

APPENDICES



New Town Recommendations Report June 15, 2026

Appendix A: Executive Orders

County Executive
Of
Howard County, Maryland

Executive Order: 2025-09
Date: May 14, 2025
Subject: Creating a New Town Task Force

WHEREAS, the County's General Plan, HoCo By Design, was adopted in October of 2023 and took effect December of 2023; and

WHEREAS, to date, the Department of Planning and Zoning has worked to implement several aspects of HoCo By Design since its adoption, to include: convening an Affordable Housing Working Group to develop recommendations related to growth management strategies for this component of housing; convening the Adequate Public Facilities Act Review Committee to develop recommendations for revisions to the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO); advancing a comprehensive master planning effort for the future of the 1,100 acre Columbia Gateway office park; progressing updates to the Howard County Landscape Manual; and will soon commence projects to update the Route 1 and Route 40 Design Manuals; and

WHEREAS, HoCo By Design describes the New Town (NT) zoning district in Columbia of over 14,000 acres and 28,000 parcels as having a unique sense of place that its residents want to preserve, enhance, and strengthen; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan identifies that a review of the New Town (NT) zoning district and its character-defining elements by a task force would provide an opportunity to ensure that the regulatory structure is calibrated to successfully carry forward New Town (NT) zoning; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan calls for the establishment of a task force to evaluate and make recommendations on how to carry forward New Town's planned community framework; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan specifies that the Task Force shall consist of members appointed by the County Council and the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive received recommendations from the County Council for members to be appointed by this executive order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that the New Town Task Force is established.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the duties and responsibilities of the Task Force are to evaluate and make recommendations on how to carry forward New Town's planned community framework, including but not limited to, modifications to zoning regulations and development processes.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the following individuals are appointed to serve as voting members on the New Town Task Force:


1. Matt Abrams
2. Nina Basu
3. Judelle Campbell
4. Nicole Campbell
5. David Costello
6. Sharon Cooper-Kerr
7. Greg DesRoches
8. Rene DuBois
9. Karin Emery
10. Brian England
11. Michael Golibersuch
12. Robbyn Harris
13. Ryan Hermann
14. Ian Kennedy
15. Joan Lancos
16. Tim May
17. Kristi Smith
18. Stacy Spann
19. Collin Sullivan
20. Ashley Vaughan

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Task Force shall issue a written report by May 31, 2026.


AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Task Force's report shall be provided to the County Executive and County Council and shall be considered as zoning changes are developed for the New Town (NT) zoning district.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the New Town Task Force and the terms of its members shall cease to exist on or about September 30, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Calvin Ball, as County Executive of Howard County, Maryland have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Howard County to be affixed this 14 day of May 2025.



Calvin Ball
County Executive



County Executive
of
Howard County, Maryland

Executive Order: 2025-10
Date: June 3, 2025
Subject: Amending Executive Order
No. 2025-09 in order to add
a member to the New Town
Task Force

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2025, I issued Executive Order No. 2025-09 that established the New Town Task Force; and

WHEREAS, I wish to alter the membership of the Task Force to add a member.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that Fran LoPresti is added as a voting member of the New Town Task Force.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that all other provisions of Executive Order No. 2025-09 shall remain in effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Calvin Ball, as County Executive of Howard County, Maryland have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Howard County to be affixed this 3RD day of June 2025.



Calvin Ball
County Executive

**County Executive
of
Howard County, Maryland**

Executive Order: 2026-06
Date: May 12, 2026
Subject: Amending Executive Order No. 2025-09, as amended by Executive Order No. 2025-10, in order to add a member to the New Town Task Force

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2025, I issued Executive Order No. 2025-09 that established the New Town Task Force; and

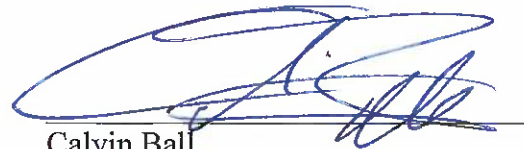
WHEREAS, on June 3, 2025, I issued Executive Order No. 2025-10 to add a member to the Task Force.

WHEREAS, I wish to alter the membership of the Task Force to add a member.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that Brady Greer, or another designee of the Columbia Association, is added as a voting member of the New Town Task Force.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that all other provisions of Executive Order No. 2025-09 and 2025-10 shall remain in effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Calvin Ball, as County Executive of Howard County, Maryland have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Howard County to be affixed this 12 day of May, 2026



Calvin Ball
County Executive