

Visioning Anne Arundel

A continuing online discussion for Plan2040



SUMMARY OF ONLINE INPUT AND SURVEY COMMENTS

April 2019 – June 2019

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The Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning and the Citizen Advisory Committee held a series of 17 Visioning Meetings in communities throughout the County in April through June, with citizen input activities that will help shape the Vision for Plan2040. Each of the 17 meetings featured three open house-style activities:

1. a review and input of boundaries for over 40 communities in the County,
2. rating priorities for non-implemented recommendations from the Small Area Plans (SAP) and the 2009 General Development Plan (GDP), and
3. a Visioning Survey with four questions for participants to share their vision for the future of the County
 - a. What is special about your community?
 - b. What has changed in the last 15 years?
 - c. What needs improvement?
 - d. What should your community look like in 20 years?

For each meeting, an online survey matched the three activities of the Visioning Meetings, allowing participants who could not attend a live meeting to provide their input.

The following is a summary of the input and comments from the online surveys from Crofton, with highlights of the top or most frequently received comments.

Visit the [Plan2040 website](#) for detailed data from each of the 17 Visioning Meetings.

CROFTON

Boundary Review

An online respondent said that the boundaries for the Crofton community seem to be a bit arbitrarily drawn and that the boundary should follow the redistricting lines for the new Crofton Area High School to avoid confusion.

Vision Survey

Online respondents stated that what is special about Crofton was the small town feeling, close community and somewhat rural feeling. Other respondents said that Crofton was just sprawl. Still others liked the proximity to Baltimore. What has changed over the last 15 years according to respondents is increased development, overpopulation and traffic congestion. Some note a lack of re-use of space. What needs improvement in Crofton is decreased speed limits on Routes 450, 424 and Route 3. Traffic infrastructure needs to be improved with better traffic management, pedestrian awareness and bike lanes. Other respondents state that high-density housing development needs to be stopped but shopping and restaurants options should be improved. Respondents also wanted better infrastructure and school additions. Respondents said what their community should look like in 20 years includes more preserved green spaces, improved traffic management and better protection of the environment and wetlands. Other respondents wanted less development, more greenspace buffers and a community center.

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SAP & GDP Recommendations Survey

The top rated Land Use and Zoning recommendations from the SAP were to enhance and upgrade the existing commercial areas and to establish a Crofton Growth Management Area that incorporates the Crofton Triangle. The next highest rated recommendation was to have an integrated plan and special design guidelines for infill development in the Industrial Park and Commercial Mixed Use area. The top rated Natural Resources recommendations were for the County to endorse the Patuxent River Greenway and establish an overlay zone, and to establish a Patuxent River Greenway Committee that would be responsible for developing a River Policy Plan.

The highest rated Community Facilities recommendations were to construct a 13th County High School and foster a united community by returning Crofton students at all levels to Crofton schools. The most rated Transportation recommendation is to provide a safer alignment for bypassing traffic and bicyclists on MD 424 and Hopkins Road. The next highest recommendations were to widen the shoulders of MD 450 for safer pedestrian and bicycle travel and provide sidewalks on both sides in commercial sections and provide signage designating MD 3 for local traffic only.

The top 2009 GDP Land Use and Zoning recommendations that were voted to move forward were to amend the development and permit application review procedures for properties located on adjacent of former landfill sites. For Revitalization recommendations, top votes went to establishing criteria to be used for Historic or Neighborhood Conservation Districts and establishing criteria that identify neighborhoods or communities that qualify as a Neighborhood Conservation District. The top GDP Natural Resources recommendations were to evaluate the possibility of requiring a fee to be paid and placed in a natural resource restoration fund when approving modification in sensitive areas and to consider the use of tax credits to encourage soft tidal edge erosion control techniques. The top GDP Transportation recommendations were to prepare a comprehensive study of Park and Ride lots to assess supply, demand and improvements needed and to revise the impact fee program to allow a portion of transportation impact fees to be dedicated for expansion or improvements to public transit.