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**The Marlboro Pike Partnership, CDC Announces its Establishment as a
Community Development Corporation**

*New Nonprofit Plans To Revitalize Marlboro Pike Corridor from Forestville Road to the DC
Borderline While Prioritizing Building Community, Smart Development and Supporting the
Local Economy*

FORESTVILLE, MD – The Marlboro Pike Partnership, CDC announces itself as a Community Development Corporation (CDC) with seven members on the Board of Directors and is recognized as a charitable organization by the state of Maryland.

Part of the organization's mission: “Uplifting Marlboro Pike through community partnerships in development,” the Forestville, Maryland-based group will work to revitalize the Marlboro Pike corridor in Prince George's County by focusing on fostering sustainable relationships and initiatives among local community stakeholders by prioritizing smart development and public safety while strengthening the local economy.

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“We want to raise the standard of living by revitalizing Marlboro Pike, improving commercial experiences and creating empowerment opportunities for residents in safe and walkable communities,” said Ashley N. Sharp, president of The Marlboro Pike Partnership.

Beginning in 2020, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, President & CEO Dr. John Barnhardt of Bishop McNamara High School and the school's alumnae Ms. Sharp, organized a bus tour with County stakeholders to identify improvements needed along Marlboro Pike. Since then, meetings were organized on a bi-monthly basis to raise awareness about improving the quality of life and safety along the Marlboro Pike corridor to benefit the community at large, thus was born The Marlboro Pike Partnership.

“Our purpose for starting The Marlboro Pike Partnership is to create meaningful engagement with local business and property owners, elected officials, government agencies, places of worship and other like minded nonprofits,” said Sharp.

“Bishop McNamara High School is proud to be an active participant and supporter of The Marlboro Pike Partnership. This kind of leadership in our community helps to pave a path forward, and it sets a vision of tomorrow for our families today,” says Barnhardt. “The collaboration happening with The Marlboro Pike Partnership puts the decision makers at the table with community leaders - a joint venture towards seeing, building and living in an even better Prince George's County.”

The organization's inaugural partners include: Bishop McNamara High School, Athletic Republic - Capitol Region, Industrial Bank, The M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation, The Prince George's County Department of Permitting Inspections and Enforcement, The Prince George's County Police Department, The Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation, the City of District Heights, the Prince George's County Council and the Maryland District 25 Legislative Team.

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The Marlboro Pike Partnership was created to foster civic engagement, leadership, drive economic growth, and strengthen the fabric of our communities. With the help of local partners, its mission is to revitalize the Marlboro Pike corridor in Prince George's County by focusing on fostering sustainable relationships and initiatives among local Community stakeholders, prioritizing Smart Development and Public Safety while Strengthening the Local Economy. The strategic focus is to improve the residential and commercial experiences and opportunities. To learn about more, visit: www.marlbropikepartnership.org