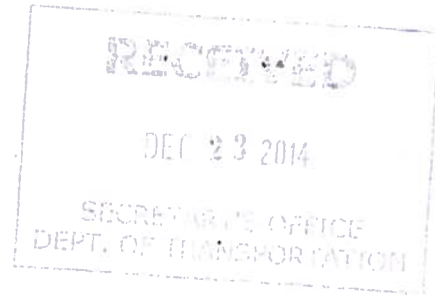




*The Port Towns*



December 17, 2014



Mr. James T. Smith  
Secretary  
Maryland State Department of Transportation  
7201 Corporate Center Drive  
Hanover, MD 21076

RE: 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Port Towns Legislative Meeting – November 13, 2014

Dear Mr. Smith:

On behalf of the Port Towns Partners, we would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for your never-ending commitment to support our endeavors to continue the economic revitalization of the Port Towns. We understand that you were unable to attend our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Port Towns Legislative Meeting which was held on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, and realize that your time is valuable.

We have enclosed our brochure which explains in detail the Legislative Priorities that the Port Towns feel are of the utmost importance in ensuring the success of our future growth. We would greatly appreciate your support in accomplishing these goals and we urge your consideration for priority status regarding funding support to this community.

If you have any questions and/or suggestions or wish to discuss our agenda in more depth, we would be more than happy to meet with you at your convenience. You may contact the Port Towns Legislative Committee contact person, Mr. John Moss, at 301-927-7048 or email at [jmoss@bladensburg.net](mailto:jmoss@bladensburg.net) for additional discussion or questions.

Again, thank you for your time. We look forward to your support and working with you will be contacting you in the future.

Sincerely,

Mayor Walter James  
Bladensburg

Mayor Sadara Barrow  
Colmar Manor

Chair Richard P. Cote  
Cottage City

Mayor Tracy Farrish Gant  
Edmonston

Enclosure



## The Port Towns



*Sustainability Lives Here!*

### **2014-2015 Port Towns Legislative Priorities**

*The Vision of the Port Towns is as a strong collaborative, partnered set of communities, at the gateway of Prince George's County, focused on healthy and sustainable lifestyles for its residents, businesses, and the environment. Developing the Port Towns as an Eco-District consistent with the following community anchors will directly impact and assist our goals to create, maintain, and grow our vision as well as ensure an attractive and economically viable Prince George's County. Thus our priorities are as follows:*

#### **The Port Towns Eco-District**

- ✚ **Develop the Port Towns as Prince George's County's Eco-District.**

*Contacts: Mayor Walter L. James, Jr, Town of Bladensburg (301-927-7048)*

*Ms. Nancy J. Myer, Chair, Port Towns CDC (301-985-5180)*

#### **Sustainable Industry Anchor**

- ✚ **Develop and provide incentives to attract sustainable industries to the Port Towns.**

*Contact: Ms. Nancy J. Myer, CEO, Community Forklift (301-985-5180)*

#### **Transportation Anchors**

- ✚ **Place funding in the CIP for the continued funding of the Port Towns "Green Street" (Route 450)/ Bladensburg Road;**

*Contact: Mayor Walter L. James, Jr, Town of Bladensburg (301-927-7048)*

- ✚ **Place funding and implement a MARC Train Stop study.**

*Contact: Commissioner Melanie Jones, Cottage City (301- 779-2161)*

#### **Environmental Anchors**

- ✚ **Support and acquire legislation to minimize the use of plastic bottles, bags;**

*Contact: Mr. Dan Smith, Friends of Quincy Run Creek (301-699-6204)*

- ✚ **Dredge the Bladensburg Waterfront to make it passable to larger vessels and a more active waterfront area.**

*Contact: Commissioner Patricia Gross, Town of Cottage City (301- 779-2161)*

#### **Community Health Anchor**

- ✚ **Designation as a Health Enterprise Zone;**

*Contact: Mayor Sadara Barrow, Town of Colmar Manor (301- 277-4920)*

- ✚ **Optimize the currently legislated Wellness Opportunity Zone & in place food policies.**

*Contact: Ms. Margaret Morgan Hubbard, Founder and CEO, Eco-City Farms (301-288-1125)*

#### **Education Anchor**

- ✚ **Support Youth Wellness Leadership Pilot Program (SB-1069).**

*Contacts: Mayor Tracy Farrish Gant, Town of Edmonston (301-699-8806)*

*Rev. Gail Addison, CEO, End Time Harvest Ministries (301-220-4333)*

*Individuals seeking more information on how they can help are encouraged to contact one of the contact persons listed.*