



Town of Bladensburg, Maryland – Resolution No. 13-2026

Town of Edmonston, Maryland - Resolution NO. 2026-01

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TOWN OF BLADENSBURG, MARYLAND and the| TOWN OF EDMONSTON, MARYLAND

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JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 01-2027

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
BLADENSBURG AND THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
EDMONSTON ESTABLISHING A COORDINATED ANNEXATION STRATEGY FOR
THE EDMONSTON ROAD CORRIDOR AND ADOPTING A PROCESS FOR
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION**

WHEREAS, the Town of Bladensburg and the Town of Edmonston share a common boundary along the Edmonston Road corridor; and

WHEREAS, certain properties and residents located along Edmonston Road are presently situated outside the corporate limits of either municipality despite their geographic proximity and shared community identity within the Port Towns area; and

WHEREAS, residents within this corridor have expressed confusion regarding municipal jurisdiction and, in some instances, believe they reside within either Bladensburg or Edmonston, although no formal municipal boundary currently includes their properties; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Councils of Bladensburg and Edmonston desire to act in the spirit of intergovernmental cooperation to evaluate and pursue annexation of eligible properties along this corridor in a coordinated, strategic, and mutually beneficial manner; and

WHEREAS, coordinated annexation planning will strengthen municipal service delivery, enhance public safety coordination, improve infrastructure management, and support long-term economic development and corridor revitalization within the Port Towns region; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities intend to leverage resources, coordinate public works and public safety efforts, align redevelopment strategies, and pursue grant and infrastructure funding opportunities in a manner that benefits the region as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bladensburg and the Town of Edmonston intend to work in coordination with elected representatives at the local, state, and federal levels to facilitate communication, ensure transparency, and provide accurate information to constituents throughout the annexation evaluation and outreach process; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Municipal League Municipal Annexation Handbook provides guidance regarding statutory procedures and considerations governing annexation in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as effectuating annexation, altering municipal boundaries, guaranteeing zoning classifications, or constituting a binding annexation agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT JOINTLY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Bladensburg and the Mayor and Council of the Town of Edmonston, as follows:

Section 1. Adoption of Memorandum of Understanding:

The municipalities may draft a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a cooperative framework for evaluating and pursuing the annexation of eligible properties located along the Edmonston Road corridor, however this resolution shall satisfy that intent for preliminary planning and execution among staff and elected representatives

Section 2. Geographic Understanding:

The municipalities agree to a coordinated approach whereby:

- a. The Town of Bladensburg shall evaluate and pursue annexation of eligible properties located on the east side of Edmonston Road; and
- b. The Town of Edmonston shall evaluate and pursue annexation of eligible properties located on the west side of Edmonston Road.

This geographic understanding is intended to prevent jurisdictional overlap, promote orderly municipal growth, and provide clarity to property owners and residents.

Section 3. Coordinated Strategy:

The municipalities shall collaborate in good faith to:

- a. Develop a coordinated annexation strategy consistent with Maryland law;
- b. Identify affected properties and property owners;
- c. Conduct outreach to residents, businesses, and stakeholders;
- d. Establish understandings regarding roadway maintenance, infrastructure responsibilities, stormwater coordination, public safety response, refuse collection, and municipal service delivery;
- e. Coordinate economic development planning, corridor revitalization, and joint pursuit of state and federal funding opportunities; and
- f. Ensure compliance with all applicable provisions of the Local Government Article, Subtitle 4-400.

Section 4. Implementation Timeline:

The annexation evaluation and outreach process shall commence in Spring 2026 and continue through 2027, or as necessary to complete statutory requirements and community engagement.

Section 5. Neutrality

This Resolution is limited solely to establishing a cooperative municipal strategy for evaluating annexation and regional coordination.

Section 6. Non-Binding Effect:

This Resolution expresses mutual intent and authorizes staff and elected officials to initiate procedural, legal, planning, and outreach steps required under Maryland law. It does not itself effectuate annexation, amend municipal boundaries, or create legally enforceable annexation rights.

Section 7. Exhibit:

The Maryland Municipal League Municipal Annexation Handbook is hereby incorporated by reference as Exhibit A for informational and procedural guidance.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Bladensburg and the Mayor and Council of the Town of Edmonston reaffirm their commitment to cooperative governance, strategic regional planning, and enhanced municipal service delivery for the benefit of the Port Towns community.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Bladensburg this ____ day of _____, 2026.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Edmonston this ____ day of _____, 2026

Attest:

Michelle Bailey Hedgepeth
Acting Town Clerk

Takisha D. James, Mayor

Attest:

Town Clerk

Tracy Gant, Mayor