

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION

Linking it All Together

Transportation is a vital necessity for the economic health of Maryland's communities and business districts, and can be catalysts for revitalization. One component of a sustainable downtown is the availability of transportation alternatives. A walkable and bicycle-friendly community provides residents and visitors with safe and healthy alternatives to driving. Creating a balanced transportation system that responds to the needs of drivers, transit riders, pedestrians, and bicyclists, can make the community a more livable, vibrant, and social place to live and visit.

Sustainable transportation means reducing automobile vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by choosing other modes, such as walking, bicycling, car pooling, and mass transit. This helps to reduce traffic congestion, pollution, lower road maintenance costs, and improve safety. Encouraging walking throughout the downtown not only improves individual and public health, but can also improve the downtown's economic health, by encouraging more pedestrian traffic—and potential customers—to pass in front of downtown stores.

CREATING WALKABLE COMMUNITIES

A walkable community is one that is easily navigated on foot and one that accommodates bicycle travel, too. However, walkability is about more than roads, bike lanes, and sidewalks; a walkable community is one whose businesses, homes, public spaces, and infrastructure all contribute to non-motorized travel. Town centers with diverse retail, commercial, and housing opportunities, safe and appealing public spaces, and interconnected streets and sidewalks all help to encourage walking.

Making Main Street more walkable can require major infrastructure changes, such as the Bel Air Streetscape project described on this page. Such initiatives are best implemented at the municipal or county level. However, individual business owners, employees, and residents can also have an impact. For example, installing bicycle racks in front of businesses can remove one of the major barriers to increased bicycle use. Assisting downtown businesses in creating carpools can reduce the number of cars on the road and make the downtown more pedestrian and bicycle-friendly. Organizations such as BikeWalk and Walkable Communities, Inc. offer walkability audits for communities and workshops to find practical solutions to transportation issues.



The streetscape project for Main Street in Bel Air accommodates vehicles and parking while upgrading sidewalks and street crossings for pedestrians.

Photo credit: The Town of Bel Air

Green Communities in Action: Bel Air Main Street Improvements

Bel Air's half-mile long Main Street is the heart of downtown. Its businesses, restaurants, and shops are popular destinations and generate considerable pedestrian traffic. In 2007, the Maryland State Highway Administration began work to enhance Main Street's streetscape. The goal was to accommodate high traffic volumes while improving pedestrian safety and complying with requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Improvements included:

- Better definition of on-street parking areas;
- Geometric changes to enhance road safety;
- Installation of brick sidewalks;
- Installation of a pedestrian island in the middle of Main Street; and
- Installation of amenities such as street trees, furniture, and pedestrian-scale lighting.

The Streetscape project was completed in September 2008; a milestone that the Town celebrated with a daylong celebration entitled "The Main Event."

For more information on the Maryland State Highway Administration's Transportation Enhancement Program visit: www.sha.state.md.us/ImprovingOurCommunity/OPPE/tep.asp

Walkability Checklist
www.walkinginfo.org/library/details.cfm?id=12
Bikeability Checklist
www.bicyclinginfo.org/library/details.cfm?id=3
Walkability Audit (Walkable Communities, Inc.)
www.walkable.org/services.html

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Green Development Codes: Bicycle Parking

A simple way to encourage bicycling is to require bicycle parking facilities. When developing a code for bicycle parking, requirements and standards to consider include:

- The creation of a certain number of bicycle parking spaces when off-street automobile parking is developed;
- The development of storage and locking facilities for bicycles;
- Design consistency and incorporation between bicycle parking facilities and the surrounding buildings and streetscape; and
- Placement of bicycle parking in safe, convenient locations that do not inhibit pedestrian or vehicular movements.

Section 164-39.5.P of the City of Westminster's zoning code contains several bicycle provisions. The code can be found at www.ecode360.com/?custId=WE0761.

HOW TO DIVERSIFY YOUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

The successful "greening" of a transportation system will involve many different parties, including neighborhood associations, civic organizations, the local transportation department, representatives from the county, Maryland Department of Transportation, and regional transportation/transit organizations, and local bike and pedestrian advocacy groups. However, there are many barriers to retrofitting the transportation system in existing downtowns, such as:

- Discontinuous or poorly maintained sidewalks and paths;
- A limited public transportation network; and
- A lack of bicycle lanes and parking (racks).

These barriers can be overcome with community-wide support, investment, and creative thinking. Investing in continuous, properly maintained sidewalks and bicycle facilities (including bike lanes, multi-use paths, and bicycle parking racks) will enable people to walk or bike to their destination, rather than drive. The development of carpooling and park-and-ride programs reduce miles driven daily to and from work. Creative parking pricing programs and accompanying public information encourage people to park the car once and run errands on foot, rather than driving from stop to stop.

Transportation initiatives often require substantial funding. Some potential funding sources include:

- Maryland State Highway Administration Transportation Enhancement Program Grants;
- Local funding initiatives such as impact fees and/or excise taxes (these require express approval from the Maryland General Assembly); and
- Other techniques, such as Tax Increment Financing (TIF).



Photo credit: of ERM

Installing bicycle racks is an easy way to encourage a pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly downtown.



Specially-designed bicycle racks can also help enhance the downtown's image.

LINKS TO TECHNICAL AND FUNDING ASSISTANCE

Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (MBPAC)

www.mdot.state.md.us/Planning/Bicycle/MBPAC.html

Montgomery County's "Renew Montgomery" Program

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dirtmpl.asp?url=/Content/DPWT/Dir/renew_mont.asp

PARKING MANAGEMENT

Parking is a valuable and important piece of a successful downtown's transportation infrastructure. Properly managed parking can attract visitors and community residents to the downtown, and can even alleviate some traffic congestion and air pollution problems. Centrally located public garages and parking lots can encourage visitors and employees to park once, keeping Main Street's focus on pedestrians. When evaluating the community's parking supply, pay particular attention to these factors:

Design: A community's historic character and resources should be considered when developing downtown parking solutions. Parking structures should be integrated with their surroundings particularly through scale, materials, colors and style and relate to the design of adjacent buildings.

Location and Signage: A convenient and well-signed location reduces congestion and gets would-be customers to their destination more quickly. Proper signage can quickly direct visitors to existing parking supplies, increasing the amount of time that visitors can spend in the downtown and out of their automobiles.

Pollution: More paved area means more pollution going into our waterways. Ensure that development regulations permit shared parking facilities to reduce the amount of paved area needed to accommodate parking demand throughout the day.

Walkability: Pedestrian links between the parking lot or garage and the downtown business district should be designed to the same high standard as the Main Street itself, emphasizing pedestrian safety, and encouraging visitors to "park once and walk." Treatments such as lighting, plantings or brick pavers will define walking areas and make them more inviting.

Pricing: A number of pricing options exist to efficiently manage parking supplies and revenues without driving away potential customers.

- Set the operating hours and prices of on-street meters to correspond with parking demand. The highest prices should be charged during the highest demand periods.
- Vary pricing and length of stay according to the location of parking facilities. On-street meters should be the most expensive (per hour), and offer the shortest stays. Central garages or parking

lots should be priced to encourage longer stays.

- Establish separate lots for downtown employees, so that "prime" parking spots are reserved for customers.



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In downtown Westminister, this parking garage is accessible, yet out of view, creating a more welcoming and pedestrian-friendly streetscape on the city's historic Main Street.

Green Development Codes: Flexible Parking Requirements

Many zoning and subdivision ordinances contain a minimum parking requirement. The City of Cumberland's Zoning Ordinance includes provisions to reduce the required amount of parking, and to allow shared, or joint parking. Some things to consider include:

- Reducing the required number of parking spaces to be initially developed based on certain conditions;
- Allow for joint uses. For example, one parking area may contain required spaces for several different uses, and the same spaces may be credited to both uses; and
- Allow businesses to validate parking for customers.

See www.ci.cumberland.md.us/new_site/index.php/contents/view/74 for more information.

The City of Westminster offers a wide variety of public parking options, ranging from on-street metered parking on East Main Street to long-term lots and garages—all of which are identified by clear, consistent signage. Time limits and prices are based on location. The City offers discounted prices for monthly parking permits in parking lots that are farther away from East Main Street, and even deeper discounts for bulk permit purchases. The City also has a graduated fine system for parking violations; the first violation is a warning, with escalating fees after that.

Parking Best Practices, Maryland Governor's Office of Smart Growth
www.smartgrowth.state.md.us/pdf/Final%20Parking%20Paper.pdf
Local Government Infrastructure Finance Program
www.neighborhoodrevitalization.org/Programs/LGIF/LGIF.aspx

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RALLY 'ROUND THE DOWNTOWN



The successful greening of Main Street depends on getting people involved and showing them that they can make a difference. Informed, motivated, and dedicated citizens and businesses are needed for a sustainable downtown, since engaged businesses and citizens are more likely to monitor and maintain improvements and new practices as well as bring new ideas to the table.

GREEN COMMUNITY EVENTS

Holding a “green” community event is an excellent way to establish and maintain volunteer engagement. It also helps to promote the downtown, one of the Main Street program’s key tenets. The event should not only achieve an immediate goal (e.g., street cleanup, tree plantings), but should also help to instill a lasting “sustainability ethic” in the downtown.

SOME KEYS TO SUCCESS FOR GREEN EVENTS INCLUDE:

Publicity: Early and repeated stories in print and broadcast media. If possible, include media outlets as active partners in the event.

Partners: Recruiting partners helps to spread the load of event planning and execution. Businesses can provide donations, post flyers, and spread information through word-of-mouth, which is often the most effective way to publicize an event. Schools are often good partners, especially if the event has an educational component. Downtown residents and community groups should also be included.

Participants: Your event partners should be the primary source of volunteer participants, and representatives from those partners can do some of the recruiting for you.

Support: Monetary support is important, but in-kind support—donations of food or materials in exchange for publicity—can be just as helpful.

Recognition: Provide a “thank-you” gift for participants, to encourage continued engagement. Even simple items like t-shirts or free food are effective.

START SMALL

While major events can bring publicity and excitement to Main Street, smaller scale community-building activities should also be part of the greening of downtown. Some ideas for these activities include:

- Reclaim low-traffic streets or parking lots for pedestrian traffic or green space;
- Host an awards ceremony (plant a tree) for Main Street’s “greenest” citizens or businesses;
- Form local groups such as carpool co-operatives, bike or walk to work/school groups. This can also help to reduce vehicle traffic from downtown employees; and
- Discuss the “green downtown” at local schools, and help teachers develop “green” curriculum as part of the State’s Green Schools initiative.



LINKS TO TECHNICAL AND FUNDING ASSISTANCE

Community Organizing Toolbox

www.nfg.org/cotb

The Citizens Handbook

www.vcn.bc.ca/citizens-handbook

Maryland Department of Natural Resources Green Schools Initiative

www.dnr.state.md.us/education/greenschools.html

KEEP IT CLEAN TO KEEP IT GREEN

Beautiful downtowns attract shoppers, tourists, and new businesses and are better places to live, work, and play. Keeping Main Street litter-free not only enhances its image and economic vitality, it's also a green practice. Litter on the streets ends up as pollution in our waterways.

Clean-up events (see below) and street sweeping can be important parts of the downtown's beautification efforts. However, working with the community to prevent litter is an inexpensive and necessary step:

- Encourage employees to pick up trash anywhere in or around their place of business, creating an ethic to not walk past litter;
- Establish smoking areas with appropriate ash receptacles for employees and customers. Cigarettes are the most commonly littered item in the United States;
- Place an adequate number of trash containers (with covers) in parking lots, at building entrances, and in strategic locations on the street. Make sure trash collection is scheduled to avoid unsightly "overflows;"
- Discourage business and homeowners from raking leaves and yard clippings into the street;
- Partner with the local government to start a "Clean, Safe, and Green" program; and
- Display 'No Littering' signs downtown.



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Small beautification efforts (left) and large events like a Team Dundalk cleanup (below) help to make downtown cleaner and greener.



Green Communities in Action: *Team Dundalk*

As part of Main Street Maryland's Clean, Safe and Green initiative, the Dundalk Renaissance Corporation (DRC) created "Team Dundalk", a volunteer group that helps to make the downtown greener and more sustainable. From high school students to senior citizens, the DRC has attracted a large and diverse group of volunteers to help enhance the downtown and surrounding areas. More than 400 people participated in volunteer activities and events in 2007 alone.

The DRC hosts five to seven clean-ups a year on Saturday mornings. Volunteers receive free t-shirts and free food (provided by the local Chick-Fil-A franchise), and a local waste disposal company provides free removal of garbage collected during the cleanup. Because of volunteer participation and the involvement of local businesses, project costs are minimal.

See www.dundalkusa.org.

Cigarette Ash Receptacles
www.preventcigarettelitter.org/how_you_do_it/AshReceptacles_brochure.pdf
Street Sweeping Technology and Costs
www.stormwatercenter.net/Pollution_Prevention_Factsheets/ParkingLotandStreetCleaning.htm
Montgomery County Residential Street Sweeping Program
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hwytempl.asp?url=/content/dot/highway/sweeping.asp

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Green Communities in Action: Green is Fun!

Making your downtown more sustainable can be hard work, but don't forget to have some fun, too! Green Drinks International is a social forum for business owners and residents interested in sustainability. Events are often hosted by a local business that supports the community's sustainability efforts.

There are Green Drinks chapters in Annapolis, Baltimore, Bethesda, Chestertown, Delmarva, Easton, Gaithersburg, and Hagerstown, as well as more than 400 other cities across the globe. Green Drinks events provide opportunities to share ideas about how to make downtown and the surrounding community more environmentally responsible (www.greendrinks.org).

Green Caffeine, started in Annapolis, is another opportunity for green-minded people to socialize and network during the daytime, over coffee. Annapolis Green is also working on various projects, including how to form a virtual eco-community (www.annapolisgreen.com).



Photo credit: Annapolis Green

An Annapolis Green Drinks event held at the Annapolis Maritime Museum.

THINK GLOBALLY, BUY LOCALLY

Greening our downtowns means making the best use of the resources in our own backyards. Purchasing food, goods, and services from local businesses and suppliers:

Is environmentally friendly: Independent businesses often make purchases requiring less transportation and usually set up shop in commercial corridors and in-town instead of developing on the fringe. They support their local suppliers, craftsmen and farmers.

Strengthens the social and economic fabric of your communities: For every \$100 spent at a locally owned business, \$45 goes back to the community; whereas, the community sees only \$14 if same \$100 is spent at a chain store.

Maintains authenticity: Supporting one-of-a-kind businesses is important to maintaining the unique character of Maryland communities as well as the economic health of family-owned enterprises.

Is healthier and tastier!: Locally produced agricultural products require less time and fewer preservatives to reach market and lose fewer nutrients on the way to market.

Puts taxes to good use: Local businesses in neighborhoods need comparatively less infrastructure investment and make more efficient use of public services as compared to nationally owned stores entering the community.

Preserves farmland: Buying local downtown supports local farm families and preserves the rural character and beauty of the greater community.



Buying local supports independent business owners who live in the community and are committed to investing in its future

LINKS TO TECHNICAL AND FUNDING ASSISTANCE

Buy Local Baltimore

www.buylocalbaltimore.com

Maryland Agriculture Exchange

www.agtrader.org

Buy Fresh Buy Local. Informational Tools

www.foodroutes.org/tools.jsp

GREEN TOOLKIT: MAKING “BUY LOCAL” AN EVERYDAY EVENT

In Maryland, there are many opportunities to buy local. Many of the State’s 90 public farmers markets are on or near Main Street. Many grocery stores and specialty shops are increasingly buying from local suppliers.

- If the downtown does not already host a farmer’s market, work with the Maryland Department of Agriculture and local growers to create or move one to Main Street;
- Promote local products and businesses at farmer’s markets and other local events;
- Create a list, map, and/or website of local businesses that customers can use. Make this directory available in public places throughout your community;
- Organize a Buy Local Day in your community and participate in the State’s annual Buy Local Week Challenge;
- Tie “local” to “green” in your marketing materials. Develop a logo or catchphrase that the local business community can use to keep the “buy local” idea in customers’ minds, and distribute stickers to merchants to place on windows or doors;
- Designate a site for a weekly outdoor market that brings local businesses together in one convenient venue; and
- Participate in the State’s Farm to School program, which encourages the use of locally-grown products in school lunches.

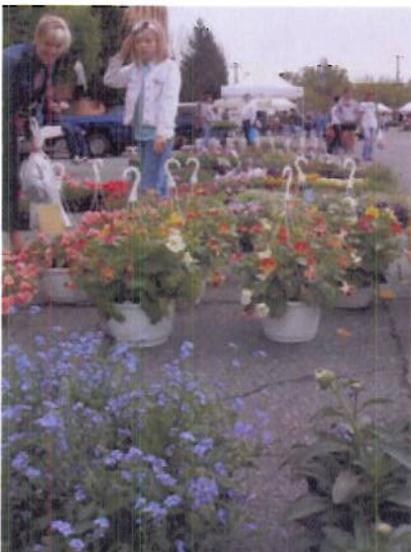
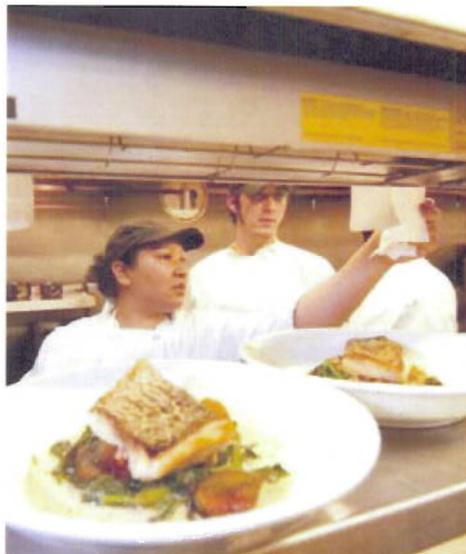


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Hosting a farmer’s market is an excellent way to buy local while also creating activity downtown.



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Restaurants can support “buy local” efforts by switching to local produce.

Green Communities in Action: Chestertown

Chestertown has made a number of efforts to go green, and can attribute their success to the comprehensive, community-wide approach they have taken. Some of their efforts to date include:

- The Mayor’s weekly radio show, which highlights ways to Be Green;
- Neighbors to Neighborhoods, a volunteer group helping to find recycling and stormwater management solutions;
- Washington College in Chestertown has started a “George Goes Green” project to encourage campus-wide sustainability;
- The Green Initiative Committee conducted a recycling survey of local restaurants and posted a list of all Green products available for sale in Chestertown on the Town’s web site;
- A quarterly visit from a Town-sponsored shredding truck allows people to shred and recycle their documents instead of throwing them in the trash;
- Frequent Town-sponsored events at the Town Hall, such as a discussion of “Affordable Solar Energy for the Home;” and
- The Chestertown website, hosted by Washington College displays all of the Town’s Green efforts: chestertowngoesgreen.washcoll.edu

Maryland Department of Agriculture Local Products
www.marylandsbest.net

Maryland Department of Agriculture, Farm to School
www.marylandfarmtoschool.org

Maryland Farmers’ Market Directory
www.mda.state.md.us/md_products/farmers_market_dir.php

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READY, SET, GREEN!

For More Information:

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources are partnering on the Going Green Downtown effort. For more information on this program or related activities, please contact the Going Green Downtown Project Team:

Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development

Main Street Maryland Program

Amy Seitz, Director
Community Access and Partnership
seitz@mdhousing.org
410-209-5800
www.neighborhoodrevitalization.org/Programs/MainStreet/MainStreet.aspx

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Coastal Training Program

Sasha Land
Program Coordinator
sland@dnr.state.md.us
410-260-8718
www.dnr.state.md.us/bay/cbnerr/ctraining.asp

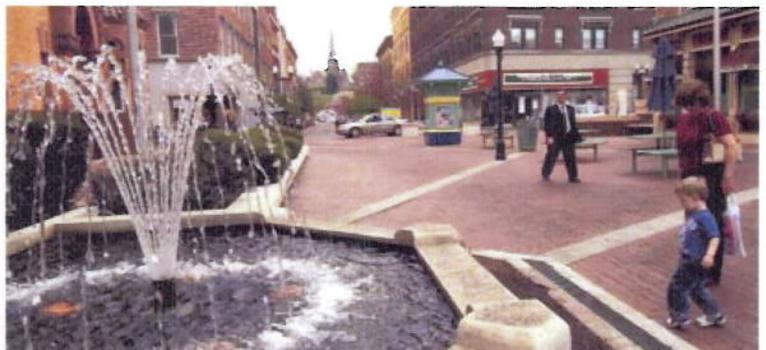
Organize: Put together a “green team” for your Main Street, including business owners, residents, and local officials. This team should exist to coordinate green activities, recruit volunteers, and build and maintain momentum within the community. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is also offering educational programs to help Main Street communities learn what it means to be green (*see the list of State contacts in the sidebar*).

Recognize: Many of your Main Street activities are already “green,” such as recycling, creative parking regulations, planting of street trees, or other initiatives. Make sure that the public knows about these successes, so you can build excitement. One of the biggest barriers to being green is unfamiliarity. If your Main Street has already started to “go green,” then you’ve already passed the first hurdle.

Prioritize: Now that you know what you’re already doing on Main Street, make a list of the activities that you would like to add to your green portfolio, and choose a few projects (or maybe just one) to focus on in the short term. Quick “wins” help to create momentum for future projects and initiatives. Although each Main Street is different, here are some specific ideas for quick success:

- Plant native vegetation in landscaping areas.
- Begin to plan and organize a green community event, such as a cleanup day.
- Install signage to direct visitors to available parking in and around the downtown.
- Revise your local development codes to allow clean and safe energy sources (solar, wind, geothermal), and to allow and encourage green roofs and LEED accreditation (or similar energy efficient building design techniques) for new construction and renovation.
- Replace missing or diseased street trees with native or compatible trees.
- Work with building owners to install rain barrels, to be used for watering of street trees and other plants.

Network: The Main Street Maryland network currently includes 23 communities. Each of these Main Streets has a different approach to going green. By networking with other Main Street managers, you can share ideas for green activities and initiatives.



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ENDNOTES

- ¹ According to a 2008 study by the CoStar Group, a commercial real estate information service. greensource.construction.com/news/080508CoStar.asp
- ² For detailed references, see www.seattle.gov/DPD/GreenBuilding/OurProgram/WhyBuildGreen/default.asp.
- ³ Source: US Energy Administration, cited in 'The Abell Report, Vol. 22, Number 1, March 2009.
- ⁴ Source: US Department of Energy. http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/consumer/your_home/space_heating_cooling/index.cfm/mytopic=12720
- ⁵ Source: US EPA. www.epa.gov/athens/research/impervious/



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**Investment in Main Street:
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Attachment D: Davis Bacon Act Justification

The DHCD will require validation that all laborers and mechanics on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through funding appropriated by the Recovery Act are paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by Subchapter IV of Chapter 31 of Title 40, United States Code (Davis-Bacon Act). The DHCD currently ensures that all contractors and subcontractors meet requirements stipulated in the Davis-Bacon Act where projects are in receipt of Recovery Act funds, and for the purpose of the Weatherization Assistance Program, has set up specific processes for verification of this requirement.

Applicant Name: MD Department of Housing and Community Dev't

Award Number: DOE-FOA-0000148

OMB Approval No. 0348-0044

Budget Information - Non Construction Programs

Section A - Budget Summary		Estimated Unobligated Funds			New or Revised Budget		Total
Grant Program Function or Activity	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number	Federal	Non-Federal	Federal	Non-Federal	Total	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	
1. Efficient Home Program	81.128B			\$8,628,240		\$90,000,000	\$98,628,240
2. Multifamily, Preservation and Energy Efficiency	81.128B			\$11,984,240		\$176,000,000	\$187,984,240
3. Green Retrofit Improvement Program (GRIP)	81.128B			\$10,489,321		\$3,807,545	\$14,296,866
4. Building Codes Adoption	81.128B			\$1,150,000		\$500,000	\$1,650,000
5. Totals		\$0	\$0	\$32,251,801		\$270,307,545	\$302,559,346
Section B - Budget Categories		Grant Program, Function or Activity					
6. Object Class Categories		(1) Efficient Home Program	Preservation and Energy Efficiency, Purchasing Cooperative		(3) GRIP	(4) Building Codes Adoption	Total (5)
a. Personnel		\$460,000	\$450,000	\$283,750	\$350,000	\$1,543,750	
b. Fringe Benefits		\$59,527	\$176,400	\$104,088	\$125,000	\$465,014	
c. Travel		\$14,500	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$59,500	
d. Equipment		\$3,000	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$150,000	\$164,000	
e. Supplies		\$1,600	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$50,000	\$54,600	
f. Contractual		\$17,500	\$200,000	\$0	\$785,000	\$1,002,500	
g. Construction		\$98,000,000	\$186,000,000	\$13,807,545	\$0	\$297,807,545	
h. Other (Systems enhancements to HES Software)		\$15,000	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$20,000	\$125,000	
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)		\$98,571,127	\$186,898,400	\$14,252,383	\$1,500,000	\$301,221,909	

j. Indirect Charges	\$57,113	\$89,840	\$44,484	\$150,000	\$341,436
k. Totals (sum of 6i-6j)	\$98,628,239	\$186,988,240	\$14,296,866	\$1,650,000	\$301,563,346
7. Program Income	TBD	TBD	TBD	No Income	TBD

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Section C - Non-Federal Resources					
(a) Grant Program	(b) Applicant	(c) State	(d) Other Sources	(e) Totals	
8. Efficient Home Program	\$30,000,000		\$60,000,000	\$90,000,000	
9. Preservation and Energy Efficiency, Purchasing Cooperative	\$48,000,000		\$128,000,000	\$176,000,000	
10. Green Retrofit Improvement Program	\$2,757,545		\$1,050,000	\$3,807,545	
11. Building Codes Adoption		\$500,000		\$500,000	
12. Total (sum of lines 8 - 11)	\$80,757,545	\$500,000	\$189,050,000	\$270,307,545	
Section D - Forecasted Cash Needs					
	Total for 1st Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
13. Federal	\$17,738,491	\$1,612,590	\$3,225,180	\$6,450,360	\$6,450,360
14. Non-Federal	\$135,153,773		\$27,030,755	\$54,061,509	\$54,061,509
15. Total (sum of lines 13 and 14)	\$152,892,263	\$1,612,590	\$30,255,935	\$60,511,869	\$60,511,869

Section E - Budget Estimates of Federal Funds Needed for Balance of the Project				
(a) Grant Program	(b) First	Future Funding Periods (Years)		
		(c) Second	(d) Third	(e) Fourth
16. Efficient Home Program	\$4,400,000	\$6,600,000		
17. Preservation and Energy Efficiency, Purchasing Cooperative	\$4,400,000	\$6,600,000		
18. Green Retrofit Improvement Program	\$4,000,000	\$6,000,000		
19. Building Codes Adoption	\$400,000	\$600,000		
20. Total (sum of lines 16-19)	\$13,200,000	\$19,800,000	\$0	\$0
Section F - Other Budget Information				
21. Direct Charges				
22. Indirect Charges				

23. Remarks

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General Instructions

This form is designed so that application can be made for funds from one or more grant programs. In preparing the budget, adhere to any existing Federal grant agency guidelines which prescribe how and whether budgeted amounts should be separately shown for different functions or activities within the program. For some programs, grantor agencies may require budgets to be separately shown by function or activity. For other programs, grantor agencies may require a breakdown by function or activity. Sections A, B, C, and D should include budget estimates for the whole project except when applying for assistance which requires Federal authorization in annual or other funding period increments. In the later case, Sections A, B, C, and D should provide the budget for the first budget period (usually a year) and Section E should present the need for Federal assistance in the subsequent budget periods. All applications should contain a breakdown by the object class categories shown in Lines a-k of Section B.

Section A. Budget Summary Lines 1-4 Columns (a) and (b)

For applications pertaining to a single Federal grant program (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog number) and not requiring a functional or activity breakdown, enter on Line 1 under Column (a) the catalog program title and the catalog number in Column (b).

For applications pertaining to a single program requiring budget amounts by multiple functions or activities, enter the name of each activity or function on each line in Column (a), and enter the catalog number in Column (b). For applications pertaining to multiple programs where none of the programs require a breakdown by function or activity, enter the catalog program title on each line in Column (a) and the respective catalog number on each line in Column (b).

For applications pertaining to multiple programs where one or more programs require a breakdown by function or activity, prepare a separate sheet for each program requiring the breakdown. Additional sheets should be used when one form does not provide adequate space for all breakdown of data required. However, when more than one sheet is used, the first page should provide the summary totals by programs.

Lines 1-4, Columns (c) through (g)

For new applications, leave Columns (c) and (d) blank. For each line entry in Columns (a) and (b), enter in Columns (e), (f), and (g) the appropriate amounts of funds

For continuing grant program applications, submit these forms before the end of each funding period as required by the grantor agency. Enter in Columns (c) and (d) the estimated amounts of funds which will remain unobligated at the end of the grant funding period only if the Federal grantor agency instructions provide for this. Otherwise, leave these columns blank. Enter in columns (e) and (f) the amounts of funds needed for the upcoming period. The amount(s) in Column (g) should be the sum of amounts in Columns (e) and (f).

For supplemental grants and changes to existing grants, do not use Columns (c) and (d). Enter in Column (e) the amount of the increase or decrease of Federal funds and enter in Column (f) the amount of the increase or decrease of non-Federal funds. In Column (g) enter the new total budgeted amount (Federal and non-Federal) which includes the total previous authorized budgeted amounts plus or minus, as appropriate, the amounts shown in Columns (e) and (f). The amount(s) in Column (g) should not equal the sum of amounts in Columns (e) and (f).

Line 5—Show the totals for all columns used.

Section B. Budget Categories

In the column headings (a) through (4), enter the titles of the same programs, functions, and activities shown on Lines 1-4, Column (a), Section A. When additional sheets are prepared for Section A, provide similar column headings on each sheet. For each program, function or activity, fill in the total requirements for funds (both Federal and non-Federal) by object class categories.

Lines 6a-4—Show the totals of Lines 6a to 6h in each column.

Line 6j—Show the amount of indirect cost.

Line 6k—Enter the total of amounts on Lines 6i and 6j. For all applications for new grants and continuation grants the total amount in column (5), Line 6k, should be the same as the total amount shown in Section A, Column (g), Line 5. For supplemental grants and changes to grants, the total amount of the increase or decrease as shown in Columns (1)-(4), Line 6k should be the same as the sum of the amounts in Section A, Columns (e) and (f) on Line 5.

Line 7—Enter the estimated amount of income, if any, expected to be generated from

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December 9, 2009

U.S. Department of Energy

RE: DE-FOA-0000148, Topic 1

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Main Street Berlin, I am pleased to provide support for the initiatives and programs outlined in the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant application.

Sustainable and green communities seek to conserve resources; provide open spaces and parks for recreation and cultivation; offer multiple options for transportation; and use natural and cultural resources wisely to conserve for future generations. The energy efficiency efforts proposed by DHCD will provide a much needed catalyst to encourage our stakeholders - small business owners, property owners, residents and the like - to implement sustainable practices that not only focus on conservation but on economic growth.

By partnering with DHCD and promoting the proposed initiatives and programs, we hope to provide a comprehensive set of incentives, both financial and technical, to encourage green approaches and energy conservation that will also foster neighborhood revitalization and further private investment in our residential and commercial properties.

We look forward to working with DHCD in the future and realizing the positive impact of these programs that emphasize a sustainable balance between economic, social and environmental resources.

Sincerely,

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Michael Day
Director



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December 9, 2009

TO: U.S. Department of Energy

RE: DE-FOA-0000148, Topic 1

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Cambridge Main Street, I am pleased to provide my support and that of the organization's Board of Directors for the initiatives and programs outlined in the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant application.

Sustainable and green communities seek to conserve resources; provide open spaces and parks for recreation and cultivation; offer multiple options for transportation; and use natural and cultural resources wisely to conserve for future generations. The energy efficiency efforts proposed by DHCD will provide a much needed catalyst to encourage our stakeholders - small business owners, property owners, residents and the like - to implement sustainable practices that not only focus on conservation but on economic growth.

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We look forward to working with DHCD in the future and realizing the positive impact of these programs that emphasize a sustainable balance between economic, social and environmental resources.

Sincerely,

Jim Duffy
Executive Director



December 9, 2009

U.S. Department of Energy

RE: DE-FOA-0000148, Topic 1

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Main Street Historic Chestertown, I am pleased to provide support for the initiatives and programs outlined in the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant application.

Sustainable and green communities seek to conserve resources; provide open spaces and parks for recreation and cultivation; offer multiple options for transportation; and use natural and cultural resources wisely to conserve for future generations. The energy efficiency efforts proposed by DHCD will provide a much needed catalyst to encourage our stakeholders - small business owners, property owners, residents and the like - to implement sustainable practices that not only focus on conservation but on economic growth.

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We look forward to working with DHCD in the future and realizing the positive impact of these programs that emphasize a sustainable balance between economic, social and environmental resources.

Sincerely,

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MSHC President

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December 10, 2009

U. S. Department of Energy

Re: DE-FOA-0000148, Topic 1

TO Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Main Street Cumberland, I am pleased to provide support for the initiatives and programs outlined in the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Application.

Sustainable and green communities seek to conserve resources, provide open spaces and parks for recreation and cultivation, offer multiple options for transportation, and use natural and cultural resources wisely to conserve for future generations. The energy efficiency efforts proposed by DHCD will provide a much needed catalyst to encourage our stakeholders – small business owners, property owners, residents and the like – to implement sustainable practices that not only focus on conservation but on economic growth.

By partnering with DHCD and promoting the proposed initiatives and programs, we hope to provide a comprehensive set of incentives, both financial and technical, to encourage green approaches and energy conservation that will also foster neighborhood revitalization and further private investment in our residential and commercial properties.

We look forward to working with DHCD in the future and realize the positive impact of these programs that emphasize a sustainable balance between economic, social, and environmental resources.

Sincerely,



Edward Mullaney

Downtown Manager/Downtown Development Commission
City of Cumberland, Maryland

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December 9, 2009

U.S. Department of Energy

RE: DE-FOA-0000148, Topic 1

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Downtown Denton Main Street, Inc., I am pleased to provide support for the initiatives and programs outlined in the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant application.

Sustainable and green communities seek to conserve resources; provide open spaces and parks for recreation and cultivation; offer multiple options for transportation; and use natural and cultural resources wisely to conserve for future generations. The energy efficiency efforts proposed by DHCD will provide a much needed catalyst to encourage our stakeholders - small business owners, property owners, residents and the like - to implement sustainable practices that not only focus on conservation but on economic growth.

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We look forward to working with DHCD in the future and realizing the positive impact of these programs that emphasize a sustainable balance between economic, social and environmental resources.

Sincerely,

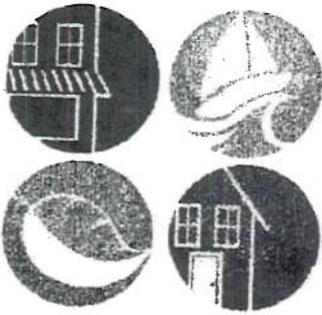
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DUNDALK RENAISSANCE CORPORATION

December 9, 2009

U.S. Department of Energy

RE: DE-FOA-0000148, Topic 1

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Dundalk Renaissance Corporation and the Dundalk Main Street, we are pleased to provide support for the initiatives and programs outlined in the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant application.

Sustainable and green communities seek to conserve resources; provide open spaces and parks for recreation and cultivation; offer multiple options for transportation; and use natural and cultural resources wisely to conserve for future generations. The energy efficiency efforts proposed by DHCD will provide a much needed catalyst to encourage our stakeholders - small business owners, property owners, residents and the like - to implement sustainable practices that not only focus on conservation but on economic growth.

By partnering with DHCD and promoting the proposed initiatives and programs, we hope to provide a comprehensive set of incentives, both financial and technical, to encourage green approaches and energy conservation that will also foster neighborhood revitalization and further private investment in our residential and commercial properties.

These initiatives for Main Streets will complement our existing activities incorporating energy efficiency and green materials into our housing renovations, and our community tree plantings.

We look forward to working with DHCD in the future and realizing the positive impact of these programs that emphasize a sustainable balance between economic, social and environmental resources.

Sincerely,


 Amy Menzer
 Executive Director


 Jennifer Funn
 Main Street Manager



December 9, 2009

U.S. Department of Energy

RE: DE-FOA-0000148, Topic 1

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Easton Main Street, I am pleased to provide support for the initiatives and programs outlined in the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant application.

Sustainable and green communities seek to conserve resources; provide open spaces and parks for recreation and cultivation; offer multiple options for transportation; and use natural and cultural resources wisely to conserve for future generations. The energy efficiency efforts proposed by DHCD will provide a much needed catalyst to encourage our stakeholders - small business owners, property owners, residents and the like - to implement sustainable practices that not only focus on conservation but on economic growth.

By partnering with DHCD and promoting the proposed initiatives and programs, we hope to provide a comprehensive set of incentives, both financial and technical, to encourage green approaches and energy conservation that will also foster neighborhood revitalization and further private investment in our residential and commercial properties.

We look forward to working with DHCD in the future and realizing the positive impact of these programs that emphasize a sustainable balance between economic, social and environmental resources.

Sincerely,

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Maureen Scott-Taylor
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December 9, 2009

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RE: DE-FOA-0000148, Topic 1

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Elkton Main Street, I am pleased to provide support for the initiatives and programs outlined in the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant application.

Sustainable and green communities seek to conserve resources; provide open spaces and parks for recreation and cultivation; offer multiple options for transportation; and use natural and cultural resources wisely to conserve for future generations. The energy efficiency efforts proposed by DHCD will provide a much needed catalyst to encourage our stakeholders - small business owners, property owners, residents and the like - to implement sustainable practices that not only focus on conservation but on economic growth.

By partnering with DHCD and promoting the proposed initiatives and programs, we hope to provide a comprehensive set of incentives, both financial and technical, to encourage green approaches and energy conservation that will also foster neighborhood revitalization and further private investment in our residential and commercial properties.

We look forward to working with DHCD in the future and realizing the positive impact of these programs that emphasize a sustainable balance between economic, social and environmental resources.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Jablonski
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December 9, 2009

U.S. Department of Energy

RE: DE-FOA-0000148, Topic 1

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Frostburg Main Street, I am pleased to provide support for the initiatives and programs outlined in the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant application.

Sustainable and green communities seek to conserve resources; provide open spaces and parks for recreation and cultivation; offer multiple options for transportation; and use natural and cultural resources wisely to conserve for future generations. The energy efficiency efforts proposed by DHCD will provide a much needed catalyst to encourage our stakeholders - small business owners, property owners, residents and the like - to implement sustainable practices that not only focus on conservation but on economic growth.

By partnering with DHCD and promoting the proposed initiatives and programs, we hope to provide a comprehensive set of incentives, both financial and technical, to encourage green approaches and energy conservation that will also foster neighborhood revitalization and further private investment in our residential and commercial properties.

We look forward to working with DHCD in the future and realizing the positive impact of these programs that emphasize a sustainable balance between economic, social and environmental resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Maureen T. Brewer'.

Maureen T. Brewer
Frostburg Main Street Manager



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December 9, 2009

U.S. Department of Energy

RE: DE-FOA-0000148, Topic 1

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Havre de Grace Main Street, Inc., I am pleased to provide support for the initiatives and programs outlined in the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant application.

Sustainable and green communities seek to conserve resources; provide open spaces and parks for recreation and cultivation; offer multiple options for transportation; and use natural and cultural resources wisely to conserve for future generations. The energy efficiency efforts proposed by DHCD will provide a much needed catalyst to encourage our stakeholders - small business owners, property owners, residents and the like - to implement sustainable practices that not only focus on conservation but on economic growth.

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We look forward to working with DHCD in the future and realizing the positive impact of these programs that emphasize a sustainable balance between economic, social and environmental resources.

Sincerely,

Diana Broomell
Manager



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December 9, 2009

U.S. Department of Energy

RE: DE-FOA-0000148, Topic 1

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Oakland Main Street, I am pleased to provide support for the initiatives and programs outlined in the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant application.

Sustainable and green communities seek to conserve resources; provide open spaces and parks for recreation and cultivation; offer multiple options for transportation; and use natural and cultural resources wisely to conserve for future generations. The energy efficiency efforts proposed by DHCD will provide a much needed catalyst to encourage our stakeholders - small business owners, property owners, residents and the like - to implement sustainable practices that not only focus on conservation but on economic growth.

By partnering with DHCD and promoting the proposed initiatives and programs, we hope to provide a comprehensive set of incentives, both financial and technical, to encourage green approaches and energy conservation that will also foster neighborhood revitalization and further private investment in our residential and commercial properties.

We look forward to working with DHCD in the future and realizing the positive impact of these programs that emphasize a sustainable balance between economic, social and environmental resources.

Sincerely,

Arlene Murray
Main Street Manager



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December 9, 2009

U.S. Department of Energy

RE: DE-FOA-0000148, Topic 1

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Town of Princess Anne, I am pleased to provide support for the initiatives and programs outlined in the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant application.

Sustainable and green communities seek to conserve resources; provide open spaces and parks for recreation and cultivation; offer multiple options for transportation; and use natural and cultural resources wisely to conserve for future generations. The energy efficiency efforts proposed by DHCD will provide a much needed catalyst to encourage our stakeholders - small business owners, property owners, residents and the like - to implement sustainable practices that not only focus on conservation but on economic growth.

By partnering with DHCD and promoting the proposed initiatives and programs, we hope to provide a comprehensive set of incentives, both financial and technical, to encourage green approaches and energy conservation that will also foster neighborhood revitalization and further private investment in our residential and commercial properties.

We look forward to working with DHCD in the future and realizing the positive impact of these programs that emphasize a sustainable balance between economic, social and environmental resources.

Sincerely,

Garland Hayward
Main Street Partnership
Board of Directors Chairman



December 9, 2009

U.S. Department of Energy

RE: DE-FOA-0000148, Topic 1

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Downtown Salisbury, Urban Salisbury is pleased to provide support for the initiatives and programs outlined in the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant application.

Sustainable and green communities seek to conserve resources; provide open spaces and parks for recreation and cultivation; offer multiple options for transportation; and use natural and cultural resources wisely to conserve for future generations. The energy efficiency efforts proposed by DHCD will provide a much needed catalyst to encourage our stakeholders - small business owners, property owners, residents and the like - to implement sustainable practices that not only focus on conservation but on economic growth.

By partnering with DHCD and promoting the proposed initiatives and programs, we hope to provide a comprehensive set of incentives, both financial and technical, to encourage green approaches and energy conservation that will also foster neighborhood revitalization and further private investment in our residential and commercial properties.

We look forward to working with DHCD in the future and realizing the positive impact of these programs that emphasize a sustainable balance between economic, social and environmental resources.

Sincerely,

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A.J. Hope
Urban Salisbury, Inc.



December 9, 2009

U.S. Department of Energy

RE: DE-FOA-0000148, Topic 1

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Main Street Takoma and the Old Takoma Business Association, I am pleased to provide support for the initiatives and programs outlined in the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant application.

Sustainable and green communities seek to conserve resources; provide open spaces and parks for recreation and cultivation; offer multiple options for transportation; and use natural and cultural resources wisely to conserve for future generations. The energy efficiency efforts proposed by DHCD will provide a much needed catalyst to encourage our stakeholders - small business owners, property owners, residents and the like - to implement sustainable practices that not only focus on conservation but on economic growth.

By partnering with DHCD and promoting the proposed initiatives and programs, we hope to provide a comprehensive set of incentives, both financial and technical, to encourage green approaches and energy conservation that will also foster neighborhood revitalization and further private investment in our residential and commercial properties.

We look forward to working with DHCD in the future and realizing the positive impact of these programs that emphasize a sustainable balance between economic, social and environmental resources.

Sincerely,

Roz Grigsby
Executive Director
Old Takoma Business Association

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December 9, 2009

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RE: DE-FOA-0000148, Topic 1

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the City of Westminster, Maryland and the Downtown Westminster Main Street Program, I am pleased to provide support for the initiatives and programs outlined in the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant application.

Sustainable and green communities seek to conserve resources; provide open spaces and parks for recreation and cultivation; offer multiple options for transportation; and use natural and cultural resources wisely to conserve for future generations. The energy efficiency efforts proposed by DHCD will provide a much needed catalyst to encourage our stakeholders in both our Main Street and Maple Street communities - small business owners, property owners and residents - to implement sustainable practices that not only focus on conservation but on economic growth.

By partnering with DHCD and promoting the proposed initiatives and programs, we hope to provide a comprehensive set of incentives, both financial and technical, to encourage green approaches and energy conservation that will also foster neighborhood revitalization and further private investment in our residential and commercial communities.

We look forward to working with DHCD in the future and realizing the positive impact of these programs that emphasize a sustainable balance between economic, social and environmental resources.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to call me at (410) 848-5294 or email me at sruchlewicz@westgov.com.

Sincerely,

Stanley T. Ruchlewicz, Administrator
Office of Economic Development
& Main Street Program Center

cc: Ms. Marge Wolf, City Administrator



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December 10, 2009

To: The U.S Department of Energy

Re; Announcement Number DE-FOA-0000148
Retrofit Ramp-up and General Innovation Fund program

We are writing this letter in support of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's application in response to the U.S. Department of Energy's Competitive Solicitation for Retrofit Ramp-up and General Innovation Fund Programs.

Over the years AGM has been an active partner in the financing of affordable housing throughout the state. In that capacity we have worked with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) on many projects utilizing our joint resources in a manner that satisfies our prudent lender standards as an FHA approved mortgagee and meets the needs of Maryland's moderate and low income families. As a private lender, we have been proud to partner with DHCD to achieve the public purpose mission of the agency.

We understand that it is the intention of DHCD to use the grant to apply existing and tested techniques to increase the efficient use of energy in existing properties throughout the state. As a licensed mortgagee, we would like to combine our expertise in HUD-insured mortgages for the preservation of existing affordable housing with the imperative of energy conservation. DHCD has asked us to partner with them in evaluating approaches to encourage such lending. To this end we would work with them in reviewing such documents as energy audits formats, for example, so that energy audits will be useful in critical lending decisions. DHCD has also asked us to process HUD-insured loans for projects covered by this grant request which we would be happy to do.

We are prepared to consider such lending opportunities as this proposal may generate and provide the Department and sponsors with a speedy response on whether or not HUD financing would be an appropriate mechanism for such projects.

We at AGM look forward to working with the Maryland DHCD on this very important and exciting venture.

Yours Truly

Margaret Allen

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Director, Demand Side Management Programs

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A Constellation Energy Company

December 13, 2009

U.S. Department of Energy

RE: DE-FOA-0000148, Topic 1

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE), I am pleased to provide support for the initiatives and programs outlined in the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant application. Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE), a subsidiary of Constellation Energy, headquartered in Baltimore, is Maryland's largest gas and electric utility, delivering power to more than 1.2 million electric customers and more than 640,000 natural gas customers in Central Maryland.

The "Preservation and Revitalization through Energy Efficiency" proposed programs will complement and leverage BGE's energy efficiency and conservation programs that support the EmPOWER Maryland Energy Efficiency Act of 2008. BGE offers both residential and commercial energy efficiency programs including incentives and rebates on energy efficient lighting, heating and cooling systems, select ENERGY STAR[®] appliances, new construction and offers residential customers help to improve their existing homes with the Quick Home Energy Check-up, the comprehensive Home Performance with ENERGY STAR audit and the Limited Income Energy Efficiency Program. BGE offers a number of programs for businesses and non-profits including a specialized lighting program for small businesses that covers 80% of the energy efficient lighting upgrade.

BGE is especially supportive of the proposed programs including the Habitat for Humanity. BGE also partners with Habitat in a number of ways including having provided a \$500,000 contribution over 5 years to the Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake (made by its parent Constellation Energy in 2008), by providing advice on increasing the energy efficiency of Habitat homes and with Mark Case, Senior Vice President for Strategy and Regulatory Affairs, being on the Habitat's board.

We look forward to working with DHCD in the future and realizing the positive impact of these programs that emphasize a sustainable balance between economic, social and environmental resources.

Sincerely,

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Ruth C. Kiselewich
Director, Demand Side Management Programs

Maryland Energy

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December 11, 2009

Karen Bahan
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Dear Ms. Bahan:

I am writing to endorse the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Retrofit Ramp-Up application submitted by the Maryland State Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). This application represents an excellent opportunity for enabling significant energy savings through transformative policies and programs—implemented locally with critical support from partners at all levels—that will be replicable throughout Maryland and the United States. I encourage DOE to look favorably upon DHCD's Retrofit Ramp-Up application and award its full request.

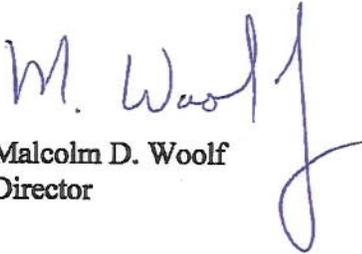
In 2008, Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley signed into law the EmPOWER Maryland initiative, which will reduce energy consumption by 15 percent by the year 2015. At the state level, MEA is making real progress and producing quantifiable results. EmPOWER Maryland goals will be met in part through collaborative efforts across state government, and ready-to-implement programs like those described in DHCD's Retrofit Ramp-Up application will be instrumental to our success.

The "Investment in Main Street: Energy Efficiency for Economic Growth" program elements of DHCD's Retrofit Ramp-Up application complement MEA's overall energy strategy. DHCD proposes to leverage its own three decades of experience as a lender and program administrator with the resources of MEA and other partners, including utilities and private foundations. The efficiency retrofit plan described in DHCD's application would distribute energy efficiency benefits across Maryland, in diverse locales, and accelerate progress toward achieving a state that is "smart, green, and growing".

MEA
Letter of Support for the Maryland State DHCD
EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up Application

In closing, if awarded, DHCD's proposal will contribute directly to meeting EmPOWER Maryland goals, creating sustainable jobs in an emerging sector, and furthering MEA's efforts across our state.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Woolf". The signature is stylized, with a large, sweeping flourish extending downwards from the end of the name.

Malcolm D. Woolf
Director



December 9, 2009

U.S. Department of Energy

Re: DE-FOA-0000148, Topic 1

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) application to the U.S. Department of Energy's Competitive Solicitation for Topic 1, Retrofit Ramp-up through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG). The Department of Housing and Community Development's wrap-around approach is one that we feel will provide significant and sustainable benefit to Maryland residents. Since 1926, Essex Bank has operated as a core community bank, serving its local community through conservative lending and prudent balance sheet management. It is this community commitment and sound lending background that drives us to pursue innovative strategies, such as DHCD's efforts to bring about sustainable and targeted energy efficiency improvements in communities across the State of Maryland.

DHCD will utilize funds from the EECBG program to expedite the application of innovative techniques, resulting in an increase in energy efficiency measures in existing residential and commercial properties throughout the state. We are particularly interested in the homeownership component of DHCD's EECBG plan, which would create a lending program to make available loans for moderate-income families in order to provide measurable energy efficiency retrofits, weatherization and the purchase of Energy Star appliances (and is based on an existing, successful grant-funded retrofit program). DHCD is developing this model to be sustainable and easily replicable and to serve as a tool for widespread market-transformation, particularly in Maryland's more rural jurisdictions. This type of innovative program will benefit greatly from the involvement of a private lending partner, and will act to leverage DHCD's grant funds and further the reach of the program. We are enthusiastic about these efforts, and look forward to strengthening this partnership.

I hope that this letter satisfies your needs. I and staff at Essex Bank look forward to working with DHCD in this very important venture.

Sincerely,

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United States Department of Energy
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Applications

Dear Proposal Review Team:

The purpose of this letter is to recommend your favorable review of the proposal from the Maryland Department of Housing and Economic Development (MDDHCD) under Topic 1 – Retrofit Ramp Up.

Habitat for Humanity of Maryland stands as a ready partner with MDHCD to efficiently and effectively implement and leverage funding to dramatically improve energy-efficiency in both non-Allocation and Allocation regions of Maryland in two key ways:

- Nine Habitat for Humanity affiliates in Maryland (Allegany, Caroline, Choptank, Garrett, Wicomico, and Worcester (*non-Allocation*); and Charles, Montgomery, and Prince George's (*Allocation*) will be constructing 150 Habitat homes for 500 residents of these communities over the next three years. These small, new, more energy efficient homes are bringing low-income families out of dilapidated, overcrowded, inefficient rental properties through completely volunteer labor and privately donated funds and materials. EECBG funds applied to these projects could be spread further with more dramatic impact as they leverage over \$10 million in Habitat private support.
- These same affiliates also operate volunteer repair and refurbishment services for neighboring low-income homeowners, such as *ReBuilding Together*. As labor and many materials for these rebuilding programs are already donated, EECBG funds could allow for more even more energy-efficient items and supplies. Again, the Habitat model of operation would enable funding to go further, even as it affects and engages more residents and resources of and for these local low-income communities.

Whether through new construction or rebuild/repair programs, these Habitat for Humanity affiliates and Habitat for Humanity of Maryland have the proven ability to work closely with MDHCD and the Maryland Department of Energy in true statewide public/private partnership. We sincerely hope that you will consider the strengths that our mission, *creating safe, decent, and affordable homes with first time low-income families*, brings to the MDHCD proposal. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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National Trust Loan Fund

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December 10, 2009

U.S. Department of Energy
RE: DE-FOA-0000148, Topic 1

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the National Trust Loan Fund, I am pleased to provide support for Maryland's Green Retrofit Improvement Program (GRIP) outlined in the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant application.

Sustainable and green communities seek to conserve resources; provide open spaces and parks for recreation and cultivation; offer multiple options for transportation; and use natural and cultural resources wisely to conserve for future generations. The energy efficiency efforts proposed by DHCD's GRIP will provide a much needed catalyst to encourage Main Street stakeholders – particularly small business owners and property owners - to implement sustainable practices that not only focus on conservation but on economic growth.

The National Trust Loan Fund hopes to partner with DHCD's Main Street Maryland program to promote GRIP as part of a comprehensive set of incentives, both financial and technical, to encourage energy conservation and green approaches that will also foster neighborhood revitalization and further private investment in Main Street Maryland's commercial and residential properties.

We look forward to working with DHCD's Main Street Maryland and realizing the positive impact of these programs that emphasize a sustainable balance between economic, social and environmental resources.

Sincerely,



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December 13, 2009

U.S. Department of Energy
RE: DE-FOA-0000148, Topic 1

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of TerraLogos Energy Group, I am pleased to confirm that we are committed to be among the first on the service providers list related to Maryland's Green Retrofit Improvement Program (GRIP) and other energy efficiency initiatives outlined in the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant application.

The energy efficiency efforts proposed by DHCD's GRIP will provide a much needed catalyst to encourage Main Street stakeholders – particularly small business owners and property owners - to implement sustainable practices that not only focus on resource conservation but on economic growth.

TerraLogos Energy Group, a private company, was founded by partners with over 30 years of experience in green building design and technologies. TerraLogos is a Building Performance Institute certified contractor in the Maryland Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® Program and performs energy audits for offices, small commercial buildings, churches, schools and multi-family buildings. In addition to performing energy audits, TerraLogos maintains a Sustainable Contractors Network, which will serve as the initial list of contracting companies that DHCD will offer as part of the service provider list. The Network includes pre-qualified contractors in the appropriate fields who understand the energy improvements recommended and can perform the upgrades properly.

By partnering with DHCD and promoting GRIP and other related programs, we hope to be a part of a comprehensive set of incentives, both financial and technical, to encourage energy conservation and green business practices. These efforts will foster neighborhood revitalization and further private investment in Main Street Maryland's commercial and residential properties.

We look forward to working with DHCD and realizing the positive impact of these programs that emphasize a sustainable balance between economic, social and environmental resources.

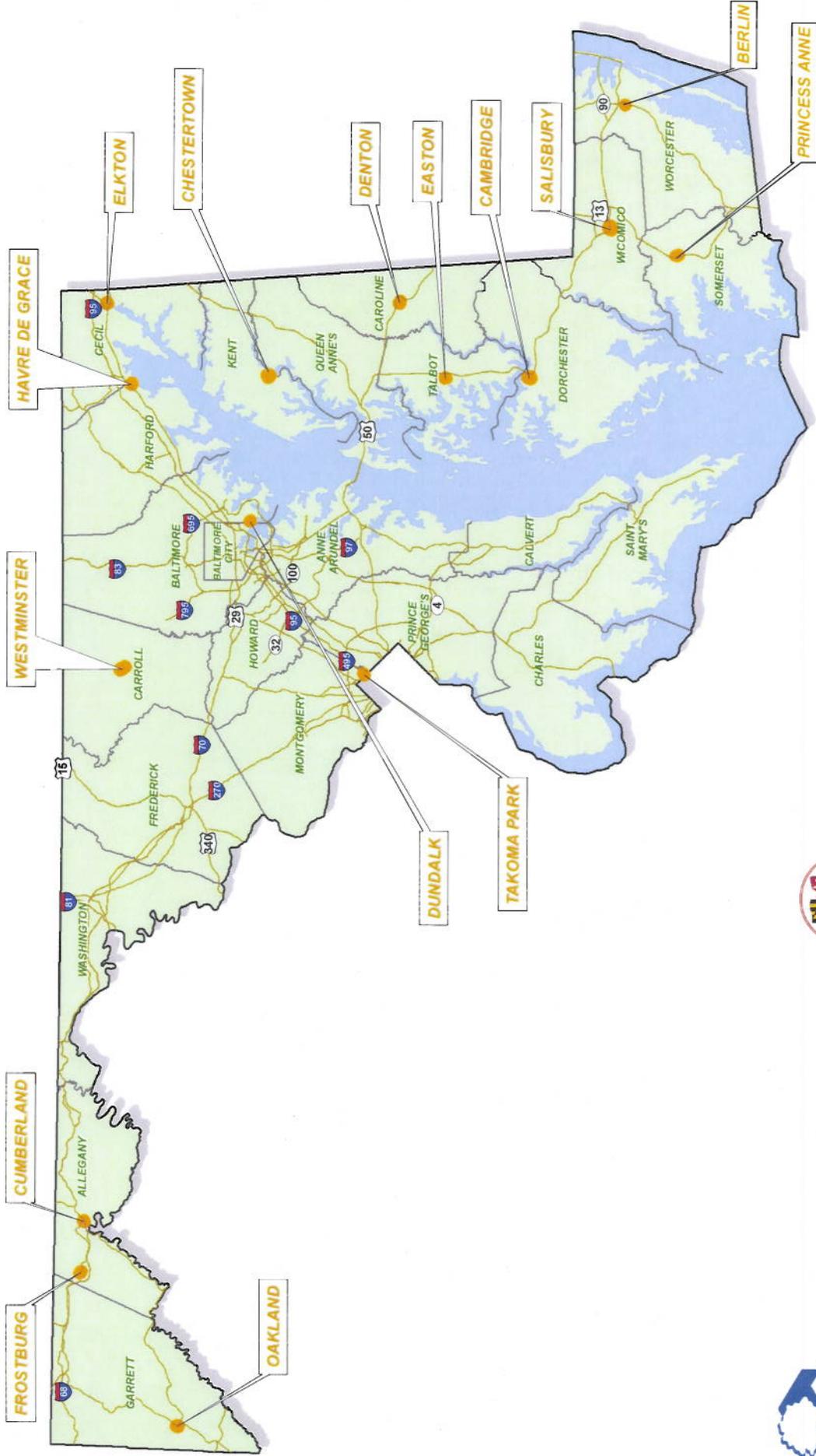
Sincerely,

Peter Van Buren, President

Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development

Green Retrofit Improvement Program

Target Communities: Main Street Maryland

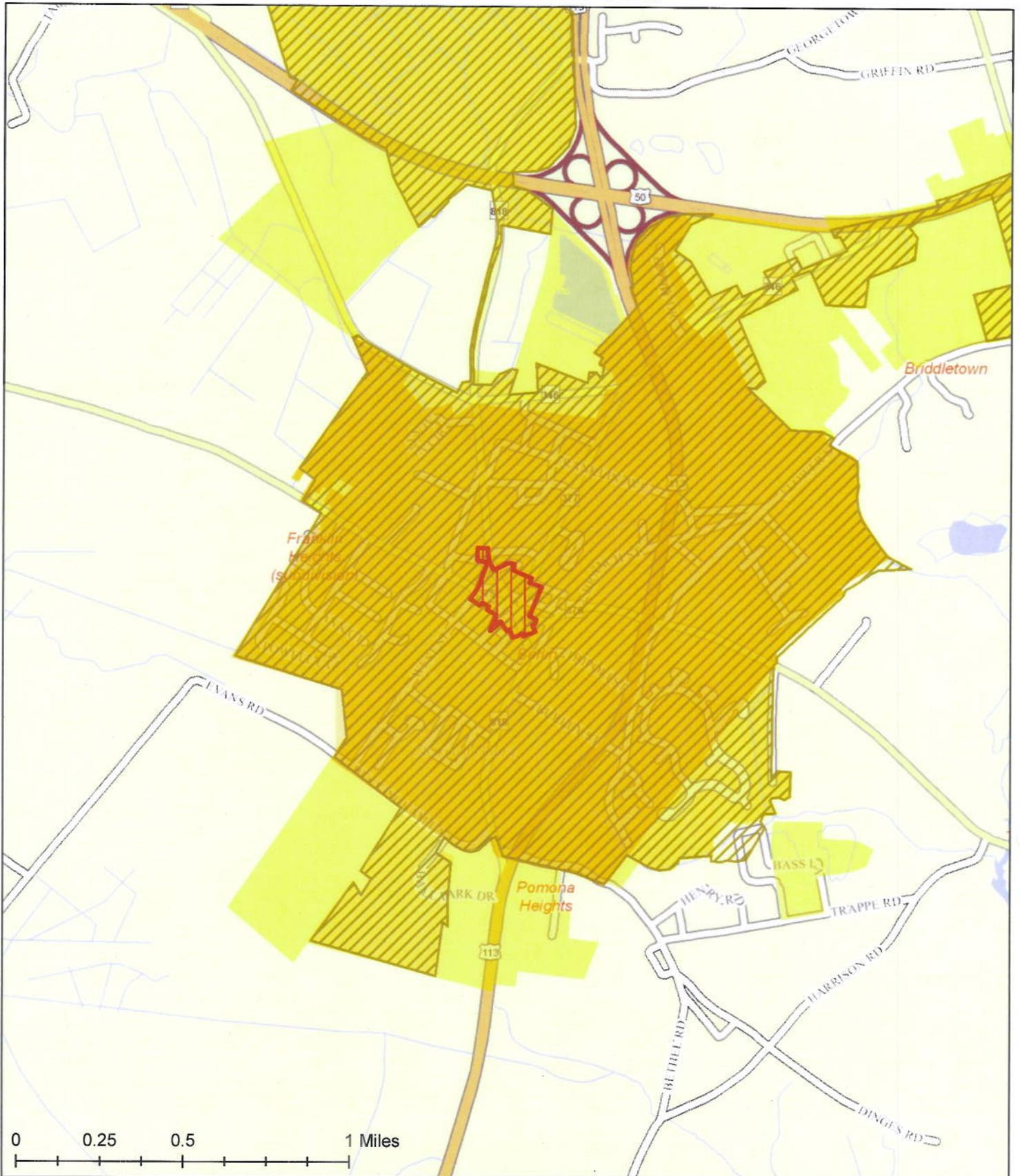


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Town of Berlin, Worcester County

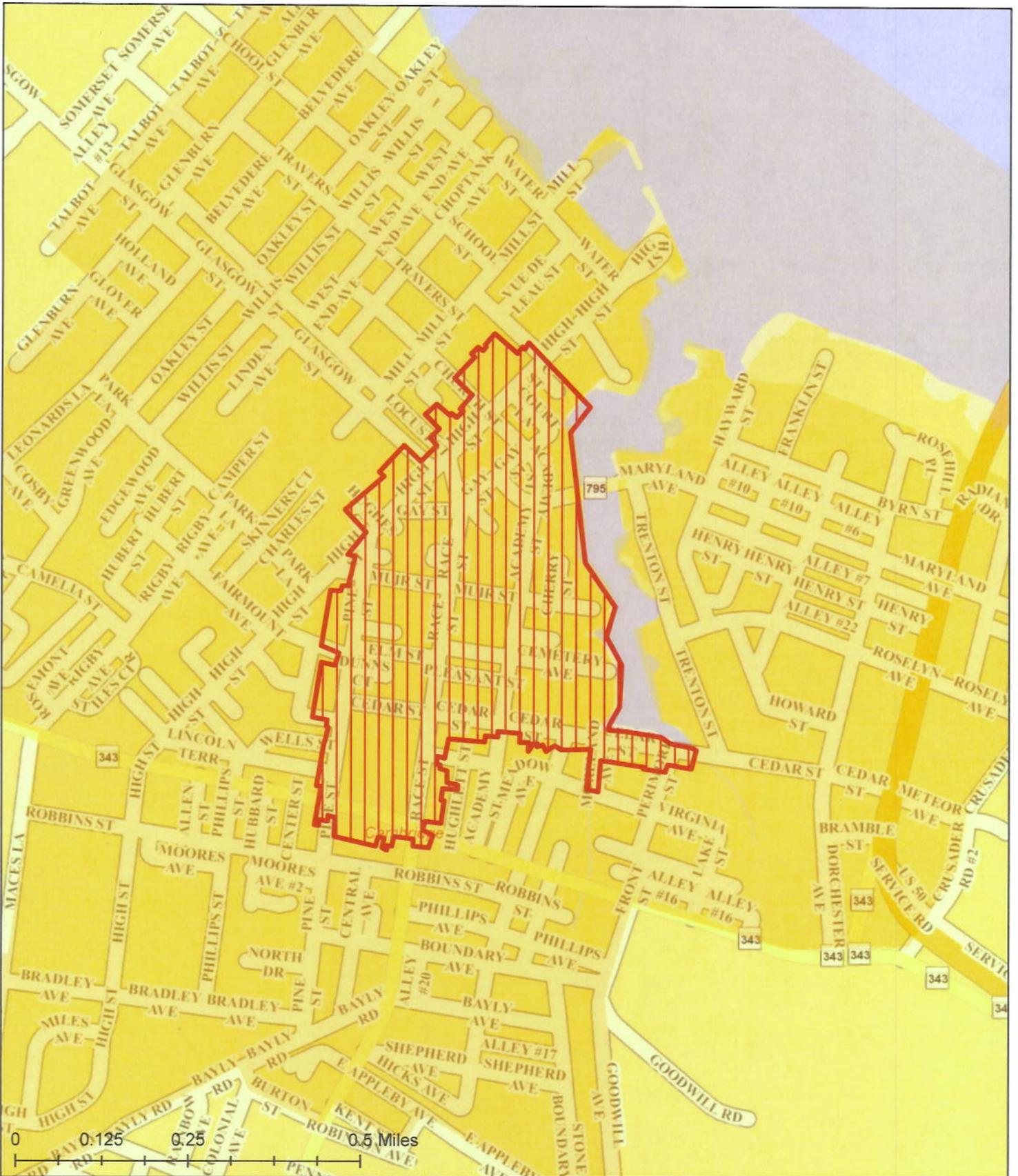


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Town of Cambridge, Dorchester County



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Chestertown, Kent County

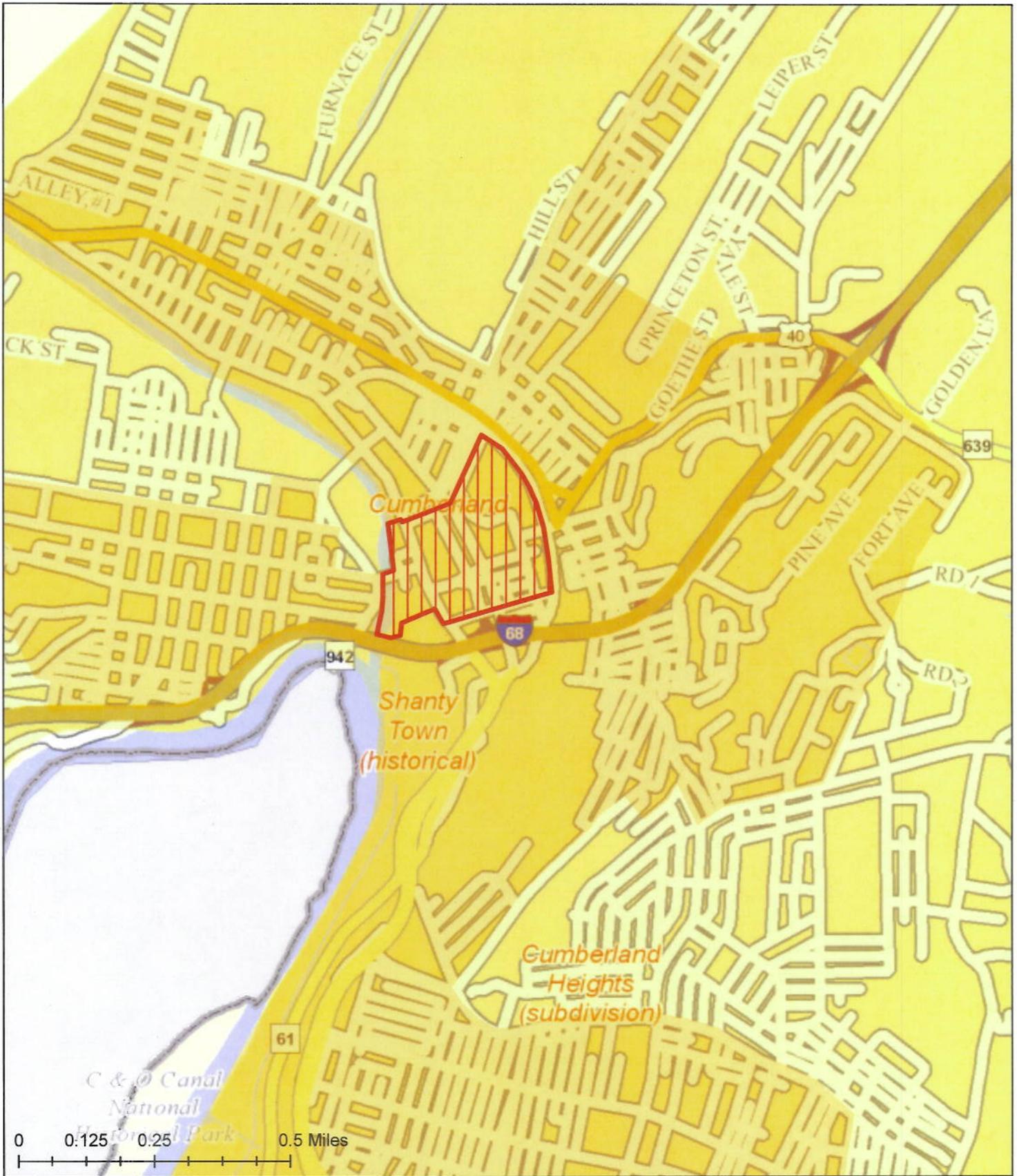


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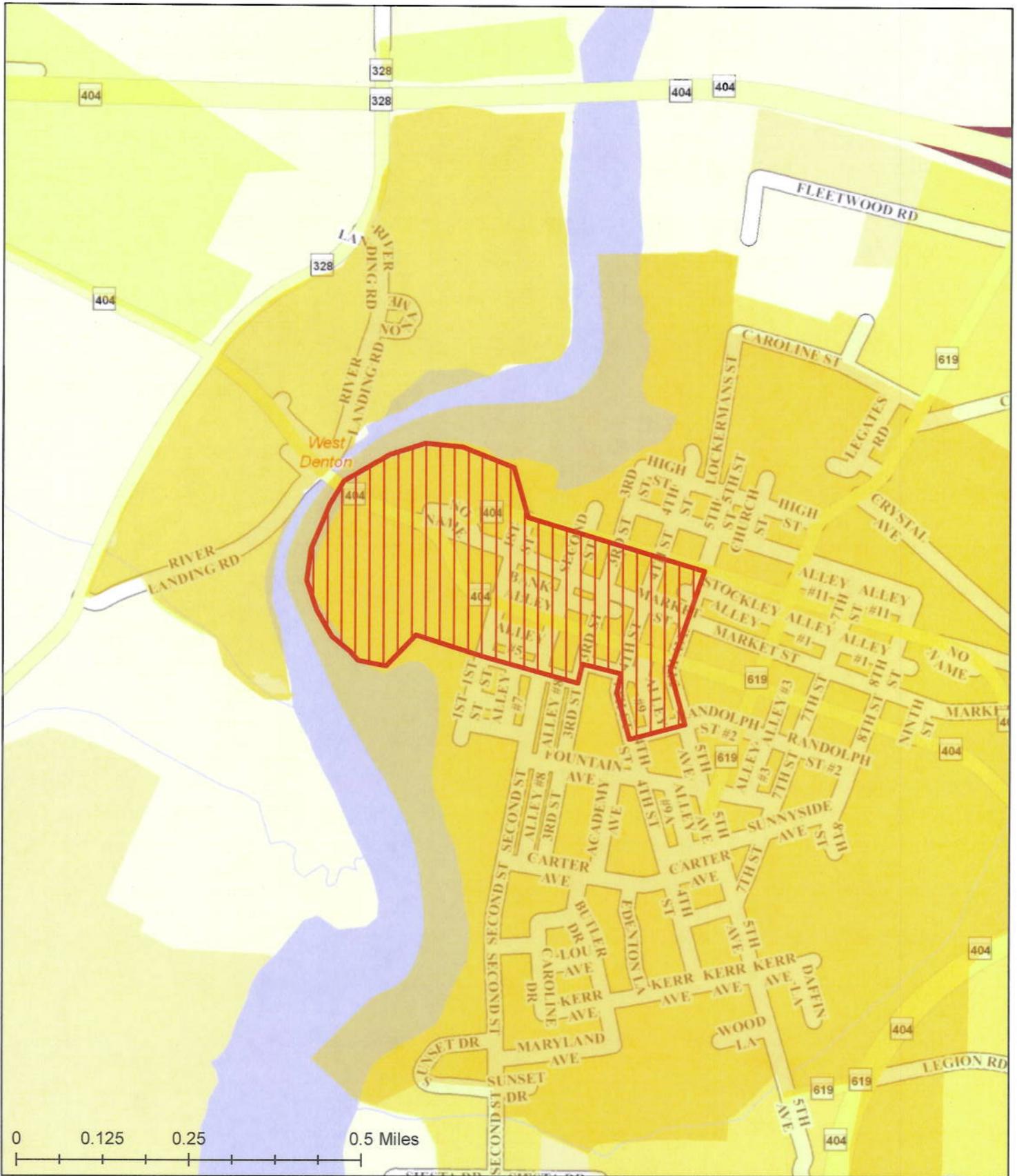
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Town of Denton, Caroline County



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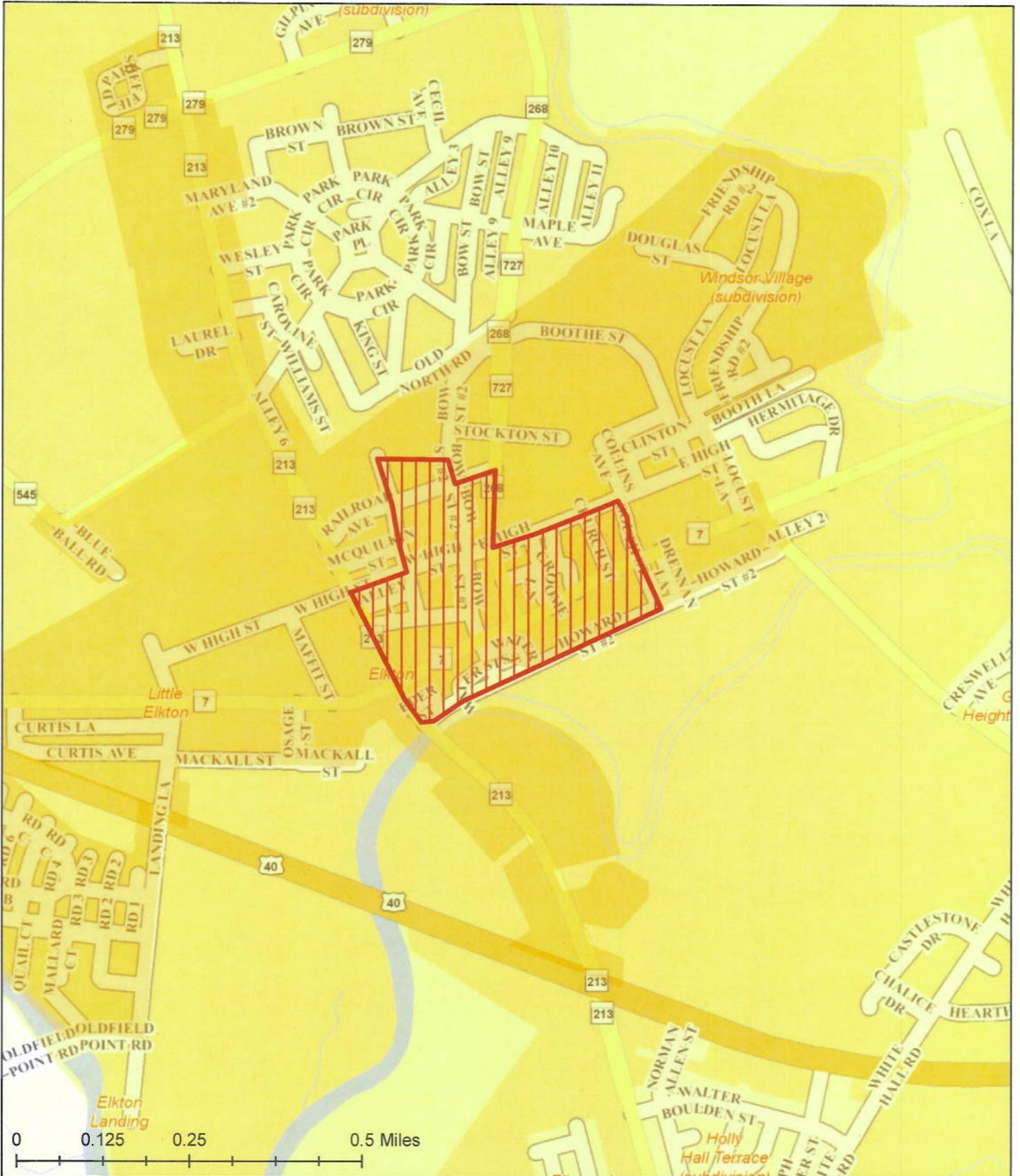


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Town of Elkton, Cecil County

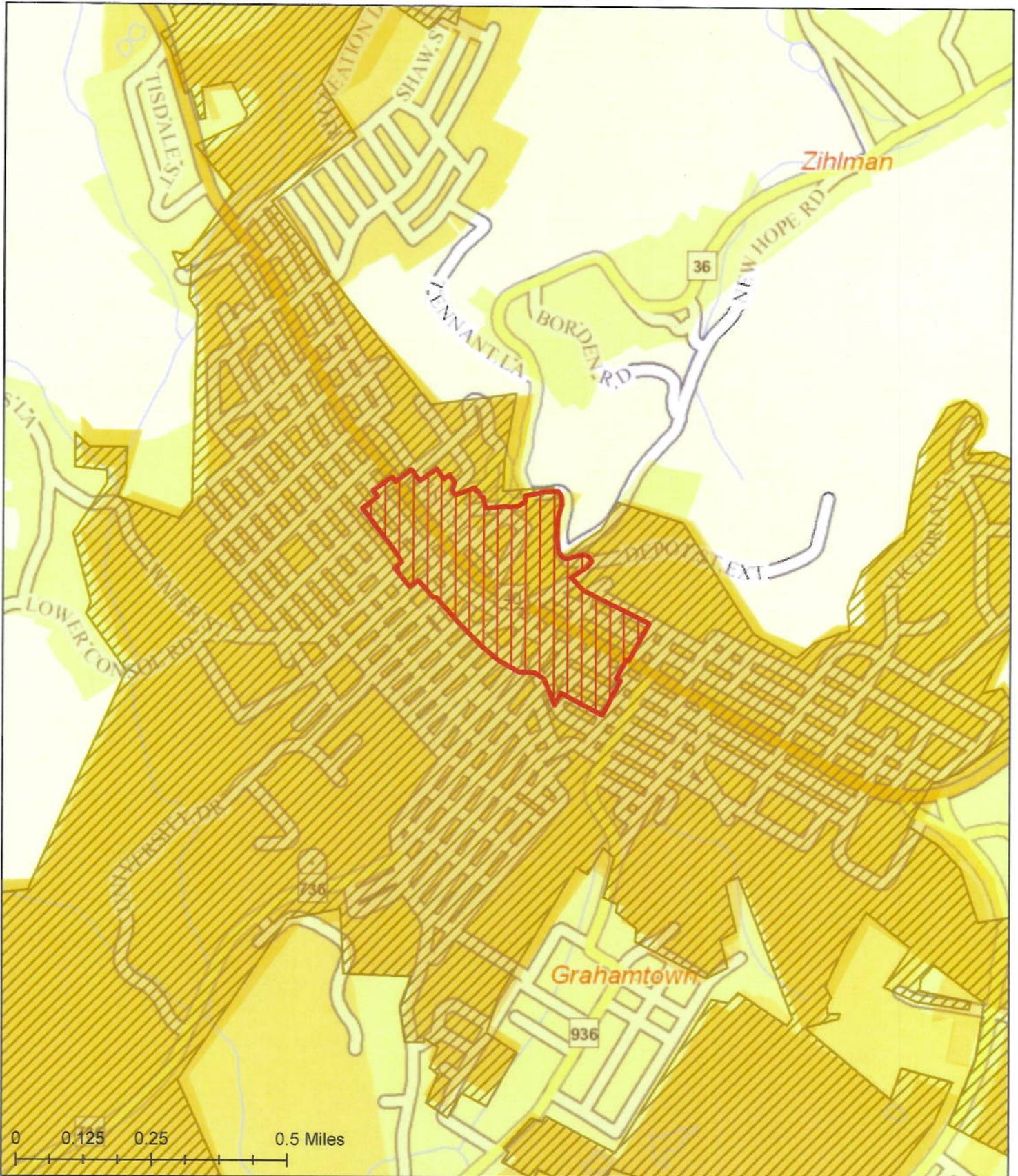


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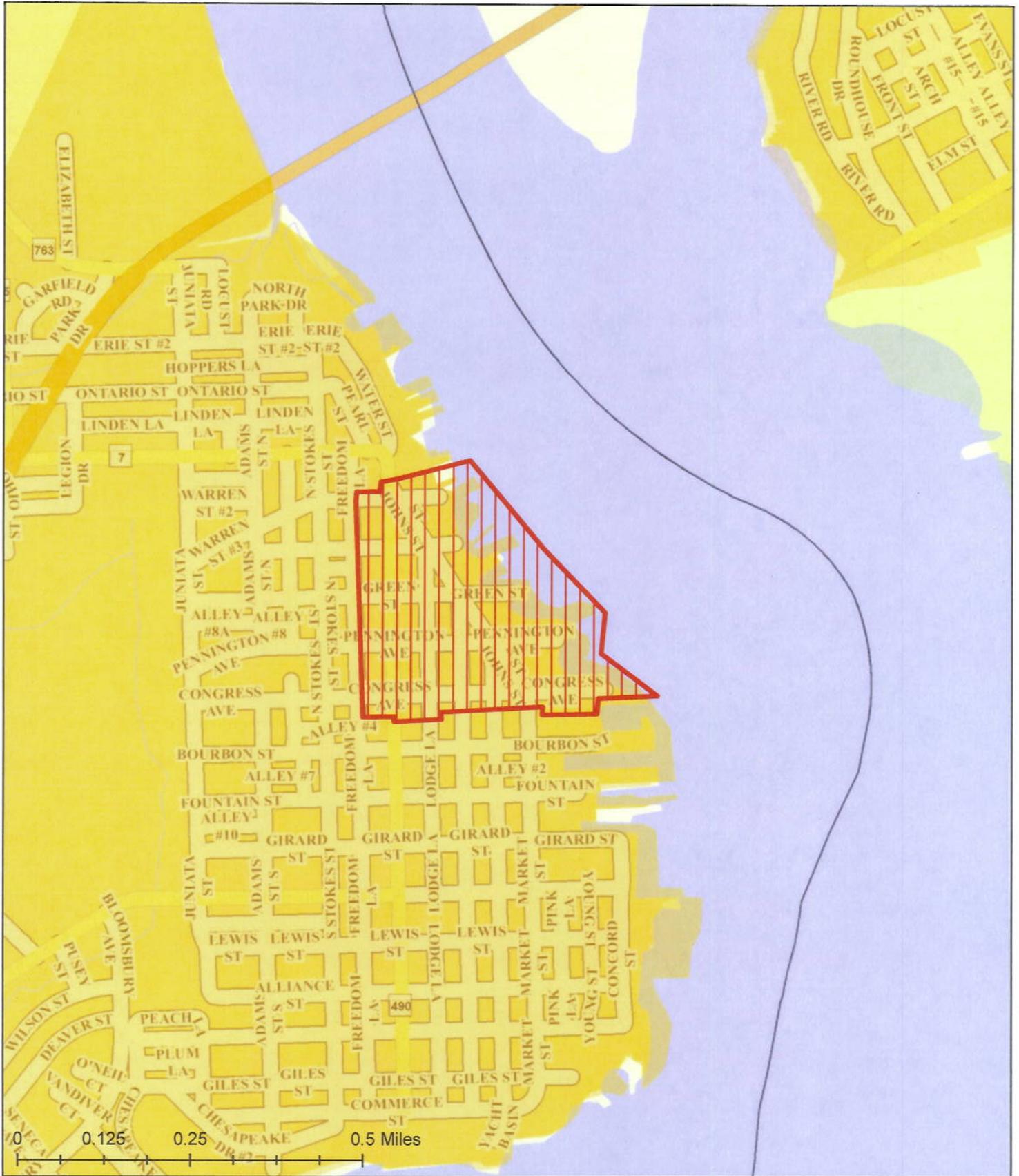


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Town of Havre de Grace, Harford County



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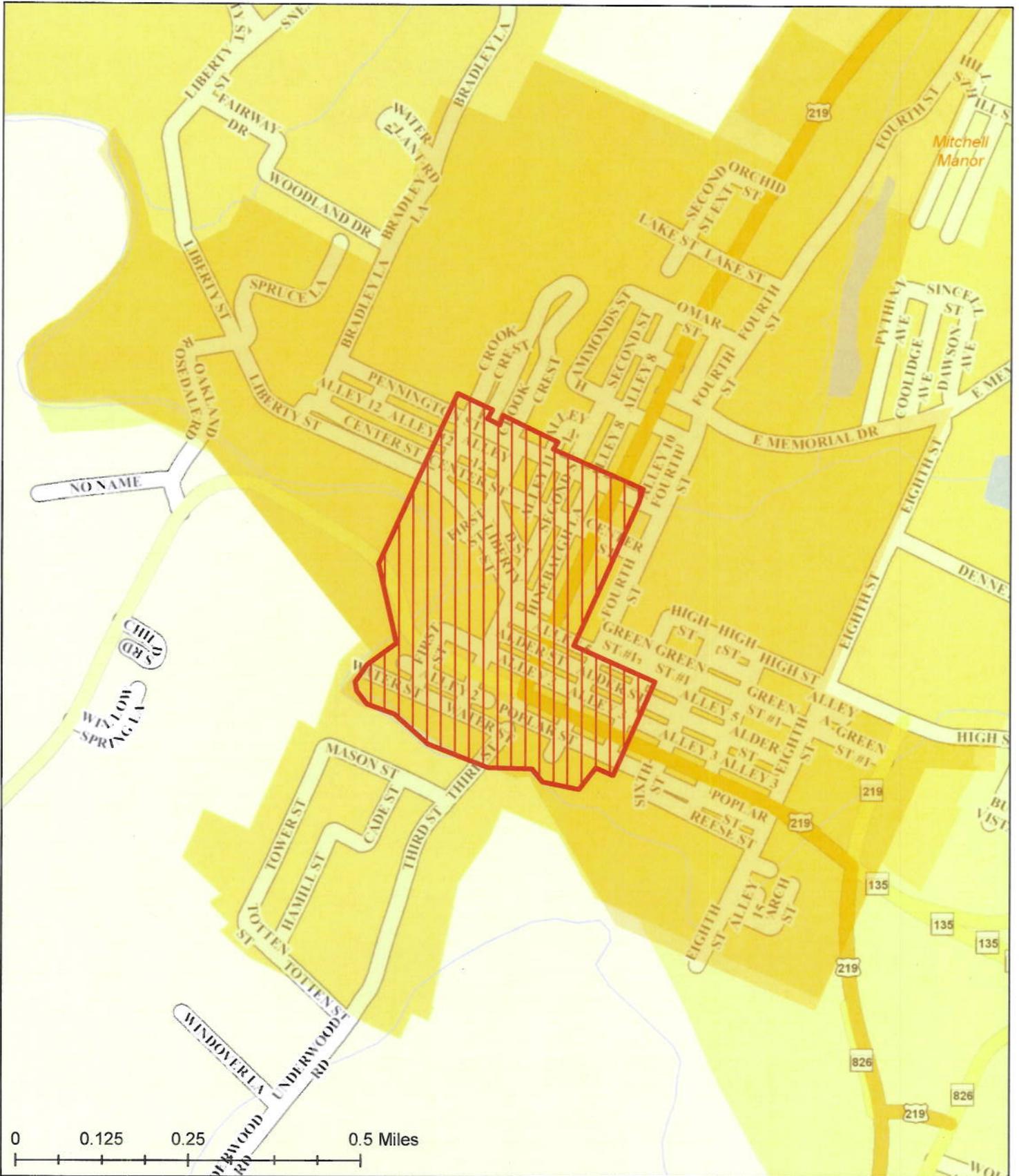
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Town of Oakland, Garrett County

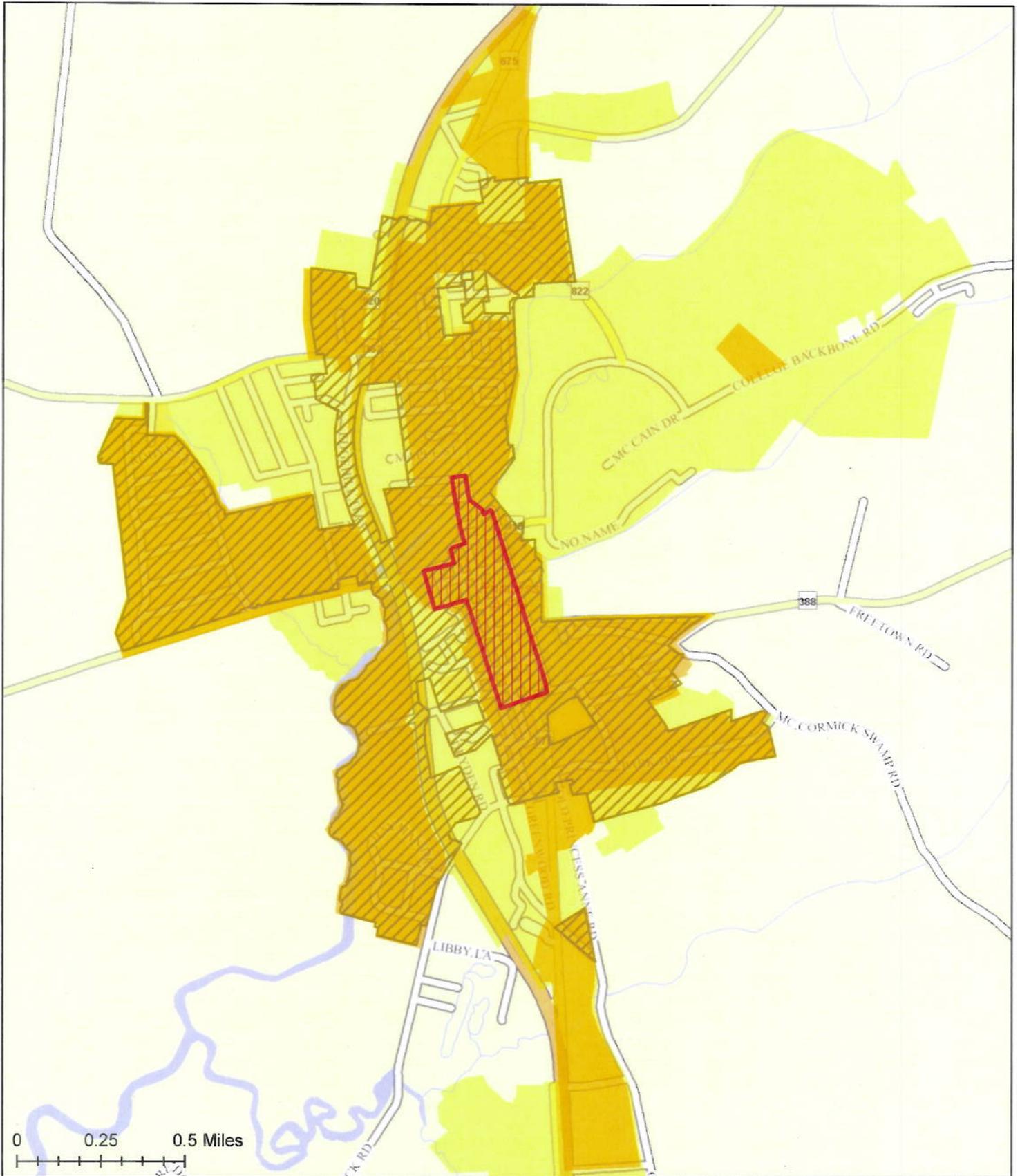


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Town of Princess Anne, Somerset County

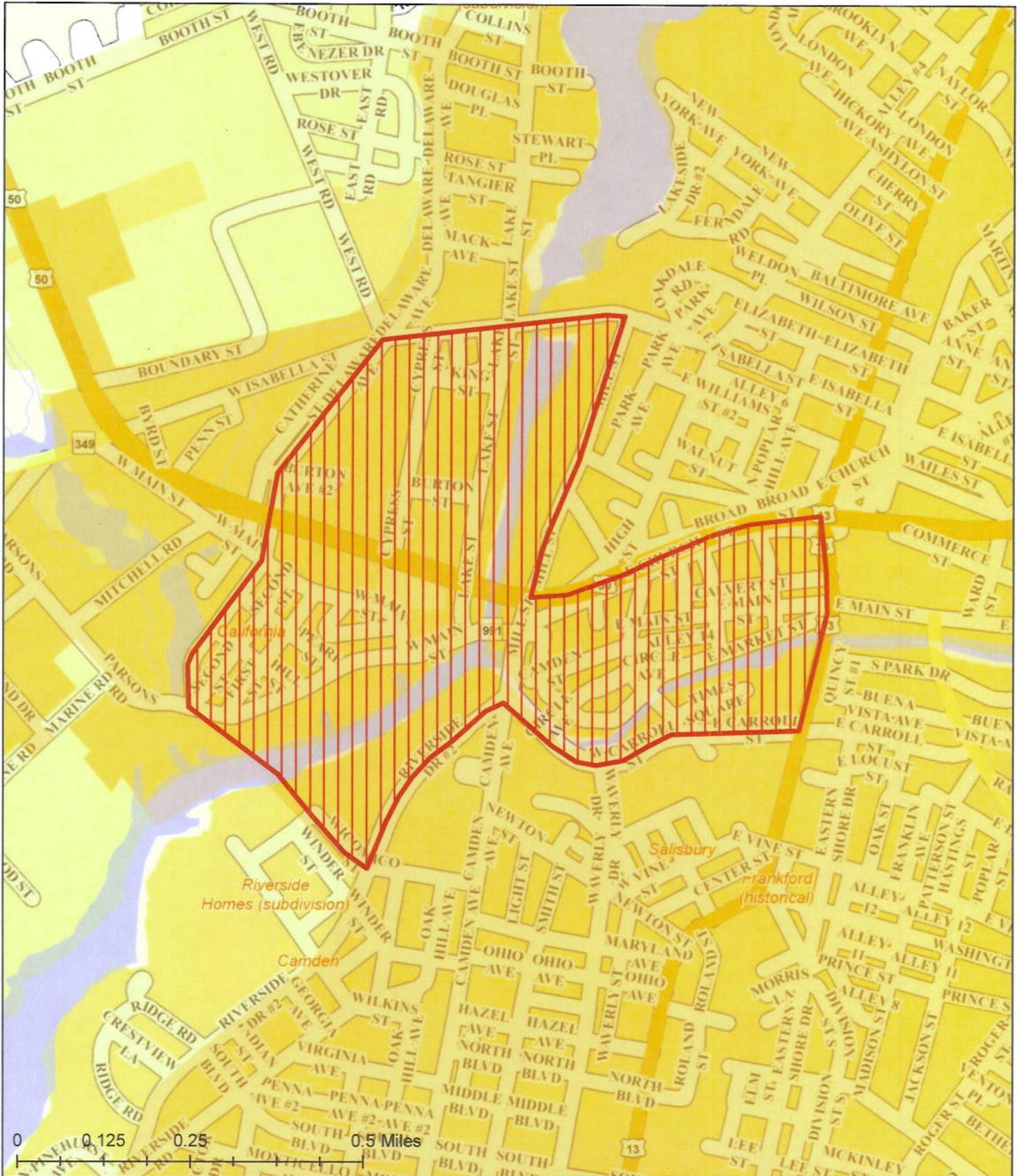


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Town of Takoma Park, Montgomery County

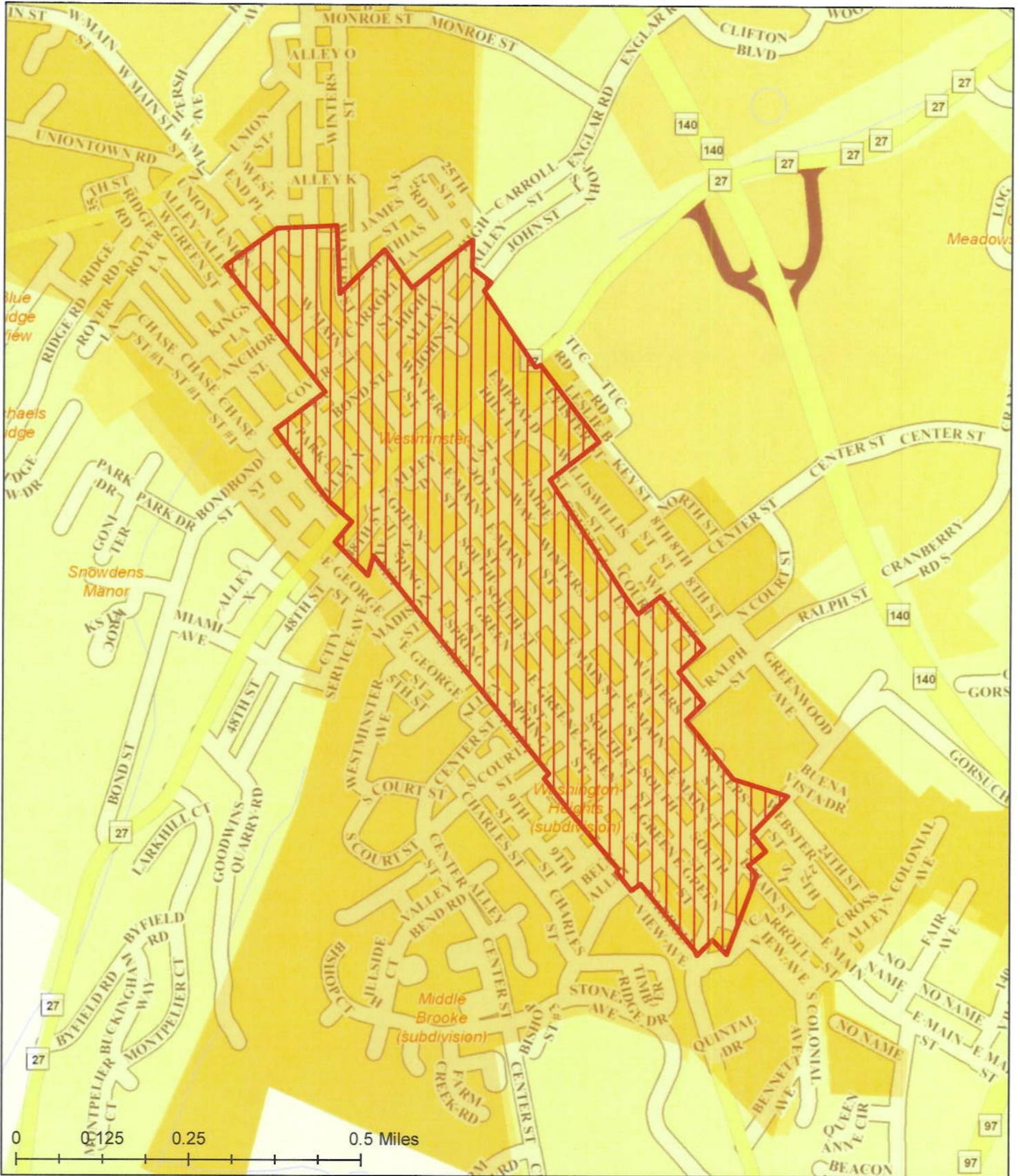


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Town of Westminster, Carroll County



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