

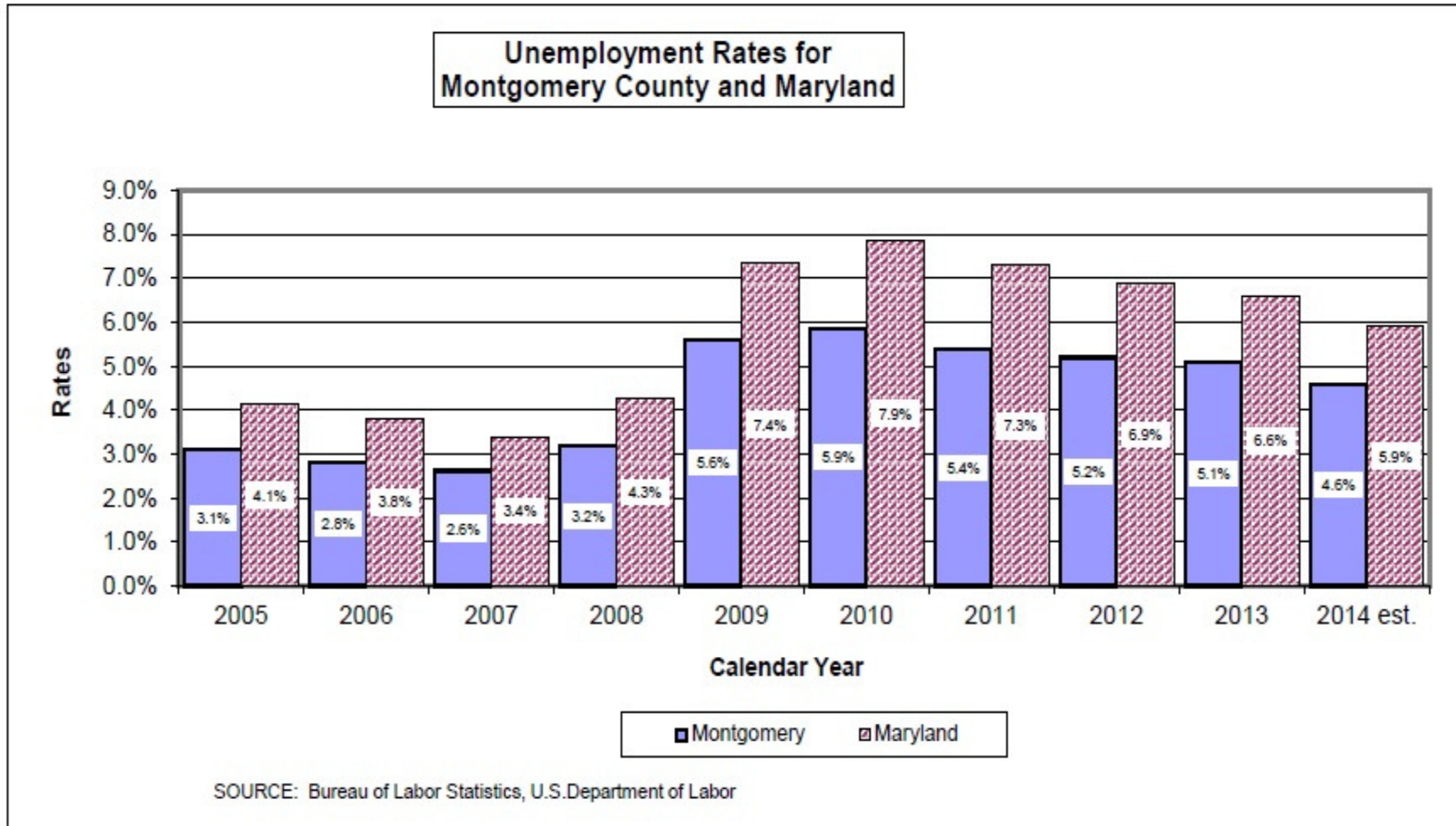
# Greater Olney Civic Association

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# Economic Development and Land Use Update





Graph from Montgomery County Dept. of Finance's December 2014 Economic and Revenue Update (Dec. 2014)



# Total Job Growth by Jurisdiction 2010-2013

Region	Montgomery County	Fairfax City/County	District of Columbia	Arlington County
2010 Jobs	631,154	801,214	820,812	205,267
2011 Jobs	640,532	814,096	835,664	211,442
2012 Jobs	649,020	828,632	843,072	211,265
2013 Jobs	659,443	835,617	854,642	213,104
2010-2013 % Change	4.50%	4.30%	4.10%	3.80%

Source: EMSI, Complete Jobs, 2013.2

Information from Montgomery County Department of Economic Development's Quarterly Status Report to the PHED Committee



# AAA Bond Rating

- **Montgomery County was one of roughly 40 counties to receive a AAA bond rating from all three rating agencies this year.**
- **The bond rating system identifies the credit worthiness of government or corporate bonds. AAA is the highest rating, indicating exceptional credit quality.**
- **This is a reflection of the work the County has done over the last 5 years to put our fiscal house in order.**
  - **Closed a \$2.7 billion cumulative budget gap since 2009.**
  - **Starting in 2010, the County has used a 6 year fiscal plan to guide long-term budget planning.**
  - **Invested in smart growth and redevelopment in all corners of the County to strengthen tax base for years to come.**



# Economic Development Strategy

- **During the recession, we had to cut 10% of the County's workforce. This was accomplished by eliminating vacant positions wherever possible.**
- **At the same time, we continued to make strategic investments in economic development to bring new jobs to the County.**
  - **The Master Plans approved by the Council this term are projected to create an additional 60,000 jobs over the next 20-30 years.**
  - **We have focused our Economic Development efforts on Biotech, Information Technology, Green Technology, and now Cybersecurity.**

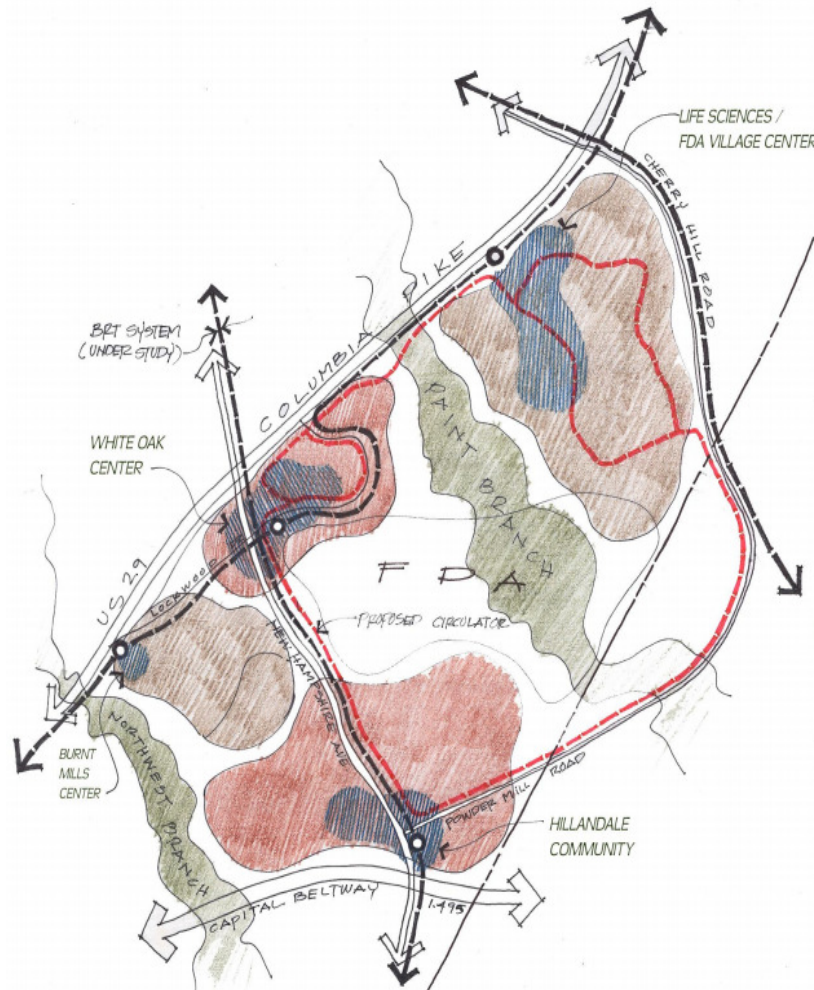


# Master Plan Update

- **Approved Plans This Term:**
  - White Oak Science Gateway (2014)
  - Clarksburg – Ten Mile Creek (2014)
  - Countywide Transit Corridors – BRT (2013)
  - Glenmont (2013)
  - Long Branch (2013)
  - Chevy Chase Lake (2013)
  - Burtonsville (2012)
  - Town of Kensington (2012)
  - Takoma/Langley Crossroads (2012)
  - White Flint 2 (2012)
  - Wheaton CBD (2011)
  - Great Seneca Science Corridor (2010)
  - White Flint (2010)
- **In Progress**
  - **Minor Master Plans**
    - Apex Building in Bethesda (Purple Line Terminus)
    - Sandy Spring Rural Village Center
    - Vitro – Aspen Hill (former BAE site)
- **Up first next term:**
  - Montgomery Village Master Plan
  - Bethesda CBD
  - Greater Lyttonsville



# White Oak Science Gateway

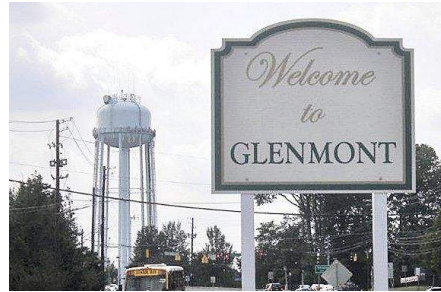


- The Council approved the White Oak Science Gateway on July 29, 2014. The Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) process is underway, with a Council public hearing held just yesterday. This SMA will address the zoning recommendations of the Master Plan.
- This plan is about bringing jobs and amenities to the White Oak area, leveraging FDA's headquarters to bring biotech firms and the kind of retail and entertainment options that attract a high-tech workforce.
- The plan includes Bus Rapid Transit lines on US 29 and New Hampshire Avenue along with strict mode share goals that require developers to take steps (shuttles, car pools, etc) that reduce the number of new cars on the road.





# Glenmont Sector Plan



- The Council passed an update to the Glenmont Sector Plan which provides new zoning to incentivize redevelopment of the Glenmont Shopping Center.
- The Shopping Center is a challenge: there are 15 separate properties with 12 separate owners.
- Thank you to the District 19 delegation and Lt. Governor Brown for their help getting Glenmont designated an Enterprise Zone by the State, providing additional incentives for development.
- As we worked on the Sector Plan, at least one Shopping Center property owner told us that this designation has already spurred some momentum.
- The Council's Sector Plan also preserves the existing, affordable, multi-family housing around the Metro, which the Planning Board's draft would have allowed to be redeveloped into more expensive high-rise apartments.



# Wheaton Redevelopment

- The Council has committed \$74 million for the redevelopment of Parking Lot 13 and surrounding County-owned property in downtown Wheaton, right next to the Metro station.
- \$144 million for the Wheaton Redevelopment Program that will include two 12-story office and residential buildings and a 37,000 square foot town square.
- \$60,000 for the Arts and Humanities Council to focus on the Wheaton Arts & Entertainment District.
- After a bidding process, a developer partner has been selected, Stonebridge Carras.
- The new development will include a new office building for three County departments, a residential apartment building, ground floor retail, and a town square.
- Construction is planned to begin in Spring 2017 to be completed by 2020.



# Community Update



## Georgia Avenue BRT

- None of the BRT corridors are currently funded beyond planning stages (no design or construction funding has been allotted at this time).
- There will be a Corridor Advisory Committee (CAC) for each BRT corridor.
- The Georgia Avenue corridor will have two committees due to the length of this route.
  - The purpose of the CACs is to provide input on the planning and design process.
  - Committee membership applications are currently being reviewed.
  - The Montgomery County Department of Transportation is in the process of finalizing the CAC memberships.



# Small's Nursery Land Purchase Agreement

- **MNCPPC has negotiated a Land Purchase Agreement to purchase Small's Nursery (located at Georgia Avenue and Norbeck Road).**
- **This purchase will be made by using funds in the MNCPPC Advance Land Acquisition Revolving Fund, as approved by the County Council on October 21. The purchase is expected to be completed in January in 2015.**
- **The State Highway Administration would then purchase this land from MNCPPC. This would potentially help expedite the process of acquiring the right-of-way, a step that SHA must take in order to construct the interchange.**



## North Branch Trail

- I supported funding for the North Branch Trail during the FY15 Capital Budget deliberations.
- On February 10, 2014, I sent a memo to the Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee (PHED) urging them to “consider approving Council Staff’s recommendation to restore funding for the North Branch Trail as approved by the Planning Board.”
- The County Executive removed funding for this project in his recommended budget; however, I worked to get the funding restored.



# Olney Town Center Microgrid Project

- **The Department of Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory (DOE/NETL) selected a team to design, simulate, and test microgrid control systems in two Maryland suburbs – Olney and Capitol Heights.**
- **The purpose of this project is to develop ways to reduce power outages and outage times in critical areas in the future, which are goals established in the President's Climate Action Plan.**
- **DOE/NETL is expected to provide approximately \$1.2 million in funding assistance for the Olney Town Center microgrid project.**
- **The program will take two years to complete.**



## **Sandy Spring Rural Village Plan**

- **The Planning Board wanted to defer the Sandy Spring Rural Village Plan to give priority to the limited map amendments in Aspen Hill and Bethesda.**
- **Fought to get the Sandy Spring Plan added back to the Work Plan. Work began on the Plan in Fall 2013.**
- **The Planning Board transmitted the approved Planning Board Draft to the Council on October 31.**
- **A public hearing will be held at the County Council on January 20 at 7:30 p.m.**





# Legislative Update



# FY15 Budget

- Fully funded the Board of Education's budget request for Montgomery County Public Schools, plus an additional \$300 million outside the MCPS budget to serve students and their families.
- Added staffing to our recreation centers; increased library hours.
- Added \$240,822 to provide full staffing for Linkages to Learning programs at New Hampshire Avenue Estates, Harmony Hills, Highland, Wheaton Woods, and Weller Road Elementary Schools.
- Expanded the Excel Beyond the Bell program to more middle schools.
- Provided an additional \$100,000 for youth media programming.
- Added more than \$7 million to the County Executive's request to Montgomery College .
- We funded more than \$7 million in community grants to nonprofit organizations and added nearly \$4 million to the recommended Health and Human Services (HHS) budget.



# School Construction

- **Montgomery County enrollment accounts for 17.3% of statewide enrollment**
- **Between 2007 and 2013 enrollment increased by nearly 14,000 students, more than the combined enrollment of 10 of the state's 24 school districts**
- **We project the system will add another 14,000 students over the next 10 years**
- **We currently have almost 400 relocatable classrooms**
- **We have asked the state to provide bonding capacity to allow us to increase our capacity projects over the next six years**
- **The state is currently studying options and it will come up again next year**



# Voting Rights and Electoral Reform

- As Committee Chair, passed a Public Campaign Financing bill out of the Government Operations Committee.
- Introduced a Council Resolution which focused on the importance of our fundamental voting rights. The Resolution:
  - Created the Montgomery County Task Force on Voting Rights, which was charged with identifying and recommending ways in which we can strengthen the electoral process in Montgomery County. The Task Force produced a report in June of this year, which was presented to the Government Operations Committee on October 13.
  - Urged the Montgomery County Board of Elections to select new early voting sites that are easily accessible by public transportation, which it selected, and were available for the primary election, and soon for the general election.
  - Encouraged Congress to restore Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.
  - Reinforced the need for Congress to give voting rights to residents of the District of Columbia.



# Government Transparency

- CouncilmemberNavarro.com now features a constituent service request form, as well as information regarding my initiatives
- The Government Operations Committee developed an initiative which increased government transparency and community engagement by:
  - Televising all Council Committee meetings
  - Creating new positions at the Council – including bilingual public information officers – with the goal of more effectively communicating with constituents
  - Funding technology enhancements, including a new website and constituent management system
  - Providing residents with the ability to testify in languages other than English, while also providing real-time closed caption translation



## Positive Youth Development

- Created the Teen Escape Club, which provides space for Montgomery County teens to participate in positive activities after school. This idea was borne out of the District 4 Youth Advisory Group in 2009. It originated in the East County Community Recreation Center, and was expanded to include community recreation centers across the County.
- Secured funding for the expansion of wellness centers to new schools in Montgomery County, and increased the number of wellness centers at existing schools.
- Added staff for the Street Outreach Network gang intervention and prevention program during the FY15 budget process.
- Saved Ride On's Kids Ride Free Program from proposed funding cuts.
- The Kennedy Cluster Project has now been expanded to Seneca Valley High School. The hope is that this project can continue to be expanded throughout the school system.
- Fought to expand the award-winning Teen Works program within the Department of Recreation.



# 2015-2018 Goals and Priorities

- Operationalize the Master Plans in the East- and Mid-County areas
- Frame the elimination of the academic achievement gap as a socioeconomic imperative
- Develop a framework for policymakers to meet our future workforce needs
- Fully fund the Small Business Assistance Program
- Create a dedicated funding stream for youth program at both the state and local levels
- Expand quality early childhood education and improve access for family childcare providers
- Continue to build capacity for improved Council communications with the public
- Improve quality of life for previously neglected communities



# Contacting My Office





**If you have any type of issues or concerns call us, even if you have already placed a service request through our 311 system, we can follow up on your behalf**

**My office can also broker meetings between department heads/staff and constituents, so if you have an issue you'd like to discuss further, we'd be happy to facilitate this meeting**

**Stay up to speed with what is going on in District 4 by signing up to receive my newsletter by visiting: <http://www.councilmembernavarro.com/>**

**If you have a neighbor who speaks Spanish, share with her/him to tune in to Radio America (1540AM) at 9:30 am every Friday, or listen live at [www.radioamerica.net](http://www.radioamerica.net)**



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