WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, in conjunction with the Prince George's County Council, pursuant to Section 27-644 of the Zoning Ordinance of Prince George's County, held a duly advertised public hearing on Preliminary Resource Conservation Plan: A Countywide Functional Master Plan on September 27, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Resource Conservation Plan: A Countywide Functional Master Plan is proposed to update the Approved Countywide Green Infrastructure Plan and to update and replace the Adopted and Approved Priority Preservation Area Functional Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Resource Conservation Plan: A Countywide Functional Master Plan is proposed to amend the Approved Master Plan for Langley Park-College Park-Greenbelt and Vicinity and Adopted Sectional Map Amendment for Planning Areas 65, 66, and 67 [October 1989 and May 1990]; Approved Master Plan and Adopted Sectional Map Amendment for Largo- Lottsford (Planning Area 73) [July 1990]; Approved Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for Melwood-Westphalia (Planning Areas 77 and 78) [March 1994]; Approved Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for Bladensburg-New Carrollton and Vicinity (Planning Area 69) [May 1994]; Approved Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for Planning Area 68 [May 1994]; Approved Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for the Addison Road Metro Town Center and Vicinity [October 2000]; Approved Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for the Heights and Vicinity (Planning Area 76A) [November 2000]; Town of Brentwood Mixed-Use Town Center Zone Development Plan [2000]; Approved Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Management Plan: A Functional Master Plan for Heritage Tourism [September 2001]; Approved Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for the Greenbelt Metro Area [October 2001]; Approved Town of Riverdale Park Mixed-Use Town Center Zone Development Plan [January 2004]; Approved Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for Morgan Boulevard and Largo Town Center Metro Areas [May 2004]; Approved Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for the Prince George’s County Gateway Arts District [November 2004]; Approved Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for the Tuxedo Road/ Arbor Street/Cheverly Metro Area [April 2005]; Approved Master Plan for Bowie and Vicinity and Sectional Map Amendment for Planning Areas 71A, 71B, 74A, 74B. [February 2006]; Approved Suitland Mixed-Use Town Center Zone Development Plan [February 2006]; Approved Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for the East Glenn Dale Area for portions of Planning Area 70 [March 2006]; Approved Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for the Henson Creek- South Potomac Planning Area [April 2006]; Approved Transit District Development Plan and Transit District Overlay Zoning Map Amendment for the West Hyattsville Transit District Overlay Zone [July 2006]; Approved Westphalia Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment [February 2007]; Approved Bladensburg Town Center Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment [June 2007]; Approved Public Safety Facilities Master Plan [March 2008]; Approved Capitol Heights Transit District Development Plan and Transit District Overlay Zoning Map Amendment [July 2008]; Approved Branch Avenue Corridor Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment [September 2008]; Approved Landover Gateway Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment [May 2009]; Approved Port Towns Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment [October 2009]; Approved Countywide Master Plan of Transportation [November 2009]; Approved Marlboro Pike Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment [November 2009]; Approved Takoma/Langley Crossroads Sector Plan [November 2009]; Approved
WHEREAS, the planning area of Preliminary Resource Conservation Plan: A Countywide Functional Master Plan is generally comprised of the properties bounded by Howard County to the north, Anne Arundel and Calvert Counties to the east, Charles County to the south, and Montgomery County and the District of Columbia to the west; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Preliminary Resource Conservation Plan is to provide broad countywide strategies and recommendations as a tool to guide future development activity and preservation, and to provide a foundation to achieve its stated goals; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2016 the Planning Board held a public worksession on Preliminary Resource Conservation Plan: A Countywide Functional Master Plan to examine the transcript analysis of testimony presented at the September 27, 2016 joint public hearing and exhibits received before the close of the record on October 12, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Planning Board on the motion of Commissioner Bailey seconded by Commissioner Geraldo, voted 4-0 with Commissioners Bailey, Geraldo, Hewlett, and Doerner voting in favor of the motion (Commissioner Washington temporarily absent) to admit five items of late testimony received after October 12, 2016 into the public record during the December 1, 2016 worksession; and

WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Planning Board on the motion of Commissioner Geraldo seconded by Commissioner Bailey, voted 4-0 with Commissioners Bailey, Geraldo, Hewlett, and Doerner voting in favor of the motion (Commissioner Washington temporarily absent) to accept the staff recommendation to keep the Sacred Heart (Whitemarsh) properties inside the growth boundary and change from SGA Tier III to Tier II; and

WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Planning Board on the motion of Commissioner
Geraldo seconded by Commissioner Bailey, voted 4-0 with Commissioners Bailey, Geraldo, Hewlett, and Doerner voting in favor of the motion (Commissioner Washington temporarily absent) to keep the Melvin property outside the growth boundary and in SGA Tier IV; and

WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Planning Board on the motion of Commissioner Geraldo seconded by Commissioner Bailey, voted 4-0 with Commissioners Bailey, Geraldo, Hewlett, and Doerner voting in favor of the motion (Commissioner Washington temporarily absent) to keep the Chung property outside the growth boundary and in SGA Tier IV; and

WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Planning Board on the motion of Commissioner Geraldo seconded by Commissioner Bailey, voted 3-1 with Commissioners Bailey, Geraldo, and Hewlett voting in favor of and Commissioner Doerner voting against the motion (Commissioner Washington temporarily absent) to move the Thomas property inside the growth boundary and to retain in SGA Tier I; and

WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Planning Board determined to amend said Preliminary Resource Conservation Plan: A Countywide Functional Master Plan, in response to said public testimony, and to adopt the functional master plan and transmit the plan with further amendments, extensions, deletions, and additions in response to the public hearing record, as follows:

SECTION I: OVERVIEW

- On page 4, under “Which elements update existing plans and how?” amend the text to state:

  1. An update to the 2005 Approved Countywide Green Infrastructure Plan and expanding the definition of Green Infrastructure.

  2. A new functional master plan for agriculture and forestry resources that also updates and replaces the 2012 Adopted and Approved Priority Preservation Area Functional Master Plan (PPA) polices and strategies and maintains the PPA boundaries except for technical corrections.

  3. An update to the state-mandated map showing septic tiers.

  4. **An update to the Plan 2035 growth boundary.**

  4-5. A new functional master plan for rural character and viewshed conservation that consolidates the recommendations from numerous previously approved plans and prepared studies.

  5-6. An update to the boundaries of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area.

- On page 7, amend the first bullet to state: “The Maryland Department of Planning and the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation has have jointly certified Prince George’s County’s preservation program…”
SECTION II: GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN: A COUNTYWIDE FUNCTIONAL MASTER PLAN

- Replace all references to “Piscataway National Park” and “Greenbelt National Park” with “Piscataway Park” and “Greenbelt Park,” respectively, with added clarifying language as needed to identify the parks as being National.

- On page 20, under “Conservation of Green Infrastructure” amend the text on the last line to state: “… broad—conservation of natural resources, and energy resources, and human resources are included.”

- On page 23, under “Measurable Objectives” amend the last sentence of the first paragraph to state: “The 2017 GI Plan narrows the focus of its measurable objectives to two policy areas three objectives that provide the most tangible and measurable benefits to human health—water quality, and forest and tree canopy coverage, and greening the built environment.”

- On page 35, under “Mapping Special Conservation Areas 9. Piscataway National Park and Mount Vernon Viewshed” remove the last paragraph except for the last sentence:

  Pisataway National Park was established mainly to preserve the view of the Maryland shore of the Potomac River from Mount Vernon in Virginia. The park is over 4,600 acres in size and it stretches for six miles along the Potomac River coastline from Piscataway Creek to Marshall Hall. The forests, fields, and wetlands of Piscataway National Park provide habitat for a wide variety of bird species. The number of forest-nesting neotropical migrants is especially high. Several warbler species that regularly nest in Piscataway Park are sensitive to habitat fragmentation, and have become increasingly rare in the Washington, D.C. region. Forest fragmentation outside the park and the water quality of the Potomac and its tributaries are concerns for this SCA. Development surrounding the park should continue to protect the viewshed and protect the water quality of the Potomac.

- On page 44, under “Planting Trees Where They Will Survive” amend the last sentence to state: “The current Zoning Ordinance, Landscape Manual, and Road Code and associated Standards were originally written with a suburban growth model in mind…”

- On page 47, amend the second sentence of the third paragraph in the right-hand column of “Table 2. Possible Solutions to Climate Change Threats” to state: “… Because Prince George’s County obtains most of its public drinking water supply from the Patuxent and Potomac Rivers…”

- On page 50, amend Policy 2.2 to state: “Revise applicable ordinances and/or standards to allow the use of flexible design standards to minimize impervious surfaces; reduce fragmentation of existing forests and habitats; establish new linkages through planting and/or restoration; and minimize ecological impacts.”

- On page 54, amend Policy 5.10 to state: “Identify strategies to reduce impervious surfaces by amending the County Code and/or Standards and coordinating with County agencies. Include in this discussion the reduction of parking requirements, use of shared drive aisles
...and driveways, and the sizes of roadways.”

- On page 58, amend Policy 11.3 to state: “Review and amend the County Code and Road Code and/or Standards to ensure that new roadway lighting meets the guidelines for minimization of light spill-over and sky glow, provides lighting in the appropriate spectrums, and relies wherever possible on low-energy light sources such as LED or solar-powered street lights.”

SECTION III: AGRICULTURE CONSERVATION PLAN: A COUNTYWIDE FUNCTIONAL MASTER PLAN

- On page 85, Map 7.3. Thomas Property: Amend the Growth Boundary to move the Thomas Property inside the Growth Boundary, and amend the Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act tier from “Tier III” to “Tier I” and caption as follows: 2017 SGA Tier: Tier III 2017 Resource Conservation Plan: Property within growth boundary (see Attachment 1).

- On page 85, Map 7.4. Robin Dale Property: Amend the Growth Boundary to move the Robin Dale Property inside the Growth Boundary and amend the Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act tier from “Tier III” to “Tier I” and remove the caption “2017 SGA Tier: Tier III” to replace with “2017 Resource Conservation Plan: Property within growth boundary” (see Attachment 1).

- On page 85, amend the title of Map 7 as follows: “Technical Corrections to the Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act Map and Growth Boundary for Prince George’s County (Continued)” (see Attachment 1).

- On page 28, “Map 1. 2017 Countywide Green Infrastructure Network” amend the growth boundary to reflect the amendments to the Thomas and Robin Dale properties as shown in Attachment 1 (see Attachment 2).

- On page 32, “Map 2. Special Conservation Areas” amend the growth boundary to reflect the amendments to the Thomas and Robin Dale properties as shown in Attachment 1 (see Attachment 3).

- On page 39, “Map 3. Watershed Condition Ratings” amend the growth boundary to reflect the amendments to the Thomas and Robin Dale properties as shown in Attachment 1 (see Attachment 4).

- On page 69, under “Background” amend the second sentence in the third paragraph to state: “This plan updates and replaces the 2012 Priority Preservation Area (PPA) Functional Master Plan.”

- On page 70, amend the text in the first paragraph to state: “No other Two growth boundary changes to the boundaries are being proposed as part of this plan.”

- On page 70, under “Analysis of 2012 Priority Preservation Area Plan Strategy Implementation To-date” amend the last sentence in the first paragraph to state: “Prince George’s County has received certification of its agricultural land preservation program through the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) and the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation...
(MALPF), and has strengthened the existing right-to-farm legislation.”

- On pages 72 and 97, replace “Article 66B” with “Land Use Article.”

- On page 73, amend the sentence after the first set of bullets to state: “The certification of Prince George’s County’s agriculture program in February 2014 by the **Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation** (MDP and MALPF) **jointly** reflects the County’s commitment to agriculture as a viable, long-term, and necessary element or our economy.

- On page 78, under “Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation” amend the third sentence to state: “Since 1977, the Foundation has worked in every county, helping the State of Maryland to preserve in perpetuity **over 290,000 just under the milestone of 300,000** acres on more than 2,000 farms, more agricultural land than any other state in the country.”

- On page 81, under “Land Conservation Through State Programs and Legislation” amend the first sentence to state: “The 2012 PPA Plan has only been in place for a limited time, but the progress has been significant given the certification of the agricultural conservation program by the **Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation** MDP and MALPF jointly in 2013 and other legislation that has been approved in recent years.”

- On page 82, “Map 4. Technical Corrections to the Priority Preservation Area for Prince George’s County” amend the growth boundary to reflect the amendments to the Thomas and Robin Dale properties as shown in Attachment 1, and in the legend replace “**Maryland Department of Planning**” with “**Maryland Department of Natural Resources**” (see Attachment 5).

- On page 83, “Map 5. 2017 Priority Preservation Area for Prince George’s County” amend the growth boundary to reflect the amendments to the Thomas and Robin Dale properties as shown in Attachment 1, and in the legend replace “**Maryland Department of Planning**” with “**Maryland Department of Natural Resources**” (see Attachment 6).

- On page 84, amend the title of Map 6 as follows: “Technical Corrections to the Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act Map **and Growth Boundary** for Prince George’s County,” amend the growth boundary and SGA Tiers to reflect the amendments to the Thomas and Robin Dale properties as shown in Attachment 1, and amend the text to state: “This map highlights five technical corrections to the tiers established in compliance with the Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation (SGA) Act in 2012 or **to the growth boundary and are described on the facing page. Three of these corrections (1, 2, and 5) result from changes made in Plan Prince George’s 2035 or the master plans of Subregions 5 and 6, and are described on the facing page. None of the proposed technical corrections are the result of the preparation of the Resource Conservation Plan. Two of the corrections (3 and 4) are the result of the 2012 SGA Tier changes.**” (See Attachment 7.)

- On page 86, “Map 8. 2017 Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act Map” amend the growth boundary and SGA Tiers to reflect the amendments to the Thomas and Robin Dale properties as shown in Attachment 1 (see Attachment 8).

- On page 91, amend Policy 5.1 as follows: “Allow a broad spectrum of new uses, including agri-tourism, on agricultural and forested lands, as long as those uses continue to focus on agriculture
and forestry or related uses and do not take existing agricultural or forested land out of production.”

**SECTION IV: RURAL CHARACTER CONSERVATION PLAN: A COUNTYWIDE FUNCTIONAL MASTER PLAN**

- On page 121, amend Policy 1.2 as follows: “Ensure that the uses allowed in rural areas are appropriate to preserve rural character while insuring that externalities such as traffic are addressed. **An overconcentration of industrial uses should be discouraged.**”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Prince George’s County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission does hereby adopt the Resource Conservation Plan: A Countywide Functional Master Plan, said plan being an amendment to the Approved Master Plan for Langley Park-College Park-Greenbelt and Vicinity and Adopted Sectional Map Amendment for Planning Areas 65, 66, and 67 [October 1989 and May 1990]; Approved Master Plan and Adopted Sectional Map Amendment for Largo- Lottsford (Planning Area 73) [July 1990]; Approved Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for Melwood- Westphalia (Planning Areas 77 and 78) [March 1994]; Approved Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for Bladensburg-New Carrollton and Vicinity (Planning Area 69) [May 1994]; Approved Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for Planning Area 68 [May 1994]; Approved Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for the Addison Road Metro Town Center and Vicinity [October 2000]; Approved Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for the Heights and Vicinity (Planning Area 76A) [November 2000]; Town of Brentwood Mixed-Use Town Center Zone Development Plan [2000]; Approved Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Management Plan: A Functional Master Plan for Heritage Tourism [September 2001]; Approved Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for the Greenbelt Metro Area [October 2001]; Approved Town of Riverdale Park Mixed-Use Town Center Zone Development Plan [January 2004]; Approved Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for Morgan Boulevard and Largo Town Center Metro Areas [May 2004]; Approved Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for the Prince George’s County Gateway Arts District [November 2004]; Approved Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for the Tuxedo Road/ Arbor Street/Cheverly Metro Area [April 2005]; Approved Master Plan for Bowie and Vicinity and Sectional Map Amendment for Planning Areas 71A, 71B, 74A, 74B. [February 2006]; Approved Suitland Mixed-Use Town Center Zone Development Plan [February 2006]; Approved Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for the East Glenn Dale Area for portions of Planning Area 70 [March 2006]; Approved Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for the Henson Creek- South Potomac Planning Area [April 2006]; Approved Transit District Development Plan and Transit District Overlay Zoning Map Amendment for the West Hyattsville Transit District Overlay Zone [July 2006]; Approved Westphalia Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment [February 2007]; Approved Bladensburg Town Center Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment [June 2007]; Approved Public Safety Facilities Master Plan [March 2008]; Approved Capitol Heights Transit District Development Plan and Transit District Overlay Zoning Map Amendment [July 2008]; Approved Branch Avenue Corridor Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment [September 2008]; Approved Landover Gateway Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment [May 2009]; Approved Port Towns Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment [October 2009]; Approved Countywide Master Plan of Transportation [November 2009]; Approved Marlboro Pike Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment [November 2009]; Approved Takoma/Langley Crossroads Sector Plan [November 2009]; Approved Water Resources Functional Master Plan [January 2010]; Approved Bowie State MARC Station Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment [January 2010]; Glenn Dale–Seabrook–Lanham and Vicinity Approved Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment, [March 2010]; Approved New Carrollton Transit District Development Plan and Transit District Overlay Zoning Map Amendment [May 2010]; Approved Central US 1 Corridor
Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment [June 2010]; Approved Subregion 4 Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment [June 2010]; Approved Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for Subregion I (Planning Areas 60, 61, 62, and 64) [June 2010]; Approved Historic Sites and Districts Plan [June 2010]; Central Annapolis Road Approved Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment [October 2010]; Approved City of Mount Rainier Mixed-Use Town Center Zone Development Plan [November 2010]; The Approved Greenbelt Metro Area and MD 193 Corridor Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment [March 2013]; Approved Subregion 5 Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment [July 2013]; Approved Largo Town Center Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment [December 2013]; Approved Subregion 6 Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment [December 2013]; Approved Eastover/Forest Heights/Glassmanor Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) [February 2014]; Approved Landover Metro Area and MD 202 Corridor Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment [May 2014]; Approved Southern Green Line Station Area Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment [February 2014]; Plan Prince George's 2035 Approved General Plan [May 2014]; The Approved College Park-Riverdale Park Transit District Development Plan [March 2015]; Approved Prince George's Plaza Transit District Development Plan and Proposed Transit District Overlay Zoning Map Amendment [September 2015]; The Approved Central Branch Avenue Corridor Revitalization Sector Plan [2013]; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an attested copy of the adopted plan, and all parts thereof, shall be certified by the Commission and transmitted to the District Council of Prince George's County for its approval pursuant to the Land Use Article, Annotated Code of Maryland and Section 27-645(c) of the Prince George’s County Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this adoption shall be recorded by an appropriate Certificate of Adoption containing the identifying signature of the Chairman of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and shall be affixed to this resolution with a notation indicating: “This resolution is to be used in conjunction with the Preliminary Resource Conservation Plan: A Countywide Functional Master Plan.”

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This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution, as revised by the Prince George's County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission on the motion of Commissioner Bailey seconded by Commissioner Geraldo, with Commissioners Bailey, Geraldo, Hewlett, and Doerner voting in favor of the motion (Commissioner Washington temporarily absent) to approve this resolution at its regular meeting held on Thursday, December 1, 2016 in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

Adopted by the Prince George's County Planning Board this 15th day of December, 2016.

Patricia Colihan Barney
Executive Director

By Jessica Jones
Planning Board Administrator

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

Date 12/15/16