

## FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION- FOUR CORNERS

**Community and Center** improvements must be carefully integrated into the existing Four Corners community and designed to enhance its image, appearance, sense of place, and pedestrian safety.

Priority Actions	Implementing Agencies*	Status
US 29/University Boulevard “jughandles” including “Main Street” treatment for business areas.	SHA	Completed
Provide guidelines for Blair High School and intersection improvements at Colesville Road/University Boulevard with the goal of improving the function and appearance of the commercial district.	SHA	Completed
Retain existing residential zoning to protect and reinforce the neighborhoods as the foundation of the community.	M-NCPPC, County Council	Completed
Retain the existing commercial district boundaries and encourage a clear delineation between residential and non-residential areas through landscaping or other physical barriers.	DHCA	
Other Actions	Implementing Agencies*	Status
Encourage improvements to the entire commercial district through a public-private partnership between local owners and the County’s commercial revitalization programs.	DHCA	

The **Transportation Network** balances the needs of regional through traffic and local traffic through innovative intersection and street improvements.

Priority Actions	Implementing Agencies*	Status
Improve the intersection of Colesville Road and University Boulevard including the pedestrian and streetscape amenities. Encourage the cooperative implementation of this project with the merchants and residents before and during the construction period.	SHA	Completed
Develop traffic management plans between the County and the neighborhoods to reduce cut-through traffic on local streets.	DPWT	
Construct sidewalks to enhance and connect pedestrians to and from Four Corners neighborhoods, shops, parks, schools, community facilities and transit stops.	DPWT	
Expand the existing bikeway network to support local and regional systems and to enhance its value as an alternative mode of travel.	DPWT	

Encourage the use of transit as an alternative to the automobile with bus service connecting to the Metro stations at Silver Spring and Forest Glen.	DPWT	
Provide residential parking restrictions (permit parking) prior to the opening of Blair High School.	DPWT	Completed
Work toward a long term solution for significantly improving transit along US Route 29	MDOT, SHA, DPWT	
<b>Other Actions</b>	<b>Implementing Agencies*</b>	<b>Status</b>
Create a public parking facility on the northwest side of Colesville Road if the property becomes available	DPWT	

**Community Facilities and Linkages** must meet the recreational, social, educational, and human service needs of area residents.

Priority Actions	Implementing Agencies*	Status
Strengthen and improve the sidewalks and bikeways between the community resources and the neighborhoods.	DPWT	
Acquire the six-acre property at 315 University Boulevard for parkland.	M-NCPPC	Land Acquisition Completed
Evaluate cooperative arrangements for making portions of Blair High School site for community use.	MCPS, M-NCPPC	Planning Project placed in CIP
Preserve and maintain all existing parkland and recognize the special scenic features of the Northwest Branch as a valuable County resource.	M-NCPPC	
Establish greenways in the Northwest Branch, Sligo Creek and Long Branch stream valleys to protect scenic features and natural habitat, and to protect continuous north-south corridors for humans and wildlife.	M-NCPPC	
Construct community playing fields in conjunction with Blair High School. Provide safe pedestrian access to and from the new school site. Add landscape improvements to the parking lots	DPWT, SHA, MCPS, M-NCPPC	Completed

Enhancements to the **Environment** protect the natural resources in the Four Corners master plan area for the enjoyment of the residents.

Priority Actions	Implementing Agencies*	Status
Continue cooperation among government agencies in the restoration of Sligo Creek and Northwest Branch.	DEP, M-NCPPC	
Address the stream bank erosion problems along the Northwest Branch through a combined effort of County agencies and the residents.	DEP, M-NCPPC	

Provide noise attenuation walls along the Capital Beltway edge of the Blair High School site.	SHA	Completed
Consideration be give to meeting part of the reforestation requirements of the Blair High School site within the Four Corners Master Plan area, including the medians, Beltway loops, parkland and possible the Hastings Neighborhood Conservation area.	DPS	
<b>Other Actions</b>	<b>Implementing Agencies*</b>	<b>Status</b>
Encourage community participation in Montgomery County parks and County government programs to eliminate dumping, vandalism, encroachment, and misuse of parkland	M-NCPPC, DEP	

\* See Key for Implementing Agency Acronyms on this page

## ACRONYMS INCLUDE:

CDC	Community Development Corporation
CIP	Capital Improvement Program
CPTED	Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
DED	Montgomery County Department of Economic Development
DEP	Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection
DHCA	Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs
DHHS	Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services
DPS	Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services
DPWT	Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation
HOC	Housing Opportunities Commission
HPC	Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission
MDOT	Maryland Department of Transportation
M-NCPPC	Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
MTA	Maryland Mass Transit Administration
SHA	Maryland State Highway Administration
WMATA	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority