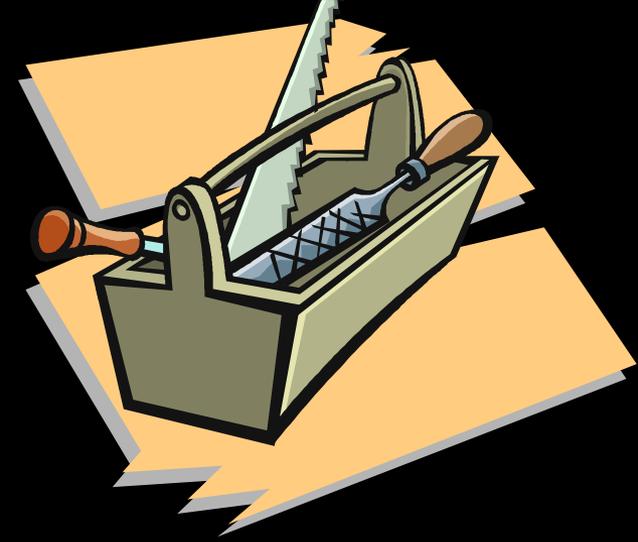


Community Development Tool Kit

Emmitsburg Town Meeting
September 4, 2012



TOOLS FOR EMMITSBURG

2009 Comprehensive Plan (Town)

Sustainable Communities Program (State)
Community Legacy program

Grant Opportunities (Government & Private)
Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area (State)

2009 Comprehensive Plan

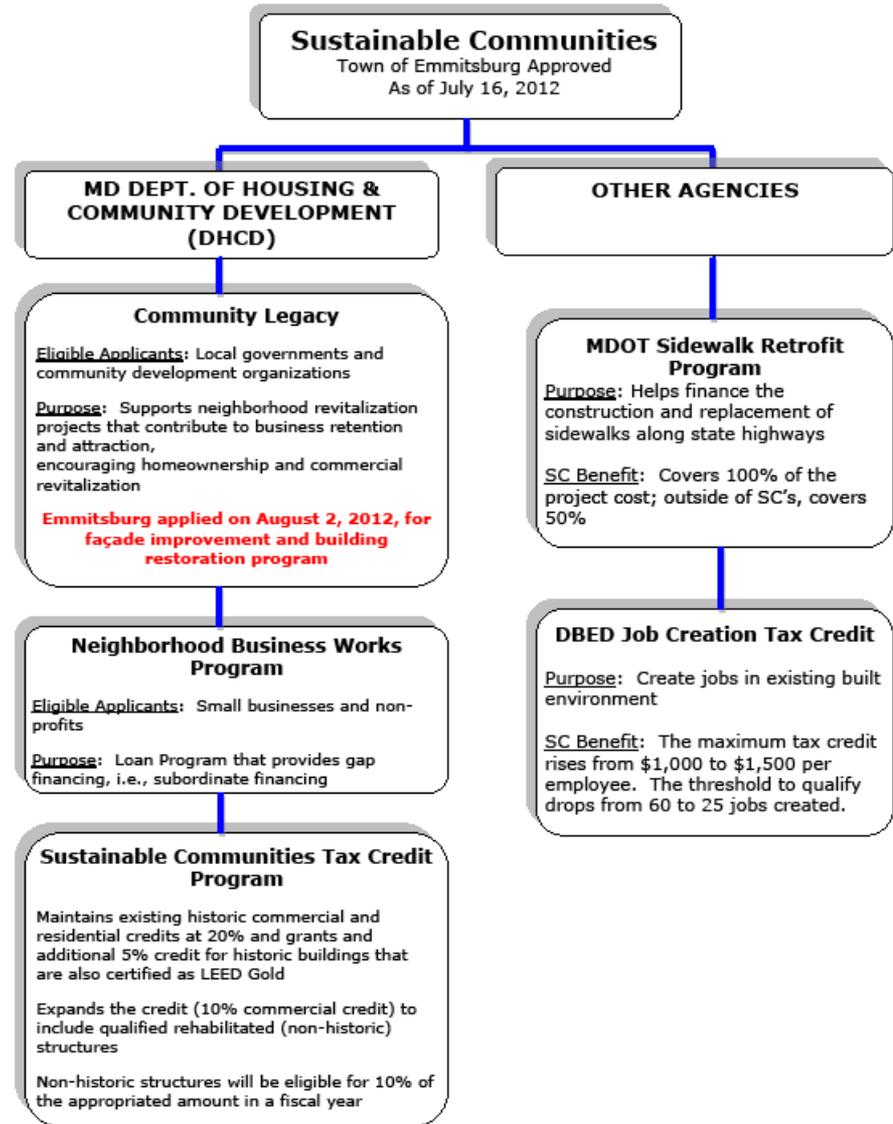
- Economic Development (Section 4, page 7)

“... investigate economic development opportunities and strategies with the assistance of the Frederick County Offices of Economic development and Tourism.

... include...creating a vibrant downtown area, streetscape design improvements, and creating a cohesive effort amongst the existing organizations and agencies to establish and promote an identity for the Town.”

- Comp Plan public workshop and town-wide survey goals included working toward
 - A walkable community
 - Economic development
 - An active, vibrant village center

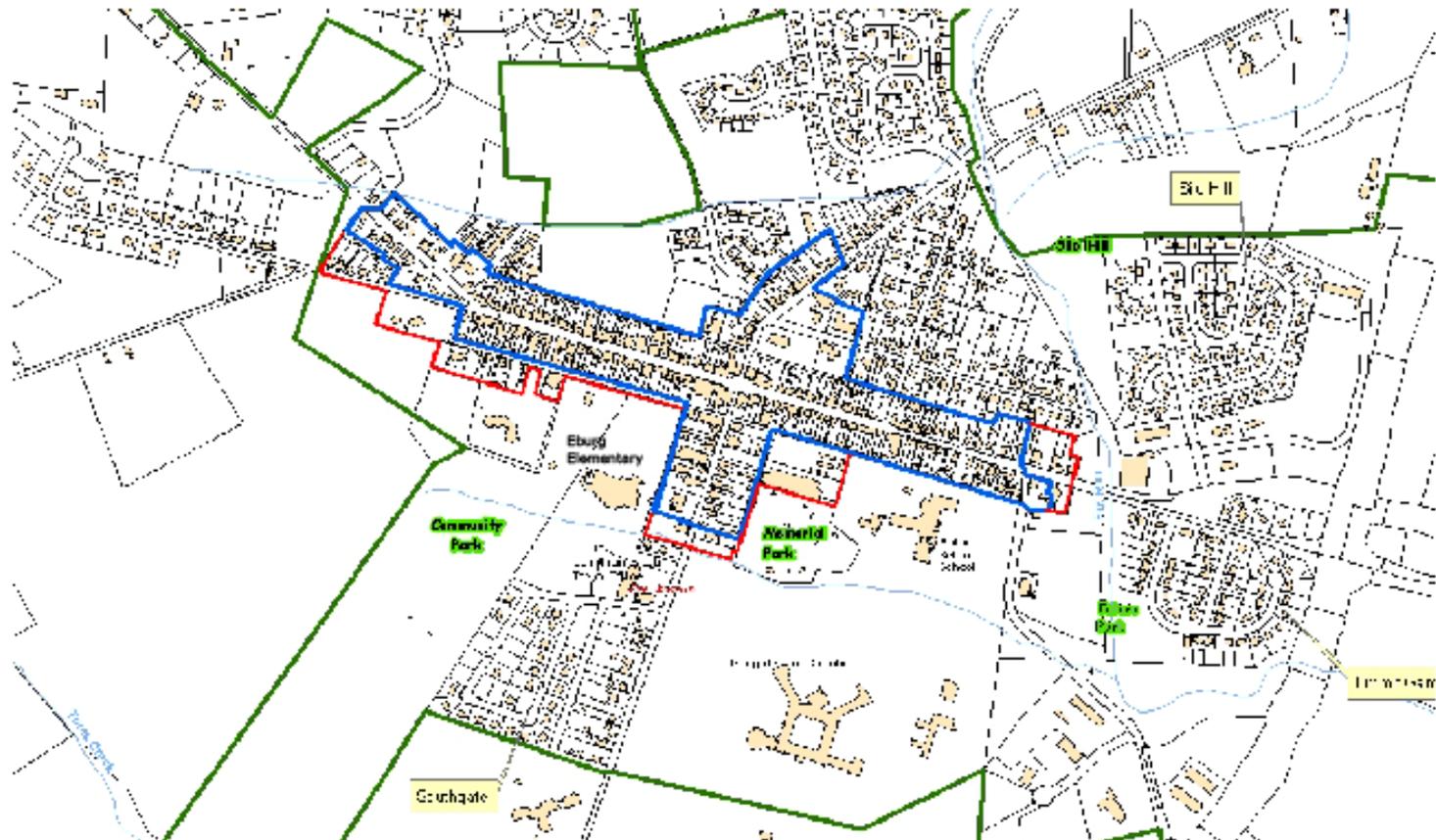
Sustainable Communities



Emmitsburg – National Register Historic District (blue) plus additional areas to create

Sustainable Community Area (red) Town boundary (green)

Please note proximity of Town parks, schools, community center, Fire Museum, Daughters of Charity



Community Legacy Application

- Façade and exterior restoration projects within the Sustainable Communities Area
- 50/50 match, private/state funds
- \$25,000 limit per project
- Applied for \$100,000 in grant funds
= \$200,000 in project value
- Two years to spend the funds, ½ must be used in the first year
- Town input – No cash funds involved.
Staff time to administer the program.
- Sustainable Communities Work Group will help develop priorities for projects within the SC Area, and review before sending projects for required Maryland Historical Trust review

Twelve MD Heritage Areas



Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area Grants

- Capital and non-Capital grants(State-wide)
and mini-grants via HCWHA (3-county area)

EMMITSBURG SQUARE DESIGN – Grant Award

*Design process featuring input from citizens,
agencies, and organizations, resulting in design options,
and cost estimates for revitalization of the Square.*

Benefits

- Quality of life for existing residents
- Attractiveness to potential new residents
(54 approved building lots, plus existing housing stock)
- Increased activity for existing businesses
- Attractive community for new businesses

What do we have in our toolbox ?

State and Regional support

Recognition of Emmitsburg's unique
qualities and historical significance

Local citizens

Volunteers and participants in process

Town Government

Supportive elected officials

Capable staff



OPPORTUNITY !