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MARCH 2020

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1	2 7:40 PM <a href="#">Advisory Board Interview, (MB)</a> 8:00 PM <a href="#">Work Session - Hanover Parkway Bikeway Facility Feasibility Study, (MB)</a>	3 1:00 PM <a href="#">FREE Caregiver Educational Lecture Series</a> 7:00 PM <a href="#">Arts Advisory Board</a> 7:00 PM <a href="#">Public Safety Advisory Committee</a>	4 7:30 AM <a href="#">Business Coffee, (MB)</a> 1:00 PM <a href="#">Free Memory Training Class</a> 1:30 PM <a href="#">Greenbelt Memory Cafe</a> 7:30 PM <a href="#">Work Session - Greenbelt Postmaster, (CC)</a>	5 1:30 PM <a href="#">FREE Produce Distribution</a> 6:30 PM <a href="#">A Virtual Conversation on the 2020 Census!</a> 7:00 PM <a href="#">Forest Preserve Advisory Board</a>	6	7 7:00 PM <a href="#">Winter Youth Musical</a>
8 <a href="#">NLC Summit - Washington, DC</a> 3:00 PM <a href="#">Winter Youth Musical</a>	9 <a href="#">NLC Summit - Washington, DC</a> 7:00 PM <a href="#">CART</a>	10 <a href="#">NLC Summit - Washington, DC</a> 10:00 AM <a href="#">Arbor Day Celebration</a> 5:30 PM <a href="#">Board of Elections</a> 7:40 PM <a href="#">Advisory Board Interview, (MB)</a> 8:00 PM <a href="#">Regular Meeting, (MB)</a>	11 <a href="#">NLC Summit - Washington, DC</a> 1:00 PM <a href="#">Free Memory Training Class</a> 1:30 PM <a href="#">Memory Support Group</a> 6:00 PM <a href="#">Caregiver Support Group- CANCELLED</a> 8:00 PM <a href="#">Work Session - Memorial Wall Piece/ Small Cell Procedures and Policy Review, (CC)</a>	12	13	14 2:00 PM <a href="#">Winter Youth Musical- Cancelled</a> 7:00 PM <a href="#">Winter Youth Musical- Cancelled</a>
15	16 6:30 PM <a href="#">Reel &amp; Meel: Heather Booth Changing the World-THIS EVENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED</a> 7:00 PM <a href="#">Advisory Committee on Education Educator Awards- Postponed</a> 8:30 PM <a href="#">Special Meeting / Closed Session - City Manager's Evaluation, (MB)</a>	17	18 1:00 PM <a href="#">Free Memory Training Class- Cancelled</a> 1:30 PM <a href="#">Greenbelt Memory Cafe</a> 7:30 PM <a href="#">Park and Recreation Advisory Board</a> 7:30 PM <a href="#">Advisory Planning Board</a> 8:00 PM <a href="#">Work Session - Friends of Greenbelt Museum, (MB)</a>	19 7:30 PM <a href="#">Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB)</a>	20	21
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29 7:30 AM <a href="#">Colorectal Cancer 5k Walk and Run</a> 1:00 PM <a href="#">HUG Walk</a>	30 8:00 PM <a href="#">Work Session - Wrap-Up Meeting with Board of Election, (MB)</a>	31 3:30 PM <a href="#">Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting</a> 7:30 PM <a href="#">Pickleball Public Input Meeting</a>	1	2	3	4

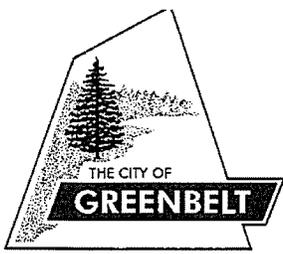
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19	20 8:00 PM <a href="#">Budget Work Session - Recreation, (MB)</a>	21	22 1:30 PM <a href="#">Memory Support Group</a> 8:00 PM <a href="#">Work Session - Greenbelt Neighborhood Conservation Overlay (NCO) Zone Draft Neighborhood Study and Standards, (CC)</a>	23	24	25
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## City Manager's Report Week Ending March 13, 2020

1. Attached is a copy of the draft Greenbelt Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone Study.
2. Also attached are several items related to COVID-19. These items are: Maryland Department of Health recommendations for older adults, a resource page from the city's website, an announcement from Caitlin McGrath about the temporary closure of the theater, information on NASA Goddard and a press release from M-NCPPC about the cancellation of the facilities, programs and events. There are also two business articles from the Economic Development Coordinator.
3. Assistant City Manager
  - a. Dealt with emergency management due to COVID-19
  - b. Attached is the legislative update.
  - c. Researched, monitored and tracked state legislation.
  - d. Worked on FY 2021 budget preparations.
  - e. Met with Museum staff.
4. City Treasurer
  - a. Budget preparation
  - b. Coronavirus response planning
  - c. Brief call with Tyler Technologies regarding Executime project
5. Information Technology
  - a. Corona Virus prep – Remote access expansion
  - b. Continued phone system build/configuration
  - c. Attended Council Work Session – Small Cells
6. Economic Development
  - a. Events & Training
    - International Council for Shopping Centers Webinar: Shared Parking
    - Attended City Council Meeting
  - b. Economic Development Admin
    - Outreach to businesses to touch base about covid19, concerns and plans.
    - Working with staff to coordinate on initiatives that span across the community.
    - Ongoing weekly outreach to Greenbelt business community.

cc: Department Heads  
David Moran, Assistant City Manager  
Mary Johnson, Human Resources Officer  
Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

## Anne Marie Belton

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**From:** Nicole Ard  
**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2020 3:28 PM  
**To:** Terri Hruby  
**Cc:** Anne Marie Belton  
**Subject:** FW: DRAFT Greenbelt Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone Neighborhood Study Available

Terri,

I am going to please ask that you work with Anne Marie to make sure this is in the packet. Also, is there a GHI document to attach?

Thanks,  
Nicole

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**From:** Williams, Chad [mailto:Chad.Williams@ppd.mncppc.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2020 4:24 PM  
**To:** Terri Hruby; Nicole Ard  
**Cc:** Berlage, Derick; Zhang, Henry; Stabler, Jennifer; Sams, Daniel  
**Subject:** DRAFT Greenbelt Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone Neighborhood Study Available

Good afternoon everyone,

This message is going out by blind copy to stakeholders and recent meeting attendees. I am pleased to announce the draft Greenbelt Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone Neighborhood Study is now available for download and reading at the following website:

<http://zoningpgc.pgplanning.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/2020-Greenbelt-Neighborhood-Conservation-Overlay-Zone-Study-Final.pdf>.

This study builds on our collaborative work over the last several years and is the first part of the proposed NCO Zone for Historic Greenbelt. Draft development standards for the NCO will follow soon, and constitute the second part.

Please read the study and feel free to offer comments or suggestions. I will check with one of my colleagues to see if we can make it available on our online commenting platform; if this occurs, I will send out information for that site. As discussed with you, you may also testify on the proposed NCO, the draft study, and the draft development standards verbally or in writing at or in the 15 days following the Joint Public Hearing on the proposed Countywide Map Amendment scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the student center at Prince George's Community College.

Finally, a small number of hard copies (~45) have been printed; I will coordinate with Terri Hruby as to suggestions for where they should be placed for accessibility.

Thank you,  
Chad

**Chad Williams, LEED AP BD+C**  
*Master Planner | Countywide Planning Division*

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# Greenbelt

## Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone

March 2020

### **PART 1** Planning Background

#### Summary

The Neighborhood Conservation Overlay (NCO) Zone is a new zoning tool adopted by the County Council sitting as the District Council on October 23, 2018, as part of Prince George's County's new Zoning Ordinance. The NCO Zone is "intended to protect and preserve the unique development features and character of established neighborhoods throughout the County, and to promote new development that is compatible with the existing neighborhood character." This flexible tool builds on the standards for development, redevelopment, and alterations established throughout the County by the new Zoning Ordinance and incorporates revised or new standards designed for individual communities to better build upon and preserve identified unique attributes.

In order to establish an individual NCO Zone, the District Council shall review "a neighborhood study for the neighborhood specifying the development context in the zone." The District Council "may



Homes within the Proposed Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone.

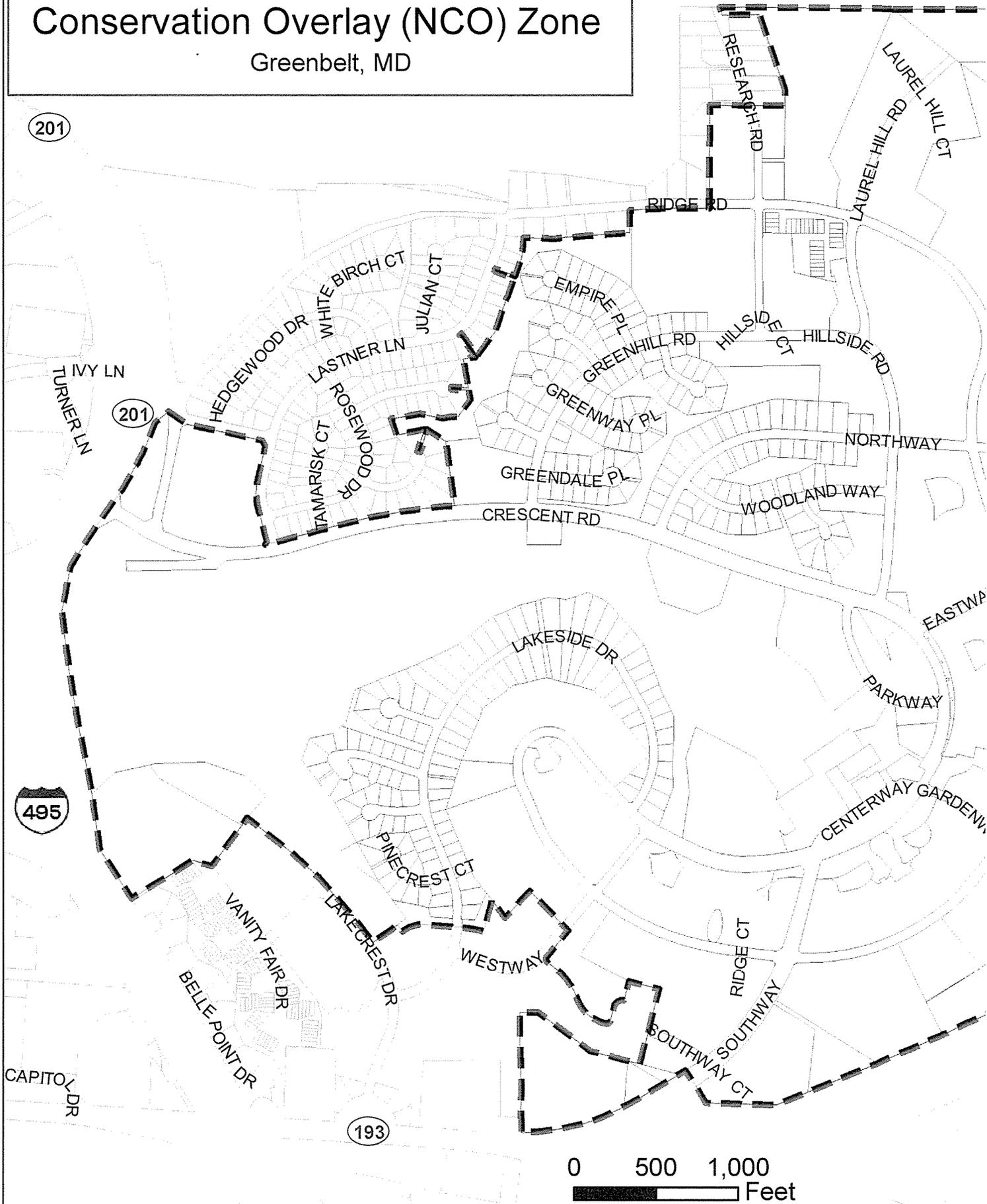
also establish a unique set of development standards applicable to all development" in an NCO Zone.

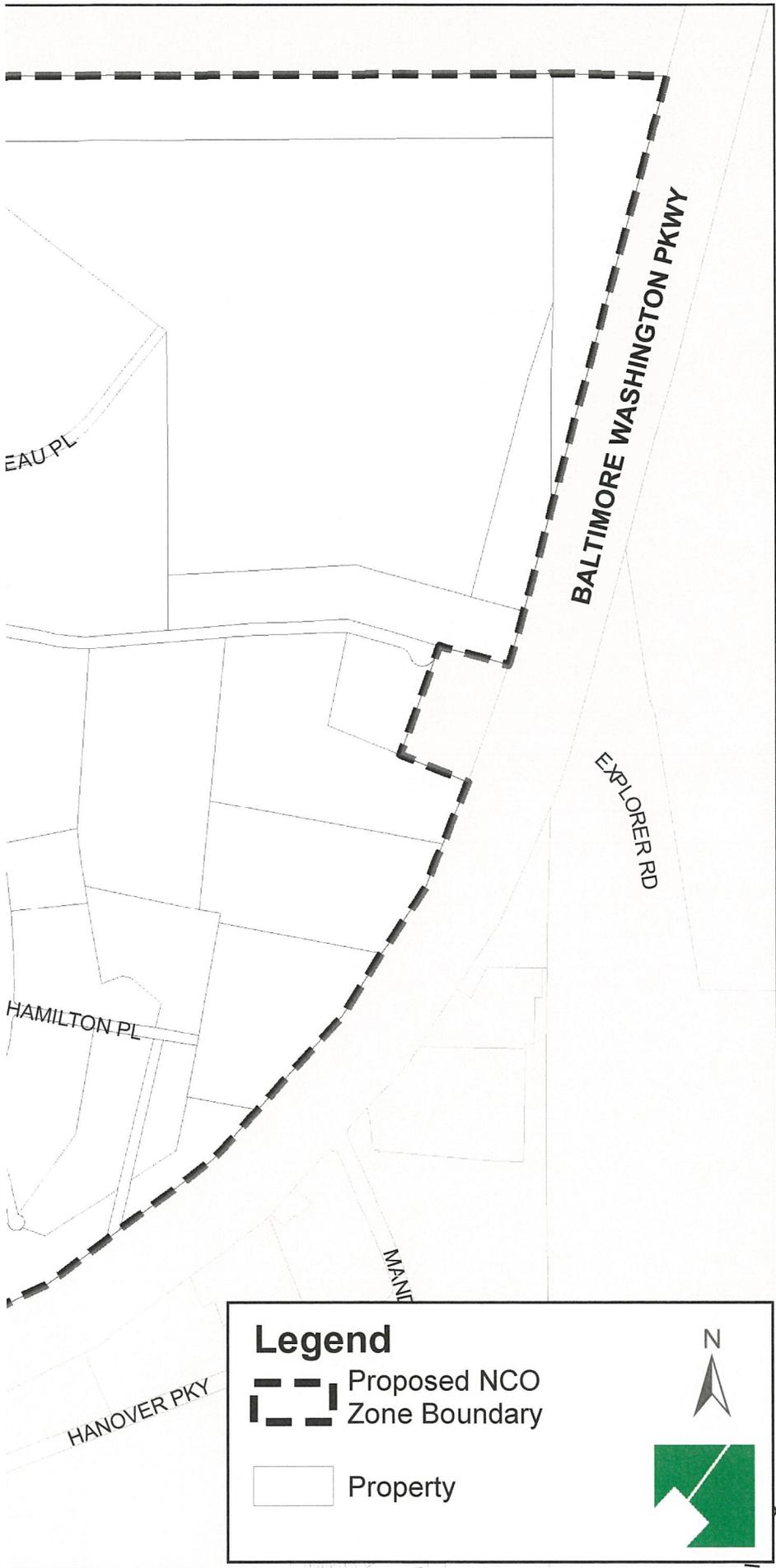
The first two proposed NCO Zones were placed in the Fiscal Year 2020 work program of the Prince George's County Planning Department and focus on single-family residential properties in the City of Mount Rainier and the portion of the City

of Greenbelt currently located in the Residential Planned Community (R-P-C) Zone. Both proposed NCO Zones will be reflected on the proposed County Zoning Map as part of the ongoing Countywide Map Amendment and, if approved, will take effect at the same time as the new zoning map. The zoning map is anticipated to take effect in early November 2020.

# Proposed Greenbelt Neighborhood Conservation Overlay (NCO) Zone

Greenbelt, MD





Concurrent with the preparation and approval of the new zoning map, which is an essential step before the new Zoning Ordinance may take effect, the District Council will consider both the required neighborhood study and a formal resolution to establish the two NCO Zones and any associated development standards. This neighborhood study consists of four parts:



The planning background for the proposed Greenbelt NCO Zone.



An overview and history of the neighborhoods included in the Greenbelt NCO Zone.



How the Greenbelt NCO Zone meets the minimum standards for establishment of an NCO Zone.



The policy goals for the standards proposed in the upcoming legislative amendment to establish the Greenbelt NCO Zone.

# Existing Zoning and Residential Planned Community (R-P-C) Boundary

Greenbelt, MD

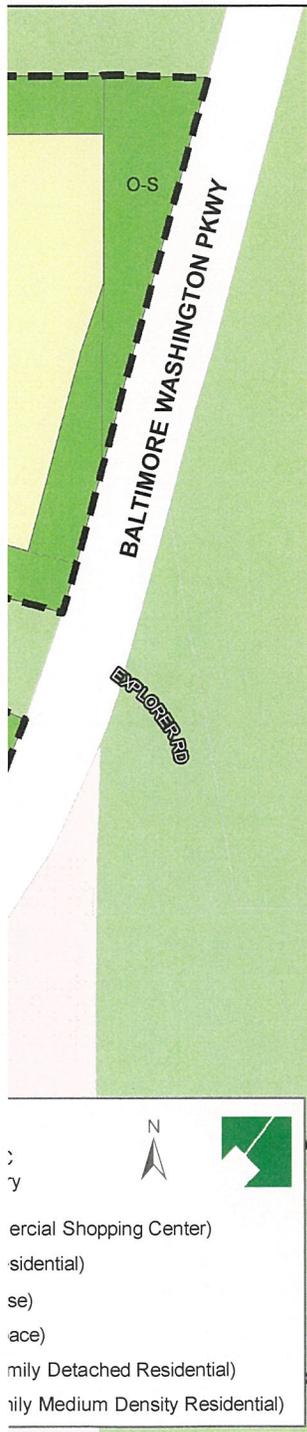


**Legend**

- Current Zone Boundary
- C-S-C
- R-R (R)
- R-T (T)
- O-S (C)
- R-55 (C)
- R-18 (I)

0 500 1,000 Feet

## The 1989 Approved Master Plan for Langley Park-College Park-Greenbelt and Vicinity and 1990 Adopted Sectional Map Amendment for Planning Areas 65, 66, and 67



The current County master plan for the area to be incorporated in the Greenbelt NCO Zone is the 1989 *Approved Master Plan for Langley Park-College Park-Greenbelt and Vicinity*. This master plan updated and replaced the 1970 master plan and remains the oldest applicable master plan in Prince George's County. The accompanying 1990 Adopted Sectional Map Amendment for Planning Areas 65, 66, and 67 (SMA) established the current Greenbelt R-P-C Zone by more than doubling the size of the R-P-C that existed at the time, culminating in 1,397.68 acres centered on the New Deal green town community embodied by the Greenbelt Homes, Incorporated (GHI) cooperative housing development, several multifamily buildings, Roosevelt Center, and the civic spaces including the recreation fields, Buddy Attick Lake Park, library, youth center, Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, municipal center, and community center. The expanded R-P-C Zone also included three single-family detached areas; the forest preserve flanking the northern and eastern portions of the community; offices, workspaces, and storage areas used by GHI and members; the defense housing area built by the Farm Security Administration; and other abutting properties. Additional rezonings were made in 1990, including placing the GHI cooperative superblocks into the R-T (Townhouse) Zone. Refer to Part 2 of this study for additional information on these included properties. The R-P-C Zone included much of the Greenbelt National Historic Landmark designated on the National Register of Historic Places.

As part of the approval of the expanded R-P-C Zone, the R-P-C official plan was established as two maps on pages 213 and 214 of the master plan and SMA. The official plan restricts residential density by block and establishes the land use recommendations for the community. The approved land use plan consists primarily of "low urban," "high urban," "park," "private open space," "commercial," and "institutional" land uses

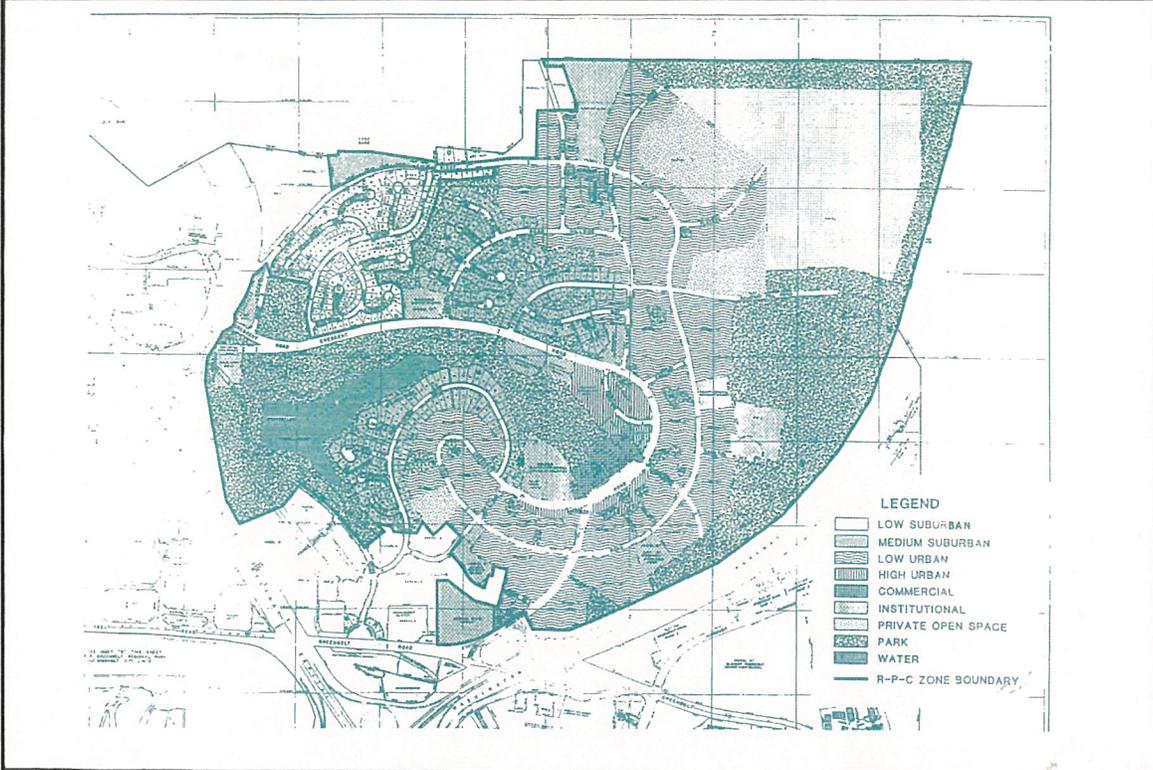
with a large portion of "low suburban" land uses in the northeast quadrant and recognition of the single-family detached areas in the "medium suburban" land use classification. While these land uses are associated with density ranges in the master plan, the density map of the R-P-C official plan supersedes the master plan recommendations and controls the level of density permitted in historic Greenbelt. The commercial category "includes retail, service and office uses" while the institutional category was generally used to identify municipal and County properties along with places of worship and Federal facilities such as the former post office.

The official land use map of the master plan supplements the R-P-C official plan by identifying portions of the forest preserve as "conditional reserve areas," which indicated the presence of unsafe soils and other ground conditions that would make development challenging. Roosevelt Center was also identified as a village activity center; the centers were envisioned as mixed-use, primarily commercial areas that were also appropriate for between 50 and 150 dwelling units. Village activity centers were replaced as a County planning concept with the approval of the 2002 General Plan.

The master plan reflected Roosevelt Center as an area approximately 8.2 acres in size with approximately 53,800 leasable square feet at the time. City of Greenbelt records currently indicate approximately 54,000 square feet of retail area with 6,500 square feet of medical office. The 1989 master plan recommendations for Roosevelt Center were largely brought forward from a 1981 study designed to address challenges such as physical upkeep, litter removal, advertising, and ensuring the central plaza remains pedestrian oriented.

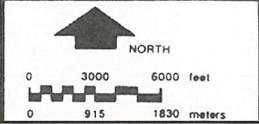
The 1989 open space implementation map recommended all open space and wooded

# Greenbelt RPC Official Plan



Langley Park-  
College Park -  
Greenbelt  
Master Plan

**OFFICIAL PLAN FOR  
GREENBELT R-P-C ZONE**



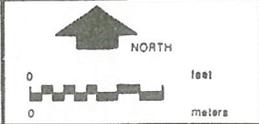
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# Greenbelt RPC Density Map



Langley Park-  
College Park -  
Greenbelt  
Master Plan

**GREENBELT R-P-C ZONE DENSITY  
FOR RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS**



Map No.  
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Roosevelt Center

areas except a portion of the forest preserve identified as a promontory for park acquisition or dedication and reinforces the presence of unsafe lands for development in the preserve. Greenbelt Lake is identified as a scenic vista and recommendations were incorporated to minimize adverse impacts on the natural environment.

One point of note in the 1989 master plan is a recognition that “a group of citizens” have been seeking County historic designation of the 1937 original green town. This interest remains to this day, although most stakeholders prefer alternative solutions such as the Greenbelt NCO Zone.

## Additional Planning Context

Public facilities recommendations have largely been updated by subsequent functional master plans. The recently renovated library, along with the municipal community center, youth center, and municipal building, form the heart of Greenbelt. The community is well served by the municipal police department and the County’s District VI officers based in Beltsville provide backup. The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad remains planned for relocation as an intermediate priority to a location closer to MD 193 and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway per the 2008 Public Safety Facilities Master Plan. As the Greenbelt NCO study will discuss in further detail, there is strong desire to ensure residential growth is limited; therefore, there are few anticipated impacts on the County’s public schools as a result of the Greenbelt NCO Zone.

The 2009 *Approved Countywide Master Plan of Transportation* updated the 1989 master plan’s transportation recommendations and is the current master plan for roadways, trails, and transit. There are no master plan roadways in the proposed Greenbelt NCO Zone. Planned shared-use road trails are indicated on Crescent Road, Ridge Road, Greenhill Road, Hillside Road, Northway Road, and Southway. Existing hard surface trails surround Greenbelt Lake, connect to Lakecrest Drive and the athletic fields, and form a partial network through other open spaces in the historic core, supplemented by the robust off-street trail network present in the

original superblocks and underpasses of the green town. A planned hard surface trail is indicated along most of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway with a link to the Greenbelt NCO area. Finally, the community is well-served by bus transit with TheBus Route 11 providing weekday service and WMATA Metrobus routes G12 and G14 providing daily, evening, and weekend service between the Greenbelt and New Carrollton Metro Stations.

The R-P-C Zone has proven ineffective. While it can and does continue to limit residential density within the Greenbelt R-P-C, there is little else this zone can do that would benefit the community. It is designed to require Detailed Site Plan review and approval for new development—even prior to the issuance of use and occupancy permits but GHI is exempt from this requirement while Roosevelt Center and other residential development are subject to. This creates a substantial inconsistency and severe hardships on property owners of commercial buildings because forcing a new tenant to obtain approval of a Detailed Site Plan, even if all they do is change ownership and run the same or a similar type of business such as the New Deal Café, is a costly, uncertain, and time-consuming requirement.

Additionally, several unique aspects of the original green town community require interpretations or prior zoning text amendments that are sometimes insufficiently documented or are difficult to locate unless one is

intimately familiar with the details of the current ordinance. One such example is a May 2005 interpretation regarding the current requirement for Detailed Site Plans in the R-P-C Zone. This interpretation is intended to reduce the potential burden on property owners of a Detailed Site Plan by stating the R-P-C Official Plan acts as a global, approved Detailed Site Plan for the entire R-P-C area. Any application in this area is treated as a revision rather than a new Detailed Site Plan. Another is a use regulation footnote in a separate part of the Zoning Ordinance from the R-P-C Zone that addresses the situation of the superblocs having never been platted and providing that there are no applicable individual lot standards for the homes contained on the superblocks.



One of the superblocks containing park space within the community.

The opportunity offered by the development of the Greenbelt NCO Zone is that it allows clarity to be brought to these interpretation questions.

## The Greenbelt Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone

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Formal work on the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite project began in January 2014. An evaluation and recommendations report produced by the consultant team led by Clarion Associates and released in December 2014, recommended the elimination of the R-P-C Zone. Planning Department staff began coordination with the City of Greenbelt by the end of March 2015, meeting with the City Council and Advisory Planning Board on March 30 to discuss initial concerns about the repercussions of deleting the R-P-C Zone and potential alternatives for the community.

The first part of the new proposed Zoning Ordinance was released as Module 1: Zones and Use Regulations in October 2015, confirming the elimination of the R-P-C Zone and incorporating the initial recommended language for the NCO Zone as a new type of overlay zone. The City's official response to the proposals of Module 1 was adopted by the City Council in March 2016 and recognizes the ongoing work between County and City planning staff on a potential Greenbelt NCO Zone. The City developed an initial set of goals for the Greenbelt NCO Zone and Clarion Associates offered feedback in September 2016.

Based on initial staff coordination, the City's initial goals, and Clarion Associates' professional expertise, a consultant draft of development standards for the Greenbelt NCO Zone was developed and released for stakeholder review and comment. By early 2017, it was clear from stakeholder feedback this initial draft missed the mark, and the decision was made by the County Council not to include the Greenbelt NCO Zone (or the

Mount Rainier NCO Zone, which was also in draft form at that time) in the September 2017 Comprehensive Review Draft, a complete second draft of the proposed Zoning Ordinance.

Subsequent to the decision not to release draft standards in the Comprehensive Review Draft, and reflecting documented requests from the City of Greenbelt and GHI in 2017, the County Council indicated its intent to continue work on the NCO Zones in the expectation that these zones may be approved with, or added soon after, the approval of the new Zoning Ordinance. The two proposed NCO zones were added to the Planning Department's work program.

In 2018 a legislative draft of the proposed Zoning Ordinance was presented as Council Bill CB-13-2018. After extensive public review and comment, the new Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations, and Landscape Manual were adopted on October 23, 2018, with a delayed effective date to allow for the rezoning of the County to the new zones through the ongoing Countywide Map Amendment. With the approval of the new Zoning Ordinance, the County Council clarified its intent and expectation to ensure the Greenbelt and Mount Rainier NCO Zones would be ready for public review and potential approval concurrent with the effective date of the new ordinance.

In late 2018/early 2019 GHI developed its own proposed NCO development standards and released the proposal for review and comment by the membership. As with the Clarion Associates draft, the GHI draft proved

controversial among stakeholders; unlike the Clarion Associates draft, however, the GHI draft obtained the support of the GHI Board of Directors. In late 2019, the Prince George's County Planning Department met with the City Council, community stakeholders, and the Roosevelt Center Merchants' Association, and in January 2020 met with the GHI Board of Directors. The goal of these meetings was to review the zoning background, discuss the purposes and development of the NCO Zone, and solicit broad community support for the key goals for the Greenbelt NCO Zone.

One final item of importance pertains to State law, specifically Title 5. Special Types of Corporations of the Corporations and Associations Article. Subtitle 6B. Maryland Cooperative Housing Corporation Act, § 5-6B-32(a)(b) states in part that "A law, ordinance, or regulation concerning building codes or zoning may not establish any requirement or standard governing the use, location, placement, or construction of any land and improvements which comprise a cooperative

project, unless the requirement or standard is uniformly applicable to all land and improvements of the same kind or character not comprising cooperative projects." Although the current Zoning Ordinance contains several provisions specifically applicable to cooperative housing projects, these provisions appear to be contrary to the Corporations and Associations Article. While GHI is the largest property owner in the Greenbelt NCO Zone, it is not possible to codify any development standards that treat the GHI properties any differently than other properties in the NCO Zone or in the rest of the County. As such, the proposed NCO standards will not include any regulations or proposals specific to GHI; any such standards which may have been contained in the prior proposals by Clarion Associates and GHI will not be incorporated.

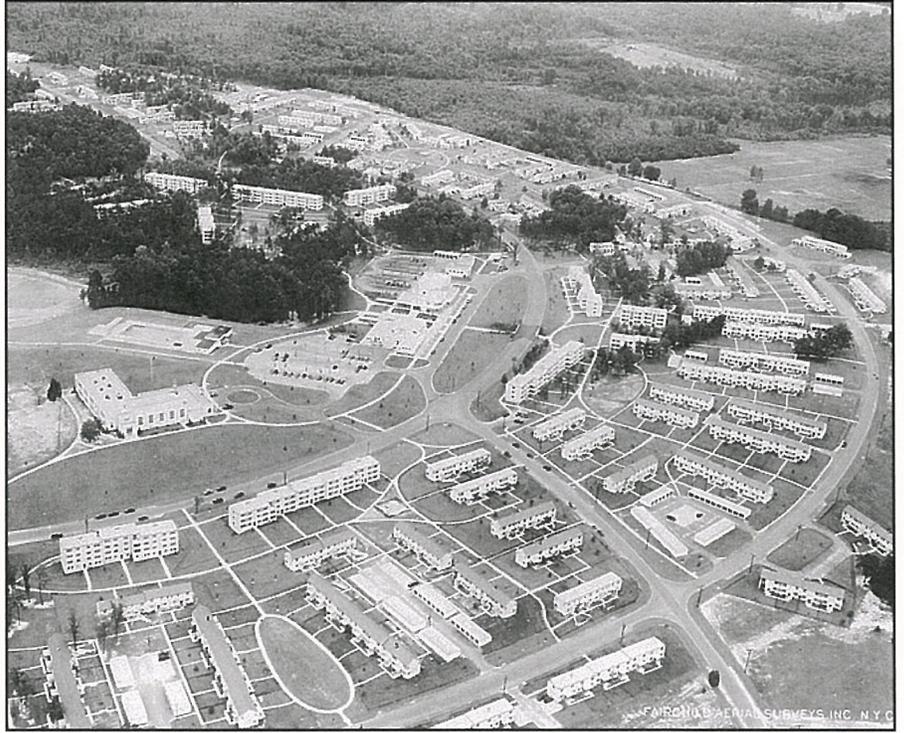
This neighborhood study and the proposed Greenbelt NCO Zone development standards will be the direct result of community collaboration over a period of several years and will directly reinforce the goals supported by the Greenbelt community.



## Historic Greenbelt

Greenbelt is one of three “green towns” founded by the United States government under the New Deal as an attempt to solve social, economic, and housing problems confronting the nation. Constructed on garden city principles, the builders of Greenbelt took advantage of the natural topography in the form of a crescent-shaped plateau or “green belt,” to site the town. Houses were planned on the ridges around the commercial center, where stores, the post office, and community building/school were located. A series of three-story apartment buildings formed an inner circle around the commercial center. Athletic fields and the recreation center were placed in the low portion of the bowl-shaped terrain. Houses were sited in a way so that residents would have to interact with one another and to foster a sense of community. Architectural influences include the Art Deco style, as well as the International and Streamline Moderne styles.

The character-defining features of Greenbelt include common spaces, community spaces, the siting of buildings and courts according to the natural topography, and the architecture of the residential units. The buildings are arranged on superblocks of 10 to 18 acres in size, containing approximately 120 houses arranged in clusters with a “garden” side and a “service” side. Roads were kept to a minimum to promote pedestrian movement through the community, with walkways and underpasses



constructed to minimize conflicts with automobiles. The entire development was surrounded by a “green belt” to provide recreational space and to act as a buffer from incompatible development.

Techniques such as the Radburn method of the use of culs-de-sac or service courts were used to face the dwelling units toward the garden side comprising an interior park or green space. The service side of the buildings face the service courts, where trash was collected, and laundry could be hung. Pedestrian footpaths are used to link the housing within the superblocks and other park areas.

## Residential Development

There was no specific architectural style adopted for the buildings, but the emphasis was on good proportion and scale in the exterior facades with a harmonious use of materials and color, all in relation to the site groupings. The brick-clad buildings were constructed with gable slate roofs, unadorned wall surfaces and steel-sash casement windows. The concrete block buildings were constructed in the International style with flat roofs, white walls, and the lack of ornamentation. Brick rustication was

used between the upper-floor windows to break up the massing of the buildings.

Most units are two stories tall, with 16 one-story units located at the ends of rows, originally referred to as “honeymoon” units. Rows range from two to eight units in length. Because of the high watertable in the area, the units were designed without basements. Originally, the units were heated with one boiler in a single basement under one unit only or in an attached boiler room at one

\*Some partial excerpts in this section taken from the National Historic Landmark Nomination for Greenbelt, Maryland, Historic District ([https://npgallery.nps.gov/NRHP/GetAsset/NHLS/80004331\\_text](https://npgallery.nps.gov/NRHP/GetAsset/NHLS/80004331_text)).



Left page: 1937; This page: Original homes (top), Original apartments (bottom).

end of a row. All foundations and first-floor beams and slabs are made of reinforced concrete. A total of 44.6 percent of the original units are concrete or cinder block wall construction with poured-in-place beam and slab floors and flat roofs, covered with built-up roofing and constructed entirely by unskilled laborers. A total of 51.6 percent are balloon frame with pitched roofs covered in slate and brick veneered walls. A total of 3.8 percent are balloon frame with pitched roofs covered in slate and cement asbestos shingle walls.

The architects grouped the flat and pitched-roof dwellings to achieve appealing vistas and aesthetic variation. Group housing units were planned in pairs to economize on plumbing. In most instances, units were designed with their long axis parallel to the service court to take advantage of light, ventilation, and ease of circulation. The orientation also allowed for wider plots for each individual unit, and in most cases, stairs in a central location.

The 12 multifamily buildings around the commercial center in the original planned community were designed with complete floor plans, rather than assembled in modular units like the group houses. Each building contains 18 to 48 units. Basements were used for tenant storage, laundry, and as a play space for children. The buildings are constructed of 12-inch-thick cinder block wall with reinforced concrete slab floors and roofs.

They are three stories tall and are staggered like the group housing units for visual interest and to adapt to the topography. Unlike the group houses, the primary façades of the multifamily houses face the street. Entrances on the street frontages feature glass block treatment framing the doors and highlighting the stair halls for the full three stories. The garden side entrances are simpler with no decorative elements. The apartment buildings feature brick rustication between the windows for decoration. The multifamily apartment buildings more closely resemble the Bauhaus style of architecture.

### **RESETTLEMENT AUTHORITY PREFABRICATED UNITS**

Five prefabricated units were constructed by the Resettlement Authority on Woodland Way to demonstrate economical construction. These structures are one story in height with a sloping roof and two bedrooms. They are lightweight construction comprising plywood walls set on a masonry foundation and were sited carefully to take advantage of topography and wind conditions.

### **PARKBELT HOMES**

The Parkbelt Homes consist of 10 houses located on Forestway and are the only privately constructed buildings sanctioned by the federal government as part of early plans to expand Greenbelt. These streamlined houses were built by General Houses of Chicago, a pioneer in the field of prefabricated housing. The Parkbelt Homes were originally one-story, flat-roofed structures with a copper-bearing steel frame bolted to a concrete foundation. The walls and roofs are made of factory-made insulated panels that were shipped to the site and assembled. Most of these structures have been modified by the addition of newer siding, pitched roofs and replacement windows. The 10 Parkbelt homes were constructed on 0.13 to 0.38-acre lots arranged around a cul-de-sac. Houses range from one to two stories in height. Green space surrounds the outer edge of the development to provide a park-like setting.

### **DEFENSE HOUSING**

From 1941 to 1942, 1,000 units of defense housing were constructed by the Farm Security Administration. These units were placed in areas originally designated for Resettlement Authority housing that was never built. Siting of these buildings is similar to the original units but does not employ the same garden city principles as the original structures. The orientation of the defense housing is directly on the service courts, which are shorter and squatter, as opposed to being separated from it by garages or hedges. Service yards are shallower than the

original units, there are no garages, and there is a lack of topsoil and footpaths on the garden sides. There are no underpasses under Ridge Road to protect pedestrians from vehicle traffic. These courts lacked trees, hedges, and interior gardens and are generally poorly graded.

The defense houses are two-story frame buildings set on masonry foundations. Floor plans are more compact and differ from the original units. In addition to two-story town houses, the defense homes also feature some flats stacked one on top of the other. Entrance is by side porches at the ends of the units. Other second-floor flats are accessed via a central, first-floor door that leads to a common stair.

## The Town Common

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The original town common comprised two commercial buildings, an elementary school/community building, a combination police station/fire department and automobile repair shop, a gasoline filling station, and one set of closed garages. All buildings were heated by a central heating plant located in the basement of the theater.

### COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Community Building/Elementary School is the heart of the original town and is a superb work of Art Deco architecture. The building is two stories tall, with a flat roof and concrete frame covered in brick veneer. The building's rigid concrete frame is strengthened by protruding buttresses, which are fluted to stress the verticality of the Deco style. The buttresses also provide for unobstructed interior space. At the base of each bay on the exterior of the building between the buttresses, and on the entry above the principal door is a carved limestone bas-relief panel representing part of the preamble of the Constitution and reflect the democratic ideals of the Greenbelt community. The panels were sculpted by Lenore Thomas, who was working for the Special Skills Division of the Resettlement Authority at the time, with the assistance of Tony Lucasini. The panels are executed in the Art Deco style associated with federal art of the late 1930s. A wing was added behind the north wing in 1947. Another addition housing an adult care center is located to the rear of the main block on the north side.

### COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

The original pair of commercial buildings are located on Centerway and originally housed a movie theater, drug store, barber shop, shoe repair, valet, and a bus

### GARAGES

Resettlement Authority planners originally intended to provide garages for all dwelling units. However, only 50 percent of them were built due to lack of funding. As a result, paved parking areas were provided in the service court areas. A total of 275 garage units are arranged in compounds adjacent to service courts and 100 are attached to housing units where service courts are too far distant. The garages are flat-roofed concrete block structures set upon poured concrete foundations. In 1937, only the garages attached to buildings contained overhead doors, while those within the service courts were left open. However, those buildings were designed so that they could be easily fitted with doors, and today, all garages feature wooden panel overhead doors.

station. Offices for the town government and cooperative endeavors were located on the second floors. The buildings are constructed of concrete block with a brick veneer and have the low modern lines of the Streamlined Moderne style, consisting of horizontal compositions, curved walls, flat roofs, and banded corner windows. Construction of the theater included buttressed walls, like the community center. The commercial shopping center is a noteworthy example of an integrated neighborhood shopping center because of its siting within the larger community and its emphasis on the pedestrian experience, separating walkers and cars. The 100-foot-wide pedestrian mall was meant to provide social and cultural interaction as much as to provide access to the commercial space. Access to the commercial area is provided by a secondary road off the main arterial with most of the parking concentrated in the rear of the shops. The "Mother and Child" statue, also sculpted by Lenore Thomas in 1938, serves as the focal point of the shopping court. An addition was placed on the southwest corner of one of the buildings in 1947 for the Town of Greenbelt offices, but ultimately housed a bank.

### FIRE STATION/REPAIR GARAGE

This two-part concrete block, brick-veneered structure originally housed the fire and police station at its southwest end and a repair garage at its northeast end. A new fire station was built on Crescent Road in 1961 and this building was adapted to commercial uses. The auto repair facility still operates as that use.

## Recreational Facilities

### SWIMMING POOL AND BATH HOUSE

The swimming pool and bath house were constructed in 1938, after swimming was banned in the lake. The pool was designed to accommodate 1,000 families. The concrete wall behind the diving board is original. The bathhouse was originally a freestanding building, but is now incorporated into the Aquatic Center, constructed in 1992. Porthole windows are located at the attic level. The original entrance into the bathhouse still contains triple doors but is no longer a working entrance.

### MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS

The three buildings to the east of Ridge Road on Hamilton Place were constructed in 1944 for the Public Housing Authority to house maintenance activities for the community. They are long, low brick buildings in a polygonal site plan. The main building serves as the administration building for Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Two buildings set at an angle to the main building serve as repair/maintenance shops.

### RECREATION

A 27-acre man-made lake with an earthen dam and concrete spillway was provided for recreational purposes. It is surrounded on three sides by Buddy Attick Park, named in honor of one of Greenbelt's original citizens and first police officers. Braden Field is the heart of the recreational area and is original to the planned community. In 1938, there were four tennis courts and, one year later the three baseball/softball fields and football fields were added. The Youth Center, located between the pool and the fields, is a more recent addition.

### WOODLAND AND FARMLAND

The remains of the physical "greenbelt" can be seen in the woodlands that surround the lake and act as a buffer between housing subdivisions at the north. Portions of the greenbelt are also preserved on the eastern side of the town in the Forest Preserve between the townhouses and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

### PARCELS ADDED AFTER ORIGINAL TOWN BUILT

After construction of the original and defense houses by the Federal government, several private subdivisions were platted within the greenbelt. These include Lakeside Blocks A & B (1954); Lakeside First Addition (1956); Woodland Hills Blocks A, B & C (1956); Lakewood, Greenvalley Sections I and II (1956); and Lakecrest

(1962). Like the original Greenbelt town plan, these developments sited single-family houses on individual lots bordering green spaces. The subdivisions took advantage of the natural topography and follow the contours of the natural ridge around which portions of the original town were developed. Houses are sited on cul-de-sacs and are one to two stories in height.



Single-family detached homes added after the original Greenbelt housing.

Religious structures were also later added to the community including the Greenbelt Community Church (1951), Mishkan Torah Jewish Community Center (1955), Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church (1955), and St. Hugh's Catholic Church and School (1963). Other structures include the Greenbelt Plaza Apartments (9, 11, 51, and 53 Crescent Road), the Concession Stand at Greenbelt Lake (1960s), Youth Center (1961), Greenbelt Fire Department (1961), Co-op Supermarket (1962), City of Greenbelt Offices (1964 and 1978), Professional Building (115 Centerway), Public Works Department Building and Open Garage (1969), Greenbelt Public Library (1970), Greenbelt Homes Townhouses (1970), Green Ridge House Nursing Home (1977), Police Station (1990), Greenbelt Elementary School (1992), and Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (1992).



Places of worship continue to provide important community services.

# Minimum Standards for the Approval of a Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone

Section 27-4403(a)(3) of the adopted Zoning Ordinance contains the minimum standards for designation of an NCO Zone. An NCO Zone may only be approved by the District Council if the following standards are met:

**(A) At least 65 percent of the land area within the proposed NCO Zone, not including street and other rights-of-way, is developed.**

The majority of the proposed Greenbelt NCO land area was developed between 1937 and 1970. A small number of parcels, almost all located in the forest preserve to the north and east of the proposed NCO Zone, remain undeveloped. However, these undeveloped parcels are very large in acreage; as a result, Greenbelt does not currently meet this standard as only 484 of the 807 total acres (59.9 percent) of the proposed NCO Zone land area are developed.

As a result of this analysis, staff will recommend the County Council revise the requirement of the adopted Zoning Ordinance from the percentage of land area to the percentage of properties within the proposed NCO Zone. Until and unless such a revision is incorporated, the Greenbelt NCO Zone cannot be approved by the Council as currently proposed.

**(B) Development patterns in the NCO Zone demonstrate an effort to maintain or rehabilitate the character (including, but not limited to, the historic character of existing communities) and physical features of existing buildings in the zone.**

The City of Greenbelt, GHI, the Roosevelt Center Merchants' Association, Prince George's County Library System, and other key property owners play an active and ongoing role in maintaining the historic character of Greenbelt, one of only three New Deal green towns in America. Renovations of existing structures are subject to architectural guidelines in GHI, and the Roosevelt Center businesses remain interested in preserving the form and architectural quality of the commercial buildings. There are Maryland Historical Trust easements on the original theater and community center, as well as the "Mother and Child" statue anchoring Roosevelt Center. Several of the apartment buildings in the proposed NCO boundary are under recent new ownership with owners expressing interest in context-sensitive improvements that will retain the character and architectural styling of the apartments. Single-family detached owners generally maintain their properties in

good condition and at appropriate size and scale to the original post-war construction patterns of these areas.

The intense interest of the City and community in pursuing the NCO Zone itself is drawn from the deep desire of all stakeholders to maintain the historic character and physical features of Greenbelt.

**(C) The development standards proposed to be applied to the zone will encourage the retention of the general character and appearance of existing development in the zone.**

Compliance with this standard will be determined through the legislative process when the District Council reviews and approves the proposed development standards in an upcoming draft Council Bill. The standards of the draft bill will be designed to facilitate and encourage retention of the general character and appearance of the existing development.

**(D) The area must possess one or more of the following distinctive features that create a cohesive identifiable setting, character, or association:**

- (i) Scale, size, type of construction, or distinctive building materials;**
- (ii) Lot layouts, setbacks, street layouts, alleys, or sidewalks;**
- (iii) Special natural or streetscape characteristics, such as creek beds, parks, gardens, or street landscaping; or**
- (iv) Land use patterns, including mixed or unique uses or activities.**

The proposed Greenbelt NCO area is one of the Country's best examples of the Art Deco style integrated into one of only three New Deal green towns in America. It is distinctive in its construction and layout. The superblock design of the original 1937 development is unique in Prince George's County and features a robust pedestrian network well-integrated to the natural environment and inclusive of grade-separated pedestrian underpasses that reduce vehicle-pedestrian conflicts. The overall land use pattern, integration of mixed residential development with commercial, institutional, and recreational uses, and walkable scale of historic Greenbelt make it well-suited for designation as a Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone.

# Policy Goals for the Greenbelt Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone

The goals of the Greenbelt NCO Zone are:

1. Preserve the development characteristics of the New Deal community, including the superbloc concept, garden city character, walkability, internal green spaces, sustainable development practices, and the “green belt.”
2. Restrict the residential density allowed by the new zones of the Zoning Ordinance so that new development does not overwhelm or negatively impact the character of the community.
3. Clarify the applicability of development standards for properties that were never subdivided.
4. Ensure new buildings and structures and additions to existing dwellings, accessory structures, and nonresidential buildings are appropriate in size and scale with existing buildings.
5. Minimize impacts to or restrictions on existing nonresidential uses to ensure they have every opportunity to continue to serve the community.
6. Minimize the provision of new parking spaces to limit expansion of impervious surfaces and preserve open space.



**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INFECTION CONTROL & PREVENTION**  
**OF COVID-19 IN FACILITIES SERVING OLDER ADULTS**

**March 10, 2020**

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), older adults have higher risks related to the COVID-19 disease, commonly known as the coronavirus (“COVID-19”). The Maryland Department of Health (“MDH”) is publishing these recommendations to help deter the spread of COVID-19 among older adults.

These recommendations apply to skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, adult medical day care providers, hospice facilities, and rehabilitation facilities with older adult patients (“Senior Care Facilities”). Other facilities at which older adults reside, or that provide services to older adults, are strongly encouraged to review and, as reasonably appropriate, implement these recommendations.

To help deter the spread of COVID-19, MDH recommends that all Senior Care Facilities:

1. In all cases, comply with the more stringent of applicable CMS guidance or these recommendations.
2. If visitors meet the criteria in #3 below, facilities may restrict their entry to the facility.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, a facility may need to restrict or limit visitation rights for reasonable clinical and safety reasons.
3. Facilities should actively screen and restrict visitation by those who meet the following criteria:
  - Signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat.
  - In the last 14 days, has had contact with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID19, or under investigation for COVID-19, or are ill with respiratory illness.
  - International travel within the last 14 days to countries with sustained community transmission. For updated information on affected countries visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>.
  - Residing in a community where community-based spread of COVID-19 is occurring.

For those individuals that do not meet the above criteria, facilities can allow entry but may require visitors to use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as facemasks.

4. Facility staff should be screened in the same manner as visitors. Specifically:
  - Health care providers (HCP) who have signs and symptoms of a respiratory infection should not report to work.
  - Any staff that develop signs and symptoms of a respiratory infection while on-the-job, should:

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<sup>1</sup> CMS regulations and guidance related to restricting a nursing home resident’s right to visitors can be found at 42 CFR §483.10(f)(4), and at F-tag 563 of Appendix PP of the State Operations Manual.

- Immediately stop work, put on a facemask, and self-isolate at home.
- Contact and follow the local health department recommendations for next steps.
- If applicable, inform the facility’s infection preventionist, and include information on individuals, equipment, and locations the person came in contact with.

Refer to the CDC guidance for exposures that might warrant restricting asymptomatic healthcare personnel from reporting to work at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019ncov/hcp/guidance-risk-assesment-hcp.html>

5. Require all individuals entering the facility to wash their hands upon entry. If soap and water are not available, alcohol-based hand sanitizer may be used.
6. Instruct all individuals entering the facility to limit their movement within the facility to only those areas that are necessary for the purpose of their visit.
7. Establish processes to allow remote communication for residents and others.
8. Provide staff with training on infection control and prevention procedures.
9. Frequently disinfect equipment and workspaces, and limit sharing of equipment between residents and areas of the facility.
10. Effectively communicate these recommendations to all individuals entering the facilities and families of residents, using means such as:
  - Signage throughout the facility and at each point of entry, and
  - Proactive communication to residents, family members, visitors, vendors, and staff.
11. Follow the guidance of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (“CMS”) related to:
  - Transfers of residents with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 to a hospital, and
  - Acceptance of residents diagnosed with COVID-19 from a hospital.
12. Regularly review and, where applicable, implement all recommendations and guidance of MDH, CDC and CMS related to preventing the transmission of COVID-19.

Senior Care Facilities are strongly encouraged to regularly monitor MDH’s web site and social media accounts, as **these recommendations may be updated from time to time.**

MDH acknowledges that implementation of these regulations may cause regulated Senior Care Facilities to be in non-compliance with certain State regulatory requirements, including without limitation, regulations relating to visitation, resident activities, and staffing ratios. **MDH will not take enforcement action under State law or regulation against any regulated Senior Care Facility for regulatory non-compliance that arises solely from the good faith implementation of these recommendations during the period in which the Governor has proclaimed a state of emergency related to COVID-19.**



## **Frequently Asked Questions: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and Older Adults**

Updated March 10, 2020

**Under Governor Larry Hogan’s direction, state agencies continue to develop comprehensive and coordinated prevention and response plans for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).**

**The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) will communicate directly with the public, providing updates as this situation develops and accurate information about how to protect yourself and your family.**

### **What is COVID-19?**

COVID-19 is a disease caused by a respiratory virus first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China in December 2019. COVID-19 is a new virus that hasn’t caused illness in humans before. Worldwide, COVID-19 has resulted in thousands of infections, causing illness and in some cases death. Cases have spread to countries throughout the world, with more cases reported daily.

COVID-19 is thought to be able to spread like the cold or flu through:

- coughing and sneezing, which creates respiratory droplets
- close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands
- touching an object or surface with the virus on it

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- fever
- coughing
- shortness of breath
- in more severe cases, pneumonia (infection in the lungs)

### **What is the current COVID-19 situation in Maryland?**

Maryland currently has confirmed cases of COVID-19.

On March 5, Gov. Hogan declared a state of emergency to further mobilize all available state resources. The declaration officially authorized and directed the MDH and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to ramp up coordination among all state and local agencies. The declaration also enables MDH and MEMA to fast-track coordination with our state and local health departments and emergency management teams.

Up-to-date information about testing and case counts in Maryland are available at [health.maryland.gov/coronavirus](https://health.maryland.gov/coronavirus). The page is updated daily.

### **Do older adults have a higher risk of becoming more seriously ill from COVID-19?**

Older adults (age 60+) and those with pre-existing medical conditions have a greater risk for serious illness, and in some cases death, if they become infected with COVID-19. Examples of pre-existing medical conditions include: cancer, diabetes, heart disease or other conditions that impact the immune system's ability to fight germs.

Currently, people are at risk for contracting COVID-19 who:

- Recently traveled to geographic areas of concern
- Have close, personal contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19
- Care for people with COVID-19

If you are an older adult or you have one or more chronic health conditions, you can take action to reduce your risk of exposure to COVID-19:

- Take everyday precautions to keep space between yourself and others
- When you go out in public, keep away from others who are sick, limit close contact and wash your hands often with soap and water or hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol content
- Avoid crowds as much as possible

### **What do I do if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in my community?**

It is likely that at some point, widespread transmission of COVID-19 in the United States will occur. Experts expect that the coming weeks and months, we can expect to see more cases in the U.S. and worldwide.

Community spread is how the common cold and flu are transmitted — meaning people catch it from each other while going about their daily lives. Reported community spread of COVID-19 in parts of the U.S. raises the level of concern about the immediate threat for the affected communities.

Depending on the severity, public health officials will recommend certain actions to help reduce your risk of being exposed to COVID-19 if an outbreak happens in your community. These actions can slow the spread and reduce the impact of disease.

If COVID-19 is spreading in your community, follow directions from public health officials. You may be asked to do one or more of the following:

- Monitor for symptoms of illness: including fever, cold-like symptoms, cough, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Quarantine at home: used to separate and restrict the movement of those who are well but who may have been exposed to disease but do not show symptoms to help stop the spread of disease
- Isolation at home: used to separate those who are sick from those who are healthy to help stop the spread of disease

If you are asked to do any of the above, your health care practitioner or local health department will provide information about how to proceed.

You may also be asked a lot of questions about your recent travel, activity and interaction with others outside your home. This is a normal part of contact tracing, which health care practitioners and scientists use to help determine the risk of COVID-19 exposure in communities.

### **Should I cancel plans to travel abroad?**

At this time, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that people who are at risk for serious illness, including older adults and those with pre-existing medical conditions, avoid cruise travel and non-essential air travel.

If you must travel, CDC is updating travel advisories as warranted and has advised against nonessential travel to some geographic areas of concern. Those with underlying health conditions are advised to avoid nonessential travel to certain areas as well.

Visit the CDC travel advisory site to check on current travel warnings if you are planning a trip abroad: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>.

### **What can I do to be prepared for COVID-19?**

Older adults are advised to prepare in the following ways:

- Check your regular prescription drugs to make sure you have an adequate supply; refill your prescriptions if needed
- Have an adequate supply of non-prescriptive drugs and other health supplies, including pain relievers, stomach remedies, cough and cold medicines
- Have enough household items, groceries, and water on hand so that you will be prepared to stay at home
- Consider ways of getting food brought to your house through family, social or commercial networks if you are forced to stay home for longer than your supplies allow
- Stay in touch with others by phone or email; you may need to ask for help from friends, family, neighbors, community health workers, etc. if you become sick
- Determine who can provide you with care if your caregiver gets sick

Wash your hands after putting away groceries, touching money or handling anything that comes from outside the home. Clean your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing, or having been in a public place. Ask anyone entering your home to wash their hands upon entering.

Use commercial cleaning products to wipe high-touch points often, including:

- canes, walker grips, wheelchair arms, push handles and brake handles
- handrails and commode chair handrails, faucets, doorknobs, and refrigerator handles
- reacher/grabber handles and pill boxes
- telephones, remotes and light switches

### **What should I do if I think I am sick with COVID-19?**

If you have recently traveled to any geographic area of concern or were in contact with someone with COVID-19, and you become sick with fever, cough or have difficulty breathing, seek medical care right away. Follow these steps:

- Call your doctor or emergency room before you go
- Tell them about recent travel and close contacts (such as people in your household)
- Wear a mask, if one is available

### **What can I do to support older adults?**

- Know what medications your older loved one is taking and contact them to ask if they need refills or an extended supply of medication
- Check in with any older friends or family members regularly by email or phone to see if they need assistance, food, water or other supplies
- If a loved one is living in a care facility, monitor the situation — ask the facility about its protocol if there is an outbreak and about the health of other residents

### **How is MDH helping care facilities prepare?**

MDH is working with Maryland care facilities to ensure they are prepared for COVID-19. MDH has provided education to facilities about the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and has asked facilities to be particularly vigilant in recognizing and reporting potential cases of COVID-19.

Additionally, facilities have been asked to monitor their staff for signs of respiratory illness, to review and update visitor policies, to re-educate staff about infection prevention practices such as hand washing, to take inventory of available personal protective equipment (PPE) and to create plans to prepare for PPE shortages.

Information from the CDC for long-term care facilities is available at: [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/healthcare-facilities/prevent-spread-in-long-term-care-facilities.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/healthcare-facilities/prevent-spread-in-long-term-care-facilities.html)

## RESOURCE PAGE

We understand that this is a difficult time. There are several organizations waving late fees, postponing payments, or offering services.

### The City of Greenbelt

The Finance Office will only be able to take drop-off refuse, tax payment, etc. through the drop box slot on the side door of the Municipal Building. The payment method of choice for this emergency will be through the mail. **Late payments will be excused during this time.**

Essential programs for seniors such as the Food and Friendship program and Produce Distribution will be carried out, but with some changes. Arrangements have been made to get the meals to the people who need them and the City will continue to provide these services. Please call the City offices if you have a specific need or question at 301-474-8000. GAIL staff is arranging to do its counseling services over the phone or through other methods.

### Pepco

Pepco is suspending service disconnections and waiving new late payment fees through at least May 1 and will be working with customers on a case-by-case basis to establish payment arrangements and identify energy assistance options. [Click here for more information.](#)

### Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC)

WSSC Water will waive late fees and work one on one with customers impacted by the outbreak. [Click here to learn more.](#)

## Anne Marie Belton

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**From:** Nicole Ard  
**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2020 12:47 PM  
**To:** Terri Hruby; Laura Allen; Anne Marie Belton  
**Subject:** Fwd: Old Greenbelt Theatre closure announcement

Sent from my iPhone

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**Subject:** Old Greenbelt Theatre closure announcement

Dear all,

We will close our doors starting today. We hope this will follow the Rec Department closure of two weeks, but we will monitor the situation closely and follow the lead of local and state officials.

Below is the text of the announcement that will go out momentarily.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes,  
Caitlin

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Dear members and patrons,

Since the Friends of Greenbelt Theatre reopened the Old Greenbelt Theatre on May 1, 2015, we have prided ourselves on never going a day without showing a movie. We've been there through snow days, every Federal holiday, a major renovation, and all the quiet normal days in between. It's not some sort of stunt to keep a streak going, it's because we love what we do and are committed to being here as a resource for the community.

**Today we will close our doors for the first time for the same reasons: we take our role in the community seriously and cannot run the risk of being a site of transmission.**

**Starting today (Friday, March 13), the Old Greenbelt Theatre will be closed.** We will work closely with the City of Greenbelt to monitor the situation and decide on a reopening date. All special events - where possible - will be rescheduled. And, of course, if you have bought tickets for an event that is now postponed, we will honor those tickets at the future show. *If you've already purchased a ticket for an event, you will receive an email shortly.*

However, we also know that at a time like this community connection remains as important as ever. We are working on plans to continue our programming in a way that will allow you to still participate with film and film education from the safety and comfort of your home. Please keep an eye out for our weekly Tuesday email for instructions on how to participate. We'll have a little something for everyone, and we hope it makes these days of stress and anxiety easier to cope with and just a bit brighter.

During our closure, we will also be working on a plan for reopening safely, as the landscape of movie-going may change for a while even after we can open our doors again.

This will be a difficult time for us as a staff - as Executive Director I am responsible for a staff of 10 - and for that reason closing the theater was not an easy decision to make, but it is clearly the right one at this time. As I said in the beginning, we love what we do, and that has not changed. Keep an eye out for virtual programming coming from us soon. We hope to break the tedium of self-isolation and continue to serve as a valued community resource.

Thank you for your understanding and support. We hope you all stay safe and well. We look forward to seeing you at the movies before too long.

Take care,  
Caitlin

Caitlin McGrath  
Executive Director  
Friends of Greenbelt Theatre

## Anne Marie Belton

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**From:** Nicole Ard  
**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2020 3:58 PM  
**To:** Anne Marie Belton  
**Cc:** Charise Liggins; Richard Bowers; Dale Worley; Jennifer L. Sterling; Mary Johnson; Beverly Palau  
**Subject:** FW: A Message to Employees From the Center Director

FYI,  
This is for information only. Not public posting as this is not our material.

Anne Marie,  
Please place this in the Council packet.

Thanks,  
Nicole

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**To:** Nicole Ard  
**Cc:** Harmon, Janice (GSFC-100.0)[ASRC FEDERAL SYSTEM SOLUTIONS]  
**Subject:** Fw: A Message to Employees From the Center Director

Nicole,

Hope all is well on your end.

For your awareness, I wanted to share the email that just went to all employees strongly encouraging telework. We also had a "virtual town hall" yesterday to communicate the same message and answer questions. Last Friday we did an agency-wide telework day to stress the systems to ensure we are ready in the event we go mandatory telework. We will do an agency-wide telework day again on Tuesday.

Just FYI so you know what's going on at Goddard if you get questions. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Take care,  
Phillina

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**From:** GSFC-Communications <GSFC-Communications@mail.nasa.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2020 2:48 PM  
**To:** GSFC-DL-ALL <GSFC-DL-ALL@mail.nasa.gov>  
**Subject:** CORRECTION: A Message to Employees From the Center Director

**Message from the Center Director**  
**NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center**



Hello, colleagues:

I just wanted to take a moment to thank all of you again for participating in yesterday's virtual town hall. We apologize for the difficulties you may have experienced when trying to watch or listen in. The situation yesterday thoroughly pushed and tested the system, and we're using what we learned to make corrections before the next town hall. I thank everyone for their understanding as we work out the kinks. If you weren't able to participate, you can access it [here](#).

I also want to reiterate a couple of key takeaways from our exchange. As you already know, the health and safety of Goddard's workforce is my top priority. As the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation continues to evolve, our center, in frequent consultation with Headquarters, is taking steps to ensure our workforce is protected and informed. **As was said yesterday, I am strongly encouraging employees (civil servants and contractors), supervisors, contracting officer's representatives, and contract program managers to fully maximize the use of teleworking and virtual collaboration tools as soon and as much as reasonably possible for the foreseeable future.**

All Center operations, entry points, and services will remain operational for the time being, but out of an abundance of caution, we must take precautions **now** and encourage social distancing among ourselves and our employees. Again, teleworking is not mandatory, but it is **highly encouraged**.

Just last night, the Agency released its response framework (i.e. stages of operation). It's also attached to this email so that you can familiarize yourself with its contents. Additionally, please be proactive in talking with your supervisor about teleworking options, what type of meaningful work can be accomplished offsite, and what preparations you would need to make (equipment, software, etc.). The Human Resources Office will be sending out additional information and resources to First Line Supervisors to assist them in having these important discussions with you. Leverage the use of collaborative technologies to interact with your colleagues, and most importantly, take care of yourself and your family.

Earlier this afternoon, you should have received an Agencywide email regarding an Agencywide Telework Day on Tuesday, March 17. I encourage you to review the information in that message. Civil servants should speak with their supervisors if they have questions. Contractors should speak with their project manager and, if appropriate, their contracting officer's representative, if they have questions. In addition, I encourage you to refer often to the [NASAPeople coronavirus information site](#) for the latest agency FAQs and updates on the agency's response. For example, there is guidance on telework, leave, and travel.

Goddard's [internal coronavirus information and updates site](#) contains information specific to our center, including teleworking tips compiled by our own Information and Technology Communications Directorate.

Thank you for your steadfast devotion to NASA's mission and Goddard's workforce, and your flexibility, during this unprecedented time. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our center point of contact, Ray Rubilotta, with questions or suggestions on how we can help you continue to be successful and safe over these next few weeks.

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Dennis J. Andrucyk  
Center Director

*\*For internal purposes only.*

## Anne Marie Belton

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**From:** Nicole Ard  
**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2020 4:41 PM  
**To:** Anne Marie Belton  
**Subject:** FW: MNCPPC Press Release on Cancellations

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**From:** Joe McNeal  
**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2020 4:18 PM  
**To:** Nicole Ard; David Moran  
**Cc:** Greg Varda; Beverly Palau; Jennifer L. Sterling  
**Subject:** MNCPPC Press Release on Cancellations

Below is PRESS RELEASE from MNCPPC on steps they are taking.

Posted on: March 13, 2020

### **M-NCPPC, Department of Parks & Recreation Closes Facilities and Cancels Programs and Events**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – March 13, 2020**

**MEDIA CONTACT:** CHANDA WASHINGTON 240-565-2584 – or [chanda.washington@pgparks.com](mailto:chanda.washington@pgparks.com)

#### **M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation Proactively Closes Facilities and Cancels Programs and Events in the Interest of Public Health and Safety**

**Riverdale, MD** – The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George’s County announced today that they will close all facilities with limited park maintenance operations and cancel events and programs beginning Monday, March 16. All parks, trails, and playgrounds will remain open. They will reassess the status at the end of the month.

“The decision to close our facilities and cancel programs and events was made out of an abundance of caution for the health of the communities we serve, our employees, and visitors,” said Elizabeth M. Hewlett, Chairman of the Prince George’s County Planning Board. “We are working closely with local public health authorities, emergency management offices, and other local agencies to keep our patrons and employees informed and updated on the current coronavirus situation.”

Department officials, staff, residents, partners, and vendors were informed of this decision late last week, the COVID-19 situation became more significant in the local area in an effort to control the spread of COVID-19.

“This proactive effort is our greatest opportunity to increase public health for the residents of Prince George’s County,” confirms Bill Tyler, Director of the M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation. “Our facilities, programs, and

events, provide the means for community social interaction and it is out of an abundance of caution that we are enforcing social distancing,” declares Tyler.

During the closure, the Department will continue to concentrate on preventive measures as indicated by public health agencies.

College Park Airport and the Upper Marlboro Child Care Center will remain open.

The Department will credit funds for registrations classes, programs, rentals, and events or permits for park facilities. Outdoor areas will remain open to the public from sunrise to sunset.

Updated information, FAQs and useful forms are up on the Department’s website at [pgparks.com](http://pgparks.com) and an Information Line has been established, to provide useful information to the community by phone, at 301-446-3222.

“This challenging time is requiring us to make some difficult decisions about closings to protect the well-being of our residents,” says County Executive Angela Alsobrooks. “Your County Government and our partners continue to work diligently and in a collaborative manner to prevent the spread of this virus.”

For more information, visit [pgparks.com](http://pgparks.com) and follow us on social media.

The Department of Parks and Recreation delivers an award-winning park system through progressive, innovative leadership and a commitment to the community and the environment in Prince George’s County. For more on the Department of Parks and Recreation, visit [www.pgparks.com](http://www.pgparks.com) and stay connected on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Flickr](#), [YouTube](#), and [Instagram](#). The M-NCPPC Department of Parks and Recreation encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities in all programs and services.

**Joe McNeal, CPRP / AFO**

*Assistant Director of Facilities and Operations*

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From the Washington Business Journal:

<https://www.bizjournals.com/washington/news/2020/03/12/the-situation-is-pretty-devastating-coronavirus.html>

# 'The situation is pretty devastating.' Coronavirus has D.C.-area restaurants reeling.

Mar 12, 2020 6:58pm EDT Updated: Mar 12, 2020, 9:22pm EDT

Some D.C.-area restaurants were already coming dangerously close to a tipping point on their balance sheets that would force at least a temporary closure as precautions to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus ramped up further Thursday.

Restaurants are reporting sales that are down between 25% and 40%, according to restaurateurs and industry advocates who spoke with the Washington Business Journal. And the situation will likely only get worse as activity and foot traffic slow further with the cancellation of large-scale events and other gatherings.



SCOTT SUCHMAN  
Primrose co-owner Sebastian Zutant said he's seen a 40% drop in sales over the past week and a half as traffic slows due to the coronavirus.

## Restaurants weigh temporary closure

Primrose wine bar in the District's Brookland neighborhood has seen a 40% drop in sales during the past week and a half, according to co-owner Sebastian Zutant. A group that made a reservation to rent out the entire restaurant March 30 canceled its plans, and Primrose axed an event it planned to host the next day.

Outside of events, Zutant said Primrose, which is typically busier this time of year, is seeing far fewer guests. He's now contemplating closing temporarily if conditions don't improve or they can't find a way to adapt.

"The situation is pretty devastating," Zutant said in an interview. "Usually March turns and it's super crazy — but it's not at all. It's really quiet."

## Coronavirus impact worse than 9/11?

Restaurant industry watchers worry that the outbreak could have a more significant effect than the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the most recent major disruption in Greater Washington's hospitality business, said Thomas Cooke, professor of accounting and business law at Georgetown University.

"9/11 was something where we suffered for a short period of time, but amazingly we rebounded," Cooke said. "This is something that has the potential to be long term. Meetings are being canceled into June, and people aren't sure what the summer is going to bring."

Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington General Counsel Andrew Kline echoed Cooke. "Within a week or so, everyone was relatively confident that the immediate threat of danger was over," Kline said of 9/11. "Here, there's a lot more uncertainty in terms of how long this will last."

While RAMW doesn't have hard data on the more recent sales declines related to the coronavirus, its member restaurants are anecdotally reporting a 25% to 30% drop in revenue, according Kline. He said a drop in the 40% to 45% range is where the livelihood of a restaurant would be at stake.

"That's where it gets very ugly," Kline said. "Most can weather a 25% to 30% drop in the short term. But if it gets more drastic, then it gets to be a problem."

#### Private dining pares down

At Das Ethiopian in Georgetown, attendance has been down 50%, according to Sileshi Alifom. On Wednesday, a 55-person event and a 24-person event were both canceled, while yet another 12-person group backed out.

That would have added up to a planned 100 customers Wednesday, he said. Instead, the restaurant saw only 21 the whole day.

Alifom is going to wait and see how traffic is Thursday, Friday and Saturday since those are typically busier days. If it doesn't improve, he'll seriously have to consider temporarily closing, he said.

But that closure will come with its own problems, given that some costs, such as rent payments, remain even if the restaurant isn't doing day-to-day business.

"That's no way to sustain a business. It's a really tough time," he said. "I'm contemplating how many days I should be shutting down."

If restaurants do shut down or reduce service, it will leave many employees, most of whom do not work on salary, with substantially less or no income. In addition, many restaurants don't offer paid sick leave, which could exacerbate the spread of illness if they are faced with the choice to come to work sick or not get paid.

D.C. and Maryland requires all employers, including restaurants, to offer some paid sick leave. That is not the case in Virginia, however.

#### Setting up support for the restaurant industry

Danny Boylen, chef and owner of D.C.-based personal chef service Cogito Ergo Saute, has long been an advocate for the federal government to guarantee paid sick leave at levels above the tipped minimum wage. While he believes it's not politically tenable, he'd also like the federal government to provide maximum unemployment benefits to every tipped employee.

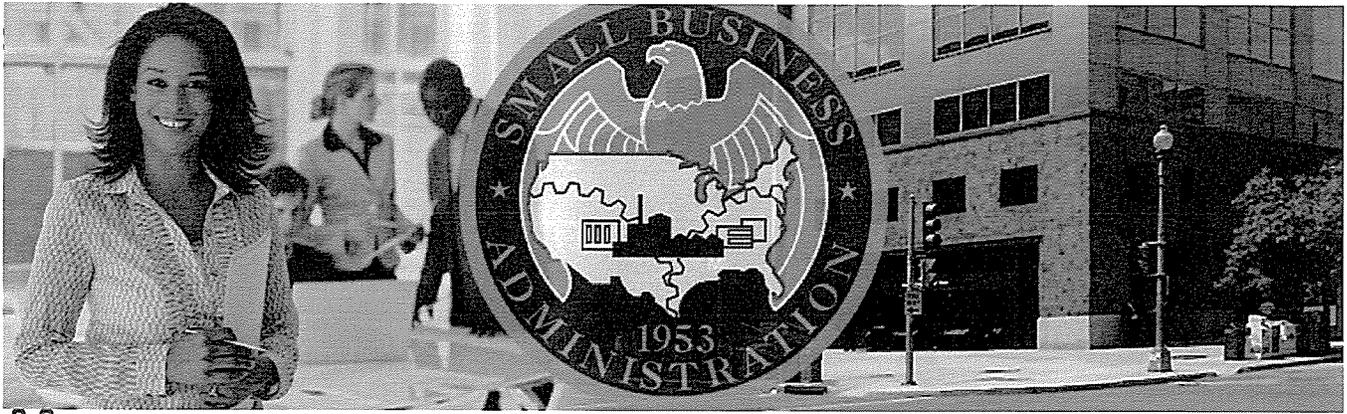
The wholesale federal changes that Boylen would like to see aren't likely in the near term, but RAMW is working with D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser's office and D.C. Council Chairman Phil Mendelson and Kenyan McDuffie, D-Ward 5, to come up with ways to soften the situation for businesses and their workers, Kline said.

Mendelson on Thursday introduced emergency legislation that could be passed as soon as Tuesday that includes protections for workers forced to stay home because of potential exposure to COVID-19. It also includes the ability to extend local tax filing deadlines and a grant program to help cover small businesses' payroll and other costs in the event they can show "financial distress caused by a reduction of business as a result of the cause of the public health emergency."

"Hats off to a restaurant, any establishment, that keeps a staff employed during difficult times," Cooke said. "They'll get my business any time I go out."

Katishi Maahe  
Staff Reporter  
*Washington Business Journal*





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### SBA to Provide Disaster Assistance Loans for Small Businesses Impacted by Coronavirus (COVID-19)

**Release Date:** Thursday, March 12, 2020

**Release Number:** 20-24

**Contact:** [Jennifer.Kelly@sba.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Kelly@sba.gov) (202)205-7036

**WASHINGTON** – SBA Administrator [Jovita Carranza](#) issued the following statement today in response to the President's address to the nation:

"The President took bold, decisive action to make our 30 million small businesses more resilient to Coronavirus-related economic disruptions. Small businesses are vital economic engines in every community and state, and they have helped make our economy the strongest in the world. Our Agency will work directly with state Governors to provide targeted, low-interest disaster recovery loans to small businesses that have been severely impacted by the situation. Additionally, the SBA continues to assist small businesses with counseling and navigating their own preparedness plans through our network of 68 District Offices and numerous Resource Partners located around the country. The SBA will continue to provide every small business with the most effective and customer-focused response possible during these times of uncertainty."

SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans offer up to \$2 million in assistance for a small business. These loans can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing.

#### **Process for Accessing SBA's Coronavirus (COVID-19) Disaster Relief Lending**

- The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering designated states and territories low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Upon a request received from a state's or territory's Governor, SBA will issue under its own authority, as provided by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act that was recently signed by the President, an Economic Injury Disaster Loan declaration.
- Any such Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance declaration issued by the SBA makes loans available to small businesses and private, non-profit organizations in designated areas of a state or territory to help alleviate economic injury caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance will coordinate with the state's or territory's Governor to submit the request for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance.
- Once a declaration is made for designated areas within a state, the information on the application process for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance will be made available to all affected communities.
- These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact. The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses without credit available elsewhere; businesses with credit available elsewhere are not eligible. The interest rate for non-profits is 2.75%.
- SBA offers loans with long-term repayments in order to keep payments affordable, up to a maximum of 30 years. Terms are determined on a case-by-case basis, based upon each borrower's ability to repay.



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- SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are just one piece of the expanded focus of the federal government's coordinated response, and the SBA is strongly committed to providing the most effective and customer-focused response possible.

For additional information, please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center. Call 1-800-659-2955 (TTY: 1-800-877-8339) or e-mail [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov).

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**2020 Legislative Update**  
**March 13, 2020**

<b>Bill #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Sup/Opp</b>	<b>Status</b>
HB 8	Illegal Dumping & Litter – Yard Waste	SUP	Hearing held 1/29. Committee voted unfavorable.
HB 86 SB 136	Maryland Metro/Transit Funding Act	SUP	HB hearing held 1/28. Committee voted favorable with amendments. Passed House 96-41. SB hearing held 2/5.
HB 292 SB 229	Toll Roads, Highways and Bridges – County Consent	SUP	HB hearing held 2/13. SB hearing held 1/29.
HB 78 SB 172	Bay Restoration Fund – Authorized Uses	SUP	HB hearing held 1/29. Committee voted favorable with amendments. Passed House 139-0. SB hearing held 1/29. Committee voted favorable with amendments. SB passed 45-0.
SB 161 HB 5	Hate Crimes – Use of an Item or Symbol to Threaten	SUP	House Committee voted favorable. Bill passed House 133 to 4. SB hearing held 1/29. Senate Committee voted favorable. Bill passed Senate 45-0.
HB 209 SB 313	Statewide Ban on plastic bags	SUP	HB hearing held 2/11. <b>Committee voted favorable with amendments. Passed House 95-37.</b> SB hearing held 2/20.
PG 401	Enabling Law for County ban on plastic bags	SUP	County Affairs Committee has no recommendation. Prince George’s Delegation voted unfavorable.
SB 253 HB 715	Prohibited Appropriations – Magnetic Levitation Transportation Systems	SUP	SB hearing held 2/5. HB hearing held 2/25. <b>Committee voted unfavorable.</b>
SB 982 HB 1394	Highway User Revenues – MML Priority Bill	SUP	SB hearing held 3/4. HB hearing held 3/5.
HB 561 SB 315	Community Choice Energy – Municipal Opt-Out Aggregation	SUP	HB hearing held 2/13. <b>Committee voted to refer to interim study.</b> SB hearing held 2/25. <b>Committee voted favorable with amendments.</b>
SB 490 HB 709	Youth Services Bureaus - Funding	SUP	SB hearing held 2/12. Senate Committee voted favorable. Passed Senate 40 to 6. <b>House Hearing on 3/19 at 1:00p,</b> HB hearing held 2/18.
SB 277 HB 359	Clean Cars Act of 2020 – Extension and Funding	SUP	SB hearing held 2/11. HB hearing held 2/13.
HB 733 SB 526	Private Sector Transportation Projects Ombudsman	SUP	HB hearing held 2/21. SB hearing held 3/4.

Bill #	Description	Sup/Opp	Status
SB 530 HB 231	Housing Opportunities Made Equal Act	SUP	SB hearing held 2/4. Committee voted favorable with amendments. Passed Senate 34-12. <b>SB passed both chambers!</b> HB hearing 2/4. Committee voted favorable with amendments. <b>Passed House 95-42.</b>
SB 737 HB 1250	Sustainable Maryland Program Fund	SUP	SB hearing held 2/26. <b>Senate committees voted favorable.</b> HB hearing held 2/28.
HB 1238	Prohibits Maglev with Consent and Certain Conditions	SUP w/Amend	Hearing on 3/5 at 1:00pm.
HB 203 SB 614	CPP Program – Expand to Howard and Baltimore County	OPP	HB hearing held 2/21. Committee voted unfavorable. SB withdrawn.
HB 748	Bikeways Network Program	SUP	Hearing held 2/21. Committee voted favorable with amendments. <b>Passed House 136-0.</b>
HB 824	Beverage Container Deposit Program	SUP	Hearing held 2/26.
HB 1034 SB 835	County and Municipal Street Lighting Investment Act	SUP	HB hearing held 3/5. <b>Committee voted unfavorable.</b> SB hearing held 3/4.
HB 1087	Business Occupations and Professions - Architects - Scope of Licensure	SUP	<b>Hearing held 3/10.</b>

## CITY NOTES

### Greenbelt CARES



Week Ending March 13

On February 14, Teresa Smithson met with Prince George's County Health Department Community Developer, Kiana G. Simons and Dr. T. Betty Braswell, Medical Director of Behavioral Health Services Division. Teresa received further training to re-certify as a Narcan Trainer. Greenbelt CARES will be providing Overdose Prevention/ Narcan Training this spring.

The GAIL Program has received a grant to provide services to Green Ridge House residents. The SASS Program, or the Successful Aging Supportive Services Program, offers free meal services five days a week and homemaker services for 2 1/2 hours per week to eligible residents of Green Ridge House. Qualifying residents choose at least two additional free wellness services including: memory training classes, art workshops by Arts for the Aging, clinical counseling, the GAIL community nursing program, tai chi classes, and produce and meat distributions.

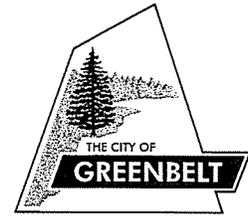
Glenda Bullock-Willis, CARES Group Coordinator, offered Mental Health Seminars to all students at DuVal High School. Students were offered information on mental health, warning signs to seek help and community and Hotline resources. In addition, students were taught some basic relaxation and calming techniques.

Liz Park attended the Juvenile Delinquency State Advisory Group meeting. The Prince George's County School-Based Diversion Program presented on their work at Wise High School to divert youth from the juvenile justice system.

# WEEKLY REPORT

## Planning and Community Development

Week Ending: Friday, March 13, 2020



*The following items highlight the various activities of the staff of Planning and Community Development for the past week.*

### CODE ENFORCEMENT

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**Commercial Properties:** Greenway Shopping Center and Hanover Office Parkway were annually inspected.

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**Apartments:** Interior inspections of units were conducted in Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station.

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**Rental Property:** Ten rentals were annually inspected; and Three rentals were re-inspected.

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**Complaints:** Three complaints were logged regarding tree leaning towards a resident property; trash not placed in proper receptacle, kitchen counter sunken in and roach infestation; and Two prior complaints were re-inspected.

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**Permits:** One permit was approved and issued.

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**Meetings:**

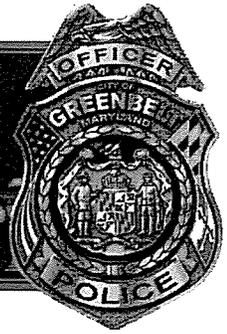
**Staff Attended:**  
Department head meeting;  
City Council Meeting;  
City Council Work Session on small cell wireless; and  
Several staff meetings regarding coronavirus preparedness and response.

**Staff Met With:**  
Code Inspector.

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**Planning Projects:** Processed invoices for payment;  
Prepared budget materials;  
Reviewed Countywide Map Amendment;  
Reviewed right-of-way permits;  
Worked on bid documents for the Buddy Attick Park Parking Lot Retrofit project;  
Reviewed and processed payment for the Greenbelt Lake Dam Project;  
Prepared reimbursement requests for Greenbelt Lake Dam project; and  
Prepared presentations for the city council meeting on various items.

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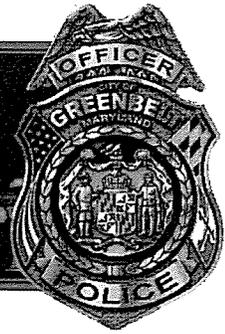


# WEEKLY ACTIVITY

Week Ending March 13, 2020

- Attended a PG County CAD/RMS policy meeting.
- Assisted Rockville City Police Department with a disciplinary Administrative Hearing Board.
- Participated in a conference call with the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association to discuss COVID-19.
- Attended this week's council meeting to get approval for the new CAD system.
- Coordinated training of numerous staff on the new CAD system.
- Coordinated destruction of old departmental handguns after replacement purchase.
- Met with area Chiefs of Police for a continuity of operations meeting.
- Held a Greenbelt Community Animal Response Team (GCART) meeting.





## CRIME REPORT

MARCH 11, 2020

This activity report is provided as a public service to the community. It is intended to give an overview of the criminal activity within Greenbelt and is not a complete listing of all events and crime reported to the Greenbelt Police Department. The Weekly Activity Report is also available online at:

[www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police)

The Greenbelt Police Department and Crime Solvers are offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for any of the unsolved crimes reported in this report. Call **1-866-411-TIPS** to report any information you may have. You can remain anonymous.

**Additionally, you can anonymously report suspected drug activity in your neighborhood by calling our Drug Tip Line: 240-542-2145.**

### CENTER CITY

03/04 6:00 P.M.	4 court Laurel Hill Fraud. The victim answered a money-making ad on a phone app and entered his bank information. Money was later taken from his account.
03/05 2:59 P.M.	66 Ridge Road. On February 28 <sup>th</sup> a watch was taken at Greenbelt Elementary School.
03/09 5:35 P.M.	11 Crescent Road. Theft Unknown person(s) used unknown means to take an iPod Touch from a locked charging station at the Greenbelt Public Library.

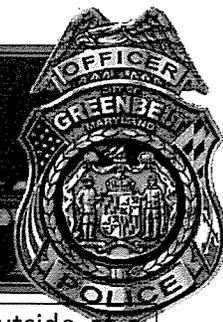
### FRANKLIN PARK/BELTWAY PLAZA/GREENBELT STATION/CAPITOL OFFICE PARK/METRO

03/06 12:12 A.M.	9100 block Edmonston Road. Vandalism. Unknown person(s) used a rock to break out the bedroom window of a residence.
03/07 12:53 P.M.	135 Crescent Road. Trespass arrest. James Lawrence Conway, 56, of Greenbelt was arrested and charged with Trespass, Resisting Arrest and four counts of Second Degree Assault by officers responding to a report of a subject refusing to leave St. Hugh's Church. The suspect was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.



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# GREENBELT POLICE DEPARTMENT



03/07 12:30 P.M.	9002 Springhill lane. Theft. The victim advised that he left a bag of tools outside of a residence and when he returned they were missing.
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09/03 10:38 P.M.	6000 block Springhill Drive. Vandalism. Unknown person(s) used a rock to break out the bedroom window of a residence.
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## **GREENBELT EAST/GREENWAY SHOPPING CENTER**

03/06 5:02 P.M.	7601 Hanover Parkway. Counterfeit money. A counterfeit bill was passed at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School.
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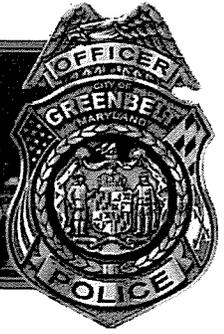
03/07 1:10 P.M.	7400 block Greenbelt Road. Theft. Unknown person(s) forced open a locker at LA Fitness and removed a wallet and a set of keys.
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## **Automotive Crime - City Wide**

03/05	200 block Lakeside Drive. Theft from auto. Four tires and rims were taken from a vehicle.
03/05	7800 block Goodluck Road. Theft from vehicles. Catalytic converters were taken from three vehicles in the parking lot of the Trinity Assembly of God Church.
03/05	6000 block Greenbelt Road. Theft from vehicle. A rear tag, Virginia UXU6524, was taken from a vehicle.
03/p07	9300 block Edmonston Road. Vandalism to auto. Unknown person(s) broke out the rear passenger side window of a vehicle.
03/07	6100 block Breezewood Drive. Theft from auto. Unknown person(s) tampered with a vehicle door lock and removed clothing from the vehicle.
03/07	6400 block Capitol Drive. Theft from vehicle. Unknown person(s) removed the front tag from a vehicle.
03/08	Area of Frankfort Drive and Ora Glen Drive. Recovered stolen auto. A 2017 Ford Festiva 4-door, reported stolen to the Charles County Sheriff's Department. No arrests.
03/09	5900 block Cherrywood Lane. Stolen auto. A grey 2016 Infiniti G37 4-door, Maryland tags 44003CJ.



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## CRIME REPORT TALLY SHEET

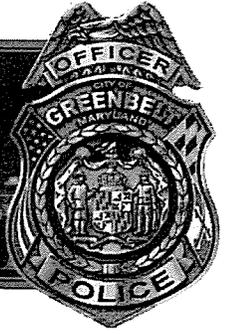
WEEK OF MARCH 11, 2020

The following list is comprised of the actual numbers of offenses reported during the week. Not all reports are included as narratives, only incidents of interest, unusual or public safety related items are included.

<u>GENERAL CRIMES</u>		<u>GENERAL CRIMES (CON'T)</u>	
Carjacking		Animal Bite	
Sex Offense (2014, suspect known to victim)	1	Disruption of School Activities	
Armed Robbery		Transporting a Handgun in a Vehicle	
Attempt Armed Robbery		Reckless Endangerment	
Strong Armed Robbery		Emergency Commitment Petition	1
Attempt Strong Armed Robbery		Missing Person	
Burglary (One domestic related)	1	Fraud	3
Attempt Burglary		Unattended Death (Medical)	1
Assault (One domestic related)	3	Alcohol Violation	
Domestic	4	False Report	
Drugs		Harassment	
DUI/DWI		Field op (suspicious person)	4
Theft	7	Notification for other agency	
Vandalism(One related to emergency commitment)	3		
Child Abuse		<b><u>VEHICLE RELATED CRIMES</u></b>	
Unattended Child		Stolen Vehicles	1
Trespass	1	Recovered Stolen Vehicles	1
Disorderly Conduct		Recovered Stolen Tags	
Failure to Obey Lawful Order		Theft From Vehicles	7
Credit Card Offense		Attempt Theft From Vehicles	
Telephone Misuse		Attempt Theft of Vehicle	
Counterfeit Money	1	Vandalism to Vehicles	1
Suspicious Person		Accidents	8



# GREENBELT POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Animal Control Activity

One kitten was adopted.
Four stray kittens were impounded.
One leopard gecko has recovered and is available for adoption.
One deceased squirrel was removed and disposed.
One gecko in foster care.
Shelter Residents: Four cats Four kittens



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# *Department of Public Works*

## *Weekly Report for Week Ending March 13, 2020*

### **ADMINISTRATION**

- Attended a meeting to discuss COVID-19 and the City Action Plan.
- Participated in a meeting to discuss a new food scraps meeting.

### **STREET MAINTENANCE/SPECIAL DETAILS**

- Picked up unwanted signs and checked for graffiti.
- Pushed yard debris at the Northway Fields compost site.
- Crack-sealed various streets throughout Greenbelt.
- Dug a ditch for the Building Maintenance Crew for electrical work to be done at the crosswalk on Crescent near the former St. Hugh's Parochial School.
- Took down risers at the Community Center.
- Changed batteries in Speed Sentry units.
- Installed new thermal on crosswalks.

### **HORTICULTURE/PARKS**

- Serviced citizens' chipper requests.
- Pruned for street and sidewalk clearance on Greenbrook Drive.
- Weeded landscape beds.
- Created a street tree planting list.
- Picked up Arbor Day trees.
- Removed a dying tree at Crescent Road and Centerway.
- Removed a hazardous Bradford pear tree on Mandan Road.

### **REFUSE/RECYCLING/SUSTAINABILITY/ENVIRONMENTAL**

- Collected 26.04 tons of refuse and 10.83 tons of recycling material.
- Performed daily SWPPP inspections.
- Met with Thomas Fazio of Compost Crew regarding logistics and next steps for the Food Scrap Drop off Program.
- Completed and submitted the Keep Maryland Beautiful grant report.
- Scheduled Arbor Day volunteer advertisements.
- Coordinated with ERHS student, Amari Muhammed, regarding potential internship starting in the fall. Interview originally scheduled for 3/13 will be rescheduled due to COVID-19 concerns.
- Worked on Invasive Plant Species Power Point presentation.
- Advertised for Weed Warriors event to be held on March 21.
- Attended the Environmental Learning and Leadership Institute training at Belmont Manor on Thursday.
- Attended the Council meeting regarding the solar farm.
- Finished the charts and graphs for energy and fuel usage and greenhouse gas emissions.

## **BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

- Performed semi-annual sprinkler inspection throughout city buildings.
- Repaired plumbing in the men's restroom in the Police Station.
- Assisted in constructing hand sanitizer stations.

## **FLEET MAINTENANCE**

- Repaired siren and emergency lights on Police vehicle #867 and had decals installed.
- Completed preventative maintenance on Police vehicle #613 and found that the windshield was cracked in the driver's view. Had windshield replaced.
- Inspected overheating and a coolant leak condition on Police vehicle #864 and found that the water pump is leaking.
- Repaired lights on the backhoe.
- Completed preventative maintenance on Case Loader #145 and pick-up #400.
- Installed a gun rack on Police Unit #615.

# **Greenbelt Recreation Department**

## **Weekly Report**

### **Week Ending March 13, 2020**

#### **ADMINISTRATION:**

- Staff focus this week has been on monitoring developments related to COVID-19, facility and program schedule adjustments, along with notifying all appropriate and interested parties. Announcements on schedule adjustments to facilities and programs are provided by calling the Weather and Information Hotline at 301.474.0646.
- Work on the FY 2021 budget continued.

#### **YOUTH CENTER/ SPRINGHILL LAKE/PARK RANGERS/GREENBELT KIDS:**

- Winter classes continued this week until all classes were cancelled on Friday and through the Spring session.
- Our 2020 Camp Guide is available online and in recreation facilities. Registration began on February 3 for residents and February 18 for non-residents. Patrons were informed of Spring Camp cancellation decision.
- Planning for Celebration of Spring has been put on hold due to the COVID-19 situation. Saturday, May 16, is the tentative date for the annual celebration at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.
- Planning for Summer Camps continued. Staff are reviewing applications for open positions this summer.
- Summer 2020 Activity Guide production schedule was sent to staff. Programmers continue coordination for summer classes with instructors, as well as scheduling facilities during our busy summer season.
- Staff sent out notifications to program participants and facility user groups to notify all of the current facility closures through March 27, as well as the cancellation of any remaining winter classes and spring classes.

#### **AQUATICS:**

- GMST met Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday for practice.
- GAFC Swim Instructor(s) provided twelve private swim lessons.
- Two private swim lesson requests were received and entered in RecTrac.
- Thirty children were evaluated for Youth Swim Lessons on Saturday, March 7.
- Registration for pass holders and residents opened Monday, March 9 for Spring 2020 Youth Swim Lessons. Open registration began Wednesday, March 11.
- GAFC facility will be closed from March 13 through March 27. Classes have been cancelled until further notice.

#### **THERAPEUTIC RECREATION:**

- Supervisor attended MRPA TR Branch meeting and prepared to get sworn in next month as Chair.
- Senior Nutrition served 43 hot meals the week ending March 13. Seventeen double frozen meals and Emergency Meal Kits were given out on Thursday. The site will be closed from March 13 through March 27.
- All Senior Classes/Programs/Special Events, including SAGE, Golden Age Club and Holy Cross, were cancelled effective March 11 through March 27.
- Supervisor assisted with closure/cancellation updates to social media sites, weather and information hotline and website.