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Sectional Map Amendment: Burtonsville Crossroads Neighborhood Plan

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Regional Map

Description

Sectional Map Amendment: Burtonsville Crossroads Neighborhood Plan Staff Recommendation: Approval to file the Sectional Map Amendment (SMA)

Summary

The proposed Sectional Map Amendment follows the approval and adoption of the Burtonsville Crossroads Neighborhood Plan and will implement, through the Sectional Map Amendment process, the Plan's recommendations for creating a community at the crossroads.

The Sectional Map Amendment covers approximately 191 acres of the Sector Plan area; 72.29 acres are proposed for reclassification and confirms existing zones for about 119 acres. Remaining areas consist of rights-of-way.

Recommendation

The staff recommends approval to file the Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) to implement recommendations of the Approved and Adopted Burtonsville Crossroads Neighborhood Plan and transmit to County Council.

Discussion

On December 4, 2012, the District Council approved the Burtonsville Crossroads Neighborhood Plan, by Resolution 117-628. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission adopted the approved plan on December 19, 2012, by Resolution 12-28.

The Burtonsville Crossroads area encompasses about 191 acres, including rights-of-way. This Sectional Map Amendment proposes 72.29 acres for reclassification: 71.53 acres for the CRN and CRT mixed-use zones; 0.76 acres for the C-2 Zone. It reconfirms existing zones for about 119 acres. The remaining areas are rights-of-way for which zones are not shown on the official zoning sheets.

Proposed SMA

The Burtonsville Crossroads Neighborhood Plan proposes creation of a mixed-use neighborhood that will encourage revitalization consistent with County policies for sustainable development, design excellence, and diversity of housing choice. The CRN and CRT zones proposed for the Main Street and the Village Center neighborhoods, "permit a mix of residential and non-residential uses at varying densities and heights. The zones promote economically, environmentally, and socially sustainable development patterns where people can live, work, recreate and have access to services and amenities while minimizing the need for automobile use." (59-C 15.2) The zones can be applied only when recommended by a master or sector plan; the Approved and Adopted Burtonsville Crossroads Neighborhood Plan includes the necessary recommendations. Each CRN and CRT zone includes four components: an overall maximum floor area ratio (FAR); a maximum commercial FAR (C); a maximum residential FAR (R); and a maximum building height (H). All four components are shown on the proposed zoning sheets for each CRN or CRT zone proposed. The following table lists the SMA's proposed reclassifications. The index map accompanying this memorandum shows the location of each area.

Area	Existing Zones	Proposed Zone	Acres
1	C-1, O-M, RC	CRT 1.5 C 1.0 R 1.25 H 75	33.28
2	C-2, RC	CRT 1.5 C 1.0 R 1.25 H 70	15.83
3	C-2, 1-1, RC	CRT 1.5 C 1.0 R 1.25 H 70	9.07
4	C-2	CRN 1.5 C 1.0 R 0.5 H 45	13.35
5	RC	C-2	0.76

There are no pending local map amendments in the area proposed for this Sectional Map Amendment.

Conclusion

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Board approve the filing of a Sectional Map Amendment to implement the recommendations of the Burtonsville Crossroads Neighborhood Plan.



