

RESOLUTION NO. 3275

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR THE RE- DESIGNATION OF A REGIONAL INSTITUTION STRATEGIC ENTERPRISE ZONE

WHEREAS, the Maryland General Assembly has established a Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zone (“RISE Zone”) Program to (i) access institutional assets that have a strong and demonstrated history of commitment to economic development and revitalization in the communities in which they are located and (ii) provide certain benefits to eligible projects developed in those areas; and

WHEREAS, under the RISE Zone Program, a qualified institution, political subdivision, county and/or a municipality may establish its own program to provide rental assistance to a business that moves into or locates in a RISE Zone on or after the date of the RISE Zone designation, has a nexus with a qualified institution located the RISE Zone, and has been in active business no longer than 7 years (such a business is eligible for rental assistance for up to three years); and

WHEREAS, additionally, under the RISE Zone Program, a qualified investor may be eligible for an enhanced income tax credit equal to 50% of the investment made to a Qualified Maryland Biotechnology Company (QMBC) under the Biotechnology Incentive Investment Tax Credit Program or eligible for an enhanced income tax credit equal to 50% of the investment made to a Qualified Maryland Technology Company (QMTC) under the Maryland Innovation Investment Incentive Investment Tax Credit Program; and

WHEREAS, Salisbury University is an institutional asset to our community and, as such, the City of Salisbury believes it meets the definition of “Qualified Institution” under the RISE Zone Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury in the past has joined with Salisbury University to submit an application to the Maryland Department of Commerce to have Salisbury University recognized as a Qualified Institution and to set boundaries designating a RISE Zone, both of which requests were approved; and

WHEREAS, the RISE Zone Program has changed substantially since this first designation of boundaries, and the changes to the RISE Zone Program necessitate a corresponding change to the boundaries and location of the RISE Zone, so as to allow for the realization of maximum benefits thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury wishes to again join with Salisbury University in the submission of an application to the Maryland Department of Commerce to re-designate the attached map area as a RISE Zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:

Section 1. The City of Salisbury:

(1) supports the designation of the Salisbury University as a “Qualified Institution” under the State’s Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zone (“RISE Zone”) Program;

(2) approves the submission of an application to re-designate the attached map area as a RISE Zone, and authorizes and directs the appropriate City officials to join with Salisbury University in executing and submitting the application to the Maryland Department of Commerce;

(3) acknowledges and approves that, on re-designation of the RISE Zone, the City may establish a program to provide rental assistance to a business that moves into or locates in a RISE Zone on or after the date of the RISE Zone designation, has nexus with a Qualified Institution located the RISE Zone, and has been in active business no longer than 7 years (such a business is eligible for rental assistance for up to three years); and

(4) acknowledges and approves that, on re-designation of the RISE Zone, a qualified investor may be eligible for an enhanced income tax credit equal to 50% of the investment made to a Qualified Maryland Biotechnology Company (QMBC) under the Biotechnology Incentive Investment Tax Credit Program or eligible for an enhanced income tax credit equal to 50% of the investment made to a Qualified Maryland Technology Company (QMTC) under the Maryland Innovation Investment Incentive Investment Tax Credit Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:

Section 2. It is the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that each provision of this Resolution shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.

Section 3. It is further the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be adjudged invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable under applicable Maryland or federal law, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and all other provisions of this Resolution shall remain and shall be deemed valid and enforceable.

Section 4. The recitals set forth hereinabove are incorporated into this section of the Resolution as if such recitals were specifically set forth at length in this Section 4.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage.

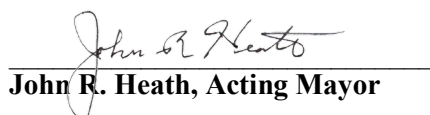
THIS RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury held on the 14th day of August, 2023 and is to become effective immediately.

ATTEST:


Kimberly R. Nichols, City Clerk


Muir W. Boda, City Council President

Approved by me, this 17th day of August, 2023.


John R. Heath, Acting Mayor



City of Salisbury

John "Jack" R. Heath, Mayor

To: Laura Soper
From: City Administration
Subject: RISE Zone re-designation
Date: 7/31/23

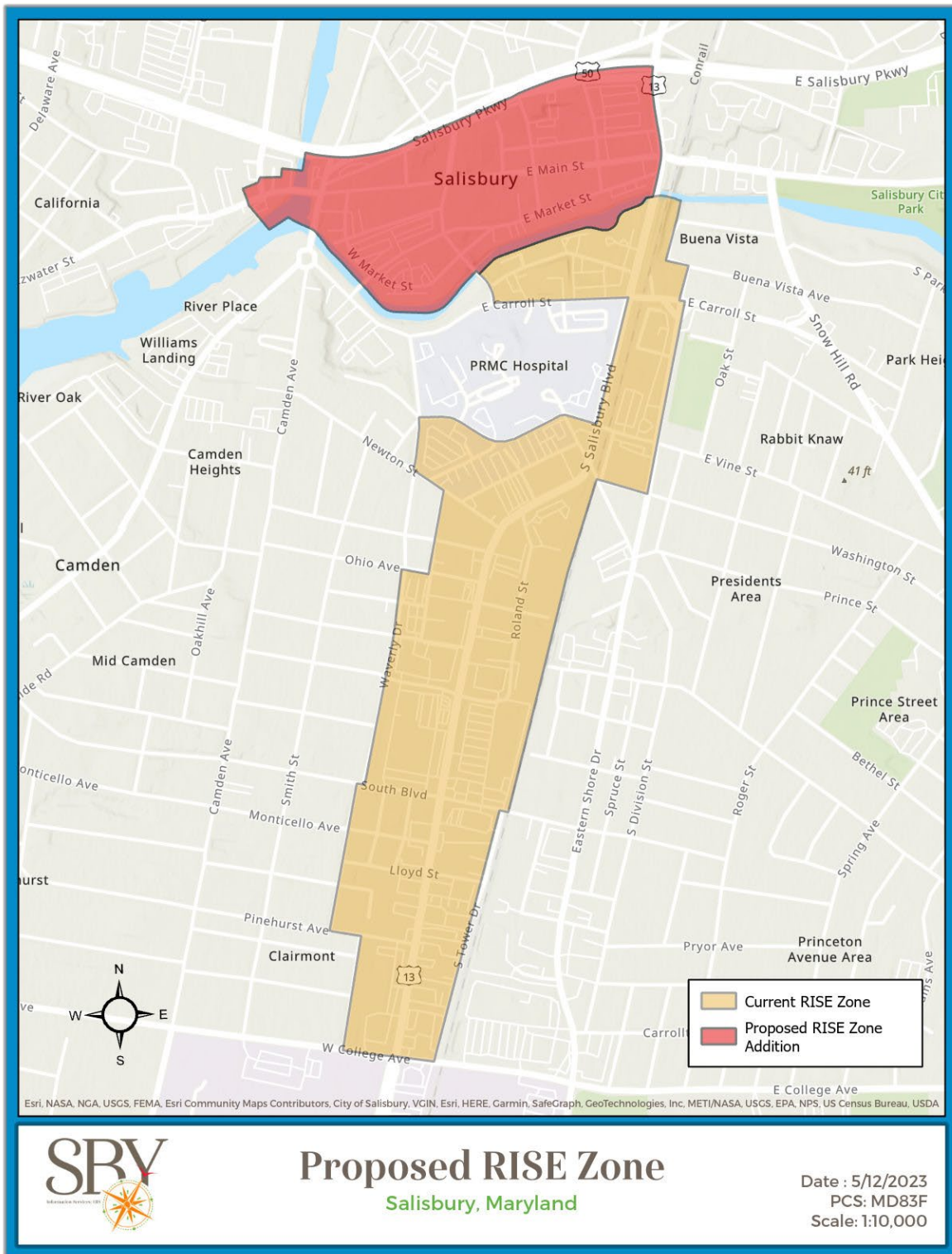
Included is a Resolution to re-designate the City's RISE Zone. The RISE Zone is a Maryland Department of Commerce designation that allows qualified institutions and governments to tap into financial incentives to attract businesses and create jobs. In 2018, the City partnered with Salisbury University to designate a 130 acre RISE Zone. At that time, the program was designed to offer property and state income tax credits similar to the Enterprise Zone. Recently, the Department of Commerce overhauled this legislation and created the opportunity to capitalize a Rental Assistance Program and provide an Enhanced Investor Tax Credit for Qualified Maryland Technology Companies or Qualified Maryland Biotechnology Companies.

The Zone that is being proposed encompasses the stretch of Route 13 from Salisbury University up to, and including the Downtown, a total of 191.52 acres. With the addition of the Downtown, the City could create a Rental Assistance Program towards business sectors that it would like to target in the Zone.



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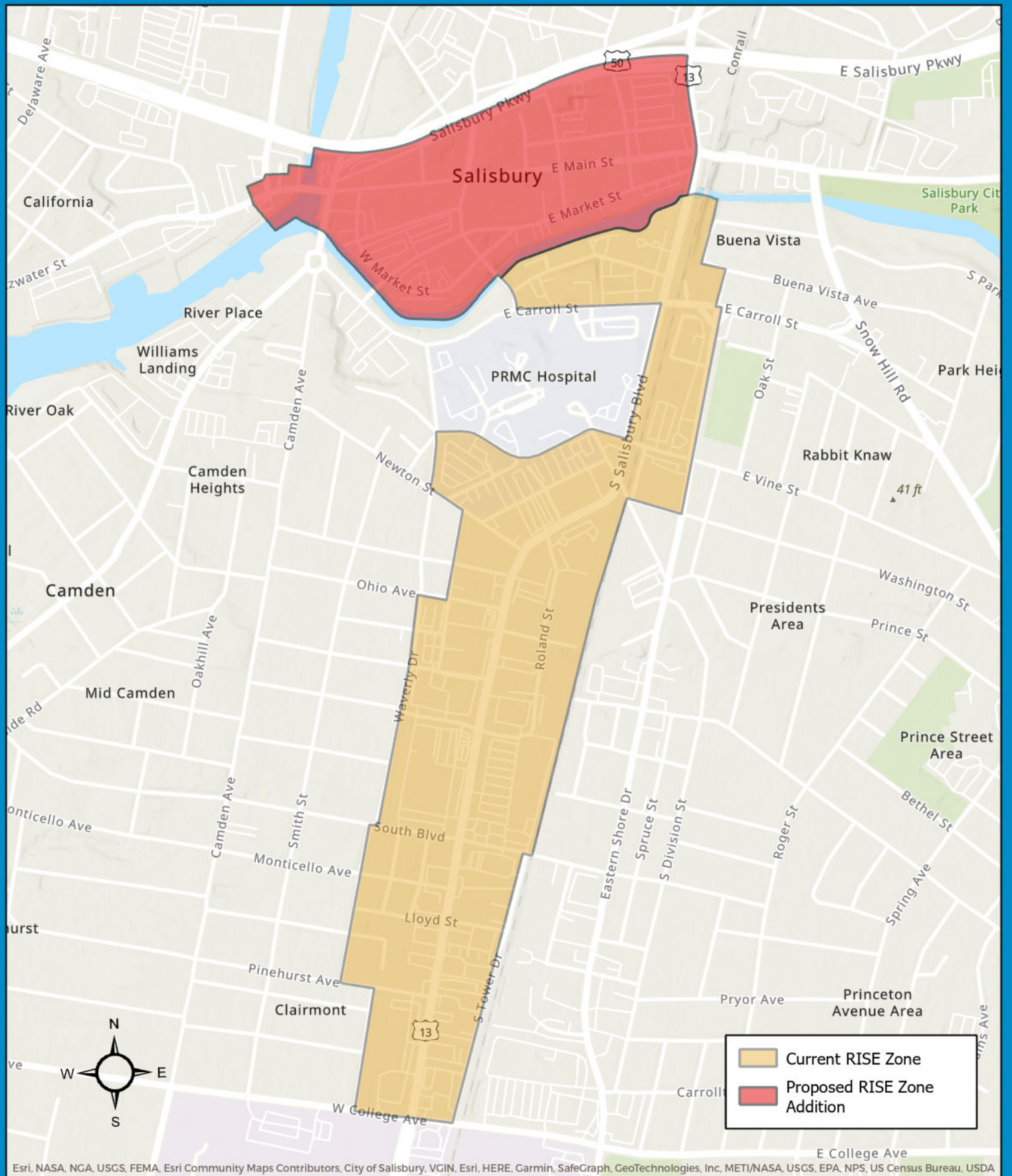
John "Jack" R. Heath, Mayor



Proposed RISE Zone

Salisbury, Maryland

Date : 5/12/2023
PCS: MD83F
Scale: 1:10,000



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