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## **Anne Arundel County Announces General Development Plan Public Outreach Tour**

Annapolis, MD (September 7, 2017) – Anne Arundel County today announced the Office of Planning & Zoning will hold eight public input sessions across the County to accept community input as the county government begins the General Development Plan, entitled *Anne Arundel 2040*.

“Public input will be essential to this process,” said Planning and Zoning Officer Phil Hager. “We want to hear from the citizens at the front end of the effort to ensure their concerns and ideas are incorporated as we chart a course for our County’s future.”

Public input sessions will provide the citizens a significant opportunity to have their voice heard as county government embarks on the two year General Development Plan process. Officials from all relevant land use departments will be on hand to hear the ideas and perspectives of residents in every corner of the County.

Citizens can join the conversation at one of the sessions, which will run from 6pm to 8pm. The schedule for these public input sessions is as follows:

### 2017

- September 25 at North County High School
- October 17 at Broadneck High School\*
- November 30 at Old Mill High School \*
- December 11 at Arundel High School \*

### 2018

- January 11 at Annapolis High School \*
- January 29 at Northeast High School \*
- February 8 at Southern High School \*
- February 22 at Brooklyn Park Middle School \*
- (\* dates and locations subject to change)

In addition, residents can provide their public input or learn more about the process at [www.aacounty.org/Plan2040](http://www.aacounty.org/Plan2040).

The plan is scheduled to be completed by December 2019, with the comprehensive re-zoning legislation submitted to the County Council thereafter.

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# Plan 2040: Updating the GDP

## WHAT IS THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN?

The GDP is Anne Arundel County's comprehensive plan to **guide land use in the County, preserve its assets and conserve its resources**. It is prepared in compliance with State requirements and guidelines. Adopted by the County Council, the GDP establishes policies and recommendations to guide land use decisions over a **20 year planning timeframe**. All master plans and development regulations adopted by the County must be **consistent with the goals, policies and recommendations of the GDP**.

## WHY DOES IT MATTER?

The GDP expresses the community's values and what is important to our quality of life. The GDP reflects the citizens' practical vision for an aspirational future and sets the groundwork for various functional plans and master plans.

**Together, we can determine what we want our community to be and a way to get there!**

## WHY SHOULD YOU CONTRIBUTE?

**You know your community best** - what it needs and what's special about it.

***This is your vision for your community!***

Help identify the **core values of your community** and **define a vision** for Anne Arundel County.



*The GDP establishes the community's vision for the County; all master plans and development regulations must be consistent with its goals, policies and recommendations.*

## ENGAGE!

**Join us at one of the Listening Sessions** to be held around the County. (from 6pm to 8pm)

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Learn more at [www.aacounty.org/Plan2040](http://www.aacounty.org/Plan2040)

