

# Visioning Anne Arundel

## *A continuing online discussion for Plan2040*



### SUMMARY OF ONLINE INPUT AND SURVEY COMMENTS

April 2019 – June 2019

#### SUMMARY INTRO

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 Severna Park, with highlights of the top or most frequently received comments.

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

#### **SEVERNA PARK**

##### Boundary Review

There were no boundary review comments for Severna Park.

##### Vision Survey

Online respondents stated that what is special about their community is that it is a quiet, family-oriented, friendly community. What has changed over the last 15 years is that growth has made traffic worse and roads are poorly maintained. There has also been a loss of open space due to development. What needs improvement is local roads and transportation. One respondent said that RA property needs to be preserved over housing. Another said there is a need for more jobs and retail to eliminate long commutes. Respondents said they would like the community to remain the same in the next twenty years.

##### SAP & GDP Recommendations Survey

From the SAP, the top Land Use and Zoning recommendation was to explore and promote incentive based approaches to changing existing signage along Ritchie Highway to encourage the use of smaller logo-style signs. The top rated Community Facilities recommendation was to investigate and evaluate the current organizations that provide “community center” functions and services to supplement the need of a community center within Severna Park. The only Transportation recommendation that was rated was to provide priority attention to several key intersections along

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Ritchie Highway and throughout Severna Park. The top Other recommendation for Severna Park was to support County efforts to identify and maintain several designs of signs for use by public organizations in Severna Park.

Online voters did not rate any of the GDP Land Use and Zoning recommendations. The top 2009 GDP Community Revitalization recommendations were to establish a community outreach process to be in used in developing Neighborhood Conservation Area and identify neighborhoods or communities that qualify as a Neighborhood Conservation District. The top GDP Natural Resources recommendation was evaluate the possibility of requiring a fee to be paid and placed in a natural restoration fund when approving modifications in sensitive areas. The top GDP Transportation recommendation was to prepare a comprehensive study of Park and Ride lots to assess supply, demand and improvements needed.