



Land Development Regulations Assessment

Kick-Off Meeting Agenda

March 29th, 7:00pm

N Laurel Community Center

- Welcome and introduction: Valdis Lazdins, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning
- Presentation: Don Elliott, Clarion Associates
 - Clarion team background
 - Project description and scope
 - Next steps
- Public input and discussion, 7:30 p.m.
- Closing, 8:30 p.m.

Notes:

Project Description

Howard County, Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) is kicking off a Development Regulation Assessment, to include review of the zoning code, as well as regulations, policies and manuals related to land development. The project will occur in two phases: phase I is an assessment of the development regulations and phase II is the drafting of a new unified development code or sets of codes. Clarion Associates, a national land use-consulting firm based in Denver, has been retained as the county's consultant for phase I of this project. Clarion will evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the current regulations and provide an outline for new zoning, subdivision, and land development regulations based on public and stakeholder input, technical analysis, and national best practices.

Over the next 12 -14 months, Clarion Associates will work with DPZ to:

1. Conduct extensive outreach with citizens and stakeholders through interviews, meetings, on-line surveys, and discussions to identify which parts of the zoning and subdivision controls are working well – and which are not.
2. Draft a Diagnosis and Annotated Outline document recommending how the revised land controls could be organized to improve user-friendliness. The document will summarize citizen and stakeholder input, as well as Clarion's observations based on national experience and knowledge of best zoning and subdivision practices.
3. Conduct a second round of engagement with citizens and stakeholders to hear reactions to the Diagnosis and Annotated Outline and recommendations related to it.

The Diagnosis and Annotated Outline will serve as a general "roadmap" for phase II- the redrafting the zoning and subdivision controls. It will also guide the development of a phase II Request for Proposals (RFP) to be released in 2018.

Project Timeline



Questions/Comments? Visit www.howardcountymd.gov/regulationassessment and click on 'Public Input'

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