

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 South County, with highlights of the top or most frequently received comments.

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

SOUTH COUNTY

Boundary Review

An online comment stated that Davidsonville highlights the rapid urban development in the County and, if measured, is likely one of the most environmentally harmful areas in the region.

Vision Survey

Online respondents stated that what is special about their community is that it is rural, has great character, beautiful landscapes, has an agricultural history and has great access to the water. What has changed over the last 15 years is increased commuter traffic, commercial expansion, developments taking over farmland, loss of community feel and more of a suburban atmosphere. What needs improvement is traffic and safer roads, better infrastructure and more social programs and parks and recreation. Respondents said that in the next twenty years their community should stop or limit developments, improve traffic, support local farms and maintain a small town feel. Some would like to see a main street with sidewalks. Respondents also stated that South County needs more County services and parks and that major agriculture and residential neighborhoods do not mix.

SAP & GDP Recommendations Survey

The top SAP Land Use and Zoning recommendations are to provide a multi-purpose community center at Wayson's Corner to be used for adult and seniors programs, after school activities and

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cultural arts, and to develop commercial design guidelines to ensure that commercial and industrial development is compatible with the rural scale and character of South County. The top rated Natural Resources and Water Quality recommendation is that rights-of-way for bridges and roads next to streams and roads in low lying areas shall be of sufficient size to accommodate stormwater management practices.

The top rated Cultural Resources recommendation is to protect the historic character of South County by identifying and recording historic structures. The top Other recommendations are to offer a low cost inspection program to induce owners to determine whether their sewer system is safe and in compliance and that the State should develop and enforce noise standards for trucks.

The top 2009 GDP recommendation that was voted to move forward was to conduct a study of former landfill sites to confirm their current states and to assess their current and future sustainability. The top 2009 GDP Community Revitalization recommendations were to establish a community outreach process to be used in developing Neighborhood Conservation Areas and identify neighborhoods or communities that qualify as a Neighborhood Conservation District. The top rated GDP Natural Resource recommendation was to consider the use of tax credits to encourage soft tidal erosion control techniques. The top GDP Transportation recommendation was to prepare a comprehensive study of Park and Ride lots to assess supply, demand and improvements needed.