

TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO
Sustainable Communities Action Plan

Priority	Possible Next Steps	Possible Funding	Priority and/or Responsibility
Bike and Pedestrian Improvements			
Install additional sidewalks to improve walkability and upgrade/repair existing sidewalks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarded the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Transportation/Land-Use Connections Technical Assistance Program for completion of a pedestrian and bicycle accessibility study. • Toole Design Group completed the Town of Upper Marlboro Bicycle and Pedestrian Study in June 2015. The study includes approximately 108 projects to improve bicycle and pedestrian access in and around the Town. • Meet with Eileen Nivera, Leslie Long, and Don Herring at the Parks Department about the desired trail from Water Street to the M-NCPPC Community Center on Race Track Road. • Continue to work for a right of entry agreement for hold-out properties on MD 725 near Rectory Lane so sidewalk project between Spring Branch Drive and Elm Street. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MWCOG TLC Technical Assistance Program • Maryland Bikeways • MSHA Sidewalk Retrofit • Community Safety and Enhancement • Maryland Recreational Trails Program • Maryland Transportation Alternatives Program 	Christina Pompa
Explore linking the town to trails outside of town			
Establish a walking/biking link to the Marlboro Recreation Center			
Explore feasibility of adding bike lanes. If feasible, install.			

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Downtown Streetscape and Façade Improvements			
Create a street scape design for the downtown to enhance historic village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MD State Highway Administration (SHA) has Whitman Requardt under contract to design the Main and Water Streets ADA sidewalk retrofit project. • In FY16 an MOU was executed between the Town of Upper Marlboro and M-NCPPC to transfer \$55,000 in funding for streetscape improvements related to the SHA project for Main and Water Streets. • As of 12/22/2015 the Town executed a contract with Whitman Requardt for additional streetscape engineering feasibility and design for projects that could not be funded by SHA. • Determine how to pay for the streetscape improvements for which SHA will not pay. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M-NCPPC Community Planning Division Planning Assistance to Municipalities and Communities (PAMC) • Community Legacy 	Christina Pompa
Maintain a façade improvement grant program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider whether or not to apply for additional Community Legacy funding each July. • Promote FIP to property and business owners • Prepare press release to advertise remaining FY15 funding and new FY16 funding (a total of approximately \$50,000) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Legacy 	Christina Pompa
Install interpretive signage to boost historic village image	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-reference with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Street scape design for downtown ○ Wayfinding program for parking ○ Increase awareness of Star Spangled Banner National Historic Trail in the Town 		Christina Pompa
Address downtown parking problem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Wayfinding Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Signage ○ Smartphone App? ○ Smart meters or kiosks • Address parking shortage west of Elm/Water Streets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prepare concept plan for Town lot on Church Street 		Christina Pompa

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Structures			
Greening of Town Hall – building addition and renovation of existing building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town has contracted to have elements of the former pool demolished and removed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Legacy (possibly for design, but definitely for construction) USDA Community Facilities Loan Program (40-year) 	Steve Sonnett
Collaborate with County and historical groups to find a low-impact adaptive re-use for the old school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bell Architects’ historic building conditions assessment and treatment plan was completed in May 2015. The County included the old school on its 2015 Surplus Property list – see CR-056-2015. This is cross-referenced with improving access to Dr. Beane’s grave since they occupy the same site. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund Historic Tax Credits 	Steve Sonnett
Encourage/support maintenance/revitalization/adaptive reuse of historic buildings and sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start by compiling a list of sites and priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Old stone building Old School Magruder’s Law Office St. Mary’s Beneficial Hall The Prince George’s County Historic Preservation Commission conducted a Historic Property Evaluation of the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Exchange Building on December 15, 2015. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MD Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program for small commercial buildings - Commercial Tax Credit MD Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program homeowner tax credit - Homeowner Tax Credit Historic Property Grant Program - Historic Property Grant Program County Historic Preservation Tax Credit - County Historic Preservation Tax Credit 	Steve Sonnett Historic Committee

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History/Branding/Community			
Increase awareness of Star Spangled Banner National Historic Trail in the Town	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up a meeting with Suzanne Copping and Kate Marks at NPS to discuss additional opportunities beyond current signage project. • The Town could be an anchor for Historic Trail visitor services such as restaurants, restrooms, and interpretive information – this could boost business activity, especially on weekends when work population is absent. 		Steve Sonnett
Work with the County to increase access to William Beanes' Grave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should be addressed with efforts to renovate and reuse the old school building. 		Steve Sonnett
Improve communication with citizens – website, social media, webcast, broadcasting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed 		Steve Sonnett

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Economic Development			
Explore State/County funding and support for economic development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Larry Hentz from PGCEDC attended the November 6, 2014 Sustainable Communities Workgroup Meeting 		Steve Sonnett
Consider seeking funding for a downtown business manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine need, role and desired outcomes Develop job description Amy Seitz and Nick Rudolph from the DHCD Main Streets program attended the October 2 Sustainable Communities Workgroup Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore possible cost/share through M-NCPPC cost share (20 hours/week) Apply to DHCD for a Technical Assistance Grant (50/50 match up to \$50K) contact Nick Rudolph Rudolph@mdhousing.org 	Steve Sonnett
Encourage formation of Town Business Group	<p>See webpages on how to start a business association:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.ehow.com/how_5848996_start-business-association.html www.asaecenter.org/Resources/whitepaperdetail.cfm?ItemNumber=24445 www.fernley.com/resources/start_an_association.asp 		Steve Sonnett
Educate business/commercial property owners on availability of grants or low cost loans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to share information - website, print, or both? Develop list of grants and low cost loans 		Steve Sonnett
Address zoning limitations in the town core	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town prepared and sent correspondence to Leslye Howerton, manager of the Zoning Ordinance rewrite team on August 12, 2014. ZO rewrite team to visit the Town in February 2016. 	N/A	Christina Pompa

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Environment			
Develop and execute a plan to increase recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the current program? • Would residents and businesses be served? • Appropriate containers? 		Steve Sonnett
Coordinate with County on plans for stormwater management in Town	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff DeHan from the Department of the Environment attended the October 16, 2014 Sustainable Communities Workgroup meeting. 		Steve Sonnett
Improve stormwater management on town-owned properties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christina Pompa and Linda Pennoyer attended a Meet the Funders event sponsored by PGDOE on 11/4/15. • Identify a SWM retrofit project. • Hire a civil engineering firm to design the project. • Construct SWM improvements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Fish and Wildlife Foundation • Chesapeake Bay Trust • Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bay Trust Fund (DNR) • MD Water Quality Financing Administration (MDE) 	Steve Sonnett
Improve street light energy efficiency	<p>Start by reviewing information available from PEPCO and MD Energy Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.cienergyefficiency.pepco.com/Lighting.aspx 		Steve Sonnett