Shady Grove Sector Plan Minor Master Plan Amendment: Worksession No. 2: Historic Resources - Derwood Store and Post Office: An Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation (M:22/33-3), 15911 Redland Road

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SUMMARY

This second worksession for the Shady Grove Sector Plan Minor Master Plan Amendment will focus primarily on the Historic Resources recommendations, including the Derwood Store and Post Office property. At the first worksession, the Planning Board reviewed and supported the Public Hearing Draft Plan’s recommendations for the Metro West, Metro South, Old Derwood and Metro North-WMATA Neighborhoods. The Planning Board held its Public Hearing on the Shady Grove Sector Plan Minor Master Plan Amendment on May 14, 2020, and the public record closed on May 29, 2020.

SCHEDULE

The proposed upcoming schedule and worksession topics for this Plan Amendment are the following:

- July 23: Worksession No. 3 - Land Use Analysis - Shady Grove Station-Westside and Jeremiah Park and other key properties.

- September 10: Worksession No. 4 - Mobility Issues.
PURPOSE OF THIS WORKSESSION

The purpose of this worksession is to request that the Planning Board evaluate the Derwood Store and Post Office, 15911 Redland Road, for listing as a Historic Site in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation. The Public Hearing Draft Plan recommends the designation of the property to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

BACKGROUND

In the 2000s, residents of Derwood requested that the Derwood Store and Post Office be considered for historic designation. The County Council previously denied designation of the Derwood Historic District in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation and removed the district from the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites. The Planning Board relisted the Derwood Store and Post Office in the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in 2004. Two years later, the 2006 Shady Grove Sector Plan recommended evaluation of the subject property for designation in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation (Figure 1).

On May 7, 2019, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) unanimously recommended that the Planning Board and County Council amend the Master Plan for Historic Preservation to designate the Derwood Store and Post Office as a Master Plan Historic Site. In addition, the HPC supported the rezoning of the property to facilitate the rehabilitation of the building.
SUMMARY

At this second worksession, staff will outline the proposed historic designation of the Derwood Store and Post Office. The presentation will highlight the significance of the Derwood Store and Post Office, an evaluation of the property with respect to the designation criteria, and the rezoning of the property to facilitate the rehabilitation of the building. The subject designation request comports with the direction provided in the 2006 Shady Grove Sector Plan and was initiated in consultation with and support of the property owner.