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Steve Ball  
Town Planner  
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Dear Mr. Ball,

I am happy to inform you that the application to renew the Sustainable Communities designation for St. Michaels and expand the Sustainable Communities area has been approved by the Smart Growth Subcabinet. The designation lasts five years and will expire on November 20, 2028

St. Michaels will remain eligible to apply for and receive funds from several state agencies to revitalize its Sustainable Community, including the following programs from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development:

- **Community Legacy Program**: This program provides local governments and community development organizations with funding for essential projects aimed at strengthening communities through activities such as business retention and attraction, home rehabilitation, and streetscape improvements.
- **Strategic Demolition Fund**: This program catalyzes activities that accelerate economic development, job production, and smart growth in existing Maryland communities. Funds can be used for capital pre-development activities including property acquisition, site development, demolition, and construction-level architectural engineering designs.

I have attached to this letter a map showing the expanded boundary and additional information regarding other state programs and incentives available to Sustainable Communities. You can find this and more information on the Sustainable Communities program on the Department's website at <https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/dn/default.aspx>

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the Sustainable Communities designation. Again, congratulations on your renewal, and best wishes for success with your future revitalization efforts.

Sincerely,

Carter Reitman  
Sustainable Communities Program Manager  
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