape features are needed along all gateways into the Town Center and around the Cromwell Light Rail Station. The County adopted a new Transportation Plan – Move Anne Arundel! – and a new pedestrian and bicycle plan -- Walk and Roll – within the past five years. Funding and assistance from MDOT are needed to help implement the recommendations in these plans.

## Part II: Competitive Funding

Use the rows below to list competed funds sought for sustainability or revitalization projects since receiving Sustainable Communities designation.	Source (federal, state, foundation, etc.)	Amount Received	If no funding was received, what technical or other assistance from the state would help with future applications?	Other Notes
<b>Community Legacy (CL):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Glen Burnie Town Center Place-making and Wayfinding</li> </ul>	DHCD	\$250,000 (FY23)		Project administered by AAEDC
<b>Operating Assistance Grant:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Glen Burnie Town Center Revitalization Plan</li> </ul>	DHCD	\$20,000 (FY20)		Project administered by Office of Planning and Zoning
<b>Community Safety &amp; Enhancement Program:</b>	MDOT			
<b>Maryland Bikeways Program:</b>	MDOT			
<b>Sidewalk Retrofit Program:</b>	MDOT			
<b>Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund:</b>	MDE			

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**Other Funding Programs:** *examples are U.S. HUD Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), or grants from USDA, EPA, Appalachian Regional Commission, Chesapeake Bay Trust, Maryland Heritage Areas Association, Preservation Maryland, Safe Routes to School, Maryland Rural Development Corporation, Maryland Energy Administration, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, etc.*

\*Please add more rows if necessary

<b>Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Property Rehabilitation Program</li> </ul>	DHCD	\$322,050		Administered by ACDS Inc.
<b>Community Development Block Grant</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Property Rehabilitation Program</li> </ul>	U.S. HUD	\$335,100		Administered by ACDS Inc.
<b>HOME Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Property Rehabilitation Program</li> </ul>	U.S. HUD	\$315,000		Administered by ACDS Inc.
<b>HOME Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rental Housing Production Program</li> </ul>	U.S. HUD	\$840,000		Administered by ACDS Inc.
<b>County General Funds</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rental Housing Production Program</li> </ul>	Anne Arundel County	\$700,000		Administered by ACDS Inc.
<b>Emergency Rental Assistance Program and CDBG-CV</b>	U. S. Treasury Department (via County and State)/U.S. HUD	\$19,184,436		Administered by ACDS Inc.

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**COMPETITIVE FUNDING:** Are there any types of projects/needs for which your Sustainable Community needs funding; however, there isn't a funding source?

**SECTION C - SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACTION PLAN**

**Glen Burnie**



## Environment

This section describes projects involving the natural environment, our use of natural resources, and our relationships or access to the natural environment.

This category includes projects focusing on (but not limited to): the quality of land, water, and air; tree canopies and green spaces; green infrastructure; habitat improvement, climate change mitigation and adaptation; nuisance flooding,; stormwater infrastructure and management; water and sewer capacity; energy conservation; recycling, pet waste, and organic waste programs; the mitigation of environmental hazards; and parks and recreation improvements.

<u>Strengths</u>	<u>Weaknesses</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The County’s Watershed Protection and Restoration programs have been proactive in the Glen Burnie area and successful in reducing pollutant loads.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Glen Burnie is one of the more urbanized areas in the County; therefore there is a lack of green infrastructure and natural areas.</li> <li>Most of the area was developed prior to current and more stringent stormwater management regulations and requirements for Environmental Site Design.</li> </ul>

<u>Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures</u>	<u>Strategies and Action Items</u>	<u>Implementation Partners</u>
<p>Outcome 1: Improved stormwater management and reduced pollutant loads from stormwater runoff.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Complete additional SWM retrofit projects currently funded or under design as identified by the County Watershed Protection and Restoration Services.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Complete additional stream restoration projects planned in the Capital Improvement Program for Sawmill Creek and Marley Creek tributaries.</p> <p>Strategy B: Incorporate environmental site design features in all redevelopment and infill projects to the maximum extent practicable to reduce stormwater pollutant loads.</p> <p>Strategy C: In addition to the County Capital Improvement Program, identify and pursue all other grant funding sources to help finance watershed restoration initiatives.</p>	<p>County Dept. of Public Works, Watershed Protection &amp; Restoration Services, Bureau of Engineering;</p> <p>County Dept. of Inspections &amp; Permits;</p> <p>MD Department of Environment;</p> <p>Private Developers</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Increased green infrastructure in the community.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Identify opportunity sites for additional green infrastructure.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Incorporate green infrastructure into site planning for any future County land acquisitions for public facilities and for private development.</p>	<p>County Office of Planning and Zoning;</p> <p>County Department of Recreation and Parks;</p> <p>Private Developers and Property Owners</p>

## Economy

This section is centered on economic growth and management.

Strengths and weaknesses might focus on the following: business attraction & retention; improving and maintaining the health of business districts, downtowns, and main streets; commercial vacancy reduction; workforce attraction and retention; employment/job training; marketing, branding, and tourism; improving or creating economic impact of cultural and historic assets; providing technical and financial assistance to businesses; commercial building acquisition, rehabilitation and/or adaptive re-use; and creating a sense of place and vibrancy through streetscaping and beautification.

<u>Strengths</u>	<u>Weaknesses</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The community is strategically located in the regional marketplace, given its good highway access and proximity to BWI Airport, Baltimore, and Annapolis.</li> <li>● The office and retail markets are primarily local-serving but are perceived to be healthy in this niche.</li> <li>● The Baltimore Washington Medical Center has a positive economic impact in the area.</li> <li>● A number of new businesses have opened in the area over the past five years including several new restaurants in the Town Center and a Lidl grocery.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Office and retail vacancies can be higher than desirable in certain locations, such as in some of the older buildings near the Town Center, in Marley Station Mall, and in the Cromwell Shopping Center.</li> <li>● Some of the older retail and office establishments need to be updated or revitalized, and their appearance may discourage potential users.</li> <li>● Due to the lack of vacant land, it is difficult for Glen Burnie to attract newer businesses or office parks since location in Glen Burnie will typically require renovation of an older building or redevelopment.</li> </ul>

<u>Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures</u>	<u>Strategies and Action Items</u>	<u>Implementation Partners</u>
<p>Outcome 1: Glen Burnie is home to a successful and competitive business community, and the primary commercial corridors are thriving and attractive places to open or expand a business.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Outdated, deteriorating, and underutilized commercial retail and office properties have been revitalized and fully occupied.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Create partnerships with private stakeholders including realtors, lenders, business owners, and developers to focus attention on priority commercial sites for new business attraction, expansion, and revitalization, with focus on the Cromwell Shopping Center and Marley Station Mall, and to collaborate with marketing and outreach.</p> <p>Strategy B: Secure a development team to redevelop the County-owned site at 7409 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd.</p> <p>Strategy C: Expand the Glen Burnie Farmers Market to include additional vendors and provide a wide range of goods including arts and crafts.</p>	<p>AAEDC; Northern Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce; County Office of Central Services; Private developers</p>
<p>Outcome 2: A highly trained and skilled workforce.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Increased workforce development activities are held in the Glen Burnie community.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Use the Glen Burnie Library to expand workforce development services including one-on-one career services and workforce centered workshops.</p> <p>Strategy B: Partner with AACC to expand AAWDC services in the Glen Burnie area utilizing office space at AACC in the Glen Burnie Town Center.</p>	<p>Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corp.;; AAEDC; Anne Arundel Community College; North Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce</p>

# Transportation

This section describes the way people in your community get from place to place.

Strengths, weaknesses and outcomes can focus on: access to transit corridors; pedestrian safety and accessibility; sidewalks; alternative modes of transportation, such as bikeways and trails; public transit, such as bus and rail; carpooling; proximity to transportation centers; parking; and road conditions.

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to a good regional highway network (MD 3, MD 2, MD 100, I-695, I-97).</li> <li>Access to public transit via the MTA Light Rail and Anne Arundel County Transit.</li> <li>The B&amp;A Trail connects the Glen Burnie community to Annapolis and other points in the County.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack of complete connectivity between all neighborhoods and key public facilities and services.</li> <li>Incomplete sidewalk connectivity, bike lanes, crosswalks, and streetscape features along all gateways into the Town Center and around the Cromwell Light Rail Station.</li> </ul>

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Improved pedestrian and bicycle access and connectivity to key destinations within the greater Glen Burnie area.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Develop an implementation schedule for pedestrian and bicycle connectivity needs in the Glen Burnie area.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Obtain funding and implement recommendations from the Walk and Roll Plan to improve pedestrian and bicycle access to the Cromwell Light Rail Station, including bicycle lanes on 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW and B&amp;A Boulevard.</p> <p>Strategy B: Provide crosswalks where absent at frequent pedestrian crossing locations. One example is at the intersection of Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard and Dorsey Road.</p> <p>Strategy C: Secure funding to complete the Glen Burnie Gateways to improve sidewalk connectivity and streetscapes along Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard, with the segment from MD 2 to MD 10 as a priority.</p> <p>Strategy D: Install additional lighting around the Cromwell Light Rail Station to improve pedestrian safety.</p>	<p>County Department of Public Works; County Office of Transportation; State Highway Administration</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Increased transit ridership with better connectivity to the local and regional transit network.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Obtain funding for additional transit-related capital improvements.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Complete design of the new Transit Operations Facility in Glen Burnie and obtain funding for construction.</p> <p>Strategy B: Obtain a State TOD designation for the area around the Cromwell Light Rail and Cromwell Shopping Center.</p>	<p>MD Transit Administration; County Department of Public Works; County Office of Transportation</p>

## Housing

This section focuses on the homes in which people in your community live and efforts which make it easier for them to find and stay in a place to call home.

Strengths, weaknesses and outcomes might focus on the following: affordability; increasing homeownership; increasing rental housing; diversifying the kinds of housing available; improving housing conditions (interior or exterior); housing programs; aging in place; preventing foreclosures; and reducing residential vacancies.

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A diverse range of housing types including single family homes, townhomes, apartments, and housing for elderly of moderate means.</li> <li>The variety of housing types, quality, and price offers housing opportunities for a diverse range of households and a good supply of affordable housing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some residential neighborhoods experience scattered nuisance and aesthetic issues and poor upkeep of properties.</li> </ul>

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: A variety of housing options are preserved and available including quality workforce housing.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Additional owner-occupied homes and affordable rental units have been rehabilitated.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Provide financial assistance to complete upgrades to the Villages at Marley Station apartment community.</p> <p>Strategy B: Complete renovations to the Glen Square Senior apartment community.</p> <p>Strategy C: Continue marketing of the Property Rehabilitation Program in the Glen Burnie area, and identify neighborhoods that may need a targeted focus.</p>	<p>ACDS, Inc.; Housing Commission of Anne Arundel County; MD DHCD</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Homebuyers are adequately educated on affordable and sustainable homebuyer opportunities, and renters have adequate budget and credit knowledge to remain in stable housing.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Homeownership Counseling has been provided to 500 income eligible residents and Mortgage Assistance has been provided to 20 moderate income homebuyers in Glen Burnie.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Expand marketing of Homeownership and Foreclosure Counseling, Eviction Prevention Assistance, and Mortgage Assistance programs in the community.</p>	<p>ACDS, Inc.</p>

## Community Health and Quality of Life

This section is concerned with public health, community culture, and the day-to-day life of community residents.

This category includes projects focusing on (but not limited to): improvement of public health including improving community design to promote healthy behaviors such as walking and strengthening community support and connectedness through health and wellness programs and facilities that create inclusive communities. These projects may include built environment, indoor spaces, outdoor environments such as increasing community gardens and access to services including educational facilities and programs; health and wellness facilities and programs that serve multi-generations; senior facilities and programs; youth facilities and programs; facilities and programs for the disabled; civic amenities, access to quality food options; collaborations with faith-based organizations; arts and entertainment education; and homelessness prevention, services, and facilities. Projects should include community engagement that includes participation in the selection of strategies and outcomes, progress reports, and evaluation.

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anne Arundel Community College maintains a campus in the Glen Burnie Town Center and offers many technology and workforce development classes.</li> <li>Community amenities include several local parks, the Glen Burnie Regional Library, the Pascal Senior Center, and the Kuethe Library.</li> <li>Baltimore Washington Medical Center serves the area along with many private medical practices and services.</li> <li>The Chesapeake Arts Center serves the Glen Burnie community with a wide variety of classes, performances, and events.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Glen Burnie Library serves over twice the population of that served by other County libraries and needs to be expanded.</li> <li>There is increasing demand for recreational activities in the community with limited additional land area available.</li> </ul>

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: The Glen Burnie community is served by a modern state-of-the-art library.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Increased library services and activities in the community.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Complete design and construction of the new expanded Glen Burnie Library.</p> <p>Strategy B: Partner with the County’s Historic Preservation Program to promote the Library’s new Local History Resource Center.</p>	<p>Anne Arundel County Libraries; County Office of Planning and Zoning</p>
<p>Outcome 2: All area residents have access to a range of recreational opportunities.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Additional recreation opportunities are available.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Complete design and construction of improvements at the North Arundel Aquatic Center.</p> <p>Strategy B: Provide wayfinding signage for the B&amp;A Trail and install a crosswalk at the Central Avenue crossing.</p>	<p>County Dept. of Recreation and Parks</p>

## Local Planning and Staffing Capacity

This section is concerned with a local government’s ability to plan for the community’s future and to meet the current needs of residents.

Strengths, weaknesses and outcomes might focus on the following: updating zoning ordinances or land use; updating municipal/local policies, taxes, fees, etc.; increasing local government staff capacity; and updating planning documents like sector plans or comprehensive plans.

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The area was developed before the era of rapid suburbanization and offers a denser and more urban type of setting than most parts of the County.</li> <li>Residential development patterns allow for walkable neighborhoods in proximity to services and amenities.</li> <li>Proactive community association and local stakeholders are engaged in planning for the community’s future.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Historical pattern of commercial development along the MD 2 corridor makes the creation of an attractive, vibrant, and pedestrian friendly commercial district challenging.</li> </ul>

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: A more attractive and vibrant Glen Burnie Town Center.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Implement recommendations from the Glen Burnie Town Center Revitalization Plan.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Complete the Glen Burnie Town Center Place-making and Wayfinding Project.</p> <p>Strategy B: Apply for a Main Street Affiliate designation for the core area in the Town Center.</p> <p>Strategy C: Develop a community brand to create and reinforce an identity for the Town Center.</p> <p>Strategy D: Explore opportunities to further activate the Town Center Plaza and introduce enhancements to the space.</p> <p>Strategy E: Improve the County surface parking lot adjacent to the B&amp;A Trail to make better use of its location central to the Town Center, improve its appearance, and activate the space for additional uses.</p>	<p>AAEDC; County Office of Planning and Zoning; Northern Anne Arundel Chamber of Commerce</p>

**Glen Burnie Sustainable Community  
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 Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks  
 Anne Arundel County Department of Aging and Disabilities  
 Anne Arundel County Public Schools  
 Anne Arundel County Office of Transportation  
 Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works Watershed Services  
 Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works Highways  
 Anne Arundel County Police Department  
 Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation

## SIGNATURE LETTER

On behalf of Anne Arundel County, I hereby approve the application for renewal of the Sustainable Communities designation for Glen Burnie. I understand that the Disclosure Authorization and Certification from the original Sustainable Communities application continues to apply to the applicant local government, and as such the applicant agrees that not attaching an objection constitutes consent to the information being made available to the public, and a waiver of any rights the applicant may have regarding this information under Maryland’s Access to Public Records Act, State Government Article, Section 10-611 et seq. of the Annotated Code of Maryland.


I also confirm that I am named or a former holder of my current title is named as an authorized official for the Sustainable Communities designation for my local government in the Local Government Authorization submitted with the original application.

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