

Lochearn-Forest Garden- Haywood Heights



Community Action Plan

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Resolution No. 30-02

Mr. Kevin Kamenetz, Councilman

By the County Council, May 6, 2002

A RESOLUTION of the Baltimore County Council to adopt the Lochearn-Forest Garden-Haywood Heights Community Action Plan as part of the Baltimore County Master Plan 2010.

WHEREAS, the Baltimore County Council adopted the Baltimore County Master Plan 2010 on February 22, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan advocates the development and use of community plans for established neighborhoods in the County; and

WHEREAS, the communities of Lochearn, Forest Garden and Haywood Heights constitute a logical unit for planning within Baltimore County; and

WHEREAS, the Lochearn-Forest Garden-Haywood Heights Community Action Plan was prepared in close cooperation with an advisory committee representing community and business interests; and

WHEREAS, the draft plan was the subject of a public hearing by the Planning Board on November 1, 2001 and was adopted by the Board on November 15, 2001; and

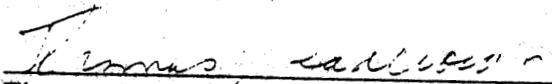
WHEREAS, the County Council held a public hearing on the recommended Lochearn-Forest Garden-Haywood Heights Community Action Plan on April 1, 2002.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Lochearn-Forest Garden-Haywood Heights Community Action Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part thereof, be and it is hereby adopted and incorporated into the Baltimore County Master Plan 2010 to be a guide for the development of the Lochearn-Forest Garden-Haywood Heights area, subject to such further modifications as deemed advisable by the County Council.

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READ AND PASSED this 6th day of MAY, 2002.

BY ORDER



Thomas J. Peddford, Jr.
Secretary

ITEM: Resolution 30-02

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Lochearn is one of the first neighborhoods west of Baltimore City that developed along the streetcar line.

Area History

In the early 1900's, suburban growth followed the trolley car web along radial routes from Baltimore City. As a result, Lochearn and Villa Nova were probably the first subdivisions west of the city line, with growth starting about the time of World War I. The property for which the subdivision was named was called Loch Earn. It was the elegant cattle farm of Dr. Francis W. Patterson at the time of the 1877 atlas. Dr. Patterson took the name from Loch Earn, Perthshire, Scotland.

Introduction/Chronology of Planning Efforts

In late fall of 1998, the Lochearn Improvement Association began a community planning process, identifying issues and concerns in an effort to re-evaluate the community's needs. The neighboring communities of Forest Garden and Haywood Heights also expressed an interest in developing a community plan. Councilman Kevin Kamenetz requested the Office of Planning to coordinate a planning effort involving all three communities in an area wide plan.

These communities had previously participated in the formation and adoption of the *Woodlawn/Liberty Community Plan* adopted by the County Council as an amendment to the master plan on 5/17/93. That plan included a total of ten communities on both sides of Liberty Road between the city line and the Beltway. It should be noted that since the adoption of the *Woodlawn/Liberty Community Plan*, the following recommendations included in the plan have been implemented:



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- Development of *The Liberty Action Plan Update* to address the commercial corridor.
- Division of Liberty Road Business District into nodes to better manage development.
- Revitalization of the Woodmoor Shopping Center.
- Restoration of Powder Mill Park (at Liberty Road and the city line) through tree planting and stream cleanup.
- Design and installation of Liberty community identification signs.
- Development and adoption of two new performance based zones, Business Local Restricted (BLR) and Community Business (CB).
- Application of BLR and CB Zones to properties on Liberty Road.



The Liberty Road identification sign functions as a gate way and is important in defining the community's image and curb appeal.

Current participants in the Lochearn-Forest Garden-Haywood Heights advisory group decided to concentrate on their individual communities instead of updating the entire *Woodlawn/Liberty Community Plan*. They were of the opinion that a community plan could more adequately address the unique needs of their communities.

Physical Setting and Neighborhood Character

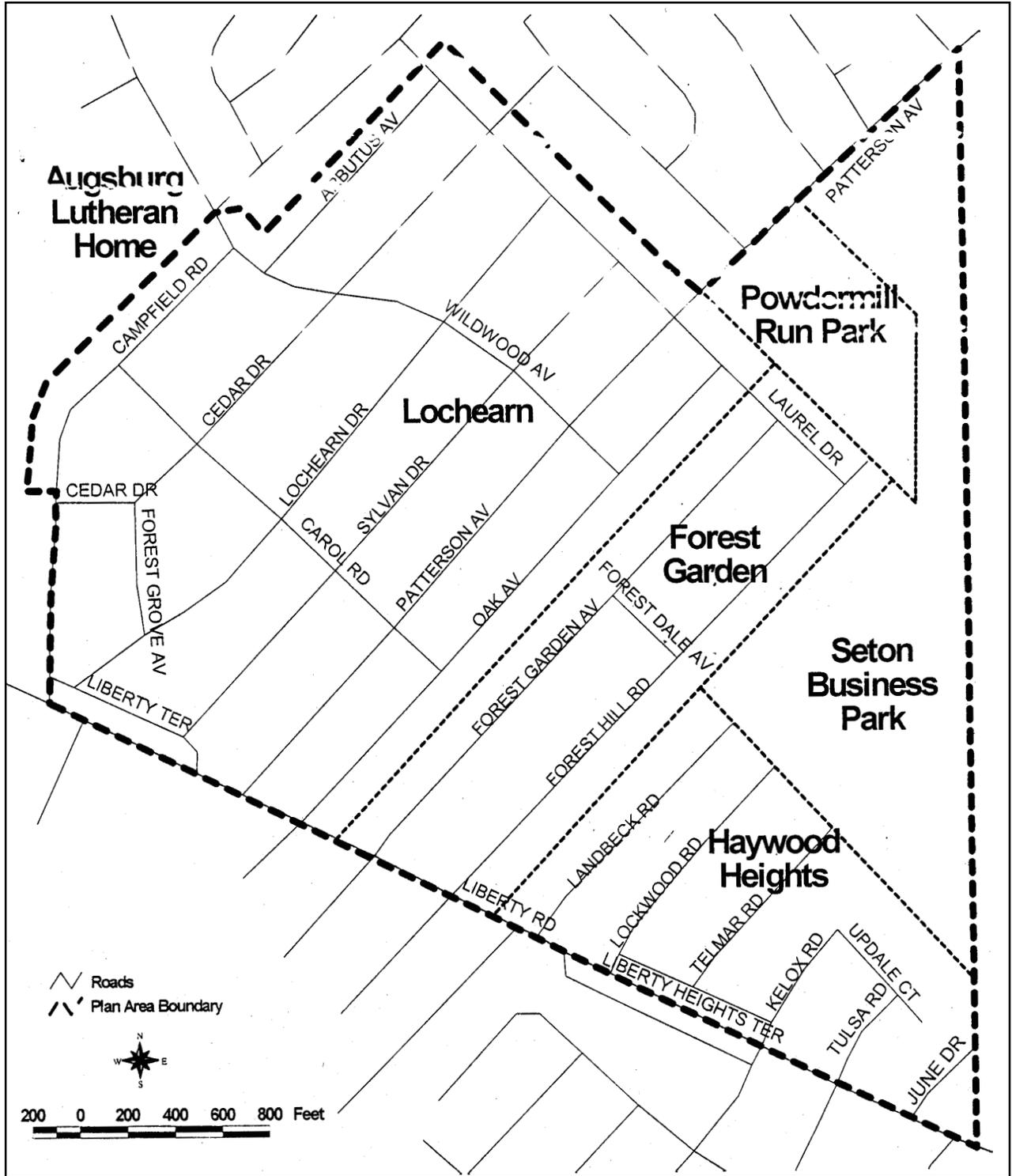
Established in the mid 1940's and incorporated as the Liberty-Patterson Community Association in 1946, Lochearn, Forest Garden and Haywood Heights are located immediately west of the Baltimore City line. The plan area is bounded by the city line to the east, Liberty Road to the south, Campfield Road to the west and Laurel Drive to the north (see Map A-Plan Area and A.1-Locational Context).

The plan area consists of approximately 264± acres. The predominate land use in the plan area is

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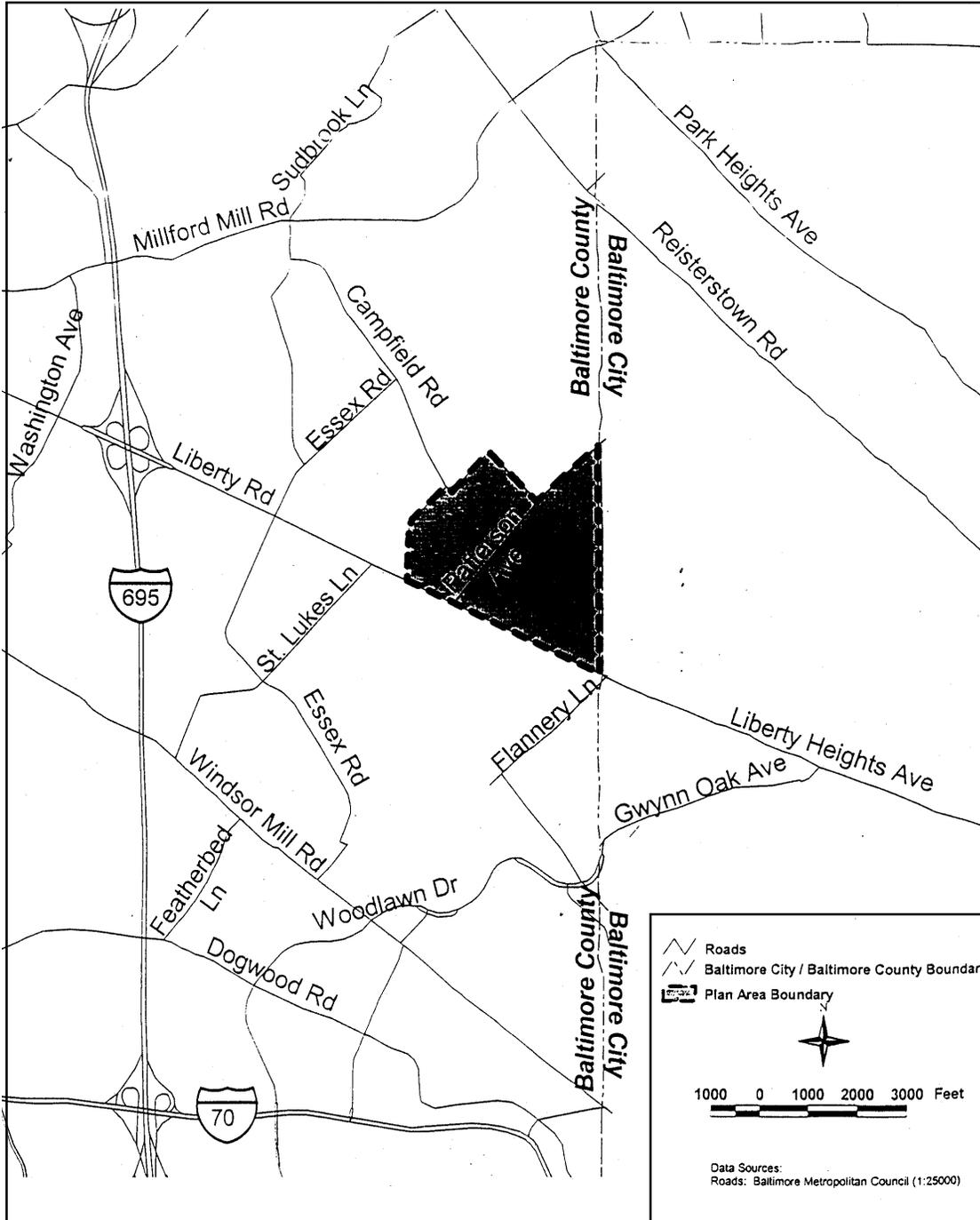
Map A-Plan Area





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Map A.1–Locational Context



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Colonial homes of stone construction are found throughout the community.



Cape Cods, primarily of brick construction, are a common house design.

singlefamily residential and the majority of the area is zoned Density Residential (DR) 5.5. Liberty Road, which functions as the neighborhood's southern boundary, houses some neighborhood commercial and office uses with pockets of Business Local Restricted (BLR), Business Roadside (BR) and Residential Office (RO) zoning. The eastern edge of the community is occupied by the former Seton Institute, now redeveloped as the Seton Business Park and zoned Manufacturing Light Restricted (MLR) (see Map B–Zoning). To the north is the Augsburg Lutheran Home and Village—a retirement community owned and operated by the Delaware-Maryland Lutheran Synod.

The community contains a mixture of housing types ranging from large brick and stone colonial homes to Cape Cods. Demographic information from the Census 2000 indicates that the median house value is \$81,600 and that the median household income is \$56,452. The racial composition is diverse, with the largest majority of residents (88%) being African-American. There is also a wide range of age among residents, with the majority being between 35-44 years of age. Eighty-nine percent of the residences in the community are currently owner occupied (see Table A–Demographic Profile, page 8).

Survey Methodology

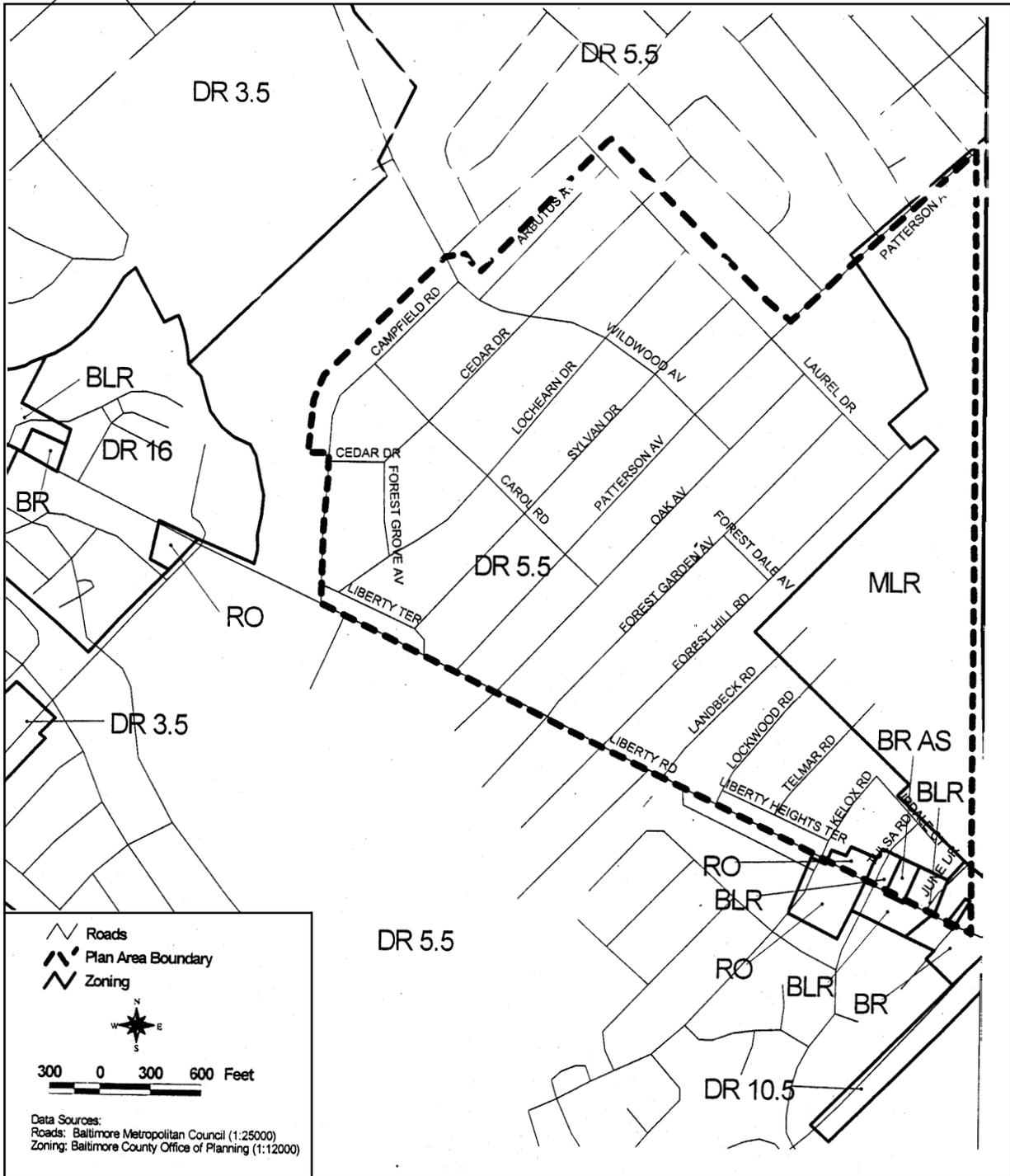
With the assistance of the Office of Planning and the Office of Community Conservation the communities prepared and conducted independent surveys (Appendix–Table A). Twenty six percent of the surveys distributed were returned. The survey results cite the following factors as positive reasons for moving to and remaining in the area:

- Well constructed older homes
- Moderately priced homes



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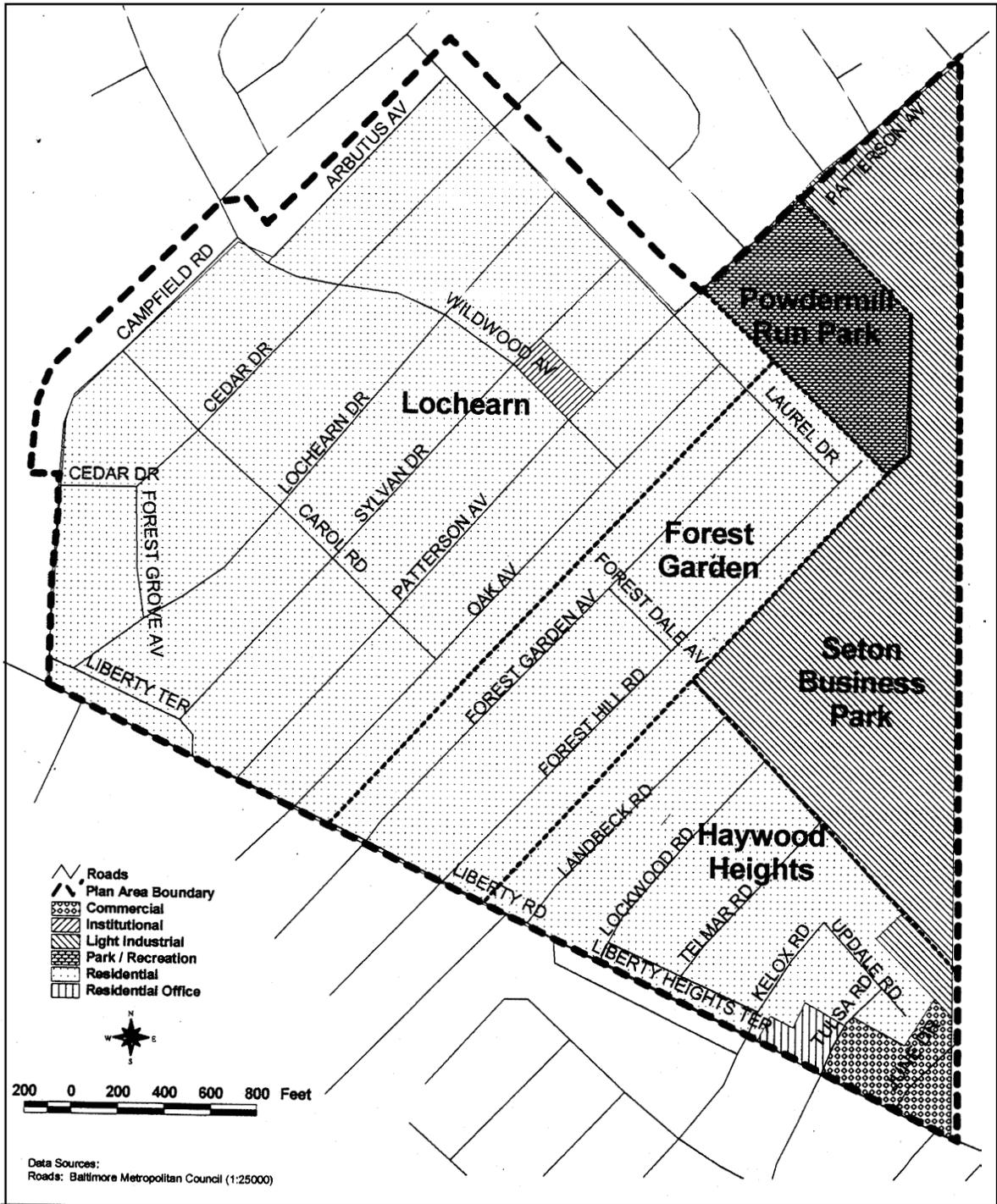
Map B-Zoning



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Map C-Land Use





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Table-A
Demographic Profile
Lochearn-Forest Garden-Haywood Heights Community
Census Tract 4032.02

1990 Census		2000 Census	
Total Population	2288		2018
Racial Composition			
White	661		258
Black	1590		1780
American Indian Alaska Native	2		7
Asian Pacific Islander	22		5
Other	13		28
Hispanic/Latino	0		18
Age Structure			
0-4	108	Under 5	121
5-17	383	5-9	139
18-24	228	10-14	157
25-34	259	15-17	91
35-44	394	18-19	45
45-54	307	20	23
55-64	242	21	25
65+	367	22-24	57
		25-29	77
		30-34	130
		35-39	145
		40-44	170
		45-49	207
		50-54	186
		55-59	132
		60-61	46
		62-64	62
		65-66	38
		67-69	46
		70-74	64
		75-79	56
		80-85	37
		85+	24
Housing Units			
Total	794		785
Occupied	N/A		753
Vacant	N/A		32
Owner Occupied	769		704
Renter Occupied	25		49

Source: US Census Bureau 1990 C
 2000 C

* Note: Age structure measurement units differ from 1990-2000 Census

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Institutional uses within the community serve as neighborhood focal points.

- Charming tree lined streets
- Friendly residents
- Strong community associations
- Active faith based institutions
- Environmental features such as rolling hills, streams and wildlife corridors.
- Convenient access to employment
- Convenient access to public transportation
- Convenient access to I-695 and I-83
- Lots with mature trees
- Convenient access to cultural centers

Those issues that were cited as problems or areas of concern to be addressed by the plan were:

- Public Safety
- Community Conservation
 - Homeownership Retention
 - Affordable Housing Rehabilitation
 - Techniques/Programs
 - Code Enforcement
- Preserving Neighborhood Character
- Infrastructure
- Commercial Revitalization
- Traffic
- Recreational Opportunities

Public Safety

According to the surveys conducted by the communities, the issue generating the highest level of concern was public safety. However, the Composite Index of Public Safety Indicators, collected by the Baltimore County Police Department (BCPD) Statistical Analysis Unit, revealed that the Lochearn, Haywood Heights, and Forest Garden community is not among the list of other county communities showing the highest concentration of incidents.



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There were four public safety indicators examined to determine the safety of the community. Those indicators include: 1) Violent Crime, 2) Maintenance of Order Calls for Service, 3) Drug Arrests, and 4) Residence of Juveniles Arrested. (See Appendix)

The disparity between the community survey results and the statistics reported by the BCPD suggest that there is a strong perception of crime by residents in the area that needs to be addressed. The following actions are recommended:

1. Reinforce and strengthen the existing Citizens on Patrol (COP) program. COP provides extra “eyes and ears” for the police looking out for the safety of people in the streets and the community. COP builds civic pride, and discourages undesirable activities provided it is effectively staffed, equipped and managed.
2. Use community newsletters to educate residents on the need to report all crimes including vandalism and juvenile crimes.
3. Improve communication between the police department and the community through regular educational forums jointly sponsored by the community association and the BCPD.
4. Lobby to have the subject neighborhoods included in the distribution area for the local Patuxent Publishing community newspaper (*Owings Mills Times*) to improve communication and have access to the crime log.
5. Appoint a community liaison to gather and exchange information between the three communities and adjacent communities regarding public safety issues.



Citizen on Patrol programs are effective in helping to maintain public safety and involving citizens.

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Unique architecture provides potential homebuyers with variety and choice.

Community Conservation

Master Plan 2010 identifies community conservation as one of the primary strategies necessary to make Baltimore County a safe and prosperous place for all of its residents. The master plan also states “the goal of community conservation is to preserve the county’s significant investment in its established communities by reinvesting resources to maintain all aspects of community life, conserve and enhance the character of the County’s established residential neighborhoods, and improve the housing stock.”

Some of Baltimore County’s older neighborhoods have experienced signs of decline, both visible and invisible. In a significant number of neighborhoods, homeownership rates are declining, property values are stagnant or declining, investor speculation is increasing, and houses are remaining on the market for long periods of time. According to the Greater Baltimore Board of Realtors, property values in Baltimore County have not kept pace with the surrounding counties.

Evidence also indicates that in many of our older communities, families with lower incomes are replacing those families that are moving out. Between 1994 and 1997 the Internal Revenue Service reported that the average annual personal income of persons leaving the County was \$34,982 while the average annual personal income of persons moving into the County was \$31,497. Additionally, according to the Maryland Department of Education, the number of children receiving free and reduced lunch in Baltimore County Schools has increased by nearly 8.5% since 1995.

In an effort to address some of the above mentioned trends from becoming pervasive in their own com-



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munity, Lochearn, Forest Garden and Haywood Heights residents are monitoring and taking action on the following:

- Homeowner Retention
- Rehabilitation Techniques/Programs
- Code Enforcement

Homeowner Retention and Property Values

Residents are concerned that the number of investment properties in the community could increase if houses do not maintain a steady rate of appreciation. While very few new houses have been built in the community in the last 40 years, the average value of older homes in the plan area between 1996 and 2000 was approximately \$87,700. Fourteen new houses were constructed in 2000-2001 on Campfield Road with several of those commanding a sales price in excess of \$150,000. These homes have the modern conveniences not found in many of the older homes. This addition of newly constructed units provides this community with a variable home mix which makes it very attractive to many above-median income earners who desire to live in a well established and well maintained community.

Houses that have not sold in a reasonable period of time in a strong economy could become candidates for investors. Owners seeking larger houses with modern features such as central air, larger or more bathrooms, and updated kitchens may find it more economical and convenient to move than to add these features to their existing houses. Residents noted that all county sponsored incentive programs to encourage home-ownership are directed towards families or individuals earning less than 80% of the median family income for the county. The median household income in the plan area is \$56,452 or



A variable home mix is attractive to many above-median income earners who desire to live in a very established and well maintained community.

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Amenities such as neighborhood playgrounds help maintain the community's desirability.

116.16% of the county average. In an effort to maintain the high owner occupancy rate (88%), the following actions are recommended:

1. Initiate a liaison with local realtors to highlight community assets.
2. Work with media to market and profile the community.
3. Develop an educational package in conjunction with the Office of Community Conservation describing and explaining available homeowner assistance programs.

Rehabilitation Techniques/Programs

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program, which is authorized by Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act, funds rehabilitation of the following types: 1) residential modifications for persons with disabilities to enable them to live at home; 2) emergency repairs for imminently hazardous conditions in owner-occupied housing (lack of heat, water or plumbing, for instance); and 3) assistance to bring owner-occupied properties cited for code violations into compliance. An eligible property is any single family dwelling with a household income that does not exceed 80% of the area median, adjusted by family size. In order for residents of the plan area to avail themselves of these programs, the following is recommended:

1. Work with the Office of Community Conservation to advertise programs available to middle income homeowners (see Appendix).
2. Develop and maintain an inventory of reliable and affordable local contractors who have done



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quality work in the area, as a source of referrals for neighbors.

3. Explore the idea of a co-operative buying program to help fund needed home repairs and tree maintenance.
4. Work with the Office of Community Conservation to assist residents in the loan application process.

Code Enforcement

According to residents, the lack of code enforcement by the county contributes to the communities' decline. While a few residents report alleged code violations, many are uninformed about the county's code enforcement process. Unless a violation presents an immediate threat to the safety of residents, a considerable amount of time could pass before the violation is corrected. Residents gave several accounts of incidents that have been reported for more than one year that are not yet resolved. In an effort to improve code enforcement efforts, the following actions are suggested:

1. Work with the Code Enforcement section of the Office of Permits and Development Management to develop an educational package detailing property owner's responsibilities.
2. Expand the existing volunteer neighborhood clean up program, and coordinate a new program in sections of the neighborhood where gaps exist.
3. Conduct a neighborhood enforcement "sweep" in conjunction with the Office of Code Enforcement on a regularly scheduled basis.



Residents express interest in retaining the original architectural features and materials as homes are updated.



Mature landscaping complements the housing stock and adds to the desirability of the community.

Preserving Neighborhood Character

As discussed earlier in the plan, there are many unique and positive characteristics of the Lochearn-Forest Gardens-Haywood Heights area that are a source of pride for residents, and which reinforce their commitment to maintain their quality of life. Some of the characteristics contributing to the Lochearn-Forest Gardens-Haywood Heights area charm are the high quality materials of which many of the houses are constructed, including brick and stone, slate and tile roofs and copper gutters. Accenting the stately houses is the mature landscaping which takes its form in the tree lined streets. These attributes are continually associated with the marketability of Lochearn as a place to live, especially for middle income residents who have other choices. It is therefore, imperative that these unique features be preserved. The following actions are recommended to preserve neighborhood character:

1. Develop and enhance neighborhood gateways.
2. Explore the state sponsored “Community Legacy Program” for possible designation as a legacy area.
3. Explore the feasibility of Historic District designation.
4. Develop a review and approval process for new development to ensure compatibility with existing neighborhood character.
5. Request installation of new, updated street identification signs by the Department of Public Works (DPW).



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Infrastructure

The Lochearn infrastructure is reflective of its age and consequently is beginning to erode. A walk through the community and conversations with residents revealed there is the need to install and reconstruct sidewalks, curb and gutter, and to trim large trees.

With regard to sidewalk construction and reconstruction, the County has several programs to assist homeowners. Homeowners can apply to have sidewalks replaced or installed and the cost deferred to their tax bills over a five-year period. For new sidewalks, alleys, curbs and driveway aprons, the residents must petition affected property owners and gain the support (signatures) from 67 percent of property owners affected by the new construction.

Public capital improvements such as road resurfacing are completed by the Bureau of Highways in conjunction with their normal maintenance schedule. Residents have noted the immediate need for road resurfacing. If residents see the need for other public infrastructure improvements, they should participate actively in the CIP process by completing the following:

1. Conduct a detailed infrastructure needs inventory.
2. Participate in Planning Board CIP Community Input Meetings.



Infrastructure, reflective of its age, requires periodic upgrading in many parts of the community.

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The Liberty Road commercial corridor acts at the community's southern boundary.

Commercial Revitalization

The condition of the Liberty Road commercial corridor has been the subject of concern for residents, business owners, and county government for more than 20 years. The recent renovation of the Woodmoor Shopping Center with landscaping has improved the visual appearance of this area. However, the commercial areas east of Woodmoor continue to need additional attention.

In 1978, the Baltimore County Executive appointed 95 local residents to meet to evaluate the social and economic problems impacting Liberty Road. The objective of this task force was to identify issues, which were detrimental to the corridor and develop a comprehensive program to address them. Two important results occurred: 1) the preparation of the *Liberty Action Plan* and 2) the creation of the Liberty Communities Development Corporation (LCDC), which has evolved into the Liberty Road Business Association (LRBA) and is the permanent successor to the task force.

The *Liberty Action Plan* provided analysis and recommendations in the area of transportation, commercial design, and development, human services, and image. Adopted by the County Council in 1980, the plan designated the nine-mile Liberty Road Corridor from the city line to Deer Park Road a revitalization area. *The 1989-2000 Baltimore County Master Plan*, adopted by the County Council, formally recognized the Liberty Road Communities as both an Enhancement Area and a Community Conservation Area.

In 1991, an *Action Plan Update* was prepared by LCDC and adopted by the County Council. The update identified additional key concerns regarding land use, design, and signage, and urged implemen-



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tation of an effective strategy for improving the Liberty Road corridor.

The Liberty Action Plan and *Action Plan Update* were created and designed to address the needs of a changing older community. Importantly, they recognized the need to maintain a healthy, attractive, commercial corridor. However, while the plans recommended ways of improving the Liberty Road corridor, no formal implementation occurred.

In 1994, Councilman Kevin Kamenetz orchestrated a task force to develop an implementation plan for the commercial corridor. The task force consisted of Councilman Kevin Kamenetz and his staff, representatives from the County's Planning Office, Office of Community Conservation, Department of Economic Development, business owners, and residents. In June of 1995, this task force completed the *Liberty Action Plan Preliminary Implementation Guide*.

The task force recognized that the length (9 miles), diversity, physical needs and image were obstacles that hampered past efforts to improve all of Liberty Road at one time. Tangible evidence of positive change was needed to alter the negative perception of Liberty Road. For this reason it was determined to divide the corridor into three distinct nodes:

Node I — City Line to I-695

Node II — I-695 to Brenbrook Drive

Node III — Brenbrook Drive to Deer Park Road

After the Liberty Road implementation strategy was divided into nodes, efforts began in earnest to enhance its appearance. By the summer of 1997, the County, State, and LRBA devised a plan to secure funds to develop and install a new streetscape de-



Recent facade upgrades to the former D.A.V. building are a positive improvement. New businesses provide neighborhood services within walking distance for residents.

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Substantial facade improvements have been made to individual businesses in Node I.

sign along portions of Liberty Road. It was determined that the area that should receive the initial streetscape treatment was the area with the largest concentration of businesses. Consequently, the node between I-695 and Brenbrook Drive was improved with new landscaping, crosswalks, and lighting.

Node I had a lower concentration of business; therefore its revitalization was to occur in the future. It should be noted that owners of several shopping centers in Node I made substantial improvements to their properties concurrent with the streetscape improvements. Clearly, property owner involvement can help redevelopment efforts. The County's Department of Economic Development has several incentive programs to help small businesses redevelop. The following commercial revitalization strategies are recommended for Node I:

1. Explore Commercial Revitalization design standards in conjunction with the Liberty Road Business Association (LRBA).
2. Enhance relationship between community associations and Liberty Road Business Association.
3. Work with neighboring city neighborhoods and agencies to coordinate revitalization efforts directed towards vacant and marginal businesses in the area of Kelox Road and the city/county line.
4. Improve enforcement of sign removal regulations.
5. Explore the possibility of a Streetscape project in Node I.
6. Coordinate efforts between Baltimore County, the Liberty Road Business Association



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(LRBA) and the community in identifying code enforcement violations as the pertain to sign removal regulations and building maintenance.

Traffic

The traffic complaints voiced by the residents of this area included truck traffic, speeding, cut through traffic and the failure to yield to traffic control devices on Patterson Avenue. According to the Baltimore County Police, the greatest traffic-calming method against speeders is selective enforcement. The Precinct 3 Traffic Team can assist the community in identifying areas in need of enforcement. Residents can assist by periodically staffing a portable speed detection sign to alert travelers of their speeds. This portable sign is available from the Bureau of Transportation Planning and Traffic Engineering and requires minimal training to operate. It has been proven effective in slowing traffic on a specific route.

Since the initial discussion between the Baltimore County Bureau of Transportation Planning and Traffic Engineering and the community, red light cameras have been installed at several intersections in the county.

1. Request a traffic study to be conducted by the Bureau of Transportation Planning and Traffic Engineering to evaluate the through traffic on Patterson Avenue in an effort to deter speed and calm traffic on this residential street.
2. Explore traffic management options with the Traffic Engineering section of DPW, particularly on Patterson Avenue and Kelox Avenue, in an effort to discourage truck traffic.
3. Explore traffic calming measures throughout the plan area.



Traffic calming is a major issue for residents.



A new play module at Powdermill Run Park recently replaced deteriorated and outdated playground equipment.

4. Enforce current through-truck restrictions where they are currently posted throughout the community.
5. Install new, updated street identification signs on all neighborhood streets where needed.

Recreational Opportunities

Several recreational programs are currently operating in facilities located within or fairly close to the plan area boundaries. The Campfield Center, housed in Campfield Elementary School sponsors several programs and is staffed with a part time recreational leader. It also houses a full time summer camp. Presently, the school is scheduled to be renovated, during which time the recreational programs will have to be relocated to a facility in the Millford Mill community. Powdermill Run Park, located on the northeastern edge of the community has recently been upgraded, including the resurfacing of the basketball courts and the replacement of the deteriorated playground equipment. Residents note that while pre-school and elementary school age children are adequately served by existing programs, both teenagers and senior citizens lack recreational opportunities in the immediate neighborhood. The following actions are recommended:

1. Include a section in the neighborhood newsletter that outlines current recreational activities.
2. Appoint a representative to the Liberty Randallstown Community Council to keep abreast of the recreational programs available in the broader community.
3. Lobby the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks to expand the recreational programs available in the community.



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4. Distribute recreation and park “guides” to area residents.

Conclusion

The information compiled in this plan confirms that the Lochearn-Forest Garden-Haywood Heights communities are strong, viable residential neighborhoods that continue to attract new, and retain existing, homeowners. Despite issues that affect many older communities such as deteriorating infrastructure, marginal commercial development, and perceptions of crime, the Lochearn-Forest Garden-Haywood Heights neighborhoods maintain a 88% homeownership rate and active neighborhood associations which continue to have a voice in the future of their community. Both of these are strong indications of the physical and emotional investment that residents continue to have about their community.

The process that the community associations embarked upon including developing, compiling, and analyzing the community survey results provided valuable information about those issues with which neighborhood residents are most concerned. The preparation of this plan has provided an opportunity for residents to explore and consider the issues that the community currently faces and/or may face in the future. Working together with the County and other partners in the planning process, this document will serve as a blueprint for the future of the Lochearn-Forest Garden-Haywood Heights Community neighborhoods. This plan calls for the further investigation of issues identified as concerns and implementation of suggested strategies. Ultimately, implementation of the suggested actions will result in maintaining the community’s positive features and attempting to change those that have been identified as negative.



Residents feel a sense of pride in their community and continue to work together to ensure its future.

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Public Safety	Homeowner/ Retention and Property Values	Code Enforcement	Preserving Neighborhood Chapter	Infrastructure	Commercial Revitalization	Traffic	Recreational Opportunities
1. Community	1. Office of Community Conservation	1. Community/ Permits & Development Management	1. Office of Planning/Office of Community Conservation	1. Community/ DPW	1. Community, LRBA, Dept. of Economic Development	1. DPW- Transportation Planning Section	1. Community
2. Community	2. Community	2. Community	2. Office of Planning	2. Community	2. Community, LRBA	2. DPW	2. Community
3. Community/ BCPD	3. Community		3. Office of Planning	3. Community/ Office of Planning	3. Community, Baltimore City Planning Dept., Office of Planning	3. Community/ DPW/Non Profits	3. Community
4. Community	4. Office of Community Conservation		4. Office of Planning		4. Permits & Development Management, Zoning Enforcement Division	4. BCPD/ Community	4. Recreation & Parks Department
5. Community			5. DPW		5. Dept. of Economic Dev/Office of Community Conservation/ Office of Planning	5. DPW	
					6. LRBA/Dept of Economic Development/ Community		



Appendices

Lochearn Community Action Plan

1999 General Survey

Please send completed forms to:

Survey
3810 Lochearn Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207

This survey is being distributed to residents who live in the **Liberty Road Area** (inside the beltway). Its purpose is to collect residents' opinions and information which will be used as a tool to formulate a community plan. **The information gathered will NOT be used on an individual basis. Because this survey may include approximately 2000 homes, the street on which you live will be an option for you to answer. Your name and specific address are not encouraged.**

Optional: Please give the name of the street on which you live. **DO NOT** give your name or home address.

Part 1: Choose the answer that best fits your current situation. (Circle or Check)

1. Do you own or rent the house you live in?

Own Rent

2. How long have you lived in this community?

Less than 1 year 1 to 5 years 5 to 10 years 10 to 20 years over 20 years

3. How much longer do you plan to stay in this community?

Less than 1 year 1 to 5 years over 5 years do not know

4. How many members of your household are registered voters in Baltimore County? _____

5. How many people live in your home? Please indicate the number for each age category.

Children: 5 and under _____ 6 to 12 _____ 13 to 18 _____

Adults: 18 to 24- _____ 25 to 39 _____ 40 to 64 _____ 65 and older _____

6. Which school does your child/children attend? How many attend each school?

Milbrook Elementary _____ Pikesville Middle _____ Sudbrook Magnet Middle _____
Woodlawn Senior _____ Milford Mill Academy _____

Other schools _____
(Please specify school and number of children that attend)

7. Does your child's school meet your child's needs and your expectations?

Yes No

8. How many adults in your household are attending post high school classes? _____

Please identify school or institution _____

9. How many people over the age of 18 in your household are:

Currently employed _____ Seeking employment _____ Retired _____

Unemployed due to illness or age _____

10. If employed, what is the distance from your community to your place of employment?

1 to 5 miles 6 to 10 miles 11 to 20 miles over 20 miles

11. If employed, does your current position(s) involve work from your home? Yes No

If yes..... do you (please check one)

own your own business? Type of business _____ (optional)

work for an employer a few days of the week from your home?

work for an employer a majority of the days of a week from your home?

Part 2: Please give short answers.

1. In your opinion, list the three most positive aspects of living in your neighborhood.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

2. In your opinion, list the three most important issues facing your neighborhood.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

3. Would you encourage friends or family to purchase a home in your neighborhood? Yes No

4. If you now rent your home and it was available to purchase, would you do so? Yes No

5. Whether you rent or own your home, have you made any improvements? Yes No
If yes, please list... for example, renovated kitchen/bath, added bath, updated electrical or heating system, new landscaping, etc.

6. Do you have any dogs or cats at this residence? Circle number of each.

DOGS 0 1 2 3 4 or more

CATS 0 1 2 3 4 or more

7. How many do you keep inside _____ outside _____?

8. Have you ever called 911? Yes No

9. If yes, were you satisfied with the response? Yes No

PART 3: Please answer the following questions based on your experiences with your own community association.

1. Do you receive a Community Association Newsletter? Yes No

2. How do you rate your community newsletter? Use the scale 1 to 5, with 5 being good.

1 2 3 4 5

3. Are you a dues paying member of your Community Association? Yes No

IF no, why not? _____

4. Is the communication between you and the Community Association's Board satisfactory? Use the scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being good.

1 2 3 4 5

5. What issues would you like to see your Community Association address?

6. Are you interested in becoming a member of your Community Association's board or becoming a committee member?

Yes No

Part 4:

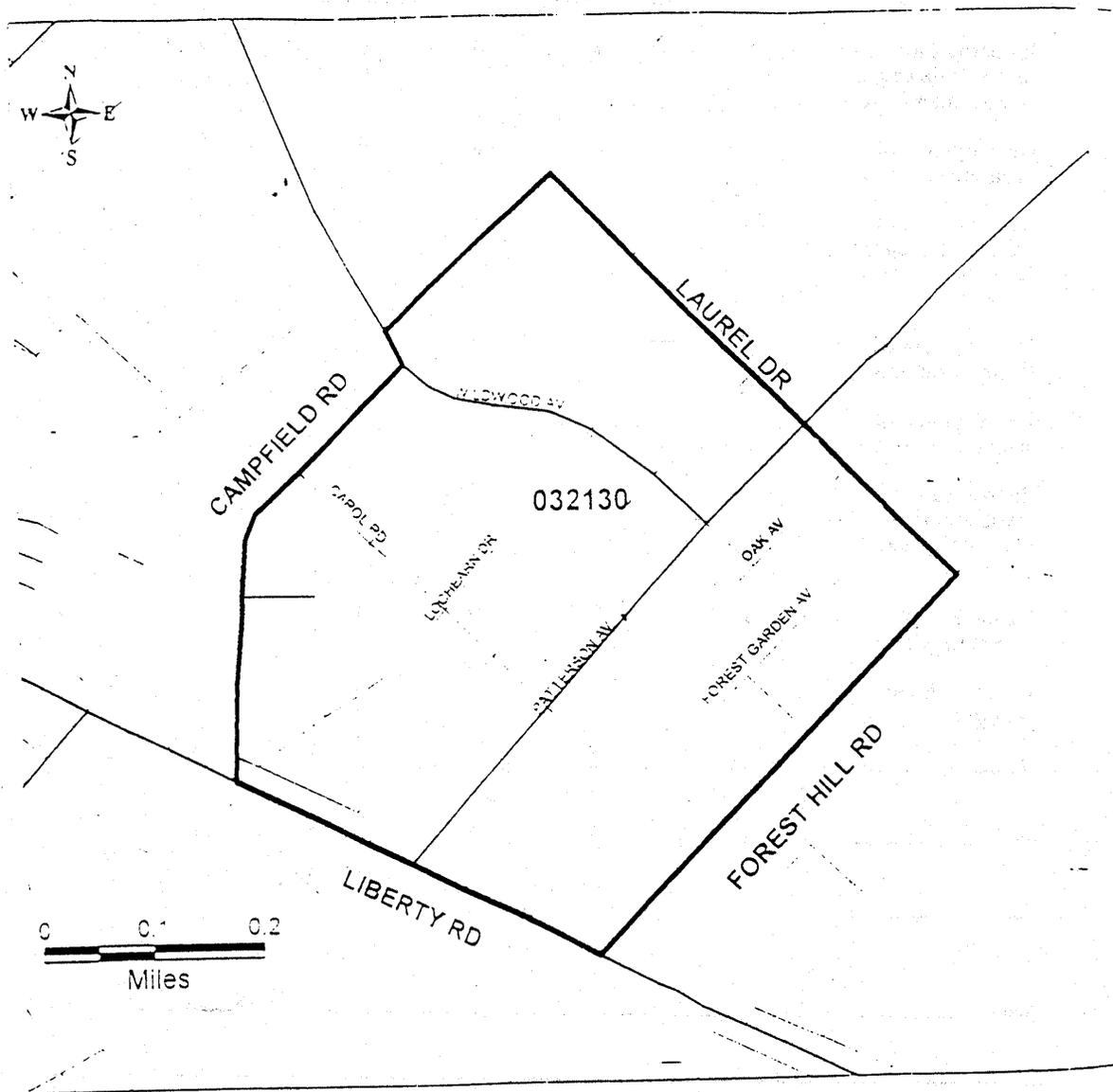
Below is a list of issues which may impact your community. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the greatest level of importance, please indicate how important it is that these needs be addressed. This list is not exhaustive, therefore, please add other issues at the bottom.

Issue	unimportant	somewhat unimportant	neutral	somewhat important	very important
Repair or replacement of community signs	1	2	3	4	5
Repair or replacement of street signs	1	2	3	4	5
Repair or replacement of community bulletin boards	1	2	3	4	5
Reduction of speed on local signs	1	2	3	4	5
Installation of street lights	1	2	3	4	5
Installation of monitoring systems for large trucks traveling thru our streets	1	2	3	4	5

Issue	unimportant	somewhat unimportant	neutral	somewhat important	very important
Infrastructure repairs(sidewalks, streets, alleys, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Development of programs for teens	1	2	3	4	5
Development of children's program (scouting, tutoring, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Development of family programs	1	2	3	4	5
Development of seniors' programs	1	2	3	4	5
Increased involvement of community and police	1	2	3	4	5
Reduction of community crime	1	2	3	4	5
Others (<i>please specify</i>)	1	2	3	4	5
A _____	1	2	3	4	5
B _____	1	2	3	4	5
C _____	1	2	3	4	5

Comments:

REPORTING AREA 032130



BALTIMORE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BUREAU
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION
CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE AND ANALYSIS SECTION
SCANNING AND FORECASTING TEAM
AUGUST 29, 2000

**Community Calls For Service
Baltimore County Police Department
January 1997 - December 1997
January 1998 - April 6, 1998**

CALLS FOR SERVICE	1997	1998	CALLS FOR SERVICE	1997	1998
Abandoned vehicle	14	4	Mental Subject	1	
Added information	5	1	Missing Adult	3	1
Alarm, accidental, non residential	1	1	Missing Child	6	2
Alarm, accidental, residential	83	25	Missing Child Returned	3	2
Alarm, cancel en route	14	2	Narcotics, Citizen initiated	12	1
Alarm, faulty-non-residential	7	1	Narcotics, Officer initiated	1	1
Alarm, faulty -residential	189	52	Neighbor Complaint	3	
Alarm, misuse, residential	2		Noise Complaint	13	1
Alarm, weather malfunction-residential	3		Non Enumerated Complaint	41	4
All animal bite cases	3		Notify	8	1
Animal complaints	10	2	Open door or window	6	
Anonymous calls/telephone misuse	11	1	Parking Complaint	10	4
Assist motorist	5	2	recovered Autos	7	1
Assistance request	23	8	Road Defects/Hazardous Road Conditions	2	
Auto Accident, fatal	1		Robbery, Armed	5	1
Auto Accident-personal injury	3	1	Simple Assault	5	1
Auto Accident- property damage	16	3	Slim Jim Detail	2	1
Battery	7	3	Stored Vehicle	2	1
Burglary//B&E attempt	1		Sudden Death	1	1
Burglary/ B&E	5	5	Suicide Attempt	1	
Check on location	60	10	suspicious Condition	21	7
Check on subject	7	3	Suspicious Subject, Rouge or Vagabond	58	11
Child abuse	2	1	Suspicious, Vehicle	14	3
Child neglect	1	1	Tampering with Motor vehicle	1	
Civil matter	3		Theft- Bike	2	
Credit card misuse	1	1	Theft- From Motor Vehicle	11	4
Custody Dispute	4		Theft - Motor Vehicle	11	3

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TABLE 1

**PART I CRIME (SERIOUS CRIME) OCCURRING IN
REPORTING AREA 032130
1998 VS 1999**

Offense Code	Literal Definition	1998	1999	Change	Percent Change
	HOMICIDE	0	0	0	n/a
	RAPE	0	0	0	n/a
	ROBBERY	1	0	-1	-100.0%
03005	Robbery-Handgun-Residence	1	0	-1	-100.0%
	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	10	6	-4	-40.0%
0400	Assault With Handgun	1	0	-1	-100.0%
0430	Assault With Knife	3	0	-3	-100.0%
0432	Assault With Knife Spouse	1	1	0	0.0%
0440	Assault Phys/Aggravated	1	0	-1	-100.0%
0450	Assault Other Weapon	4	5	1	25.0%
	TOTAL SERIOUS VIOLENT CRIME	11	6	-5	-45.5%
	BURGLARY	12	13	1	8.3%
0670	B&E Force Resident	6	7	1	16.7%
0671	Attempt B&E Resident	1	0	-1	-100.0%
0672	B&E Force Other	2	3	1	50.0%
0690	B&E No Force Resident	3	3	0	0.0%
	THEFT	21	11	-10	-47.6%
0810	Theft Auto Part/Accessories	8	3	-5	-62.5%
0820	Theft From Auto	4	1	-3	-75.0%
0840	Theft From Building	0	1	1	n/a
0888	Theft Domestic Related	0	1	1	n/a
0890	Theft All Others	9	5	-4	-44.4%
	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	6	6	0	0.0%
0900	Auto Stolen	3	3	0	0.0%
0910	Truck Stolen	1	3	2	200.0%
0920	Other Vehicle Stolen	1	0	-1	-100.0%
0980	Motorcycle/Moped Stolen	1	0	-1	-100.0%
	ARSON	1	1	0	0.0%
1010	Arson Unh-Single Residence	0	1	1	n/a
1030	Arson Other	1	0	-1	-100.0%
	TOTAL SERIOUS PROPERTY CRIME	40	31	-9	-22.5%
	TOTAL SERIOUS CRIME(VIOLENT & PROPERTY)	51	37	-14	-27.5%



**BIRDS' EYE VIEW OF
BALTIMORE COUNTY
HOME OWNERSHIP and HOME IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES**

PROGRAM	TYPE OF ASSISTANCE	HOUSEHOLD INCOME LIMITS or other specific RESTRICTIONS	ELIGIBLE AREAS Check maps that accompany each program	APPLY THROUGH	FIRST TIME BUYER	Workshop & Counseling REQUIRED
SELP Settlement Expense Loan Program	Loan of up to \$5,000 for closing costs. Deferred repayment until transfer of property, refinance or non-occupancy by borrower.	80% of Baltimore Area Median, by family size 1 \$ 34,550 2 \$ 39,500 3 \$ 44,400 4 \$ 49,350 5 \$ 53,300 6 \$ 57,250 7 \$ 61,200 8 \$ 65,150	Baltimore County Community Conservation areas: Dundalk, Essex, Middle River, Rosedale, Greater Towson, Parkville, Carney, Perry Hall, Overlea, Timonium, Lutherville, Randallstown, Woodlawn, Lochearn, Catonsville, Reisterstown, Pikesville, Arbutus, Halethorpe, Lansdowne, Riverview, Baltimore Highlands	Baltimore County Housing Counseling Affiliates: • Eastern Baltimore Area Chamber of Commerce 410-282-9100 • Harbor 410-444-2100 • Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Hillendale 410-769-8820 • Catholic Charities 410-737-8374 • Liberty Randallstown 410-521-5551 (Apply with affiliate by service area)	yes	yes, before signing a contract
IPP Incentive Purchase Program	\$3,000 closing cost loan, becomes grant after 5 years of occupancy by purchaser (cannot be combined with SELP)	110% of Baltimore Area Median, by family size 1 \$ 47,506 2 \$ 54,313 3 \$ 61,050 4 \$ 67,856 5 \$ 73,288	Middle River neighborhoods of: Ballard Gardens Hawthorne Middlesex Fox Ridge Waterford Landing	Eastern Baltimore Area Chamber of Commerce 410-282-9100	no	yes, before signing a contract

PROGRAM	TYPE OF ASSISTANCE	HOUSEHOLD INCOME LIMITS or other specific RESTRICTIONS	ELIGIBLE AREAS Check maps that accompany each program	APPLY THROUGH	FIRST TIME BUYER	Workshop & Counseling REQUIRED
Home Ownership for PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES	0% to 5% first mortgage	Below 55% Statewide median income: \$32,560	State of Maryland	Maryland Center for Community Development 410-752-MCCD (6223)	yes	yes
MD Mortgage Program (MMP) CDA 1st MORTGAGE	Below market rate FHA insured mortgage	By family size 1 or 2 \$ 66,900 3 + \$ 76,545 *max house price \$140,634.	Entire County	Participating CDA Lenders	yes	yes
Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program (MHRP)	Loan for up to 95% of property value for repairs to 1-4 unit dwellings 0% - 7% interest	By family size 1 \$ 37,450 2 \$ 42,800 3 \$ 48,150 4 \$ 53,500	Entire County	Office of Community Conservation Housing Opportunities Program 410-887-3124	n/a	n/a
SINGLE FAMILY REHAB PROGRAM	Loan for up to \$20,000 in repairs to owner occupied property. 0% - 4.5% interest	80% of Baltimore Area Median, by family size 1 \$ 34,550 2 \$ 39,500 3 \$ 44,400 4 \$ 49,350 5 \$ 53,300	Entire County	Office of Community Conservation Housing Opportunities Program 410-887-3124	n/a	n/a
EMERGENCY REPAIR GRANT	Grant for repair of imminently hazardous conditions in single family home. Maximum \$7,500	80% of Baltimore Area Median, by family size (see above)	Entire County	Office of Community Conservation Housing Opportunities Program 410-887-3124	n/a	n/a

Official PROGRAM GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES govern program requirements and eligibility. Program descriptions above are summarized. For Information Packet: Highlights Sheet, Maps, Workshop Schedule or Program Brochure and further information, call:

410-887-3124

Baltimore County - Office of Community Conservation/Housing Opportunities Program

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<p>OFFICER NEXT DOOR</p>	<p>50% discount on purchase of HUD foreclosed homes</p>	<p>No income limits Must be law enforcement officer and occupy property as primary residence for at least 3 years</p>	<p>Revitalization Zip Codes: 21202, 21205, 21206, 21207, 21213, 21214, 21215, 21216, 21217, 21218, 21221, 21222, 21223, 21224, 21225, 21226, 21227, 21229, 21230, 21231, 21037 Bold Zip Codes are located partially within Baltimore County</p>	<p>HUD/Dennis White 202-708-1672 x2306 Dennis_A_White@hud.gov</p>	<p>no</p>	<p>no</p>
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