

## **Forest Heights Among Towns Added to MD's Sustainable Communities**

Seventeen Maryland communities – including the resort town of Ocean City and the retail and college hub of Towson – were added to the state's list of Sustainable Communities this fall, joining the statewide initiative to strengthen reinvestment and revitalization in Maryland's older neighborhoods.

Sustainable Communities seek to conserve resources; provide green spaces and parks for recreation and agriculture and conserve historical and cultural resources. They are communities that have developed a comprehensive plan to bring public and private investments together to increase affordable housing opportunities and transit-oriented development.

Governor O'Malley's Smart Growth subcabinet has approved 55 Sustainable Communities under Maryland's Sustainable Communities Act of 2010.

Maryland's newest Sustainable Communities include:

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**Forest Heights** - located in close proximity to Washington, DC, is well-known for its established residential character, easy access to regional transit networks, and a recently renovated Town Hall that serves as a regional model for stormwater management and sustainable building design. Drawing on these and other assets, the Sustainable Community Action Plan outlines the following strategies: Expand opportunities in housing and job training; implement sustainable green infrastructure projects across the town; provide increased recreational opportunities to residents through an expanded trail network and the creation of a Community Center; implement town-wide stream restoration projects; and work to both expand the retail base and improve the pedestrian environment.

See the full article at:

<http://blog.mdhousing.org/2013/12/23/ocean-city-annapolis-and-ocean-city-among-towns-added-to-marylands-list-of-sustainable-communities/>