

City of Hyattsville

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Agenda Regular Meeting

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Monday, June 2, 2025

7:00 PM

Virtual

City Council

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Joseph Solomon, Council President, Ward 5
Joanne Waszczak, Council Vice President, Ward 1
Greg Barnes, Ward 1
Danny Schaible, Ward 2
Emily Strab, Ward 2
Kareem Redmond, Ward 3
Gopi Dhokai, Ward 3
Edouard Haba, Ward 4
Michelle Lee, Ward 4
Kelson Nisbett, Ward 5

ADMINISTRATION

Tracey E. Douglas, City Administrator
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- 1. Call to Order and Council Roll Call**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Public Comment (7:10 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.) Complete Speaker Card, Limit 2 minutes per speaker**
- 5. City Administrator Update (7:20 p.m - 7:40 p.m.)**
- 6. Presentations (7:40 p.m. - 8:20 p.m.)**

6.a. Briefing: Staff Draft III West Hyattsville-Queens Chapel Sector Plan and SMA [HCC-336-FY25](#)

For Presentation.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Community & Economic Development

Attachments: [WHQC City of Hyattsville City Council Staff PowerPoint 2025.06.02](#)

6.b. Streetlight Ownership Conversion Update [HCC-360-FY25](#)

Presentation

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Public Works

Attachments: [Presentation_StreetLightConversion.pdf](#)

7. Proclamations**7.a. Proclamation in Celebration of June 2025 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month** [HCC-361-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation recognizing and honoring June, 2025 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [CM 0602 LGBTQIA+ Pride Month 2025](#)

7.b. Proclamation in Celebration of June 2025 as Caribbean-American Heritage Month [HCC-363-FY25](#)

I move the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation recognizing and honoring June as Caribbean-American Heritage Month.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [CM 0602 Caribbean-American Heritage Month 2025](#)

7.c. Proclamation in Celebration of June 2025 as Immigrant Heritage Month [HCC-364-FY25](#)

I move the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation recognizing and celebrating June as Immigrant Heritage Month in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [CM 0602 Immigrant Heritage Month 2025](#)

7.d. Proclamation Declaring June 6, 2025, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day [HCC-365-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council declare June 6, 2025, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [CM 0602 National Gun Violence Awareness Day 2025](#)

7.e. Proclamation in Celebration of Juneteenth [HCC-366-FY25](#)

I move the Mayor and Council adopt a Proclamation Observing and Celebrating June 19, 2025, as Juneteenth in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [CM 0602 Juneteenth 2025](#)

7.f. Proclamation Honoring Riverdale Park Mayor Alan K. Thompson [HCC-369-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation honoring Mayor Alan K. Thompson for his 16 years of service and dedication as an elected official to the Town of Riverdale Park.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [CM 0602 Honoring Mayor Thompson.pdf](#)

8. Action Items (8:20 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.)

8.a. Streetlight Purchase Authorization[HCC-359-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to negotiate and enter into an agreement with PEPCO for the purchase of streetlights within the incorporated City boundary, pending legal review.

Sponsors: City Administrator

9. Council Dialogue (8:45 p.m. - 8:55 p.m.)**10. Motion to Adjourn**



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Agenda Item Report

File #: HCC-336-FY25

6/2/2025

6.a.

Submitted by: Jeff Ulysse

Submitting Department: Community & Economic Development

Agenda Section: Presentation

Item Title:

Briefing: Staff Draft III West Hyattsville-Queens Chapel Sector Plan and SMA

Suggested Action:

For Presentation.

Summary Background:

On April 24, 2025, the Prince George's County Planning Board voted to publicly release the third draft of the Preliminary West Hyattsville-Queens Chapel Sector Plan and Proposed Sectional Map Amendment (SMA).

The West Hyattsville-Queens Chapel Sector Plan provides guidance for future development including design guidelines and land use recommendations. Sector Plan standards ensure development outcomes are supportive of the community's goals in and around the West Hyattsville Metro Station, a Local Transit Center designated in Plan Prince George's 2035.

The Prince George's County Planning Board and County Council will hold a Joint Public Hearing on **Tuesday, July 1, 2025**, at **6 p.m.** at the Wayne K. Curry Administration Building (1301 McCormick Drive, Largo, Maryland 20782) to hear public testimony regarding the third draft of the Preliminary West Hyattsville-Queens Chapel Sector Plan and Proposed Sectional Map Amendment (SMA).

Next Steps:

This item is tentatively scheduled to return for Action at City Council's June 2, 2025, meeting.

The Prince George's County Planning Board and County Council will hold a Joint Public Hearing on **Tuesday, July 1, 2025**, at **6 p.m.** at the Wayne K. Curry Administration Building (1301 McCormick Drive, Largo, Maryland 20782) to hear public testimony regarding the third draft of the Preliminary West Hyattsville-Queens Chapel Sector Plan and Proposed Sectional Map Amendment (SMA).

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

City Administrator Comments:

For Presentation

Community Engagement:

The applicant presented to the Hyattsville Planning Committee on May 20th, 2025.

Strategic Goals:

Goal 2 - Ensure the Long-Term Economic Viability of the City

Legal Review Required?

N/A

WEST HYATTSVILLE – QUEENS CHAPEL SECTOR PLAN AND SECTIONAL MAP AMENDMENT

City of Hyattsville Briefing
City Council
June 2, 2025



PRELIMINARY DRAFT III
**WEST HYATTSVILLE
QUEENS CHAPEL**

APRIL 2025

SECTOR PLAN

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Long-Range Planning
Section

Thomas Lester
Planner IV,
Master Plans &
Studies Section

Justin Thornton
Planner II,
Master Plans &
Studies Section

AGENDA

- Background
- Major Changes
 - City of Hyattsville
- Schedule

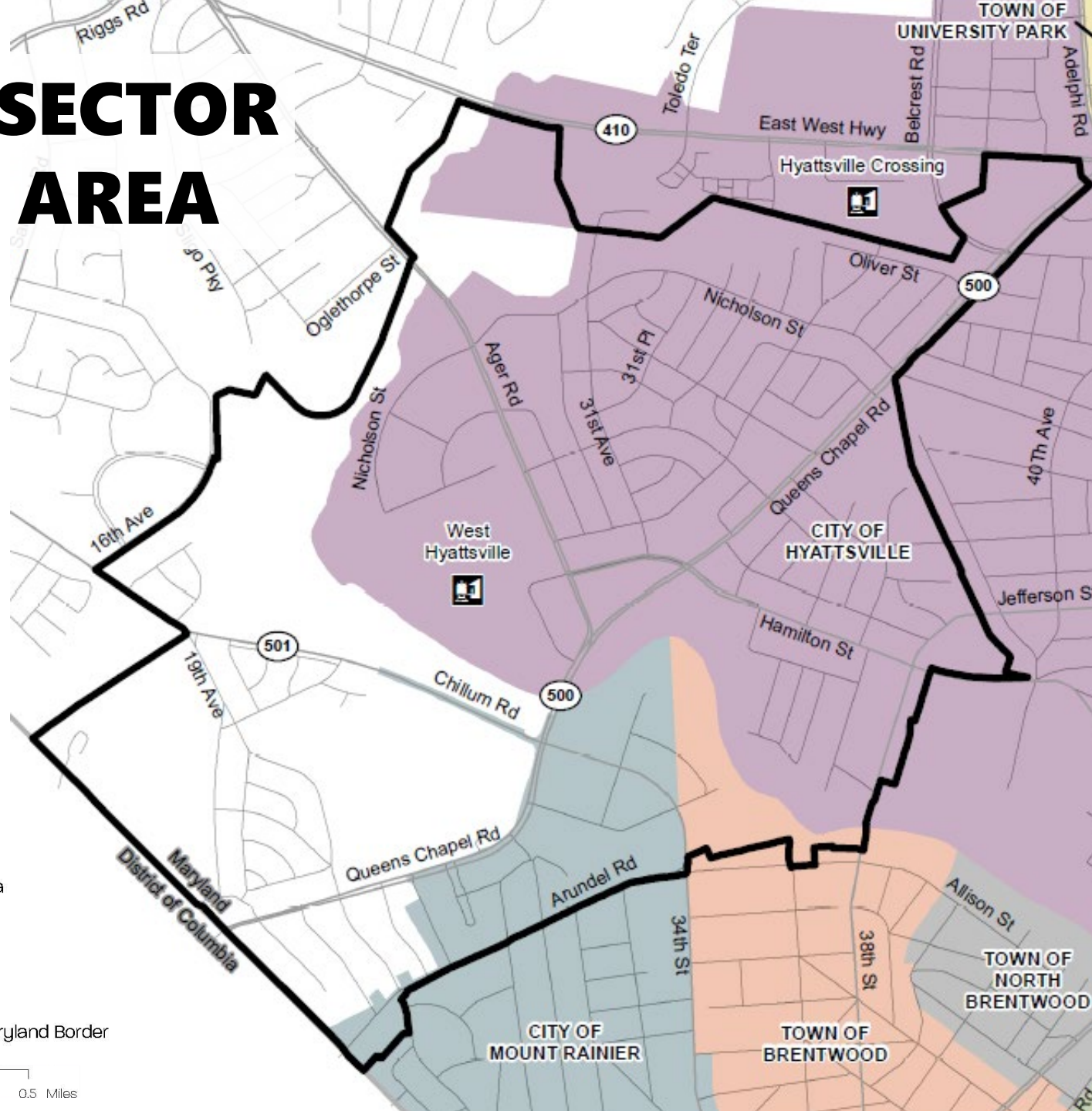


BACKGROUND

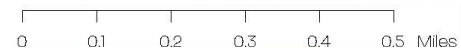
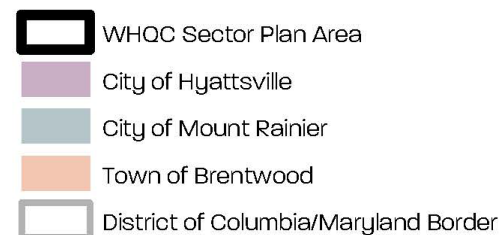


Date	Event
January 18, 2022	Sector plan and SMA initiated by County Council
July 28, 2022	Initial Draft Sector Plan and Proposed SMA released to public
October 11, 2022	First Joint Public Hearing
December 15, 2022	Planning Board remanded Draft Sector Plan and Proposed SMA back to staff
January 2023 to April 2024	Revising Draft II Sector Plan and Proposed SMA
May 2, 2024	Permission to Print Draft II Sector Plan and SMA
October 1, 2024	Second Joint Public Hearing
January 9, 2025	Planning Board remanded Draft Sector Plan and Proposed SMA back to staff for revision
April 24, 2025	Permission to release the preliminary plan (draft III)

SECTOR PLAN AREA



- Mostly within Planning Area 68
- Entirely within Councilmanic District 2
- Includes portion of the City of Hyattsville
- Northern boundary: Prince George's Plaza Regional Transit District
- Southern boundary: Washington, D.C.
- Surrounds the 2006 West Hyattsville TDDP boundary



COMMUNITY OUTREACH RECAP



Based on community input from the last Joint Public Hearing:

- **State Housing Legislation** – Staff reviewed the plan to align with HB 538 (effective Jan. 1, 2025) by encouraging construction of affordable housing shortages near Metro.
- **Zoning Ordinance Updates** – Staff reviewed the plan to ensure it aligns with CB-15-2024 (effective Sept. 2024) which revised the Zoning Ordinance.
- **Affordable Housing Preservation** – Staff assessed risks of affordable housing loss and developed strategies to mitigate displacement.
- **Neighborhood Zoning Review** – Staff Revised zoning for single-family detached residential areas within the sector plan.

MAJOR CHANGES OVERVIEW



SUMMARY

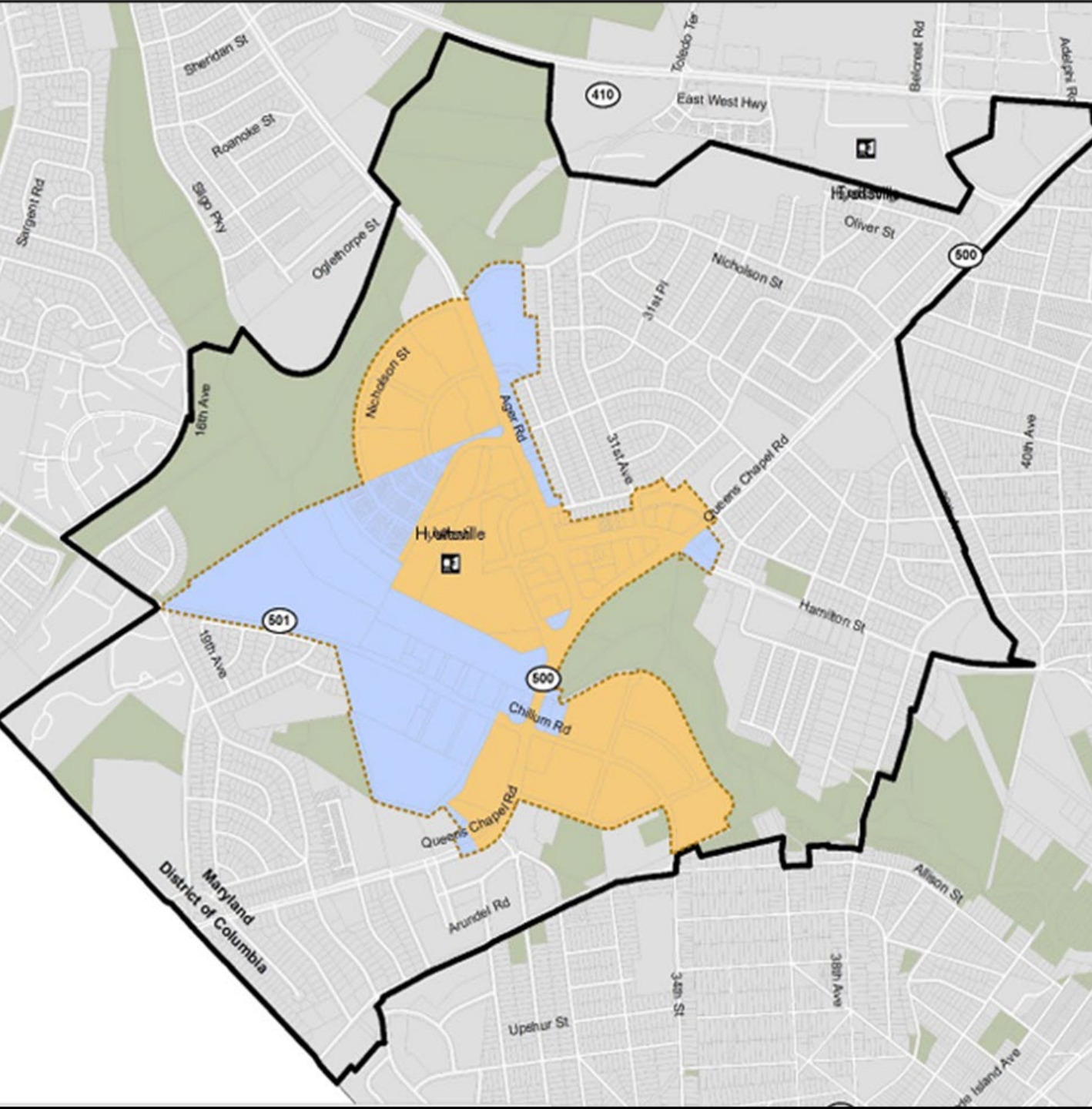
- Major Changes in plan elements:
 - Land Use/Zoning
 - Transportation
 - Housing and Neighborhoods
 - Community Heritage, Culture, and Design
 - Public Facilities
- No major changes to the plan vision or plan elements:
 - Economic Prosperity
 - Natural Environment
 - Healthy Communities

MAJOR CHANGE

LOCAL TRANSIT CENTER BOUNDARY



- WHLTC Boundary
 - Added/Removed certain Rights-of-Way
 - Returned several properties along Chillum Road back to Center boundary



WHQC Sector Plan Area

Property

Existing Station

West Hyattsville Local Transit Center Boundary

West Hyattsville Local Transit Center Core

West Hyattsville Local Transit Center Edge

MAJOR CHANGES LAND USE



Added Strategies for Future Potential Work Programs:

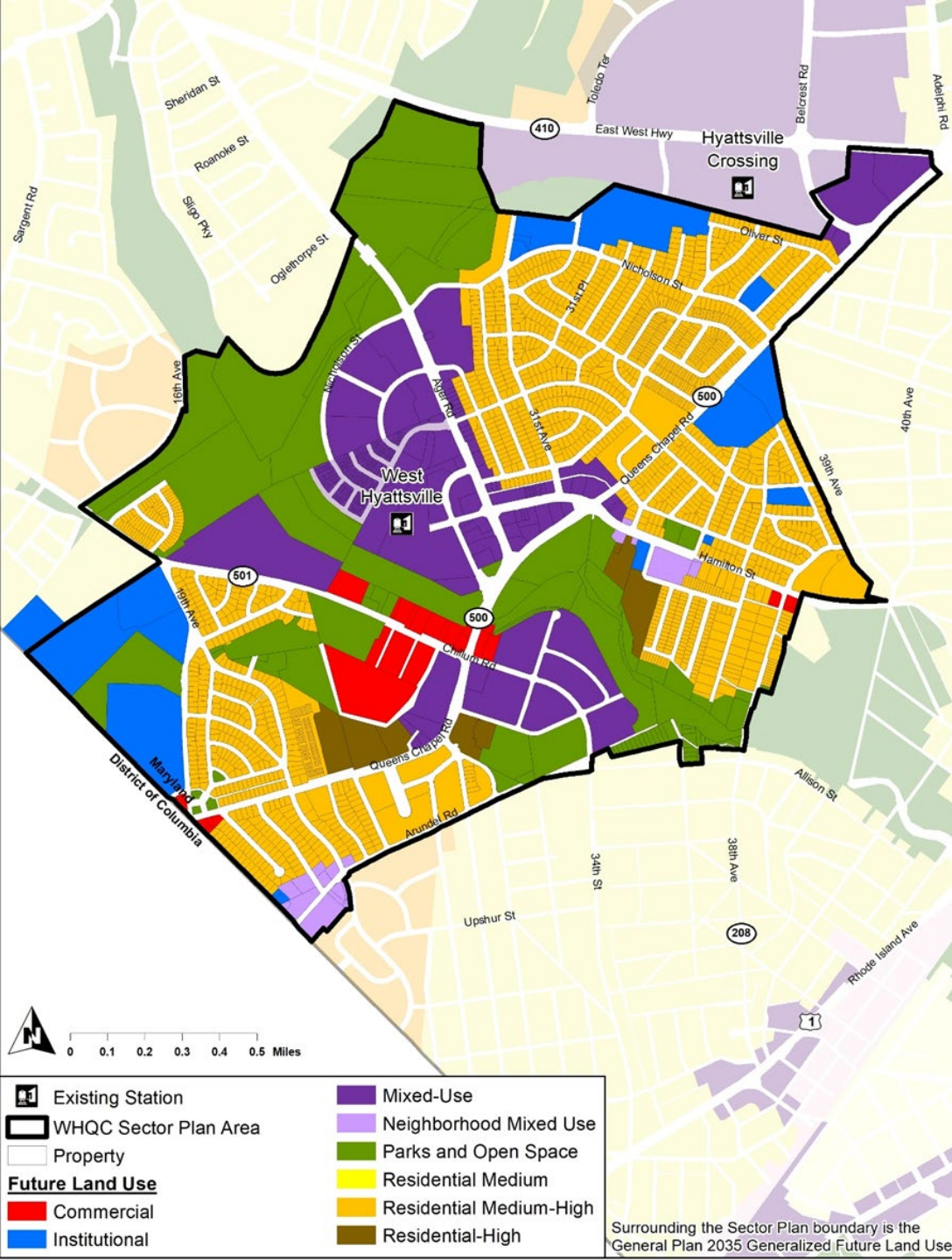
- Conduct a comprehensive floodplain study that explores creating a floodplain overlay zone that supports BMP/LID development standards.
- Conduct a study of Transfer of Development Rights to enhance development predictability and deliver more public benefits.

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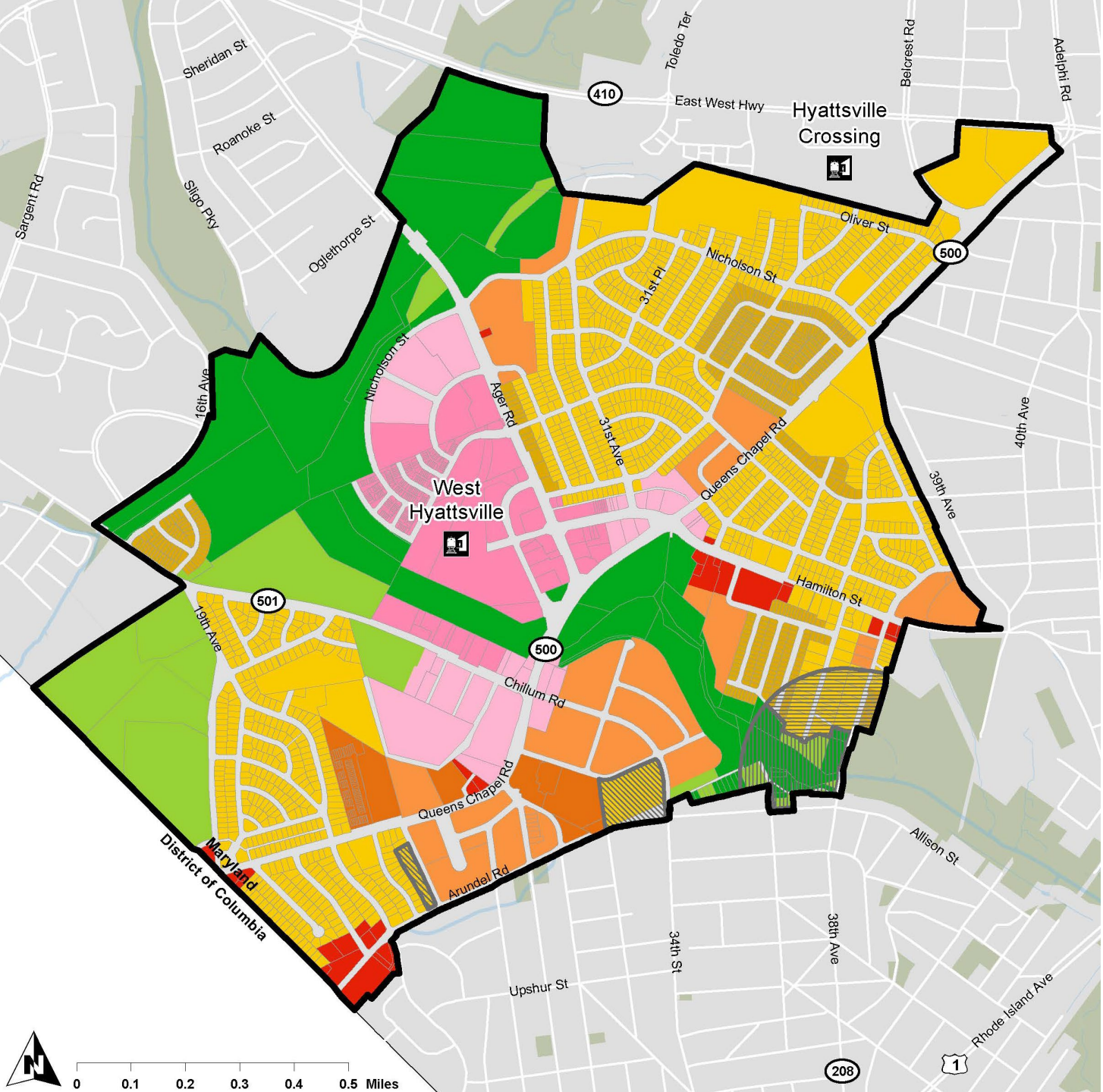
FUTURE LAND USE

MAP

- All single-family neighborhoods changed from Residential Medium to Medium High
- Washington Gas Light Company property changed to Mixed-Use from Institutional



EXISTING ZONING



- WHQC Sector Plan Area
- Property
- Existing Station
- Neighborhood Conservation (NCO)
- Chesapeake Bay Critical Area
- Intense Development (IDO)
- Resource Conservation (RCO)

- Existing Zoning
- Rural and Agricultural
- ROS
 - AG
- Residential
- RSF-65
 - RSF-A
- RMF-20
 - RMF-48
- Nonresidential
- CGO
- Transit-Oriented/Activity Center
- LTO-C
 - LTO-E

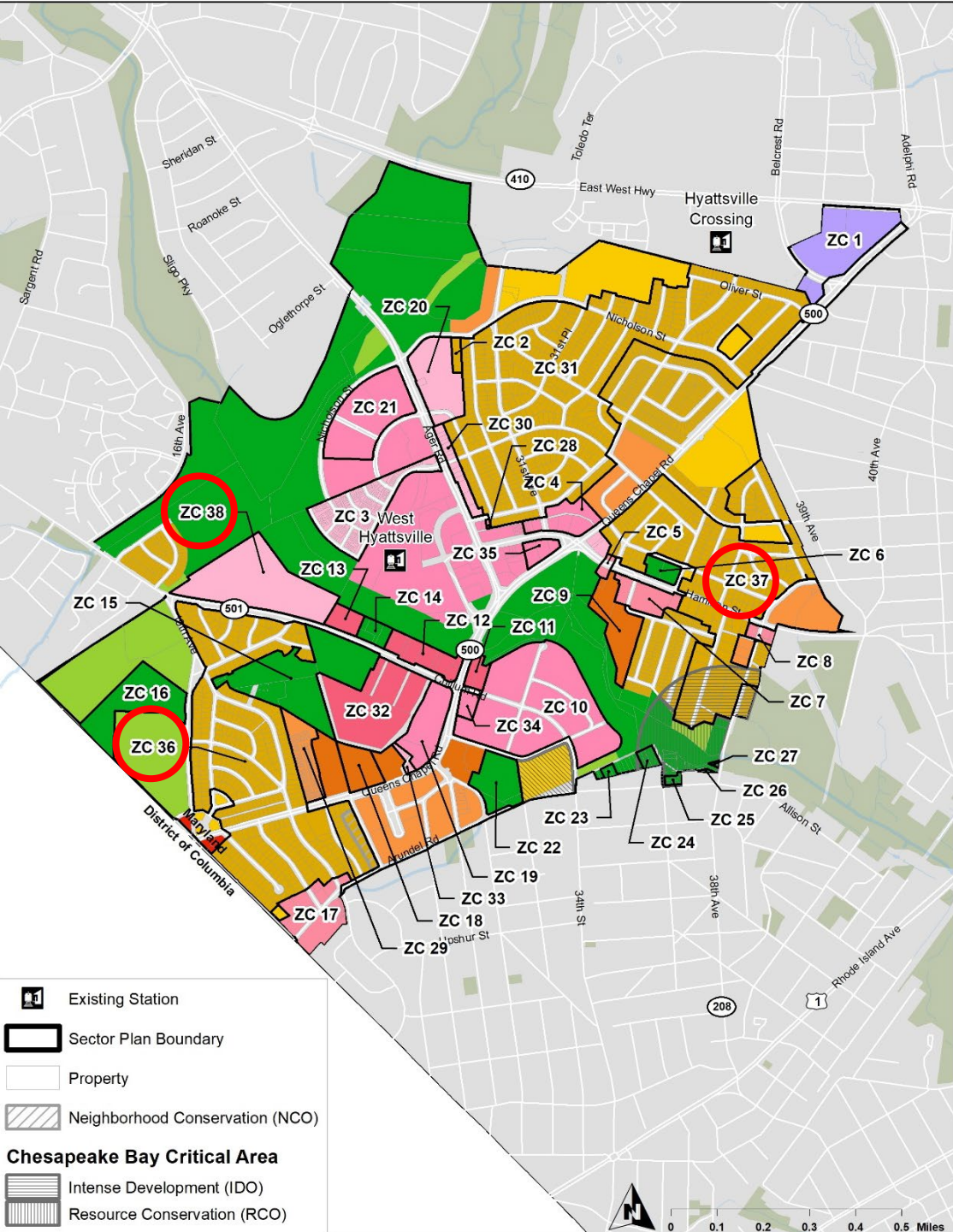


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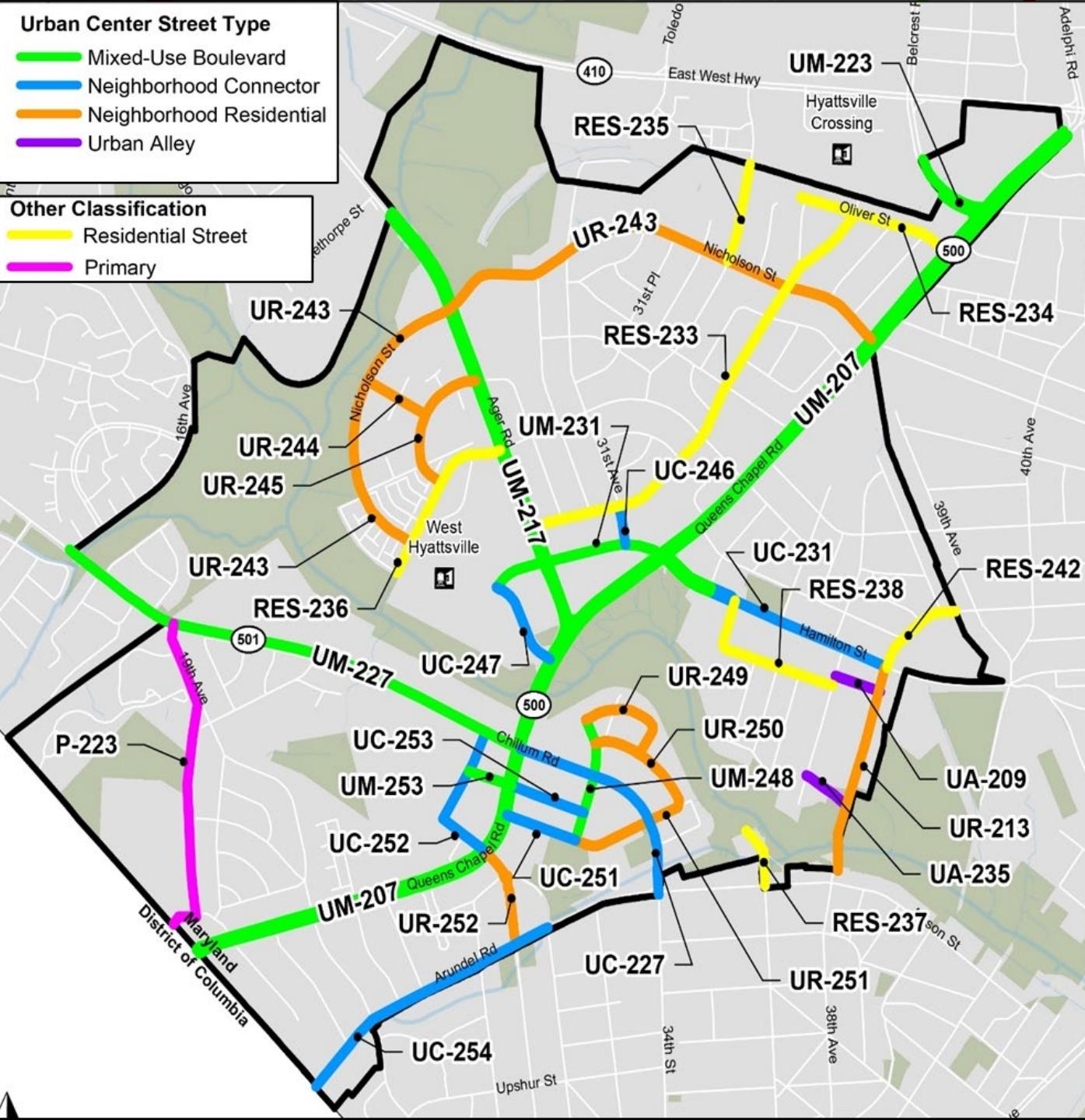
PROPOSED ZONING



- Replaced all Residential Single-Family-65 (RSF-65) to the Residential Single-Family, Attached (RSF-A) Zone
- Rezone the Washington Gas Light Company property to Local Transit-Oriented- Edge (LTO-E)
 - Upgraded bike/ped recommendations for Chillum Road
 - Added intermediate design guidelines (HD 8)



Change	Zoning Change	Acreage
36	RSF-65 to RSF-A	67.10
37	RSF-65 to RSF-A	56.78
38	AG to LTO-E	21.27



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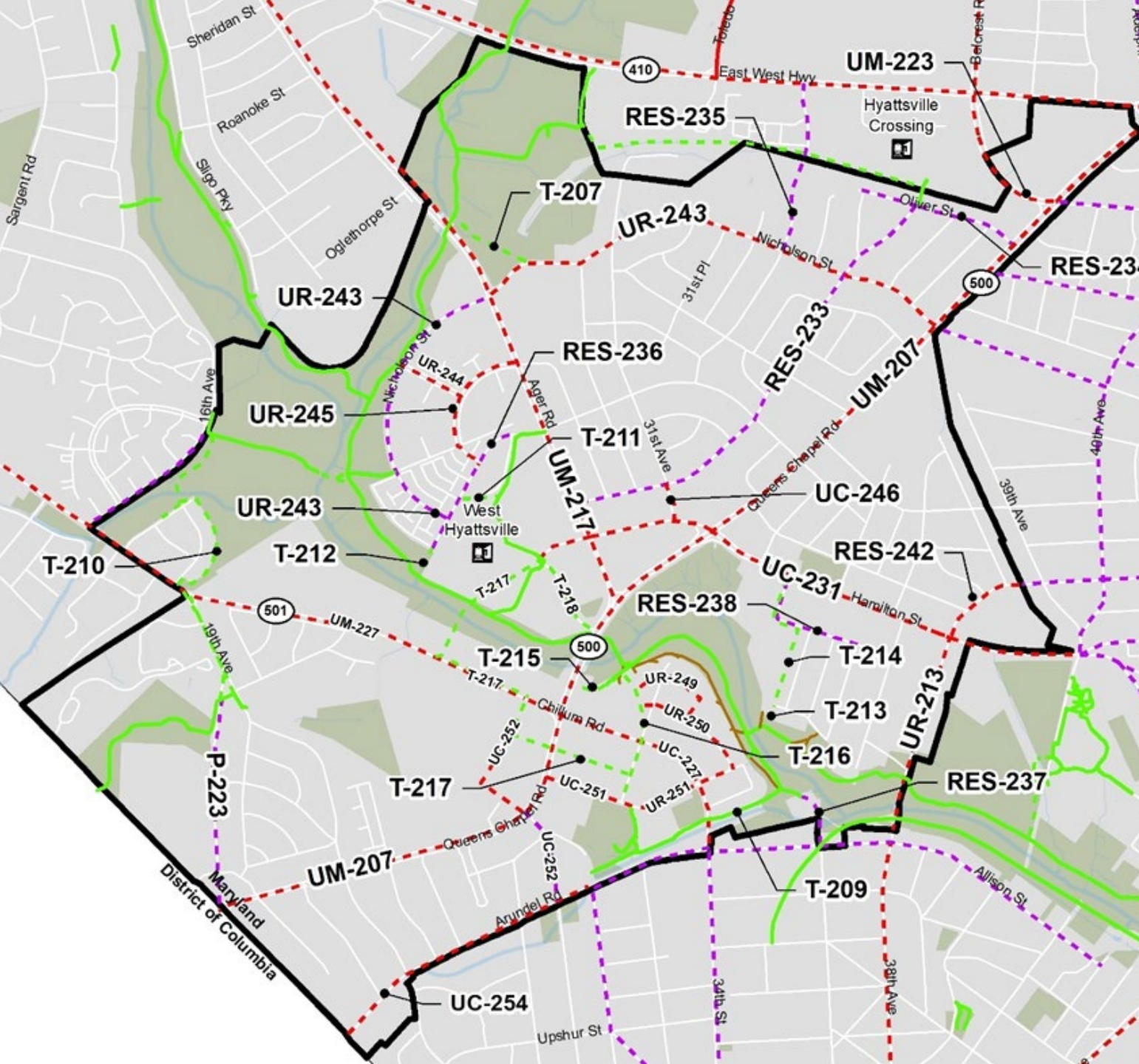
TRANSPORTATION

- Reconciled with the ongoing Go Prince George's Preliminary Master Plan of Transportation



MAJOR CHANGE BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

- Changed bike lanes (BL-200, Jamestown Road) to shared-use path (RES-233)



MAJOR CHANGES HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOODS

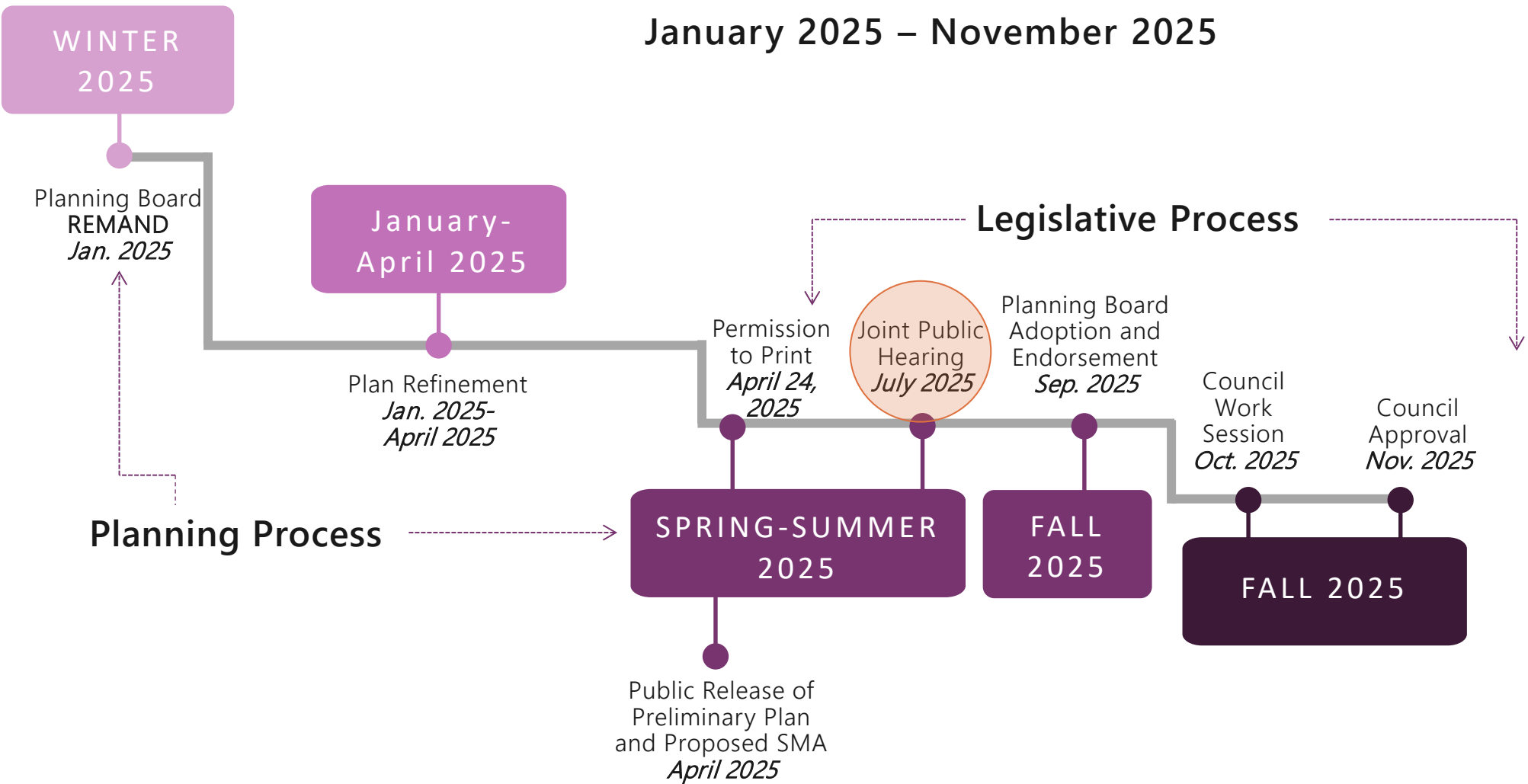


- Reorganized to emphasize anti-displacement and affordable housing strategies
- New strategies were added to Policy HN 2 to:
 - develop long-term anti-displacement measures
 - connect at-risk residents with free legal assistance
 - support advocacy groups for renters
 - enact "right to return" legislation
 - establish a Community Land Trust for affordable housing
- In response to and support of HB-538, new policies and strategies were added to Policy HN 4:
 - encourage increased density for "qualifying projects" near the West Hyattsville Metro
 - encourage affordable units and missing middle housing in single-family zones

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE



January 2025 – November 2025





THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

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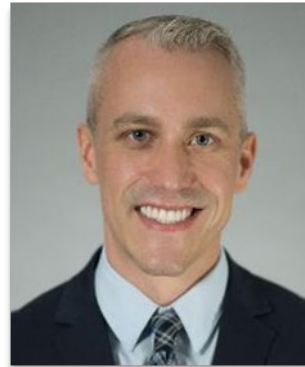


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Agenda Item Report

File #: HCC-360-FY25

6/2/2025

6.b.

Submitted by: Dealon Lacroix
Submitting Department: Public Works
Agenda Section: Presentation

Item Title:
Streetlight Ownership Conversion Update

Suggested Action:
Presentation

Summary Background:

The City contracted with Tanko Lighting to perform an audit of the streetlights in the City. This analysis looked at PEPCO's proposals for municipalities to take streetlight ownership and the proposed costs. They performed a cost analysis of each. Tanko will be presenting the results of this study and a recommended way forward for the City to consider based on their analysis and the results.

Next Steps:

Council authorization to negotiate with PEPCO. Following this negotiation, staff will present a proposal to Council w/ a recommended option.

Fiscal Impact:
N/A

City Administrator Comments:

The City has been coordinating with other municipalities and exploring current and future costs. We will evaluate responses before we bring back a recommendation.

Community Engagement:
N/A

Strategic Goals:
Goal 3 - Promote a Safe and Vibrant Community

Legal Review Required?
N/A



Hyattsville, MD Streetlight Rate Update

March 17th, 2025



Jason Tanko
CEO



Feasibility Study Options (RECAP)

- Tanko Lighting completed a streetlight study in October 2023
- Presented study findings in February 2024
- Compared 4 Options
 - Option 1 – Buyout Pepco streetlight system + LED conversion
 - Option 2 – Pepco-sponsored LED Conversion
 - Option 3 – No buyout, LED conversion with Tanko
 - Option 4 – Status quo, no change



Tanko Recommendation *at that time* – Option 3

- No buyout from Pepco, LED Conversion with Tanko
- Advantages:
 - Highest return amongst the 3 options, \$3.7m over 20 years
 - PEPCO responsible for maintenance
 - Good idea at the time, less realistic with new rates



Streetlight Project Update

- Tanko completed the lighting audit and GIS overlay
- Hyattsville current streetlight bill will increase >10% as of 4/1/2025
 - **Monthly bill increases from \$18,650 to \$22,345 this coming April**
- PEPCO updated the streetlight rates to make it more favorable for the City to acquire the lighting system
- New rates signal that PEPCO does not want to upgrade fixtures to LED, extremely high costs

New Rate Options Comparison



Summary of Estimated New Rate Findings

Description		Year 1 Operating Costs	20 Year Operating Costs	Project Cost	ROI
Option 1	Buyout from PEPCO and Tanko LED	\$68,507	\$1,837,147	\$969,476	4.7yrs
Option 2	No Buyout from PEPCO, PEPCO LED	\$82,104	\$1,807,853	\$2,226,561	11.2yrs
Option 3	Current Situation (as of 4/1/25)	\$268,147	\$5,904,324		

- 20yr savings of \$4m between Options 1 and 3 is 7% higher than original idea of Tanko conversion / Pepco own and maintain
- In no scenario should the City entertain Option 2 or 3



2025 Tanko Recommendation - Option 1

- Buyout lighting system from Pepco, Tanko LED conversion
- Advantages:
 - Much lower project costs and ROI
 - LED conversion in <1yr
 - Control over lighting design and maintenance response times
 - Improve nighttime public safety

Tariff Change | Cost Reduction Per-Fixture in 2025



Current
Monthly Cost

\$9.31

*(70w HPS, 43% of
system)*

Ownership & Rate Change



New
Monthly Cost

\$2.82

*(25w LED, includes
energy + mtn)*

Financial Analysis | Option 1 – Buyout from Pepco, Tanko LED Conversion

Project Overview			
Total Cost (Ownership + Conversion)			\$969,476
20 Year Savings			\$4,067,178
Payback Period (Energy + Maintenance Savings)			4.7 years

Year 1 Analysis	Existing Cost	New Cost	Savings
Energy Usage [kWh]	943,513	302,127	641,386
Utility Bill	\$268,147	\$41,569	\$226,578
Maintenance	Included in current Utility Bill Costs	\$26,938	(\$26,938)
Total	\$268,147	\$68,507	\$199,640



Tanko Process & Timeline

- Investment grade audit of all streetlights in the City (complete)
- Buyout lighting system from Pepco
- Upgrade to LED
- City maintenance (outsourced)
- Estimated <1yr timeline

Project Costs

Utility Asset Purchase Cost (<i>estimated cost of utility streetlight purchase</i>)	\$208,800
Tanko Fees	
Ownership Support Fees (<i>Audit, Utility Negotiation, Final Asset Transfer, etc.</i>)	\$182,840
LED Conversion Fees (<i>Material, Installation, Construction Management</i>)	\$577,836
Net Project Cost (<i>Grants/Rebates included</i>)	\$969,476

Additional Questions?

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7.a.

Submitted by: Quianna Taylor
Submitting Department: City Clerk
Agenda Section: Proclamation

Item Title:

Proclamation in Celebration of June 2025 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

Suggested Action:

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation recognizing and honoring June, 2025 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month.

Summary Background:

June is LGBTQIA+ Pride Month Nationally.

Next Steps:

Adopt Proclamation.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

City Administrator Comments:

Recommend support.

Community Engagement:

Recognition of Pride Month has been planned for social media.

Strategic Goals:

Goal 5 - Strengthen the City's Identity as a Diverse, Creative, and Welcoming Community

Legal Review Required?

N/A

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

CELEBRATING JUNE 2025 AS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, INTERSEX AND ASEXUAL (+) PRIDE MONTH IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

To celebrate the wide array of contributions that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) residents make to our community every day, this proclamation recognizes LGBTQIA+ residents as integral to the City of Hyattsville. This proclamation also reaffirms the City's commitment to remaining a safe and welcoming place where LGBTQIA+ residents and their loved ones can thrive.

WHEREAS, the City of Hyattsville has been home to more than twice the national average of same-sex households for many years and is fortunate to be a community of choice for many LGBTQIA+ residents across the spectrum of gender and sexual expressions; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ residents continue to participate in and enrich City programs and community events, contributing to the unique character of our community; and

WHEREAS, June is National LGBTQ+ Pride Month commemorating the 1969 riot at the Stonewall Inn in New York City that is widely considered to be the beginning of the gay liberation movement in the United States; and

WHEREAS, this year's World Pride Celebration will be hosted in the Metro DC region and has as its theme "The Fabric of Freedom", which emphasizes that community is woven together through the integration of rich cultures, diverse identities and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that while LGBTQIA+ rights have been advanced since that time, a great amount of work remains to be done so that all are included and protected in their communities by local, state, and federal law; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to continue raising awareness of LGBTQIA+ issues, fostering understanding, and working towards the realization of a society where all individuals are valued, celebrated, and free to live authentically.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hyattsville recognizes LGBTQIA + Pride Month during June of 2025.

Robert Croslin
Mayor, City of Hyattsville

June 2, 2025





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7.b.

Submitted by: Quianna Taylor
Submitting Department: City Clerk
Agenda Section: Proclamation

Item Title:

Proclamation in Celebration of June 2025 as Caribbean-American Heritage Month

Suggested Action:

I move the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation recognizing and honoring June as Caribbean-American Heritage Month.

Summary Background:

For over 20 years, Caribbean American Heritage Month has been celebrated in June nationally, and more than four million Caribbean-Americans live in the United States that enrich our nation. The City of Hyattsville is fortunate to have a diverse community, which includes residents who have roots in the many nations and cultures of the Caribbean, and the City Council and Mayor acknowledge the role Caribbean-Americans continue to play in helping create and maintain the strength and independence of our community.

Next Steps:

Adopt the proclamation.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

City Administrator Comments:

Recommend support.

Community Engagement:

The City has planned recognition for the month via social media outlets.

Strategic Goals:

Goal 5 - Strengthen the City's Identity as a Diverse, Creative, and Welcoming Community

Legal Review Required?

N/A

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

CELEBRATING JUNE 2025 AS CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

This proclamation declares the month of June 2025 to be Caribbean-American Heritage Month in the City of Hyattsville and recognizes the contributions that Caribbean people and their descendants have made in the United States.

WHEREAS, the City of Hyattsville is fortunate to have a diverse community, which includes residents who have roots in the many nations and cultures of the Caribbean, including among other nationalities, those of Puerto Rican, Jamaican, Trinidadian and Tobagonian, Haitian, Dominican and Cuban descent; and

WHEREAS, Caribbean-Americans have greatly enriched our city through their diverse perspectives, languages, music, dance, cuisine, and art, and by fostering a more inclusive and multicultural community; and

WHEREAS, 2025 marks the 21st anniversary of Caribbean-American Heritage Month nationally; and

WHEREAS, the City is proud to celebrate the contributions of more than four million Caribbean-Americans who live in the United States that enrich our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council and Mayor acknowledge the role Caribbean-Americans continue to play in helping create and maintain the strength and independence of our community and nation by celebrating June of 2025 as Caribbean-American Heritage Month in the City of Hyattsville.

Robert Croslin
Mayor, City of Hyattsville

June 2, 2025





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Agenda Item Report

File #: HCC-364-FY25

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7.c.

Submitted by: Quianna Taylor
Submitting Department: City Clerk
Agenda Section: Proclamation

Item Title:

Proclamation in Celebration of June 2025 as Immigrant Heritage Month

Suggested Action:

I move the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation recognizing and celebrating June as Immigrant Heritage Month in the City of Hyattsville.

Summary Background:

June has been recognized as Immigrant Heritage Month nationwide since 2014. The City of Hyattsville has a rich and diverse community made up of many residents born outside of the country. This proclamation serves to celebrate those individuals and reaffirm the City's commitment to fostering a welcoming and inclusive community for all immigrants regardless of documentation or refugee status.

Next Steps:

Adopt Proclamation.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

City Administrator Comments:

Recommend approval.

Community Engagement:

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Strategic Goals:

Goal 5 - Strengthen the City's Identity as a Diverse, Creative, and Welcoming Community

Legal Review Required?

N/A

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

CELEBRATING IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

This proclamation designates the month of June as Immigrant Heritage Month, a time to honor and acknowledge the remarkable achievements, resilience, and spirit of immigrants who have come to our country seeking a better future for themselves and their families.

WHEREAS, since 2014, the month of June has been designated Immigrant Heritage Month, to honor the diversity of stories and shared experiences of immigrants and refugees in the U.S; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Generations of Strength: Honoring the Past, Building the Future," highlights the importance of celebrating the legacy of earlier generations and empowering today's youth to shape tomorrow's community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hyattsville recognizes the more than 1,052,200 foreign-born persons who live in the state of Maryland (17% of the population) and celebrates the vibrant contributions that these immigrants have made and continue to make to our community; enriching our cultural diversity, economic vitality, and social fabric; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the immense contributions that immigrants make across various fields, including education, science, technology, arts, business, healthcare, and community leadership; and

WHEREAS, we reaffirm the City's commitment to allowing non-citizen voting in local elections, being a 'Sanctuary City', and a welcoming and inclusive community for immigrants regardless of documentation or refugee status.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council hereby proclaim June 2025 as Immigrant Heritage Month, encouraging all residents to celebrate the rich immigrant experiences within our community, promote inclusivity, and stand in solidarity with our immigrant neighbors.

Robert Croslin

Mayor, City of Hyattsville

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Submitted by: Quianna Taylor
Submitting Department: City Clerk
Agenda Section: Proclamation

Item Title:

Proclamation Declaring June 6, 2025, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day

Suggested Action:

I move that the Mayor and Council declare June 6, 2025, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Hyattsville.

Summary Background:

This proclamation declares June 6, 2025, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Hyattsville to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence.

Next Steps:

Recognize June 6, 2025 to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

City Administrator Comments:

Recommend support.

Community Engagement:

Recognition of National Gun Violence Awareness Day has been planned for the City's social media platforms. Nationally, a virtual "wear orange" event has been planned for June 5.

Strategic Goals:

Goal 5 - Strengthen the City's Identity as a Diverse, Creative, and Welcoming Community

Legal Review Required?

N/A

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING JUNE 6, 2025, TO BE NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE.

This proclamation declares June 6, 2025, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Hyattsville and recognizes the devastating impact of gun violence on individuals, families, and communities in the United States.

WHEREAS, each year since 2015, the first Friday in June is designated as National Gun Violence Awareness Day, a day to raise awareness about the issue of gun violence and promote efforts to prevent further tragedies; and

WHEREAS, gun violence touches every segment of our society; injuring over 100 Americans each day, increasing the probability of death in incidents of domestic violence, and raising the likelihood of fatality by those who intend to injure others and among those who attempt suicide; and

WHEREAS, gun violence disproportionately impacts young people and since 2020 has surpassed car accidents as the leading cause of death among children and teens in the U.S; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to honor and remember victims and survivors of gun violence, offering support and compassion to those affected by such acts; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of advocating for responsible gun ownership, implementing comprehensive background checks, supporting mental health services, and promoting community-based initiatives that work towards reducing gun violence.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council hereby proclaim June 6th, 2025, as National Gun Violence Awareness, urging all citizens, businesses, organizations, and agencies to work collaboratively to reduce gun violence in our community.

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Mayor, City of Hyattsville

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Submitted by: Quianna Taylor
Submitting Department: City Clerk
Agenda Section: Proclamation

Item Title:
Proclamation in Celebration of Juneteenth

Suggested Action:

I move the Mayor and Council adopt a Proclamation Observing and Celebrating June 19, 2025, as Juneteenth in the City of Hyattsville.

Summary Background:

This proclamation recognizes Juneteenth in the City of Hyattsville as a day to honor, educate, and reflect on the significant contributions and hardships Black African Americans have endured and contributed to the United States. Juneteenth is celebrated on June 19th annually.

Next Steps:

Adopt Proclamation.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

City Administrator Comments:

Recommend approval.

Community Engagement:

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Strategic Goals:

Goal 5 - Strengthen the City's Identity as a Diverse, Creative, and Welcoming Community

Legal Review Required?

N/A

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

OBSERVING JUNETEENTH IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

This proclamation recognizes Juneteenth in the City of Hyattsville as a day to honor, educate, and reflect on the meaning of freedom in the U.S. for all people; but particularly for African - Americans, who as a former enslaved group are still impacted by the legacy of a brutal and destructive U.S slave economy. This day is an opportunity to highlight their contributions and those of all abolitionists, to the ongoing global fight for human rights.

WHEREAS, The Emancipation Proclamation was ordered on January 1, 1863, declaring freedom for enslaved African Americans across the U.S; and

WHEREAS, because this order was initially largely ignored by slaveholders, more than two years later, on June 19, 1865, soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas to inform the last of the enslaved African Americans of their liberty, marking the day as Juneteenth; and

WHEREAS, since 1865, Juneteenth freedom celebrations have taken place throughout the United States, and in June 2021 the holiday received recognition as a Federally observed holiday; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hyattsville acknowledges the history of racism toward African Americans in our country and the significance of sharing, analyzing, and understanding this history to effectively combat systemic racism; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is now an opportunity and call to action for all Hyattsville residents to self-educate and commit to social actions that address racial inequalities still faced by African - Americans today.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hyattsville Mayor and Council do hereby recognize June 19th, 2025, as Juneteenth in the City of Hyattsville.

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Mayor, City of Hyattsville

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Submitted by: Nate Groenendyk
Submitting Department: City Clerk
Agenda Section: Proclamation

Item Title:

Proclamation Honoring Riverdale Park Mayor Alan K. Thompson

Suggested Action:

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation honoring Mayor Alan K. Thompson for his 16 years of service and dedication as an elected official to the Town of Riverdale Park.

Summary Background:

Mayor Thompson is leaving public office after serving as both a councilmember and Mayor in Riverdale Park.

Next Steps:

Adopt proclamation.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

City Administrator Comments:

Recommend adoption.

Community Engagement:

Strategic Goals:

Goal 4 - Foster Excellence in all City Operations

Legal Review Required?

N/A

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

**HONORING THE 16 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP OF RIVERDALE PARK
MAYOR ALAN K. THOMPSON**

This proclamation acknowledges and celebrates the leadership and dedication of Alan Thompson during his tenure as Councilmember and Mayor, representing the residents of Riverdale Park.

WHEREAS, Mayor Alan K. Thompson served as an elected official in the Town of Riverdale Park for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Thompson has served the Town of Riverdale Park with distinction, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to fiscal responsibility, sustainable development, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Thompson's leadership has resulted in significant improvements in infrastructure, public safety, and the local economy; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Thompson's dedication to ethical governance and environmental sustainability has set a commendable standard for public service;

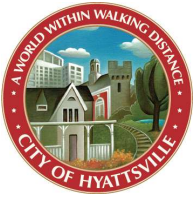
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Hyattsville extend its deepest appreciation to Mayor Alan K. Thompson for his exemplary service and contributions to the betterment of our neighboring community.

Robert S. Croslin

Mayor, City of Hyattsville

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Submitted by: Dealon Lacroix
Submitting Department: Public Works
Agenda Section: Action

Item Title:
Streetlight Purchase Authorization

Suggested Action:

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to negotiate and enter into an agreement with PEPCO for the purchase of streetlights within the incorporated City boundary, pending legal review.

Summary Background:

In the FY 2023 Legislative Session the Maryland General Assembly passed the County and Municipal Street Lighting Investment Act that allows local governments to acquire streetlights from their local electric utility. City staff participated in several group meetings with other municipalities to discuss PEPCO's proposals and costs. Following the meetings, City staff engaged the services of Tanko Lighting to analyze, evaluate, and manage the lighting upgrade process. Tanko presented their initial results to the City Council where it was recommended that the City move forward with an upgrade of the lights with PEPCO maintaining ownership and responsibility for maintenance under a revised streetlight rate tariff.

In late 2024 PEPCO proposed a new streetlight rate tariff. This new rate structure changed the cost of PEPCO owning and maintaining the streetlights. Tanko revised their analysis of the City's costs and these new results show that it would be in the best financial interests of the City to acquire the lights from PEPCO then convert to LED, saving the City an estimated \$4 million over 20 years with an upfront investment of approximately \$1 million. These results and any final agreement with PEPCO would be predicated on Maryland Public Service Commissions acceptance of the currently proposed streetlight rate tariff.

Next Steps:

Negotiate and enter into agreement with PEPCO. The purchase will return to Council for approval of the expenditure.

Fiscal Impact:

TBD

City Administrator Comments:

Recommend support.

Community Engagement:

N/A

Strategic Goals:

Goal 3 - Promote a Safe and Vibrant Community

Legal Review Required?

Pending