

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Baltimore County Requests FY 2015



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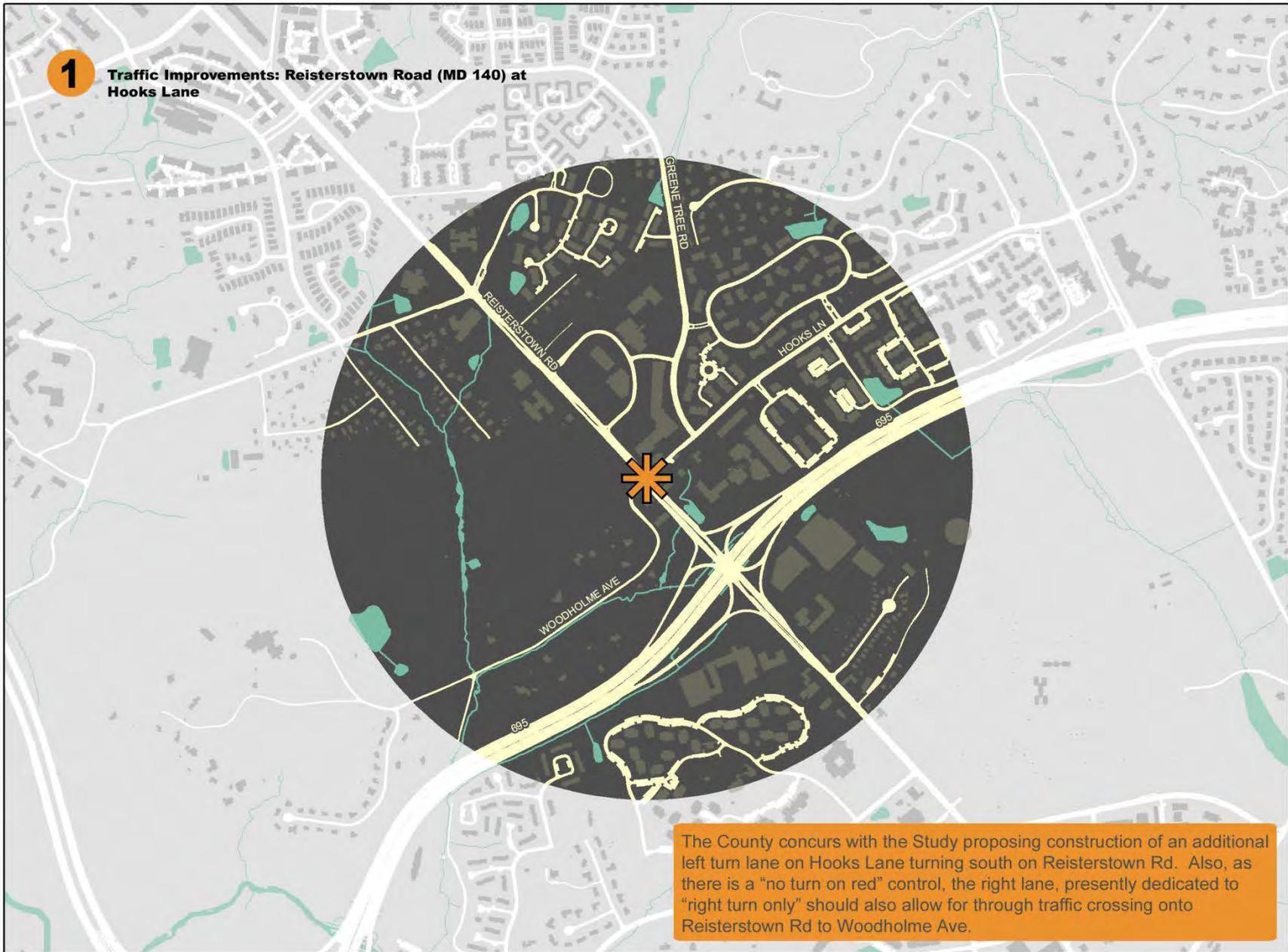
Traffic Improvements: Reisterstown Road (MD 140) at Painters Mill Road



A Study conducted by the State Highway Administration last year found significant congestion along this corridor. This congestion is expected to increase given the potential development in years to come, including the State and County funded Metro Center project. At the Painters Mill intersection, rather than simply widening Reisterstown Rd, which involves contentious right-of-way challenges and costly expenditures, the County advocates for the design of parallel access roads on both sides of Reisterstown Rd, including utilization of the east-side terminus of the signalized intersection at Painters Mill Rd as well as land contiguous to the western edge of the Solo Cup Property.

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**Traffic Improvements: Reisterstown Road (MD 140) at
Hooks Lane**



The County concurs with the Study proposing construction of an additional left turn lane on Hooks Lane turning south on Reisterstown Rd. Also, as there is a “no turn on red” control, the right lane, presently dedicated to “right turn only” should also allow for through traffic crossing onto Reisterstown Rd to Woodholme Ave.

2 Expressway Interchange: on Northwest Expressway (I-795) at Dolfield Boulevard



In 2007, the County expended \$625,000 (25% of the cost) toward a State Planning Study supporting a Dolfield Boulevard Interchange that would comply with Federal Highway Standards and meet traffic volumes. In April 2008, Governor O'Malley announced a \$28M State pledge to engineer and construct an Interchange on the Northwest Expressway to serve the Owings Mills Growth Area that was never funded due to economic downturn. In September 2012, the County completed a three-phase \$16M improvement to Dolfield Blvd between I-795 and Reisterstown Rd. Completion of the proposed Interchange will alleviate traffic congestion on both I-795 and MD 140, and has strong community support.

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**Streetscape Improvements: Liberty Road MD 26
(Phase 1 - Between Rolling Rd and Courtleigh Dr)**



Baltimore County proposes a center lane boulevard streetscape on a heavily traveled commercial corridor to provide aesthetic treatment and enhanced pedestrian safety. Phase 1 is a one mile "greening project" that is primarily zoned residential and RO, and would soften the approach to the commercial core at Liberty and Old Court Roads. Phase 2 could be developed on the one mile segment between Courtleigh Dr and Old Court Rd after the community can fully appreciate the completed Phase 1. The County successfully completed a similar boulevard "greening project" on the County portion of Greenspring Ave between Old Court and Green Summit Roads, enhancing the approach to the Greenspring Quarry project.

3 Streetscape Improvements:
Liberty Road MD 26
Phase 1: Between Rolling Road and Courtleigh Drive BEFORE



3 Streetscape Improvements:
Liberty Road MD 26
Phase 1: Between Rolling Road and Courtleigh Drive AFTER



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Streetscape Improvements: Reisterstown MD 140 at Mian Street
(3 gateway nodes: MD140/Hanover Rd Split, Cockeys Mill Rd and MD 140, and Woodley Ave and MD 140)



Reisterstown is one of the County's priority revitalization districts and, with assistance from the State, is using the Maryland Main Street approach. A County Planning staff member has been assigned to the district to act as a 2 year Main Street Manager and will be submitting an application for designation as a Maryland Sustainable Community later this month. There is an enormous amount of momentum building in Reisterstown for support of the Main Street concept. It is recognized that a significant portion of the work of Main Street's revitalization efforts are public and private partnerships that reinvest in the built environment. While the Economic Restructuring

Committee and Design Committee are working to retain existing businesses by seeking out key properties for renovation and expansion, the condition of the streetscape is key to the overall look and feel of Main Street. The existing Reisterstown Rd Streetscape is over 20 years old and in need of maintenance and up-keep. A 2010 community workshop identified several significant upgrades that are needed, most notably improvements and beautification of the area's northern and southern gateways.

4 Streetscape Improvements:
Reisterstown MD 140 at Main Street
MD 140 at Hanover Road split BEFORE



4 Streetscape Improvements:
Reisterstown MD 140 at Main Street
MD 140 at Hanover Road split AFTER



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**Streetscape Improvements:
Reisterstown MD 140 at Main Street
Main Street at Cockey's Mill Road BEFORE**



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**Streetscape Improvements:
Reisterstown MD 140 at Main Street
Main Street at Cockey's Mill Road AFTER**



4 Streetscape Improvements:
Reisterstown MD 140 at Main Street
MD 140 at Woodley Avenue BEFORE

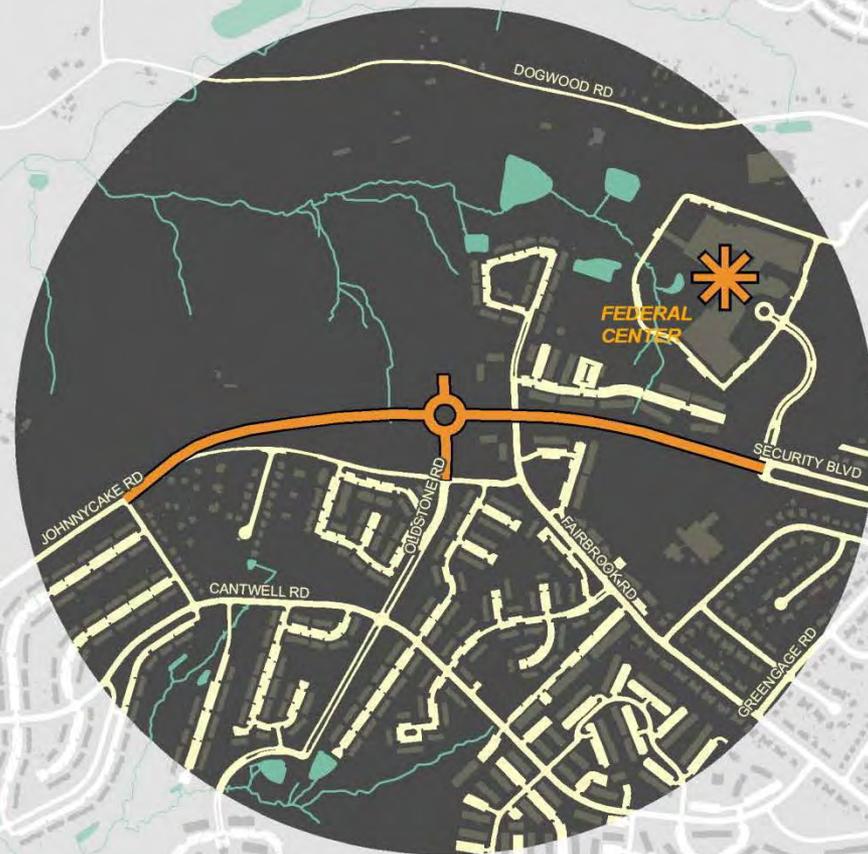


4 Streetscape Improvements:
Reisterstown MD 140 at Main Street
MD 140 at Woodley Avenue AFTER



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**Road Extension: Security Boulevard MD 122 to Johnnycake Road
(Development Opportunity Site)**



This project is included in County capital budget and could jumpstart new economic development opportunities at the Johnnycake Rd sites in the Federal Center at Woodlawn and would enhance access to the Red Line for County, State and Federal employees.

6**Streetscape Improvements: Frederick Rd MD 144 (Frederick Rd from Prospect Ave to Briarwood Rd) - Paradise Community**

Over the past year local residents and property owners have been discussing ways to improve the Paradise Business Community. There have been significant improvements made to the greater Catonsville Commercial Corridor on Frederick Rd outside of the Beltway, but more needs to be done for the vulnerable part of the Corridor inside the Beltway. Specifically, improvements would include sidewalks, landscaping, tree trimming, street lighting, and furniture that would help give Paradise a more cohesive appearance. The most important improvement would be the removal of the elevated tree planters that impede pedestrian traffic and block signage. The main building behind the planters has recently been purchased and a new streetscape could leverage/encourage reinvestment into this building and others along this section of the corridor. This area is in a Baltimore County Revitalization District and newly approved Maryland Sustainable Community.

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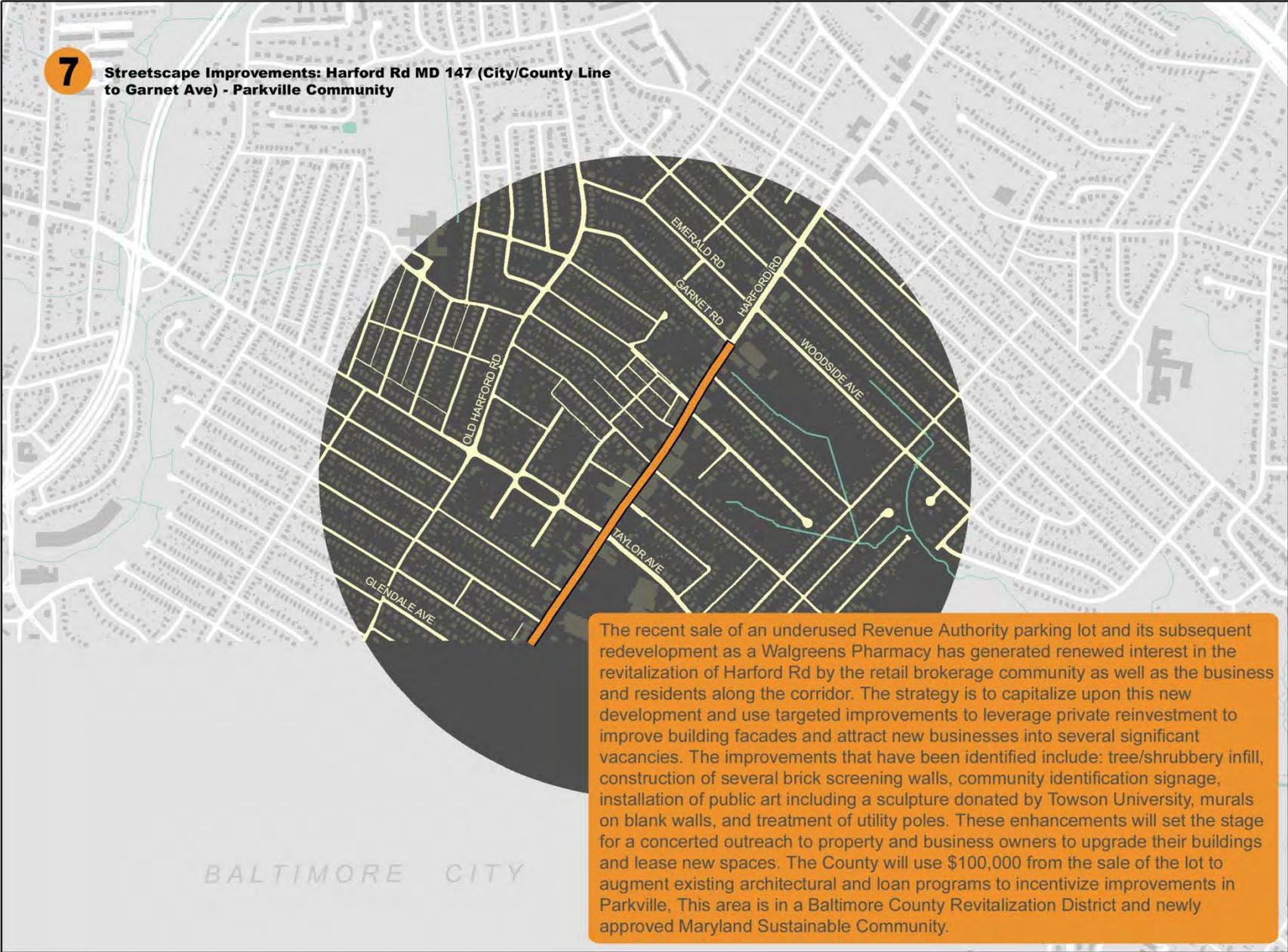
**Streetscape Improvements:
Frederick Road MD 144--Paradise Community
Frederick Road from Prospect Avenue to Briarwood Road BEFORE**



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**Streetscape Improvements:
Frederick Road MD 144--Paradise Community
Frederick Road from Prospect Avenue to Briarwood Road AFTER**



7**Streetscape Improvements: Harford Rd MD 147 (City/County Line to Garnet Ave) - Parkville Community**

The recent sale of an underused Revenue Authority parking lot and its subsequent redevelopment as a Walgreens Pharmacy has generated renewed interest in the revitalization of Harford Rd by the retail brokerage community as well as the business and residents along the corridor. The strategy is to capitalize upon this new development and use targeted improvements to leverage private reinvestment to improve building facades and attract new businesses into several significant vacancies. The improvements that have been identified include: tree/shrubbery infill, construction of several brick screening walls, community identification signage, installation of public art including a sculpture donated by Towson University, murals on blank walls, and treatment of utility poles. These enhancements will set the stage for a concerted outreach to property and business owners to upgrade their buildings and lease new spaces. The County will use \$100,000 from the sale of the lot to augment existing architectural and loan programs to incentivize improvements in Parkville. This area is in a Baltimore County Revitalization District and newly approved Maryland Sustainable Community.

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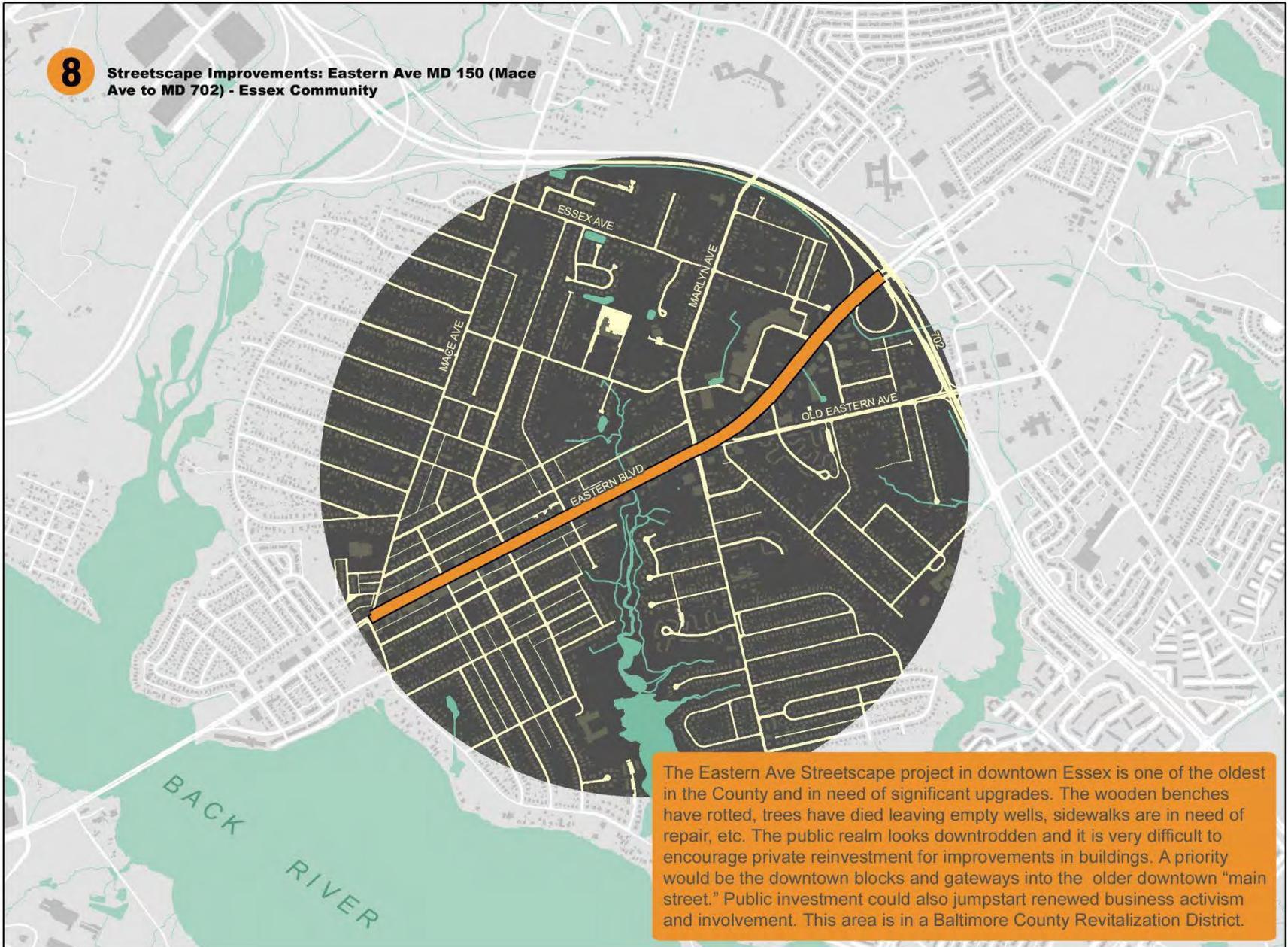
**Streetscape Improvements:
Harford Road MD 147--Parkville Community
City/County Line to Garnet Avenue BEFORE**



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**Streetscape Improvements:
Harford Road MD 147--Parkville Community
City/County Line to Garnet Avenue AFTER**



8**Streetscape Improvements: Eastern Ave MD 150 (Mace Ave to MD 702) - Essex Community**

The Eastern Ave Streetscape project in downtown Essex is one of the oldest in the County and in need of significant upgrades. The wooden benches have rotted, trees have died leaving empty wells, sidewalks are in need of repair, etc. The public realm looks downtrodden and it is very difficult to encourage private reinvestment for improvements in buildings. A priority would be the downtown blocks and gateways into the older downtown "main street." Public investment could also jumpstart renewed business activism and involvement. This area is in a Baltimore County Revitalization District.

8 Streetscape Improvements:
Eastern Avenue MD 150
Mace Avenue to MD 702 BEFORE



8 Streetscape Improvements:
Eastern Avenue MD 150
Mace Avenue to MD 702 AFTER



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Philadelphia Road (MD 7) Improvements: From Campbell Blvd to Mohrs Lane



This connection would not only provide another important link between MD 43 corridor and White Marsh Town Center, but it would also enhance Pulaski Highway as a location for new employment-related development (currently no east-west access to/from Pulaski Hwy between Middle River Road and MD 43).

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Intersection Improvements: Pulaski Highway MD 40 at Mohrs Lane

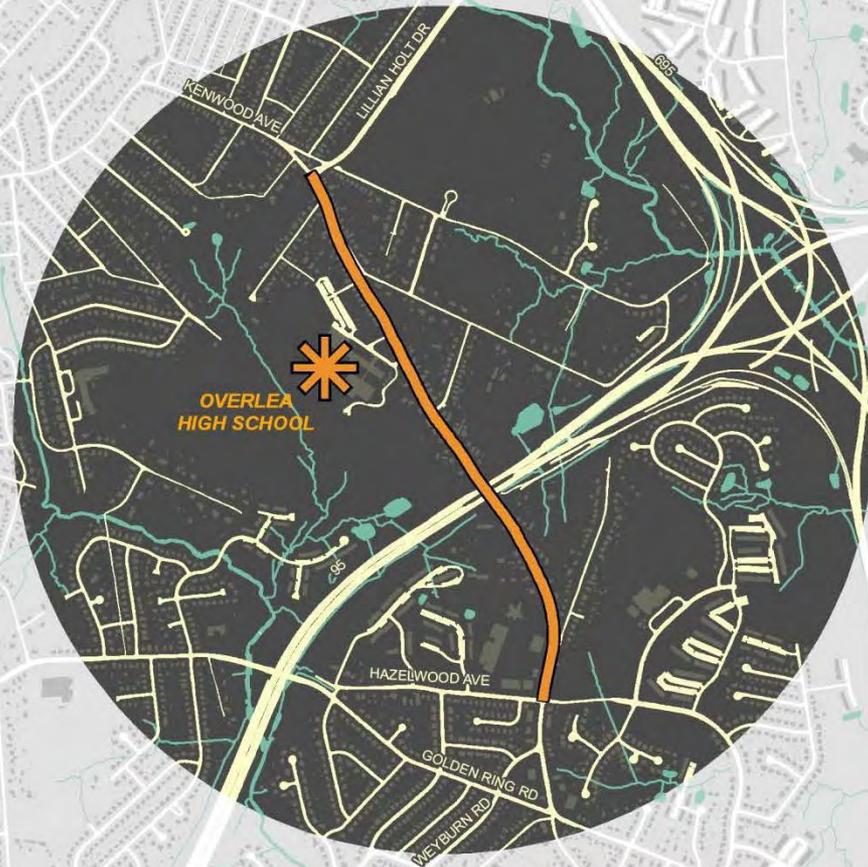


This project is a complete rebuild of the intersection to accommodate current State Highway Administration safety and capacity needs and allow for the future connection of Campbell Blvd. The County is currently funding the State's design using State Highway Administration at a cost of \$500K to the County.

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**Kenwood Avenue - Sidewalks
(Lillian Holt Road to Hazelwood Avenue)**

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The County portion of Kenwood Ave has been completed for many years. The State's portion of Kenwood Ave near Overlea High School has not been completed. The State recently approved funding for Overlea High School for capital school construction funding.

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**Liberty Road MD 26 - Sidewalks
(City Line to I-695)**



The State is currently modifying the corner sidewalks to meet ADA standards. The addition of pedestrian sidewalks would be an added value and would create continuity.