

Introduced by: Councilmember Schultz

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-20

**RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF THE TAKOMA/LANGLEY SECTOR PLAN
(MONTGOMERY COUNTY)**

WHEREAS, the Takoma/Langley Sector Plan is a bi-county plan developed by Montgomery and Prince George's Counties' Planning Departments, to enhance the community character and provide for transit-oriented development around planned transit facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Takoma/ Langley Sector Plan contains policies, objectives and recommendations that will guide future growth and development around proposed transit facilities in both Montgomery and Prince George's Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Takoma/Langley Sector Plan includes strong recommendations that support the continued diversity of residents, businesses, and incomes within the area and promote equitable business and housing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Takoma Park community have reviewed and discussed the plan and its impact on future growth and development of Takoma Park; and

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council supports the development of the New Hampshire Avenue corridor and the Takoma/Langley Crossroads as an urbanized regional center which is environmentally and financially sustainable and enhances the quality of life of area residents; and

WHEREAS, for many years, the City has worked to plan for, coordinate, implement and support improvements to this area, regardless of jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City has advocated for and continues to support the reconstruction of New Hampshire Avenue as a multi-way boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Council is holding a public hearing on May 24, 2011 to hear testimony on the draft of Takoma/Langley Sector Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Takoma Park strongly recommends adoption and approval of the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Sector Plan by Montgomery County Planning Board, conditioned upon the following changes to the recommendations included in the Preliminary Sector Plan:

1. Retain the Commercial Revitalization Overlay Zone on the property owned by WSSC south of Sligo Creek Parkway.
2. Change rezoning recommendation from the CR zoning designation to the CRT zoning designation.
3. Remove references to the rezoning of single family residences located within Block 4.
4. Incorporate general recommendations, identified in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution, which are intended to clarify the intent of the Sector Plan and provide more consistent use of certain terminology.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Takoma Park expresses its appreciation to the Montgomery County Council for its strong support of the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Sector Plan, the Purple Line, transit-oriented-development, concern for the environment, support for small businesses, pedestrian and bicycle safety, and sensitivity to the needs of the residents and international character of the area.

Adopted this 9th day of May, 2011.

ATTEST:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk