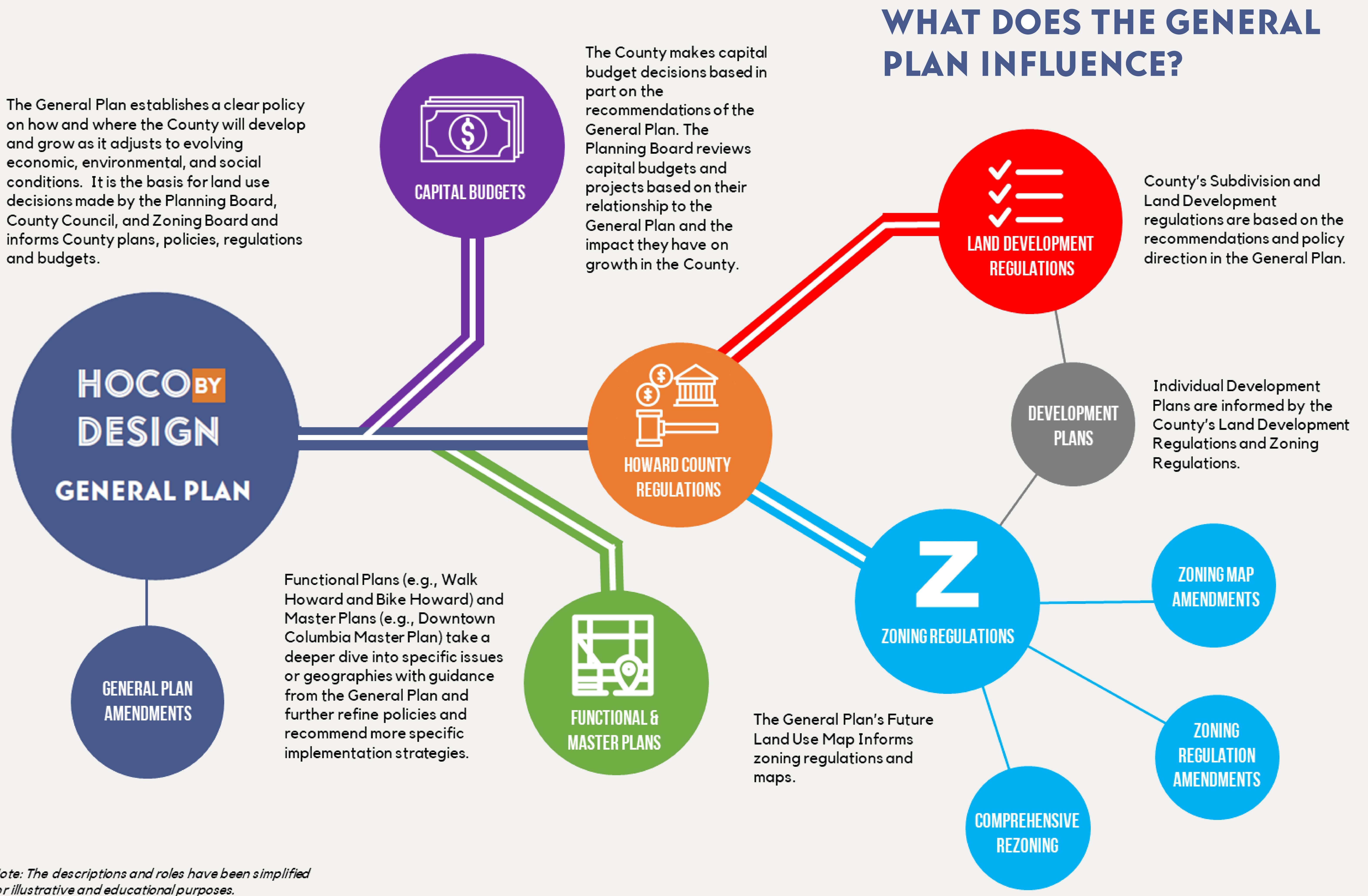


BACKGROUND INFORMATION

What is HoCo by Design?

As Howard County's next General Plan update, HoCo By Design will be a visionary document reflecting a process that encourages the community to think big about its long-term future. Upon adoption, the General Plan will present official statements and preferences toward growth, development, and conservation in the County and help current and future leaders make decisions about regulations, requirements, ordinances, and policies. While the General Plan provides a long-term 20 year vision for the future, its implementation occurs in incremental steps over time, which will be outlined in the final document.



HOWARD COUNTY FAST FACTS:

| <p>Howard County accounts for 3.4% of the region's population</p> | <p>325,690 Howard County</p> <p>9.7 MILLION Baltimore-Washington Metropolitan Area</p> | <p>71% of homes in Howard County are single-family detached (that's about the same as Maryland and a little higher than the U.S.)</p> | <p>251 Square miles in Howard County</p> <p>1,288 People per square mile</p> | <p>39% of the County is preserved land (open space, agricultural, or other easements)</p> <p>5,748 Acres of County parks</p> <p>https://data.howardcountymd.gov/InteractiveMap.html</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>169,000 Jobs located in the County (ranked 6th in Maryland)</p> | <p>\$476,600 Median owner-occupied home price in 2018 (that's 1.5 time the rest of Maryland and almost double the median value in the U.S.)</p> | <p>Howard County Racial & Ethnic Composition 2010 vs. 2018</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <th>Race/Ethnicity</th> <th>2010</th> <th>2018</th> </tr> <tr> <td>White</td> <td>59.4%</td> <td>51.1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Black</td> <td>17.2%</td> <td>19.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Asian</td> <td>14.5%</td> <td>19.0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Two Races / Other</td> <td>3.1%</td> <td>3.5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hispanic</td> <td>5.8%</td> <td>7.1%</td> </tr> </table> | Race/Ethnicity | 2010 | 2018 | White | 59.4% | 51.1% | Black | 17.2% | 19.3% | Asian | 14.5% | 19.0% | Two Races / Other | 3.1% | 3.5% | Hispanic | 5.8% | 7.1% | <p>27% of families speak a language other than English at home</p> |
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| <p>Top Employers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Howard County Public School System Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab Howard County Government Howard County General Hospital Verizon Howard Community College Lorien Health Systems Coastal Sunbelt Produce Wells Fargo Nestle Dreyer's Ice Cream | <p>\$116,984 Median household income in 2018</p> | <p>80% of workers drove alone to work in 2018 (higher than the rest of Maryland)</p> | <p>29.8 MINUTES Average commute time each way—almost 11 days a year is spent behind the wheel just getting to and from work</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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