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APPLICANT: Town of Millington

NAME OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY: Town of Millington

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- TAB #8 CD-ROM: The CD-ROM should include the following contents:**
 - Map in pdf format of the proposed Sustainable Communities area**
 - GIS shapefile of the proposed Sustainable Community boundaries and other GIS related data, eg, spreadsheet of detailed listing of parcels that form the project boundary. If you have additional comments or questions about the GIS mapping requirements, please contact Brad Wolters, Senior GIS Specialist, DHCD, wolters@mdhousing.org**
 - Pictures (jpeg format) of your Sustainable Community as it relates to your application**

**All documents on this checklist are mandatory.
Failure to provide the requested document will automatically deny your application.**

I. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Sustainable Community: Town of Millington

Legal Name of Applicant: Town of Millington

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Street Address: 402 Cypress Street

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II. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY BASELINE INFORMATION

Through this section, applicants will demonstrate that trends and conditions in homeownership, property values, employment, commercial and residential vacancy, community facilities and infrastructure, nature, natural resources, the local business and residential districts show a need for new or continued revitalization reinvestment. Demographic data and trends provided by Applicants should support the choice of the proposed Sustainable Community Area boundary and help form a basis for needs and opportunities to be addressed through the initiatives and projects described in the Sustainable Community Action Plan (Section IV)

POINTS IN THIS SECTION WILL BE AWARDED BASED ON THE SC AREA'S NEED FOR REINVESTMENT AS EVIDENCED BY THOROUGH DESCRIPTIONS OF CURRENT CONDITIONS OR TRENDS (and will not be based upon current or planned revitalization activities which will be covered in Section IV).

A. Proposed Sustainable Area(s):

County: Queen Anne's

Name of Sustainable Community: Town of Millington

Include boundary descriptions and a map of the Sustainable Community. In addition to hard copies of the project location map, a detailed listing of parcels(i.e. Parcel ID Numbers)that form the project boundary should be included. If possible, maps should also be submitted in electronic GIS form (shape file). If you have additional comments or questions, please contact Brad Wolters, Senior GIS Specialist, DHCD,

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See hard copy submittals sent via Fed Ex

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Approximate number of acres within the SC Area: 441.60

Existing Federal, State, or Local designations(check all that apply)

- Community Legacy Area
- Main Street
- Local Historic District
- A&E District
- BRAC
- Other(s) _____

- Designated Neighborhood
- Maple Street
- National Register Historic District
- State Enterprise Zone Special Taxing District
- State Designated TOD

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Prior revitalization Investments & Smart Growth:

(a) List and describe any significant State local smart growth or revitalization related program investments (for instance, Community Legacy or SC Rehab Tax Credit) that have been invested in the Area since the launching of Maryland's Smart Growth initiative and programs in 1997 (including Housing investment). What impact have these investments made in the community?

(Answer space 4,000 characters)

Received Energy Grant to help implement efficient energy options; New Construction in 2005 to help encourage growth within town – To encourage affordable housing, the Town has worked with property owners to convert the old school house and older residences into duplexes and affordable apartments. The Town implemented a Rental Inspection Enforcement Program that provides bi-annual certification of compliance with livability codes. This helps landlords avoid problems with building and sanitation issues before the possibility of fines. This programs seems to encourage the property owners to provide affordable housing instead of selling a vacant home or deserting the home due to financial burdens.

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(b) Describe any existing barriers to Smart Growth that may affect your jurisdiction or the proposed SC Area. For instance, does your area have higher development fees than outer "cornfields"?

(Answer space 4,000 characters)

Barriers may include the option of affordable housing for both young and old; not many options for in town shopping; Smart Growth requires interest in growing – it also requires funding, especially in smaller towns. To deter barriers of Smart Growth, the Town has updated it's Zoning Ordinance to allow for floating zones and Planned Neighborhood Development. This allows for flexible zoning to accommodate mixed use or denser development. The updated Zoning Ordinance also allows mixed use in the Town Center district, commercial on the first floor, and residential on the second floor. The predominant barrier in Millington is a stagnant local economy. Millington's Planning Commission and Board of Appeals continually strive to meet the requests of property owners when requesting an alternative to the current permissible zoning of a property.

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B. Community Conditions: Strengths and Weaknesses

(1) Describe the strengths and weaknesses in the proposed Area's existing built environment. For example, what is the condition of housing? Are there underutilized historic buildings and cultural palces? What is the condition and availability of community parks and recreational assets? Are there transportaion assests? What is the current condition of community infrastructure such as roads and lighting?

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The Town of Millington is located central to many major cities like Wilmington (45 miles), Philadelphia (65 miles) and Baltimore (75 miles), as well as smaller cities like Easton, Elkton, and Chestertown, Maryland as well as Dover and Newark Delaware. This location makes Millington a prime candidate for transient residents, those that want to live in a small community but work in a larger city; leaving the mad rush to relax and enjoy the slow pace of Eastern Shore living. Millington is on a grant of land known as London Bridge, given to Daniel Massey in August of 1754. The present Town was founded by Thomas Gilpin, a Quaker, who called it Bridgetown, which was later changed to Head of Chester (1819) until 1827. The name was changed to Millington in honor of Richard Millington, whose farm lands extended into the town and who had been one of the leading citizens of the countryside for some years. It is said that he built the first house in Town. For the most part housing in the Town of Millington is in decent shape. However as a smaller, older Town, there are always properties that could use improvement, and many of the older homes are being purchased and renovated. We would like to restore some properties to preserve the history of the Town, but also provide newer, cleaner housing at an affordable price to people looking to remain in, or move to Millington. We have a small historic building that we would like to convert into a Millington Museum, which was the original Bell Atlantic telephone office in our small Town. The exiting Town Hall is an old bank that survived the great fire of 1904 that the Commissioners would like to renovate and expand to be used as a Community Center. There is also a cemetery that is maintained by the Religious Society of Friends, a Quaker based religion that dates back to the 1800's. Initially the Town was home to several mills, only one of which is still standing. The Town would like to work with the Religious Society of Friends to promote and maintain the Quaker site as it is such an important part of Millington's history. We have one small waterfront park and are looking to acquire properties to develop a larger park that would allow canoe/kayak docks and nature trails for residents to enjoy. There is also the smaller, Robvanery Park that is in need of rehabilitation. Transportation is virtually nonexistent in the sense of public busses and trains, most people commute or car-pool. Road conditions are fair, but in need of repair due to their age and the installation and repairs to the utility systems.

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(2) Describe the Area's land use/zoning make-up(residential, commercial, industrial, and mixed-use). Is the current land use or zoning conducive to revitalization investment?

(Answer space 4,000 characters)

The Town of Millington is zoned primarily for residential and mixed use but not for industrial purposes. The Town recently annexed property to the north east side for future development, part of which is designated as industrial for future employment opportunities. The Town has a Planning Commission and a Zoning Administrator to oversee Planning and Zoning issues and concerns. The Town's Zoning Districts are:

- a.AR – Agricultural District – interim zoning applied to annexed properties until 5 year waiting period has concluded – 1 house/acre
- b.R1 – Rural Conservation Residential District – provides appropriate protection of sensitive environmental areas and wildlife habitats – 4.3 houses/acre
- c.R2 – Single Family Residential District – single family residences – 5.4 houses/acre
- d.R3- Old Town Residential District – maintains existing architectural character of a neighborhood and encourages preservation of landmark structures – 5.4 houses/acre
- e.TC – Town Center District – mixed use of private and public uses; includes retail, service, and civic uses as well as single family dwellings and apartment buildings
- f.L1 – Light Industrial District – light manufacturing, fabricating, processing, wholesale distribution and warehousing

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(3) Describe strengths and weaknesses in basic features of community quality-of-life. For instance, is crime an issue for this SC Area? What is the condition and quality of educational choices available to the community? Are artistic, cultural, or community resources, events or facilities with in or accessible to residents in the proposed SC Area?

(Answer space 4,000 characters)

Crime is not an issue in Millington, currently the Town utilizes State Police and County Sheriff's office to maintain our enforcement. Currently there are no true artistic or community resources available, though the Town does hold a community Farmers Market starting in the spring and running through the fall. With the assistance of funding, the Town hopes to change that and incorporate museums, a community library and public parks that cater to our seniors, our young families, and surrounding communities. The Town currently has an Elementary School while the children who are of Middle and High School ages are transported to county-wide schools. Through a coop program with Chesapeake College and Grace Wesleyan Church, classes are offered to the ever increasing population of Hispanics; English to Spanish, Spanish on Demand, and GED classes. Classes are offered in Town at Grace Wesleyan Church. The Town's future plans are to renovate the existing Town Hall to allow for additional classes to be offered at that location. The Town has 3 fishing piers at Water Front Park. Kent County Parks and Recreation maintains a community pool on the immediate outskirts of Town which is opened from Memorial Day to Labor Day and for a small fee, residents can enjoy the pool. There are no state or county owned parks in the area except for Blackbird State Forest in nearby Delaware, approximately 8 miles northeast of Millington. The Town is located 13 miles east of Chesapeake Country National Scenic Byway. For fun, Millington residents fish, hunt, garden, and relax on their front porches and/or back yards. The Town of Millington is unique in that the Kent County/Queen Anne's County line bisects the Town. This separation signifies that the children that live in Queen Anne's County attend Sudlersville Elementary School, Sudlersville Middle School, and then Queen Anne's County High School. The children that live in Kent County attend Millington Elementary School, Kent County Middle School, and Kent County High School. The Millington Elementary School was recently awarded Title 1 Highest performing Reward School in Maryland.

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C. Natural Resources and Environmental Impact: Strengths and Weaknesses

(1) Describe the strengths and weaknesses of the community's "Natural environment" in or near the Sustainable Community Area. What is the current condition of key natural resources - lands, air, water, watersheds, tree canopy, other? If the community is located in a coastal zone, what risks might the community be subject to associated with climate induced sea level rise?

(Answer space 4,000 characters)

Millington's natural resources consist of the river and canopy coverage. The Town recently had a tree audit done as a way of developing a method for renewing and sustaining the Town's urban tree resources. The tree canopy is 32.3% coverage. At this time the Town feels that is sufficient coverage and does not have immediate plans to increase that coverage. It has plenty of undeveloped, open land as well as forest areas. The Town is currently in the process of restoring the stream that runs through it to prevent erosion, and is also in the process of acquiring land to develop a recreational park. The Town also has a Public Tax Drainage Association which maintains a ditch to help with the drainage of the many properties in Town. The Town is located along the upper Chester River which, due to increased building in Delaware as well as run-off from the many fields, subjects the Town to floods. Another huge draw to our Town is the annual perch spawning run, where perch swim north in the Chester River to spawn. This draws many fishermen to the area.

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(2) Describe the strengths and weaknesses of any current efforts to reduce the community's "carbon foot print" or impact on the environment. Is recycling (commercial or residential) available to minimize waste? Are there current efforts to encourage the purchase and availability of fresh local food and other local products and services to the community? Describe any current energy or water conservation efforts that may be underway. If the community has not implemented one of the above initiatives, has the community identified a need or interest to pursue these or other efforts to reduce environmental impact, for instance through the new Sustainable Maryland Certified initiative?

(Answer space 4000 characters)

The Town is working slowly but surely to reduce its Carbon Footprint by offering recycling. They recently created a farmer's market, offering fresh, local food. The Town was also awarded an energy grant, with which it will be working to reduce the amount of energy spent on operating generators, as well as updating several street lights.

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(3) Describe the strengths and weaknesses of the jurisdiction's current stormwater management practices and how these may affect the proposed SC Area. Is redevelopment and retrofitting of infrastructure an issue or opportunity in this SC Area? Stormwater runoff is a significant source of pollution to Maryland's streams and the Chesapeake Bay. Buildings constructed before 1985 have little or no stormwater controls, and development between 1985 and 2010 have some controls. Updated stormwater regulations passed by Maryland's General Assembly in 2010 require that development and redevelopment projects utilize stringent stormwater controls. Sustainable Community Areas may have opportunities for redevelopment practices that can reduce stormwater flows.

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3. The Town is currently updating its storm water regulations. The Storm water ordinance is to protect, maintain, and enhance the public health and safety by controlling adverse impacts of increased storm runoff due to construction. The Town works with the Millington Public Drainage Association and Department of Natural Resources to develop plans and procedures to maintain proper draining and to reduce erosion due to storm runoff. The Town also works with Critical Areas Administration to maintain "best managed practices" to reduce storm runoff, stream and river erosion, stream and river buffer management, and flood protection. The Planning Commission supports the installation of rain gardens, rain barrels, and green construction during site plan evaluations.

Currently the Town is also working to upgrade its WWTP to allow for BNR/ENR practices. As it stands the WWTP is in a flood zone and presents several issues, all of which could be resolved through raising the plant.

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D. Economic Conditions & Access to Opportunity: Strengths and Weaknesses

(1) Describe the jurisdiction's current economic strengths and weaknesses. For example, are there distinct economic drivers in the area or region that will affect access to job opportunities and the progress of the SC Plan? What are the main barriers to the Area's conomic competitiveness? What is the current level of broadband access available to serve residents, businesses and public facilities? What efforts are currently in place to increase worker skills and employment? Describe trends in employment rates and business formation.

(Answer space 4000 characters)

Currently the Town struggles with attracting homeowners. Local franchises can't be sustained within Town so most people drive to Delaware and surrounding communities in Maryland for shopping needs and employment. Millington is in need of a "face lift" to make the Town more attractive to those driving through. The creation of a Senior Housing Facility will help to not only keep residents in Town, but to create jobs, and the need for local transportation. Broadband access is available to homeowners and business in the form of Verizon or Atlantic Broadband. The Town will need assistance in the future, through the Community Legacy program to revitalize Town Hall and help to create a library of sorts and multipurpose room. This way the Town will be able to potentially provide access to computers as well as job training. Currently the Town's unemployment rate is 4.1%, which is far below the national average, however the availability of work to local residents is minimal. The Town is very supportive of tourism and promotes fishing, canoeing and kayaking. We work with the local Lions Clubs and their bike tours, providing a resting spot at one of the parks. We hope with the development of a Town museum and the rehabilitation and creation of new and existing parks that more people will want to visit Millington.

II. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY BASELINE INFORMATION

(2) Describe the jurisdiction's housing market and access to affordable workforce housing. What are the trends in residential construction (rental and homeownership), homeownership rate, foreclosure rate and, property values. Describe how and whether your jurisdiction's prevailing housing costs-both homeownership and rental - are affordable to households below 120% AMI, 80% AMI, 50% AMI. JWhat efforts are in place currently to house individuals, families and the disabled at or below the AMI levels described above?

(Answer space 4000 characters)

Millington's Housing market is currently below the national average when it comes to cost of living. The median rent amount is \$763, and the average cost of a single family home is around \$250,000 (2011 Census Data). Currently 16.7% of the housing available is renter occupied. 70.3% is owner occupied, leaving just over 6% of the homes available for rent or purchase. The Town does not have housing in place for those disable or below the poverty line. While it is not against the idea of providing this sort of housing in the future, the focus currently is to provide housing to the elderly population to keep them in Town as this is a growing population. The decrease in home sales are due to foreclosures after the economic decline. Most of the foreclosures are in the newer sub-division. The homes in this sub-division were sold for +\$250,000 and are now valued by the State Assessment Office at approximately ½ of the purchase price.

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(3) Describe the SC Area's demograhic trends (with respect to age, race household size, household income, educational attainment, or other relevant factors).

(Answer space 4000 characters)

Millington is comprised of mostly Caucasian's between the ages of 25 and 45. Approximately 26% of the population is comprised of both Hispanics and African American's. As of the census [2] of 2010, there were 642 people, 234 households, and 174 families residing in the town. The population density was 958.2 inhabitants per square mile. There were 256 housing units at an average density of 382.1 per square mile. The racial makeup of the town was 72.0% White, 13.9% African American, 3.0% Asian, 9.3% from other races, and 1.9% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were 13.9% of the population. There were 234 households of which 37.2% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 50.4% were married couples living together, 17.1% had a female householder with no husband present, 6.8% had a male householder with no wife present, and 25.6% were non-families. 17.1% of all households were made up of individuals and 4.7% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.74 and the average family size was 2.95. The median age in the town was 36.2 years. 22.6% of residents were under the age of 18; 11.5% were between the ages of 18 and 24; 29.2% were from 25 to 44; 27.8% were from 45 to 64; and 9% were 65 years of age or older. The gender makeup of the town was 48.6% male and 51.4% female. Of the 5 municipalities in Kent County, Millington is the 3rd largest in population. IN the last 20 years there has been a slight decline in population in Millington. Education statistics of the population are as follows: 67% have a high school or greater education, 8% have less than a 9th grade education, 9% have a bachelor's degree or higher.

III. LOCAL CAPACITY TO IMPLEMENT PLANS & PROJECTS

A. Organizational Structure:

Describe the Applicant's organizational structure. Specifically, which organizations are members in the Sustainable Communities Workgroup and who are the respective staff? Who are the leaders, and how will the workgroup advisor or staff manage implementation of the SC Area Plan?

(Answer space 4000 characters)

Organizational Structure: Currently the Planning Commission will serve as the Sustainable Communities Workgroup. They have an in depth working knowledge of the Comprehensive Plan, allowing them to ensure that all decisions/future plans remain in accordance. The leader will be Elizabeth Jo Manning, who is also the Town Administrator. Approval from Mayor and Council will be sought as necessary. Planning Commission members are appointed by the Mayor and Council.

III. LOCAL CAPACITY TO IMPLEMENT PLANS & PROJECTS

B. Organizational Experience:

Describe the Applicant organization's past experience in administering revitalization plans and projects. Describe the roles of the members of the Sustainable Communities Workgroup, including their experience in implementing revitalization initiatives. What are the strengths and challenges of the capacity of these groups with respect to implementation of the SC Plan?

(Answer space 4000 characters)

Organizational Experience: The Planning Commission is diverse in its members. There are small business owners, homeowners, etc. serving on the board. This group is instrumental in subdivision development and permitting of renovation projects. All members have completed the mandatory training by Maryland Department of Planning for Smart Growth. The Planning Commission is comprised of Joyce Morales, Maurice Morton, Wayne Starkey, Sam Johnston, and Kathy Hemstock.

III. LOCAL CAPACITY TO IMPLEMENT PLANS & PROJECTS

C. Public Input:

How did residents and other stakeholders in the community provide input to Action plan described below in section IV?

(Answer space 4000 characters)

Residents, business owners, and property owners will be given the opportunity to participate in the Action Plan through attendance at public hearings, monthly meetings of the Planning Commission/Sustainable Communities Workgroup. Approximately two of the commission meetings were dedicated to the Sustainable Communities plan. Going forward, the top of Sustainable Community will be a part of the monthly agenda for the Planning Commission. The number of people that attend varies based on the subject matter and the interest of the community.

IV. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

The Sustainable Community Action Plan (SC Plan or Plan) is meant to be a multi-year investment strategy - a strategic set of revitalization initiatives and projects that local partners believe will increase the economic vitality and livability of their community, increased prosperity for local households and improved health of the surrounding environment. The Plan should be flexible enough to be updated regularly and renewed every five years as the community envisions new goals. The priority initiatives and projects in the SC Plan should improve the livability of community places -- residential, commercial, or other public or private properties - and create new work, retail, recreational and housing opportunities for residents. These projects should also reduce the environmental impact of the community through water and energy resource conservation and management strategies. In this way, the Plan can be a road map for local stakeholders as well as State agencies to work together to create a more a sustainable and livable community.

A.Supporting existing communities & reducing environmental Impacts.

(1) A community’s approach to Smart Growth generally includes two inter-related areas of focus: encouraging reinvestment and growth in existing communities; and, discouraging growth that degrades natural resources, and farms and rural landscapes. Broadly describe your jurisdiction’s Smart Growth approach and any significant accomplishments made over the last decade or so.

(Answer Space 4,000 characters)

Millington has just recently become a community interested in Smart Growth and Green practices. While nothing has been done previously, the Town is eager to set in place plans to grow Millington in a way that preserves the Town’s charm, but also attracts new residents. Several projects need to be completed prior to this happening, including a Senior Housing project, street scape projects, Town Hall revitalization, etc. By revitalizing the Town, we hope to increase the marketability of the Town to area businesses and franchises as well as offer small business owners the opportunity to expand and grow their business. The public utilities are priority for infill lots. The annexed property has been designated to be industrial center and mixed use residential. The Town would like to use reinvestment funding to provide Senior Housing which is well within the current land use/zoning guidelines. The Senior Housing project has been proposed to include a section of Senior Housing apartments for those citizens that currently own their houses but have found them harder to maintain due to the citizens age. This would allow our senior citizens to remain in Millington close to their church, their friends, and their families. The second part of this project is to construct an assisted living unit, which the town sees as the next move seniors will make, prior to needing 24-hour nursing care.

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(2) Describe any major investments in community infrastructure -water, stormwater, sewer, sidewalk, lighting, etc. -- that must be undertaken in order to improve the readiness or competitiveness of the proposed SC Area for private investment and compliance (if applicable) with TMDL regulations. Addressing the stormwater during redevelopment can reduce the pollution entering our streams and contribution to the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. Investments in infrastructure, generally, can be an important catalyst for new private investment in the community.

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The Town is currently seeking funding to help update and raise its Wastewater Treatment Plant from future flood waters. A sidewalk revitalization, funded by the Town, has been underway for several years. A grant was secured through DNR for a stream restoration, and there has also been a grant secured for energy – which will be used to reduce energy used to run pumps as well as street lights. The Town is working with the County Emergency Services and local Fire Company to increase the awareness of Emergency Preparedness and to adopt a plan of continuity. The Town is also a member of MD WARN, a state wide organization allowing municipalities to assist each other with equipment and manpower during an emergency.

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(3) Describe policies, initiatives or projects that the community will undertake or expand in order to reduce the SC Area’s impact on the environment. Examples include but are not limited to: conservation or management of stormwater through retrofitting of streets and by-ways (Green Streets, rain gardens, etc.); retrofitting of facilities and homes for energy conservation; implementation of “green” building codes and mixed-use zoning; recycling of waste; clean-ups of watersheds; and, encouragement of “Buy Local” approaches that benefit local suppliers and food producers. A comprehensive menu of such actions may be found through the nonprofit Sustainable Maryland Certified initiative.

(Answer Space 4,000 characters)

Millington will continue with their annual stream clean, as well as with the remaining four phases of their stream restoration project. We would also like to implement some green street plans as well as rain gardens, stream buffer projects, and stream bank erosion best management practices. These projects will help to naturally ease the impact of storm water runoff and erosion control, while at the same time helping to beautify the Town. The farmer’s market, while new, will still be encouraged – allowing residents to buy fresh, local produce from local farmers/merchants.

IV. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

(4) Which community groups or stakeholders will be key to the implementation of the initiatives and projects noted in this section?

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The support of Mayor and Council as well as the Planning Commission will be key in implementing many of these plans.

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B. Valuing communities and neighborhoods -- building up on assets and building in amenities:

(1) What are the key assets that exist in the community upon which the Plan’s projects and initiatives will build? Assets may include physical assets such as parks and historic structures and also civic and economic assets such as employers, educational institutions, and cultural organizations and activities.

(Answer Space 4,000 characters)

Millington’s key assets are the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants, The Bank (Town hall), Willie Gale Building (the first telephone exchange in Town, which later became the first Town Hall), Quaker Cemetery, the Old Mill which served for processing wool, as well as several historic homes. The Quaker Cemetery has stones dating back to the early 1800’s. The Town’s goal is to preserve and highlight what already exists, while providing housing for those who have been in Town the longest. The Town hopes to, through the renovation of the Town Hall, increase the educational opportunities with cooperation of Chesapeake College, as the renovation would provide a larger meeting area for these classes.

IV. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

(2) What policies, initiatives or projects will reuse or enhance the historical assets, traditional business districts/Main Streets and cultural resources of the community? What actions will reinforce your community’s authentic “sense of place” and historic character?

(Answer Space 4,000 characters)

The Town would love to revitalize the Willie Gale Building and create a Millington History Museum. The initiatives would also aim to restore homes that have historic value, and build on the annual Millington Day event. The Town would also like to restore the Quaker cemetery, allowing us to display the history of the Town as well as host an annual Walking Tour.

IV. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

(3) Describe policies, initiatives or projects that will increase community access to green spaces, parks and other amenities? A community can gain social and physical benefits from access to a healthy natural environment. The inclusion of complete streets, trails, green space, parks and trees contribute to the character and health of a community. Examples might include improvements to the tree canopy by planting street trees, improving local neighborhood streams, or reusing a vacant lot for a new community park or playground.

(Answer Space 4,000 characters)

As mentioned previously, the Town is currently working on the first phase of its stream revitalization project. In addition, it's seeking funding to acquire land in order to create a water front park, with access to boat ramps and fishing piers. The land we are currently seeking to acquire is a largely wooded area along the railroad tracks and the Chester River. There is a vacant home and vacant trailer on two of the parcels that will be used for Fire Company training prior to removal of the debris from the site. Those lots will then be vegetated to their natural state. The Town is also interested in promoting its parks and the Town to local organizations that host bike tours and races.

IV. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

(4) Which community groups or stakeholders will be key to the implementation of the initiatives and projects noted in this section?

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Mayor and Council as well as the Planning Commission would need to be in support of these projects in order for them to be successful. The Town would also look for support from the local businesses as we increase the number of visitors to Town.

IV. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

C. Enhancing economic competitiveness:

(1) What economic development policies, initiatives or projects will improve the economy through investments in small businesses and other key employment sectors? What economic development and business incentives will you build upon or implement as part of the SC Plan? Examples could include but are not limited to: green-taping for expedited project application review; permitting and inspection; job training; business tax credits; and, revolving loan funds.

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In order to improve the economy and provide incentives, the Town would look into interim financing via grant opportunities for businesses in Town to expand/revitalize their store fronts. In addition tax credits may be taken into consideration for larger businesses looking to set up shop in Town. The Town would like to be able to offer its assistance with small businesses in future growth and job training through the availability of funding and tax credits. The Town previously changed its Parking requirements for business due to the lack of public parking space available in Millington. The original ordinance required a business to seek approval for a variance to this requirement from the Board of Appeals; it was determined this was costly and cumbersome for businesses wishing to come to Millington. Currently there are no true tourism opportunities, though Millington is vocal about the fishing, hiking and kayaking options available to anyone visiting. With the development of more things like walking tours and museums, the Town hopes to attract more people to visit. The Planning Commission reviews the Zoning Ordinance on a regular basis to improve conditions for potential businesses to move to Millington.

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(2) What workforce development policies, initiatives or projects will increase access to jobs and economic opportunity for residents in the SC Area? Do you have a goal for job creation? Are green jobs an opportunity in the jurisdiction or SC Area?

(Answer Space 4,000 characters)

Job creation would depend on businesses in Town, as well as housing availability. The Senior Housing Project could provide several job opportunities to residents. Green jobs are not currently an opportunity but the Town is not against making them available. The future development of the annexed property will increase job creations due to the portion allocated as industrial zoning. The annexed area is approximately 300 acres. The Town has not been actively seeking businesses for the industrial center as the property owner has not submitted sub-division plans in order to proceed with this project. We would like to put a plan in place to solicit businesses for this industrial center but have been met with difficulties due to the owner trying to sell the annexed area due to financial issues.

IV. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

(3) Describe whether the Sustainable Community will be impacted by the Base Re-alignment and Closure (BRAC) activities in Maryland. If impacted, how do the initiatives and projects in your Plan complement BRAC-related growth? (If not applicable, all ten points will be assessed based on answers to questions 1, 2, and 4)

(Answer Space 4,000 characters)

Millington will not be impacted by BRAC.

IV. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

(4) Which community groups or stakeholders will be key to the implementation of the initiatives and projects noted in this section?

(Answer Space 4,000 characters)

Mayor and Council as well as the Planning Commission will be key in the implementation of these plans.

IV. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

D. Promoting access to quality affordable housing.

(1) What housing policies, initiatives or projects will expand housing choices - rental and homeownership -- for people of a range of ages, incomes, and also for disabled individuals? How will these actions address the current housing conditions and needs noted in Section II?

(Answer Space 4,000 characters)

The Senior Housing project will provide affordable housing for seniors unable to maintain their homes in Town. The Town can then help to revitalize the historic properties and make them available to those looking to own or rent a home in the Town of Millington. During the recent revision to the Zoning Ordinance, the Town rezoned the center of Town to allow for multi-use buildings, commercial on the first floor and residential on the second floor. The Town would like to offer façade improvement grants for residential and commercial properties to enhance our town, promote tourism, and promote home ownership. The Town would also like to be able to offer tax incentives to businesses. This would become part of the plan once designated as a Sustainable Community.

IV. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

(2) Will these housing initiatives or projects increase access to transit or community walkability and/or decrease transportation costs? In other words, will the housing investments result in more people living near work or town centers, or able to more conveniently reach work, school, shopping and/or recreation?

(Answer Space 4,000 characters)

Creating senior housing will decrease transportation costs as everything will be available in Town. Walkability will be attainable based on entrances to the housing facility. The idea of residents being able to walk to the park or to the local museum or library is a goal for Millington. Funding for projects like museums and street scape projects will make that attainable.

IV. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

(3) What is your goal for of number of units to be created of affordable workforce housin, rental and homeownership? What populations (by income or special needs) will benefit from this increased access to affordable housing?

(Answer Space 4,000 characters)

Millington's goal is to provide affordable housing for at least 8 seniors, as well as provide Nursing Home care for an additional 8. In the future the Town is not against developing lower income housing, if the need arises. Obviously the Town is in favor of preserving it's historic homes and would be in support of those wishing to purchase those homes. As previously mentioned we would be open to looking into providing façade improvement grants to help with making this option more attractive to those looking to rent.

IV. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

(4) Which community groups or stakeholders will be key to the implementation of the initiatives and projects ntloed in this section?

(Answer Space 4,000 characters)

Mayor and Council as well as the Planning Commission would need to provide approval for the implementation of these plans.

IV. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

E. Support transportation efficiency and access.

(1) What policies, strategies and projects are envisioned to strengthen the transportation network that affects the proposed SC Area? How will these initiatives support transportation choices (including walking, bicycling, bus or rail transit, and carpooling) or otherwise promote an efficient transportation network that integrates housing and transportation land uses?

(Answer Space 4,000 characters)

Currently transportation is non-existent in the Town. With the Development of Senior Housing, a community wide shuttle may be necessary, with increased stops in Town to facilitate transportation. The Counties of Kent and Queen Anne's currently utilize a community bus system which the Town could work with to increase its exposure in Millington to assist citizens with transportation.

IV. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

(2) If applicable, describe the SC Area's connection or proximity to transportation centers (e.g. Metro, MARC, and light rail stations) and describe opportunities for Transit - Oriented Development (TOD). Will Plan strategies and projects contribute to jobs/housing balance or otherwise provide a mix of land uses that can be expected to reduce reliance on single-occupancy automobiles? (If transit or TOD is not applicable in your community, all points in this section will be based on questions 1 and 3)

(Answer Space 4,000 characters)

There are no trains, busses, taxis, etc. in Town. The closest bus is in Smyrna, DE which is a Delaware line. There is currently a small county ride system that will carry individuals to Easton and Chestertown with limited service.

IV. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

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(Answer Space 4,000 characters)

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IV. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

F. Coordinating and Leveraging Policies and Investment

(1) What specific steps will the Sustainable Community Workgroup take to coordinate policies and funding streams to remove barriers to investment and maximize and increase funding in the proposed Sustainable Community Area?

(Answer Space 4,000 characters)

To coordinate policies and funding streams to remove barriers to investment and maximize and increase funding, the Sustainable Community Workgroup would work in conjunction with the Town Administrator and Mayor and Council to assure policies are in place for funding and future investment to our Community. The Town Administrator would work in conjunction with Kent and Queen Anne's County to assure that the Town's future projects and goals are addressed in the Hazard Mitigation Plan, Public Works Plan, County Comprehensive Plan, and Economic Development Plan. The Town Administrator along with the Sustainable Community Workgroup would also work in conjunction with local businesses, churches, the Fire Company and other non-profits to develop a 5-year to 10-year plan of goals to enhance the Town of Millington. This would be done by incorporating the projects outlined in this application as well as with the visions outlined in the Comprehensive Plan. All projects will be outlined with a step by step plan for design, funding, and execution.

IV. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

(2) How is the proposed Sustainable Community Plan consistent with other existing community or comprehensive plans?

(Answer Space 4,000 characters)

The Sustainable Community Plan has been created with the current Comprehensive Plan in mind, and in accordance with its guidelines. The comprehensive plan was revised and adopted in 2009. The Planning Commission is in the process of revising the Growth Element and the Water Element to include growth to the west which encompasses the water and sewer system that is currently maintained by Kent County. The Planning Committee for the Town will also review this plan to make sure they are in agreement, and it will then be reviewed by Mayor and Council. The public will be given the opportunity to provide input in this plan through public meetings and public hearings prior to adoption of resolutions and ordinances.

IV. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

(3) How will the Plan help leverage and/or sustain more private sector investments?

(Answer Space 4,000 characters)

Ideally the plan will make Millington more attractive to both homeowners and businesses alike, thus boosting the economy by increasing population, job opportunities, and drawing the attention of other business to relocate to our Town.

V. PROGRESS MEASURES**For the Plan parts of section IV(A through F):****(1) List the specific outcomes that the Plan seeks to produce.**

(Answer Space 4,000 characters)

This plan aims specifically to outline the future growth and improvements on the Town of Millington's Capital Improvement Plan. The Town hopes to expand responsibly and at a rate that is sustainable. Through the projects outlined here, like sidewalk improvements, stream enhancements, historic building restoration, park rehabilitation, senior housing options, etc. the Town hopes to become more than just another "dot on the map." While growth is an attractive prospect for the Town, it is important to us to hold on to our history as well. Projects like Town Hall Revitalization and restoring old buildings into museums will allow that to happen while attracting tourism to town, boosting revenue and hopefully, in the future, more desire for home ownership in town.

V. PROGRESS MEASURES**(2) And, list the specific benchmarks that will be used to measure progress toward these outcomes.**

(Answer Space 4,000 characters)

Progress Meetings for any projects specified will be held as needed to ensure that progress is being made. The Sustainable Communities Group will continue to meet and to revisit this document to ensure that milestones are being met. A progress report will become part of the monthly reports for the Mayor and Council to allow public comment and to assure everyone is working towards the same goals for the Town. The Town will outline activities it plans to hold to show progress through events like stream cleans, through the implementation of sidewalk rehabilitations, through the decrease in unemployment throughout Town, etc.

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**SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY APPLICATION
DISCLOSURE AUTHORIZATION AND CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned authorizes the Department of Housing and Community Development (the "Department") to make such inquiries as necessary, including, but not limited to, credit inquiries, in order to verify the accuracy of the statements made by the applicant and to determine the creditworthiness of the applicant.

In accordance with Executive Order 01.01.1983.18, the Department advises you that certain personal information is necessary to determine your eligibility for financial assistance. Availability of this information for public inspection is governed by Maryland's Access to Public Records Act, State Government Article, Section 10-611 et seq. of the Annotated Code of Maryland (the "Act"). This information will be disclosed to appropriate staff of the Department or to public officials for purposes directly connected with administration of this financial assistance program for which its use is intended. Such information may be shared with State, federal or local government agencies, which have a financial role in the project. You have the right to inspect, amend, or correct personal records in accordance with the Act.

The Department intends to make available to the public certain information regarding projects recommended for funding in the Sustainable Community Plan. The information available to the public will include the information in this application, as may be supplemented or amended. This information may be confidential under the Act. If you consider this information confidential and do not want it made available to the public, please indicate that in writing and attach the same to this application.

You agree that not attaching an objection constitutes your consent to the information being made available to the public and a waiver of any rights you may have regarding this information under the Act.

I have read and understand the above paragraph. Applicant's Initials: _____

Any one who knowingly makes, or causes to be made, any false statement or report relative to this financial assistance application, for the purposes of influencing the action of the Department on such application, is subject to immediate cancellation of financial assistance and other penalties authorized by law.

The undersigned hereby certifies that the Sustainable Communities Plan or Project(s) proposed in this Application can be accomplished and further certifies that the information set herein and in any attachment in support hereof is true, correct, and complete to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Authorized Signature	Print Name and Title	Date
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