

Project Name	Description	Impact	Area Affected	Cost
Facades - Main St.	Removal of modern improvements to bring facades to past years. Needed financing/unable to afford this project with cost of repairs to flood damaged building.	Continue to keep EC historic.	Historic Ellicott City	\$
Restore temporary fixes to historic infrastructure	Replace emergency fixes such as asphalt surfaces, concrete retaining walls, railings, etc with historically appropriate materials.	Restoring the heart and soul of the historic district so that it is not just a town- like Catonsville- but a historic town that reflects its importance and place in US history.	Historic Ellicott City	
Preserve the Heritage from “good ideas”	Resist quick fixes or well- intentioned ideas (like bricks imprinted with donor names to raise money).	Ensure that which makes Ellicott City unique is protected	Historic Ellicott City	
Fels Lane Granite Curbing	There are very few original areas remaining of Ellicott City’s iconic granite used as curbing and gutters; Fels Lane is possibly the only one. Before it becomes “extinct” during road reconstruction, this distinctive feature should be restored, preserved, and celebrated.	While the granite curbing is seemingly a minor detail, it is one of the many features that cumulatively help define the unique character/identity of the town, offering a special “sense of place.” That “sense of place” is invaluable in retaining the historic character and helps local economy in terms of both visitor and resident dollars spent.	Historic Ellicott City	\$
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Main Street Awnings	HPC and staff to follow the existing Design Guidelines (p 48) with regard to awnings on both new and historic structures. Use non-reflective material like canvas for awnings; not plastic, vinyl or other material stretched tight that stand out as shiny & modern, competing against the architecture which defines the character of the historic district.	The exclusive use of non-shiny, canvas-like materials, esp with flexible (not stretched) valances that move with the breeze, will reinforce the impression of being in an historic district, regardless of whether a particular building is historic or has replaced a 19th or early 20th century structure. This small feature can enhance the appearance of the historic district’s Main Street, drawing attention to its architecture, as compared/opposed to Maple Lawn or White Marsh’s Main Street.	Historic Ellicott City	\$
Main Street Lamp Posts	Installing new lamp posts on Main St	Adding historical appearance	Historic Ellicott City	
Regular Hours and programming for Historic Assets	Ensure that all public historic structures are open during regular hours and offer regular programming	Increase Heritage Tourism and economic impact by emphasizing the unique historic structures including the old courthouse, log cabin, train station, visitor center, etc.	Historic Ellicott City	
Plaque Program	Provide plaques for exemplary renovation projects or historic buildings. A bronze plaque could be awarded to buildings, possibly with the estimated built date.	Helps with the promotion of historic preservation, pride in city.	Historic Ellicott City	
Landmark Resource Center	Make information about local history and architectural landmarks widely available through websites and publications. Create a resource center to provide info about the history of landmarks and districts. This could be a publicly accessible database where property owners could view history therefore becoming more engaged in the importance of preservation	Helps with education which in turn helps with preservation of historic character	Historic Ellicott City	
Shift in narrative	Changing the narrative from disaster	Shifting from words like recovery, disaster, devastation, etc and begin telling the story of a unique destination. The more our narrative focuses on devastation the longer our economic recovery will take	Historic Ellicott City	
Telling the story	Ensure that the story of Ellicott City is told through interpretive signs, apps, displays and programs accessible to the casual and the targeted visitor	Increase heritage tourism dollars	Historic Ellicott City	

Creating visual gateways	Ensure "gateways" to Ellicott City are visually impactful	Visual "gateways" like the Ellicott City paint on the CSX Bridge provide visual cues that the visitor has entered into a unique experience. Restore the bridge, Proceed with the mural at Old Columbia Pike and find ways to create that visual impact at Rogers Avenue, and the west end.	Historic Ellicott City	
Extension of open hours for historic sites in town	Having historic sites open for longer hours would increase visitation and spending. Either increase County funding for these programs or seek corporate sponsorship.	Having historic sites open for longer hours would increase visitation and spending	Historic Ellicott City	\$
Retaining Historic	Brick sidewalks, replace and expand areas of brick sidewalks, retain Cobble Stone around B and O Plaza and Tiber Alley	Retains the historic context	Historic Ellicott City	\$
Interpretive Signs	Showing history of area		Historic Ellicott City	\$
The Documentation/ History of Flooding in Ellicott City	To document the history of floods in the Ellicott City area, particularly on Main Street, and how the topography, landscape, and built environment have been impacted from these flooding events and how they have changed over time (i.e. buildings that have been moved, etc.). Interviewing locals associated with environmental and preservation advocacy over the years in relation to how Main Street has been affected by flooding. It would also be interesting to note how this recurrent flooding has changed the course of local building code requirements and historic design review. Perhaps this is a project for down the road preservation-wise (after the fact), but more of a documentation/ learning tool for future generations to come (not just referencing the County master plan, for example, but a tool outside of government).	The process of what it takes to rebuild a small town (Ellicott City) after a major flood must be documented in order to properly learn from the past. New development will not cease in the area, so how the town plans to sustain its infrastructure and historic character are closely being watched, and, as such, the regulations play an important factor in the future resiliency of Ellicott City. From a preservation standpoint, this is critical and something that we can leave future generations with so they understand why certain decisions were made and from an environmental standpoint what needs to be done to maintain the natural resources. (Thinking more broadly and long-term to have something to reference a hundred years from now).	Historic Ellicott City	\$
B&O + overall facelift of Main St.	Beautify EC - add lampposts/ cool signage and add stage and benches with lighting to B&O	Curb appeal to bring people to eat and shop	Historic Ellicott City and West End	\$
Historic District Signs	Welcome signs		Historic Ellicott City	\$
Wayfinding Signage	Signage for vehicles and pedestrians to guide them to parking and businesses. Comprehensive planning behind the signage.	Less time spent getting places, more time at businesses	Historic Ellicott City	\$
Main Street Historical Education Project	1. Identify buildings and features of Main Street that have historical significance and would be of interest to the general public. Some are obvious, others more obscure. (E.g., the Mill, Mill Race, etc.). 2. Concerted, multidimensional effort to highlight selected buildings/features (better signage, brochures, outlining historical wals etc.	Expanding public interest in and knowledge of historical buildings and features will make EC a more attractive destination (people will come to EC, at least in part for its historical aspects). This will also build public interest in, and support for, historical preservation	Historic Ellicott City	
B&O Plaza Renewal	Creating a forward thinking welcome Plaza for the National Landmark B&O in anticipation of the 200th anniversary of the railroad. A place for small receptions, historic interpretive events etc. (Including all exterior visual cues including caboose & buildings) Plan for historic clock as well.	This station is the iconic symbol of Main Street - this is the place to invest immediate dollars both to benefit the site and to draw visitors to the most impacted part of the street.	Historic Ellicott City	\$\$
Detailed property survey and database	Similar to Annapolis database - detailed survey info on each property - elevation, location & type of utilities - to to ability to access during emergency. Maybe tie to earlier flood studies to let individual property owners get data on their property	Resilient infrastructure & historic pres; immediate info for first responders	Historic Ellicott City	\$\$\$\$

Economic benefits of preservation - study specifically for EC and then public education regarding proven benefits	Specific case study of economic benefits of EC historic district AKA Donovan Rupkema authored study of 5 historic districts in MD done in later 1990s for MAADC - MD Assoc. of Historic District Commissions. These PROVEN benefits relate to local property values, tax revenue, tourism \$	Public education of economic benefits of historic preservation will help justify historic district regs and purposes	Historic Ellicott City and county wide - all Howard County tax payers	\$-\$\$
Project Stone	To maintain the stonework (or repair the stonework) that has been washed away or stolen as a result of the flooding event (ie. Steps, cobblestones, no brick - replace with stone)	This effort will allow Ellicott City Main Street to sustain its uniqueness and charm. Historic character and use of natural resources (EC blue granite) would be used.	Historic Ellicott City	\$\$
Stop demo by neglect	There are a dozen buildings in ellicott city who are not being maintained even before the flood. People should be required to maintain their historic building. There are some on main street and some on court ave and some on mulligans way and st.pauls.	The people not maintaining their properties because they want to demolish and rebuild new should not be allowed. Only people who want to maintain historic structures should be allowed to own them or else have a fine or penalty.	Historic Ellicott City	
Repair / Restore Mt. Zion UMC	Historic Preservation of African American Church	Preservation of local African American Heritage. Enhance the visitor's experience in town, boost economy	Historic Ellicott City	\$\$
Revolving Loans for Historic Preservation + Restoration	Zero to low-cost up front funding for approved projects to allow someone who cannot afford to put money up front for a project. Current programs give after the fact tax credits but do not help to do the project if one does not have up front money.	Economy - smaller effect - this would be more applicable for residential properties. Historic character - approved projects - reviewing projects in advance to protect character of historical properties. Sustainability - again, approval process could include education + guidance as to how projects can include sustainable materials.	Historic Ellicott City and larger area around EC - a watershed approach as opposed to Historic District approach	\$\$\$
Historic restoration revolving fund	This project would provide access to funding for historic property owners. Allowing them to maintain, improve, repair and enhance properties. -Provides funds that may not be otherwise available.	1. Gives property owners access to funds. 2. Maintains + restores historic character. 3. Adds to local economy. 4. Helps keep district vibrant	Historic Ellicott City and county wide	\$\$-\$\$\$
Flood Gate Patapsco River, BGE Power lines underground	Construct a moveable Flood Gate to close the CSX railroad bridge underpass. Utilize BGE Powerline acreage to capture water and reduce impact on rivers	Resilient infrastructure	Historic Ellicott City	
Remove/reduce low voltage lines	Removing low voltage lines and installing smaller utility poles would give downtown a much more appealing presence. In some areas now the pole takes up 1/2 of the sidewalk	It would improve the historic look of downtown	Historic Ellicott City	\$\$\$\$
Fiber Underground	Build high speed fiber through historic area in conduit built underground	Local businesses and residents will have access to resilient, reliable high speed fiber access for internet and other data needs. No fragile, above ground lines	Historic Ellicott City	\$
Underground power lines and wires	Bury all wires to remove this eye sore, reduce power outages on Main Street, and improve public safety	Reduced power outages will enable businesses to remain open. Wires/poles won't have to be replaced due to weather/floods. Will be able to see the historic buildings	Historic Ellicott City	
Undergrounding electric, telephone and cable	Undergrounding electric, telephone and cable	Restore the viewshed of the historic town.	Historic Ellicott City	
Restoration and utilization of Fort/Heine Property	Restore and utilize the Fort/Heine House and Property located at Lot F and Fels Lane. Include public restrooms. Historic interpretive signs and programs, park area with picnic tables and benches	Visitor amenity areas, historic site with programs for public	Historic Ellicott City	\$\$\$
Community Flood Planning	Help the community and businesses better plan for flood events. Provide training to employees on what to do during floods. Educate on escape points and where to direct people. Have maps available to businesses that show exit points from town. Conduct practice drills at the entire community level.	This project will to educate people that live and work in EC to be better prepared for flood events and potentially save lives.	Historic Ellicott City	\$

Streetscape	Pedestrian friendly, no parking on main street. Limited to deliveries or handicapped, widen sidewalks, planters, bike lanes, parking garage replaces lost spaces on Main	Encourage walking, outdoor dining and use of attractive design elements like planters. Fewer cars to wash away during next flood	Historic Ellicott City	\$\$\$\$
Courthouse Re-use	Adaptive reuse of Courthouse complex to mixed residential and commercial with tie in to Main Street	This would increase residential population density within walking distance and increase the commercial district of the historic district	Historic Ellicott City	\$\$\$\$
Tram, Shuttle, Elevator	Way to connect residents and tourists to the Upper part of EC. Need parking garage	Help people get around town	Historic Ellicott City	\$\$\$\$
River Value	River culverts, walls and immediate adjacent space should be the public space - County Gov Responsibility. Repair, maintenance and construction - easement or eminent domain	Reduce the risk to help economy. Maybe a special taxing district for the Tiber/Hudson revenue stream dedicated to this project	Historic Ellicott City	\$\$\$\$
Art Spaces	Locations for art on a rotating annual basis similar to the plaza at tourism. Possible locations could be parking lot D and B and O Railroad, community garden, log cabin	Visual impact, support local artist	Historic Ellicott City	\$
River access	The river is the source of this town and has been on the edge ignored for decades. Embrace the river, open access to it from a pedestrian bridge or deck and allow people to experience more of the landscape of this area and not the buildings and asphalt.	A positive impact will occur when more people can connect with and access the water in ways that is not possible now.	Historic Ellicott City	\$\$\$\$
Lift the city/lower the road	Raise all the buildings a half story and lower the road to original height.	Decrease risk of destruction from next flood	Historic Ellicott City and West End	\$\$\$\$
Land between Tiber and Hudson	Stream diversion and preservation. Wetland creation	Mitigate floods, protect EC, protect life and property	Historic Ellicott City	\$\$\$
Storm Water Infrastructure	Identify existing SWM Facilities in EC watershed and assess if it is possible to increase capacity by increasing storage by raising dam height, increase internal grades, steepen slopes, and raise riser	Increase resilient infrastructure and sustainability, model the impacts of those changes to understand net benefits to the watershed	Historic Ellicott City	\$\$\$\$
Patapsco Valley Bike Way	Create a bikeway from Sykesville to Elkridge that leverages EC as a mid-point and the unique value of Patapsco Valley for trail riding	Capitalize on EC unique location and geography while improving community health	Historic Ellicott City	\$\$\$\$
Preserve Parking Lot F	Parking Lot F includes two log cabins, two streams, grass, trees, a historic mansion, a colorful alley and an open space for parades and concerts	Preserving this open space will save the prettiest area in historic Ellicott City	Historic Ellicott City	\$
State ownership	Investigate if state ownership of historic buildings would offer better prospects for preservation	This might help preserve historic character if continued use of such buildings is possible	Historic Ellicott City	\$