



# PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD BRIEFING

Anne  
Arundel  
2040



*Charting our course for a better future*

**DRAFT PLAN  
DECEMBER 9, 2020**

## Agenda of Briefing

- Review Regulatory Planning Framework
- Brief History of Planning and Growth Management
- Plan2040 Process
- Overview of Plan2040 Contents & Changes
  - Goals, Policies, and Strategies
  - Planned Land Use Map
  - Implementation
  - Region Planning Process
- Summary of Comments from Public Review of Preliminary Draft
- Overview of Plan2040 Changes
- Next Steps

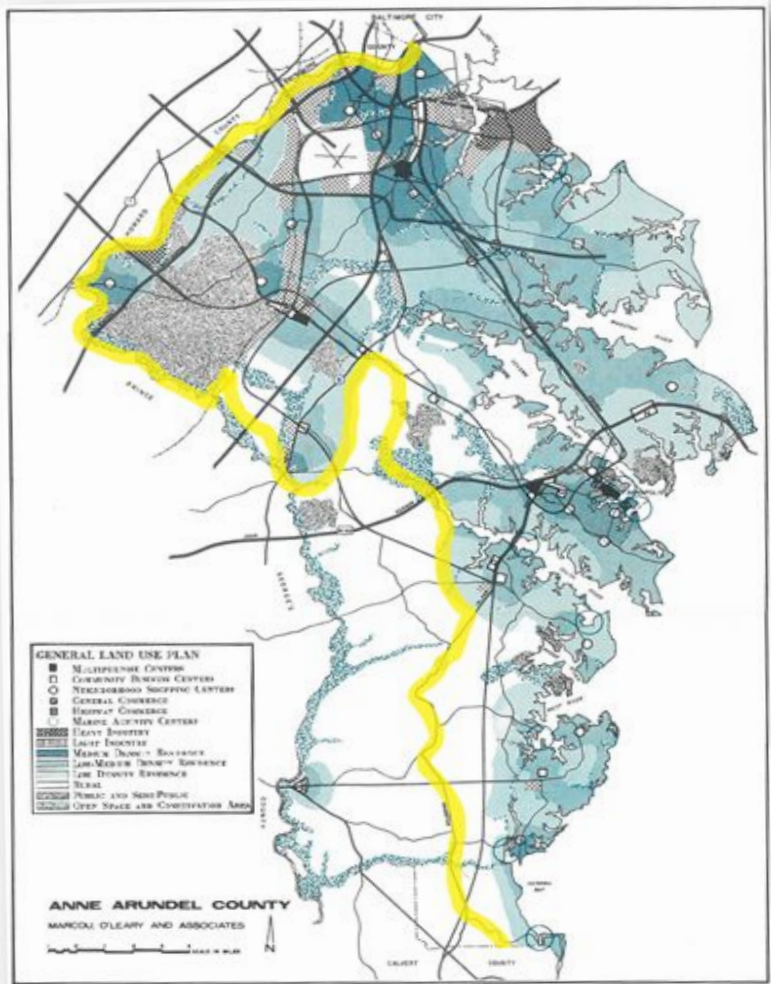
# PLANNING FRAMEWORK

- State mandate to review, revise and amend the comprehensive plan every 10 years
- Must Address:
  - State's 12 Visions
  - Land Use and Development Regulations
  - Sensitive Areas
  - Transportation
  - Water Resources
  - Priority Preservation Area
  - Mineral Resources
  - Housing
- County requires a review and revisions as necessary every eight years

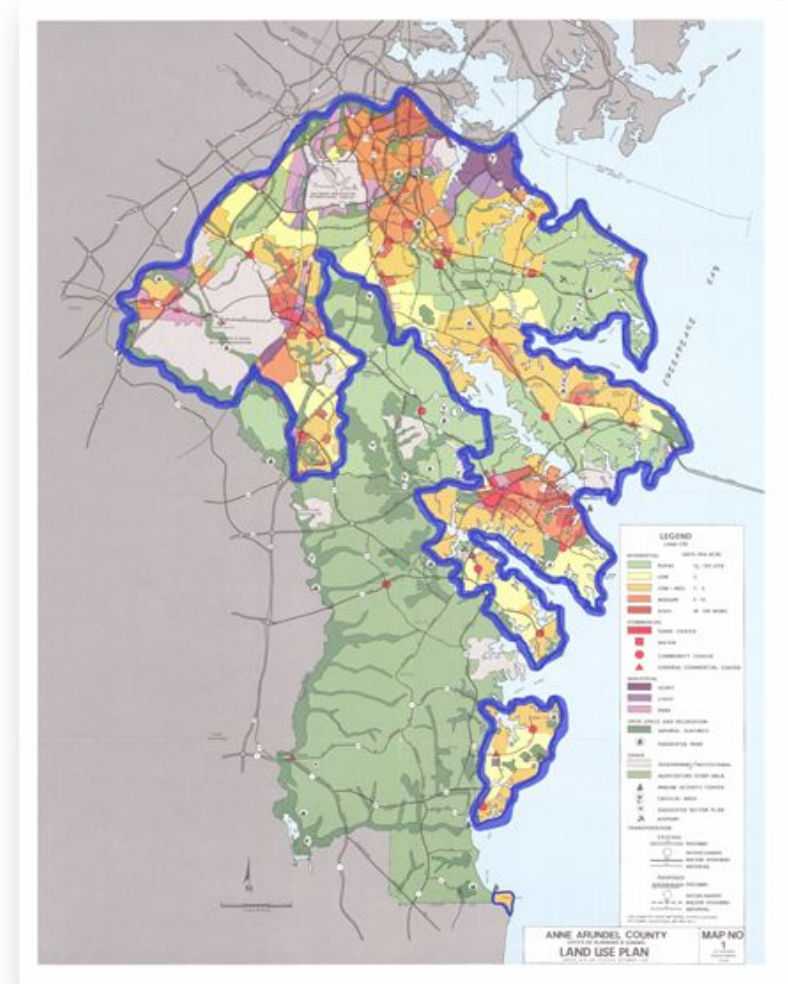


# PLANNING HISTORY AND GROWTH

1968 Land Use Map and Sewer Service Area



1978 Land Use Map and Sewer Service Area





## Current Growth Management Program

- The General Development Plan
- Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance
- Management Systems
- Capital Facilities and Improvement Program
- Development-Regulating ordinances
- Functional Master Plans

# PLANNING PROCESS

## PHASE 1

Where Are We Now?

- Existing Conditions
- Community Values and Issues

## PHASE 2

Where Do We Want to Be?

- Future Vision

- Draft Goals and Policies

- Update Planned Land Use Map

## PHASE 3

How Do We Get There?

- Policies + Recommendations  
- Implementation Plan

- Plan Adoption and Implementation

Citizen Advisory Committee

- Community Input:
- + Public Education Workshop
- + Listening Sessions
- + Community Meetings
- + Surveys

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- + Public Forums
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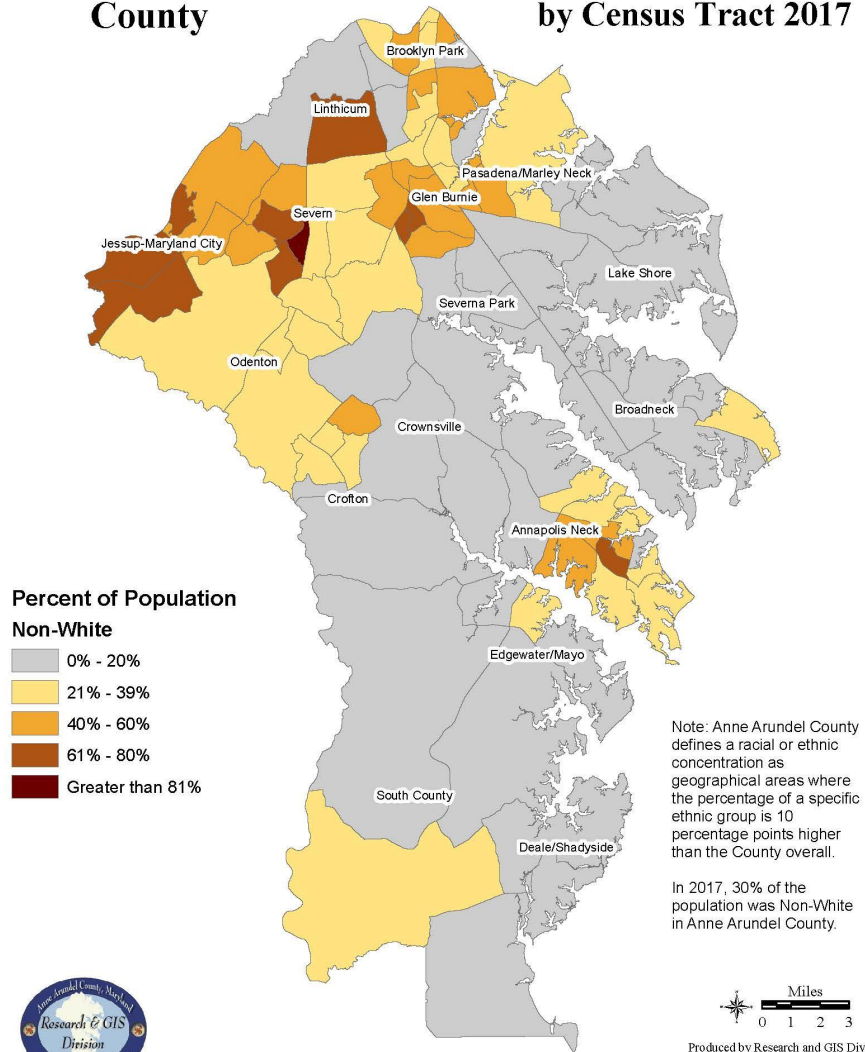
- Community Input:
- + Public Hearings



# Plan2040 Overview: EQUITY & LAND USE POLICY

## Anne Arundel County

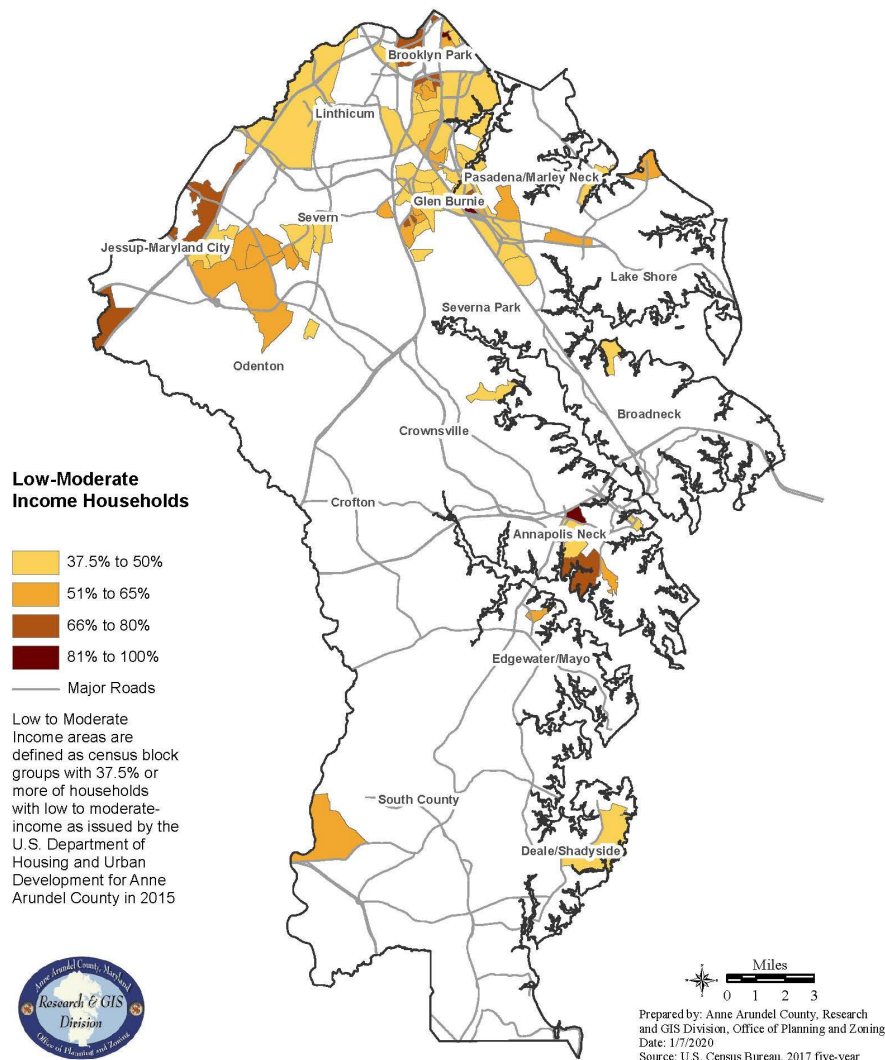
### Percent Non-White by Census Tract 2017



Produced by Research and GIS Division,  
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Date: 6/24/2019  
Source: U.S. Census, 2017 5-year ACS.

## Anne Arundel County

### Low and Moderate Income Households by Census Block Group 2017



Prepared by: Anne Arundel County, Research and GIS Division, Office of Planning and Zoning.  
Date: 1/7/2020  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 five-year American Community Survey Data.



# Plan2040 Overview: ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN



## ELEMENTS OF PLAN2040

**VISION AND THEMES**

**DEVELOPMENT POLICY AREAS MAP**

**PLANNED LAND USE MAP**

**NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

- GOALS
- POLICIES
- STRATEGIES

**BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

- GOALS
- POLICIES
- STRATEGIES

**HEALTHY COMMUNITIES**

- GOALS
- POLICIES
- STRATEGIES

**HEALTHY ECONOMY**

- GOALS
- POLICIES
- STRATEGIES

**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

# Plan2040 Overview: VISION



By embracing its rich Chesapeake culture and heritage, invaluable ecosystems and emerging opportunities, Anne Arundel County embodies the best of both the past and future, providing its residents a place where all are proud to live, work, learn, and play.

# Plan2040 Overview: VISION THEMES

- Resilient, Environmentally-Sound, and Sustainable Communities
- New and Improved Infrastructure
- Strategic Economic Growth and Redevelopment
- Community Character
- Inclusive, Equitable, and Responsive Government

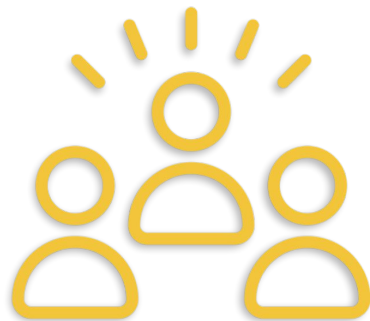
# GOALS, POLICIES AND STRATEGIES



Natural Environment



Built Environment



Healthy Community



Healthy Economy



# NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

## Goals, Policies, and Strategies



# Citizens Environmental Commission Themes for Comments

- Identify
- Protect
- Preserve
- Restore
- Report
- Organize to Accomplish

# GREENER

- **Development Review** - increase requirements to identify environmental features up front (Policy NE1.1)
- **Critical Areas** - update the program, increase the habitat protections (Policy NE1.2)
- **Stormwater**
  - Limit and reduce impervious surfaces (NE4.2)
  - Update design models to account for climate change (NE4.5.b)



# LAND CONSERVATION

- **Increase Protected Lands (Goal NE3)**
- **Expand Greenways (NE3.2)**
- **Increase Acres of Protected Agricultural Land (NE3.3)**



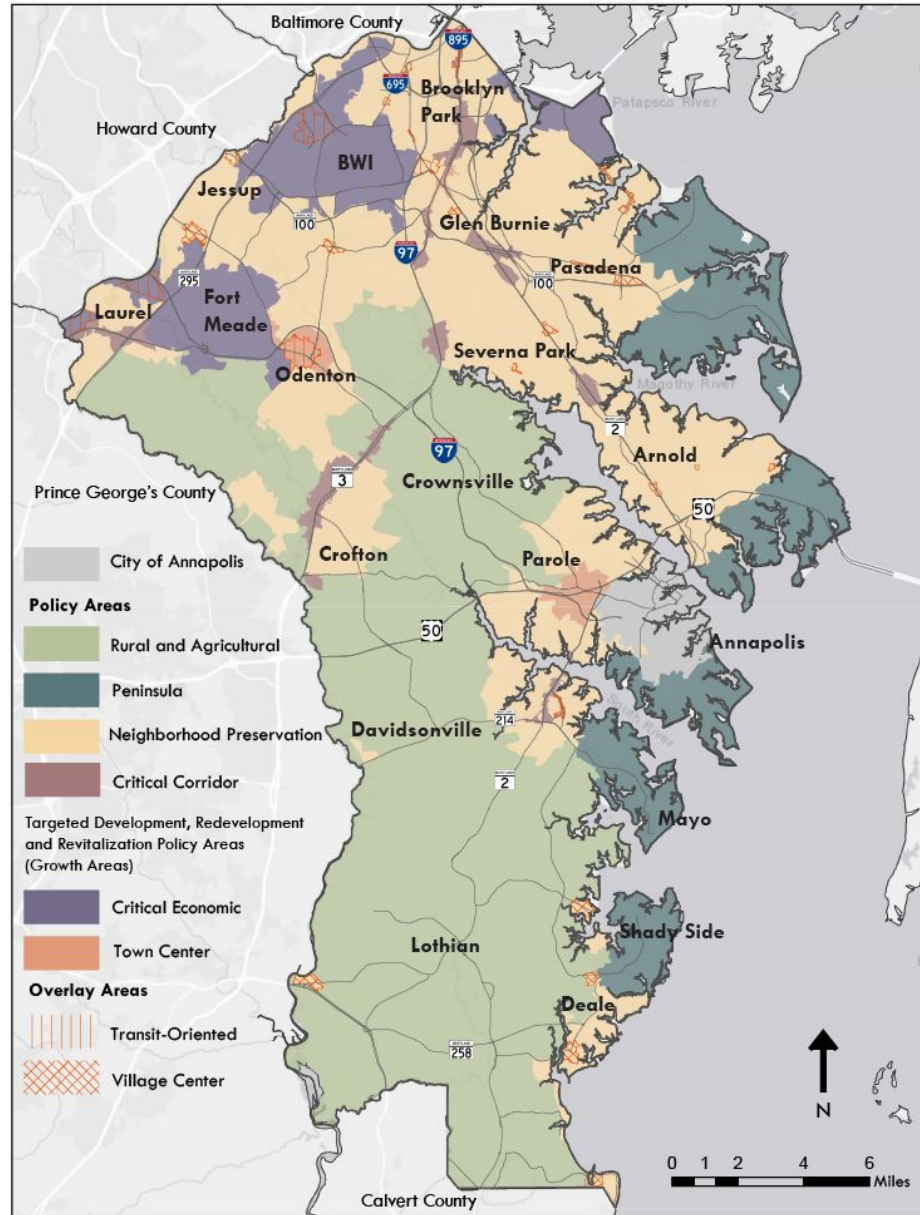


# BUILT ENVIRONMENT

## Goals, Policies, and Strategies



# DEVELOPMENT POLICY AREAS



## SMARTER

- Limit development in Rural, Neighborhood and Peninsula Areas (Goals BE 2, 3, and 4)
- Facilitate redevelopment in Town Centers, Critical Economic Areas, and Commercial Revitalization Areas (Goals BE 5, 6, 7, and 13)
- Reform County code to make it more effective (Goal BE1)
  - Reform Adequate Public Facilities regulations (Policy BE1.3)

## TRANSPORTATION & LAND USE

- Incorporate Move Anne Arundel! (Goal BE15)
- Promote Transit-Oriented Development (Goal BE9)
- Improve safety and mobility in Critical Corridor Areas (Goal BE10)



# HOUSING

- Provide variety of housing types (Goal BE11)
- Support workforce and affordable housing (Goal BE12)



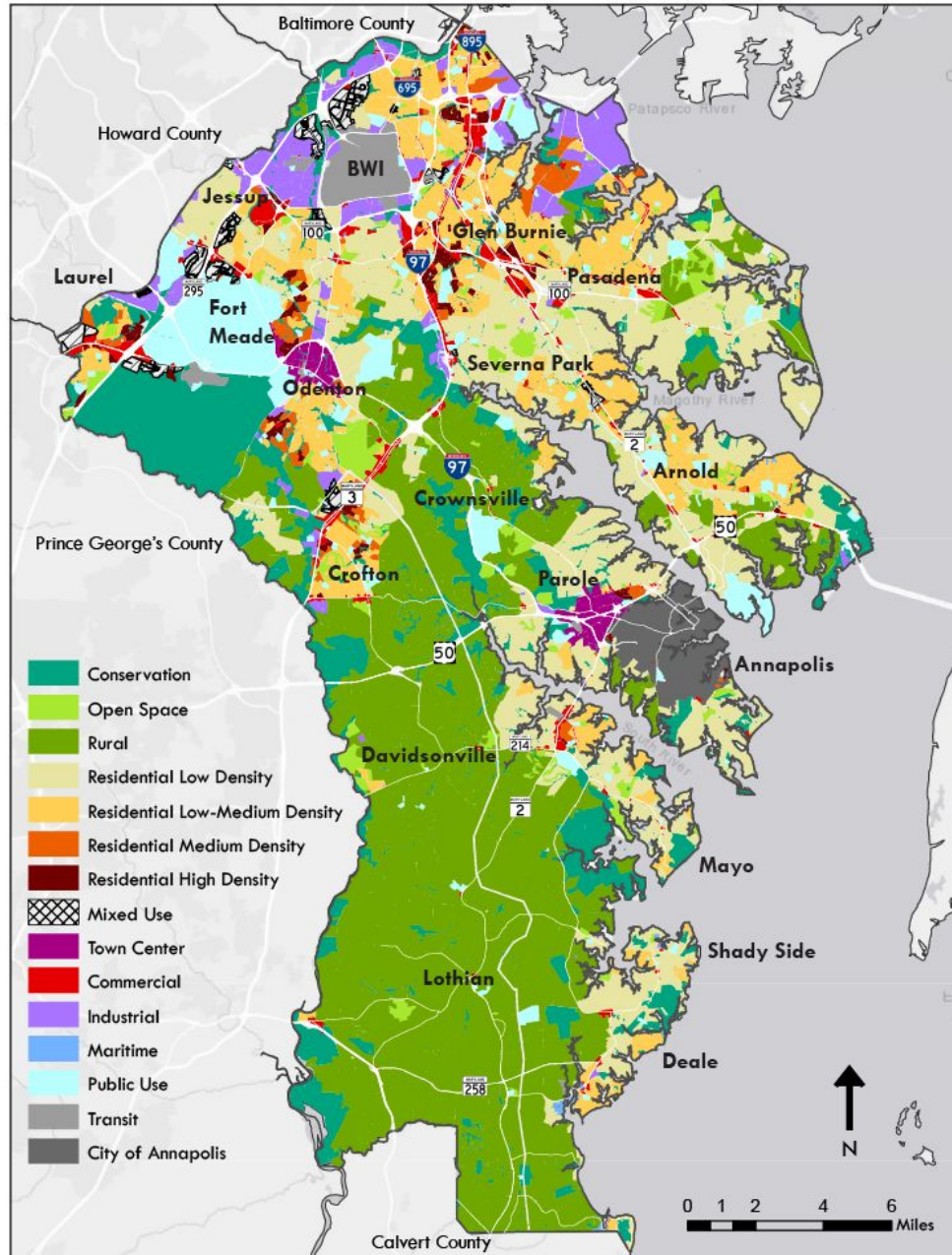
# CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE

- Plan for adaptation and resilience (Policy BE16.1)
- Reduce emissions (Policy BE16.2)





# PLANNED LAND USE MAP



# HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

## Goals, Policies, and Strategies

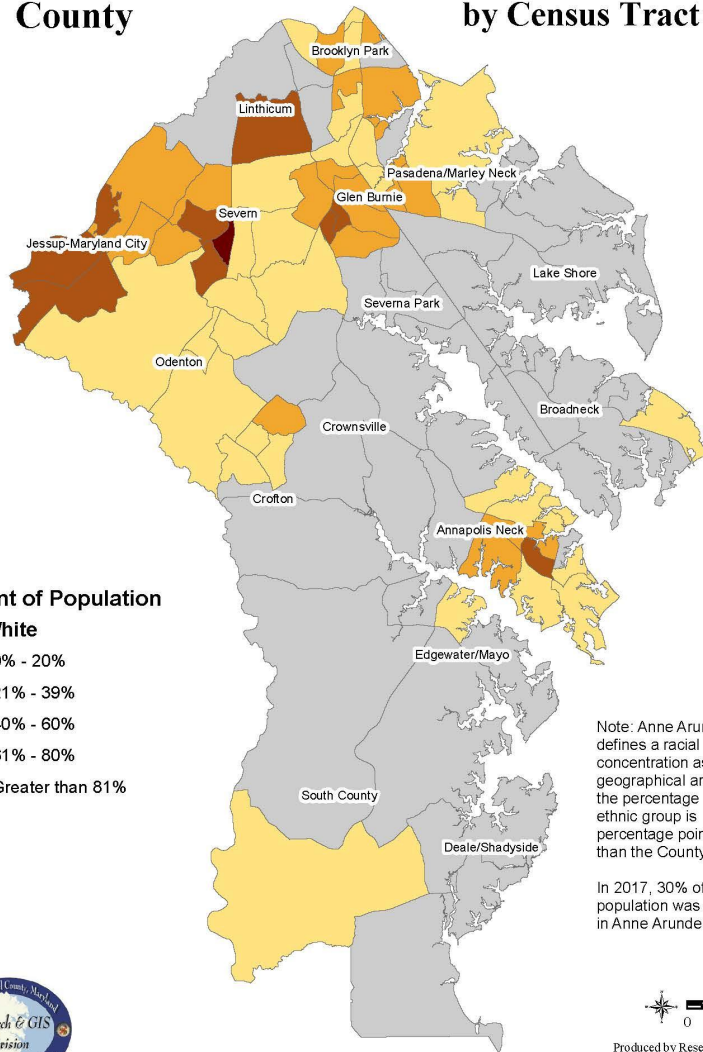




# EQUITY & PARKS

## Anne Arundel County

### Percent Non-White by Census Tract 2017



#### Percent of Population Non-White

- 0% - 20%
- 21% - 39%
- 40% - 60%
- 61% - 80%
- Greater than 81%

Note: Anne Arundel County defines a racial or ethnic concentration as geographical areas where the percentage of a specific ethnic group is 10 percentage points higher than the County overall.

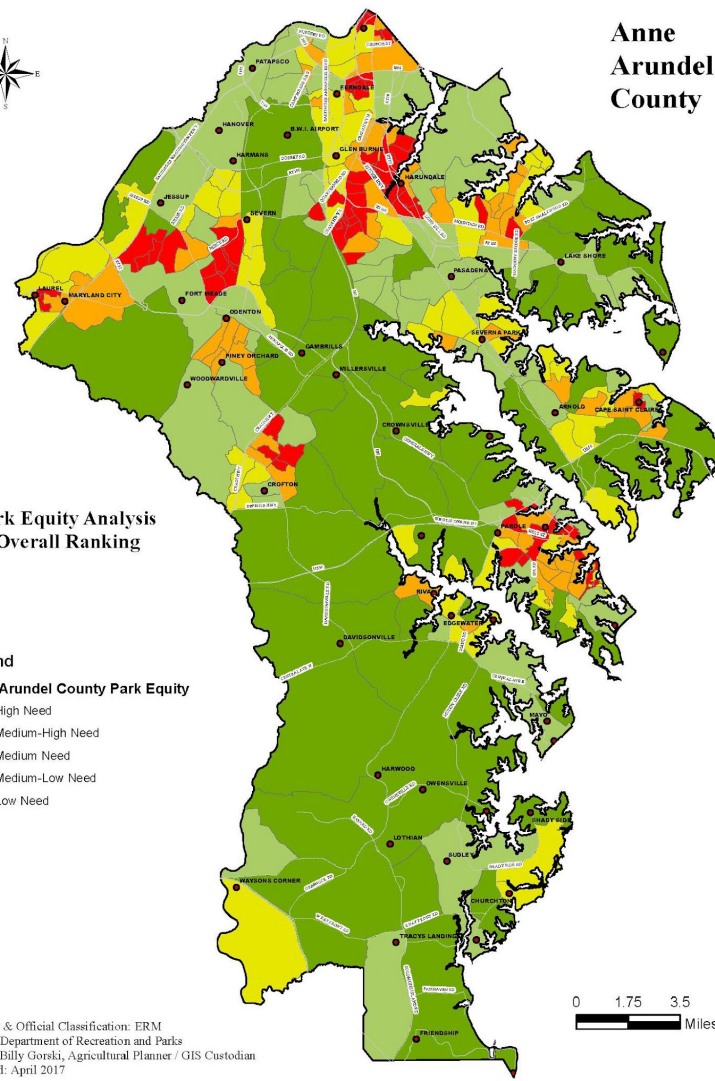
In 2017, 30% of the population was Non-White in Anne Arundel County.



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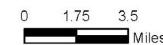
## Anne Arundel County



### Park Equity Analysis Overall Ranking

#### Legend

- Anne Arundel County Park Equity**
- High Need
  - Medium-High Need
  - Medium Need
  - Medium-Low Need
  - Low Need



Data Source & Official Classification: ERM  
Production: Department of Recreation and Parks  
Created by: Billy Gorski, Agricultural Planner / GIS Custodian  
Date Created: April 2017

## HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

- Emphasize Equity - Make investments in underserved communities
  - Schools (HC2)
  - Parks (HC8)
- Support programs for aging in place and ADA accessibility (HC5 and HC6)

# HEALTHY ECONOMY

## Goals, Policies, and Strategies

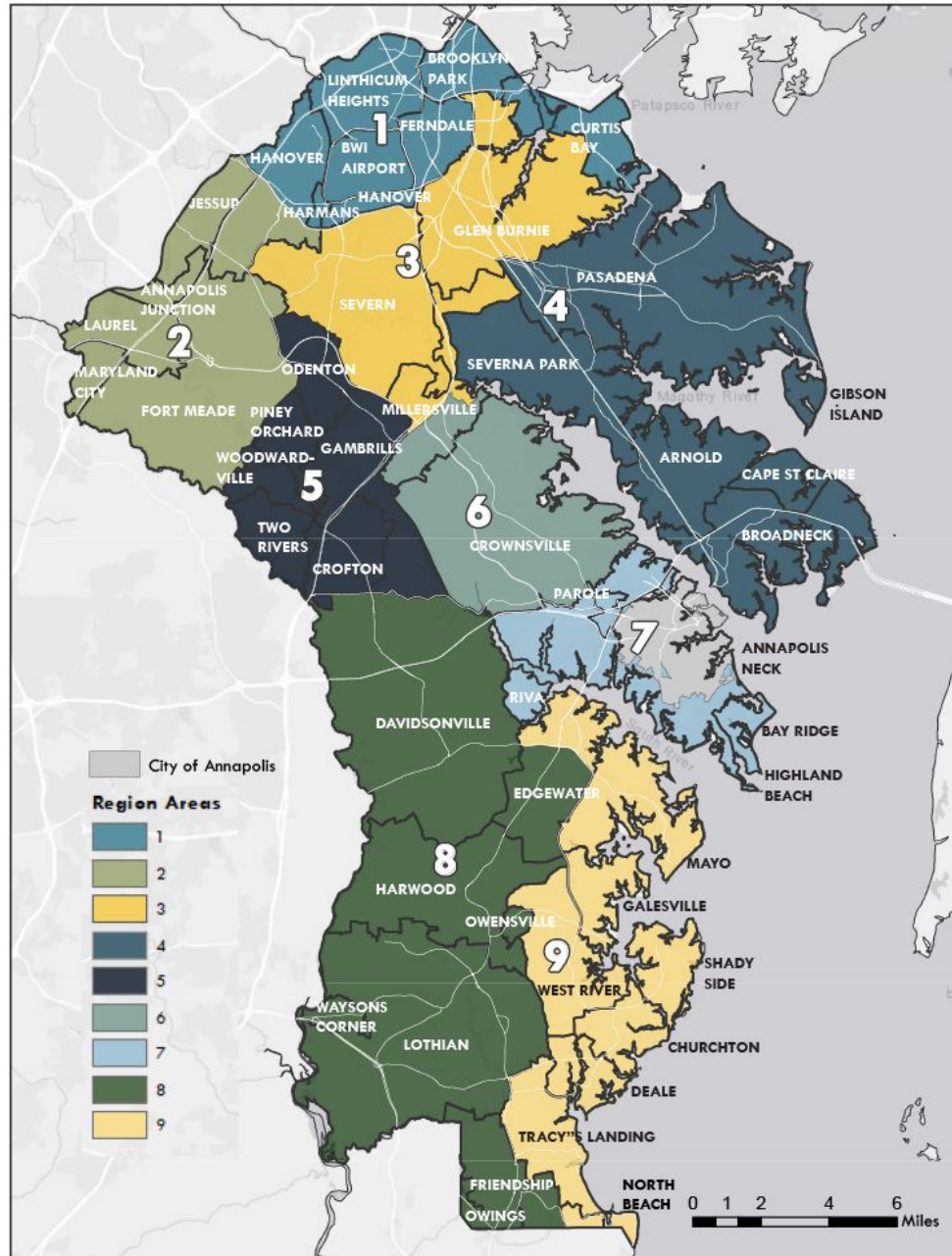


# GOALS POLICIES AND STRATEGIES

- Implement strategy for economic recovery (Policy HE1.1)
- Align economic development and smart growth efforts (Policy HE1.2)
- Build diverse, resilient economy with opportunity for all (Goal HE2)
- Support major economic drivers: Fort Meade and BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport (Goals HE3 and HE4)



# REGION PLANS



## REGION PLANS

- Build on Small Area Plans
- Content of each plan to align with Plan2040
- Comprehensive Zoning will occur as part of the Region Plan process
- Timing
  - 3 Regions Plans at a time
  - 18-36 months to complete each Region Plan
  - County Council to determine Region Plan order

# IMPLEMENTATION

- Implementation Advisory Committees
  - Diverse representation
  - Facilitate implementation of goals, policies and strategies
- Annual and 4-year Reports on Progress

# Summary of Public Comments: Preliminary Draft

- 470+ people / groups submitted comments
- ~200 comments on planned land use map
- Received comments from the County's:
  - Transportation Commission
  - Bicycle Advisory Commission
- Received comments from Howard County
- Received comments from the Maryland Department of Planning and four other State agencies (MDOT, MHT, DHCD, & MDE)



# Summary of Public Comments: Preliminary Draft

|   |     |
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| <b>Environmental Protection</b>                         | 254 |
| <b>Transportation and Traffic</b>                       | 231 |
| ● <b>Public Transit - bus and light rail</b>            | 56  |
| ● <b>MD 3 in<br/>    Crofton/Gambrills/Millersville</b> | 37  |
| <b>Pedestrian Infrastructure &amp; Walkability</b>      | 53  |
| <b>Bicycle Infrastructure</b>                           | 52  |
| <b>Infrastructure - general</b>                         | 93  |
| <b>Schools - capacity concerns</b>                      | 82  |

# Summary of Public Comments: Preliminary Draft

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| <b>Retail and Commercial Development</b> | 170 |
| <b>Cap on Building Permits</b>           | 20  |
| <b>Racial and Social Equity</b>          | 33  |
| <b>Affordable Housing</b>                | 24  |
| <b>Peninsulas</b>                        | 68  |
| <b>Mayo (Growth and Preservation)</b>    | 31  |
| <b>Public Water Access</b>               | 23  |

## Planned Land Use Map - Requests

- ~200 comments on Planned Land Use Map
- Several LUCAs received many comments
  - LUCA 53 - 34 comments
  - LUCA 68 - 44 comments
  - LUCA 94 - 12 comments
  - LUCA 172 - 31 comments
- 4 new requests for a change in planned land use (PDR-1 through PDR-4)

# Summary of Planned Land Use Changes

## Planned Land Use Map - Changes

- LUCA 129 - Laurel Race Track
- LUCA 172 - southeast corner of MD 3 north and Millersville Rd (parcels 353 and 357)
- SR-60 - 4105 Cadle Creek Rd, Edgewater
- PDR-2 - Lasting Tributes, 814 Bestgate Rd, Annapolis
- PDR-3 - 1024 Carrs Wharf Rd, Edgewater
- PDR-4 - Gibson Island Corporation Maintenance Yard



- **Address agriculture and water quality**
  - Challenges, Opportunities
  - New strategy: "NE4.1. c. Support agricultural landowners implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) to protect soil and water quality."
- **Explore additional funding resources (Strategy NE3.1.b and NE3.3.b)**
- **Studies to evaluate environmental justice issues (NE2.1.h and NE2.1.i)**

- **Emphasize Land Use + Transportation Connections**
  - Added text in introduction
  - Added text to design for transportation options and reduce dependence on personal vehicle (BE5.1, BE6.2, BE7, BE13.2.e)
- **Clarify language on promoting variety of housing types**
  - Accessory dwelling units (BE11.2.a)

- **Amend Climate-related policies and strategies**
  - “Strive for emissions reductions” rather than “net zero emissions” - Vision Theme
  - Include electric vehicles (BE16.2.b, BE16.2.f)

- **Highlight public water access**
  - Identify in list of Challenges and Opportunities
  - Identify it as a priority under the Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan

- **School Capacity and Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance**
  - Added new Policy BE1.3 and supporting strategies
    - Conduct fiscal impact analysis and impact fee study
    - Update impact fees
    - Update growth management program
    - Update APF for schools



- **School capacity and Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance**
  - Amended Strategy HC2.1.c to state that reform of APFO should evaluate student yield rates of different types of housing and explore innovative funding mechanisms.
  - Amended school districts maps in Background (Volume II) to illustrate capacity

## REVISIONS BASED ON COMMENTS

- **Amend brownfields policy**
  - HE 1.3 Promote ~~community-driven~~ redevelopment of brownfield sites to provide economic, community, and environmental benefits
- **Highlight transportation options**
  - Emphasize transit friendly design around Fort Meade - HE3.1
- **Include Maritime Workforce Training and Education Facility - HE 2.6.e.**

# REVIEW & ADOPTION PROCESS: NEXT STEPS



- Planning Advisory Board
  - Public Hearing - open record for written testimony beginning tonight, Dec 9, 2020
  - Hold Public Hearing for oral testimony on January 6, 2021
  - Close record - Jan 6, 2021
  - Deliberation and Recommendations - Jan 13, 2021
- County Council
  - Introduction - Anticipated for Feb 1, 2021
  - Public Hearings - Anticipated March - April, 2021
  - Adoption - Anticipated May, 2021

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# PUBLIC TESTIMONY



- Written Testimony - By January 6, 2021
  - Submit to [Plan2040@aacounty.org](mailto:Plan2040@aacounty.org)
- Oral Testimony - On January 6, 2021
  - Sign up - submit request by 5:00 PM on Jan. 4, 2021 to [Plan2040@aacounty.org](mailto:Plan2040@aacounty.org)
  - Individual - 3 minutes
  - If representing a Community Association
    - Acknowledgement letter
    - 5 minutes