

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The County is currently developing two other plans related to the general plan: 1) a housing master plan that may contribute to the housing element of the general plan; and 2) a master plan that will be an amendment to PlanHoward 2030, the county's current general plan. The HoCo by Design team is closely following the development of these plans to inform HoCo by Design.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES MASTER PLAN

Howard County's Department of Housing and Community Development is in the process of developing the County's Housing Opportunities Master Plan. The plan will assess housing programs and policies in all County government departments and agencies to improve efficiency and effectiveness, identify ways to create and preserve housing opportunities for residents of all income levels, and provide metrics and timelines to measure progress towards achieving goals in the plan.

Housing is inextricably linked to land use decisions. The timing, location and intensity of housing impacts infrastructure needs, school capacity, traffic, park space, green infrastructure, and neighboring uses. The HoCo By Design and the Housing Opportunities Master Plan teams will be coordinating their efforts as these two planning processes continue.

Learn more at www.howardcountymd.gov/HousingTaskForce

ELLICOTT CITY WATERSHED MASTER PLAN

The Department of Planning and Zoning is currently developing the Ellicott City Watershed Master Plan, which is a comprehensive, long-range document that creates a community-driven vision for historic Ellicott City and the Tiber Branch Watershed.

Currently in draft form, the plan offers goals, desired outcomes, and policies for the next 20 years with emphasis on strategies to protect and enhance flood-impacted Ellicott City. The Ellicott City Watershed Master Plan will be adopted as an amendment to PlanHoward 2030 and will likely be included as an element of the HoCo By Design General Plan upon its adoption as well. The HoCo By Design team is working closely with the Ellicott City Watershed Master Plan to ensure compatibility between the two guiding documents.

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