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Draft Comprehensive Plan Public Review November, 2017

What is a Comprehensive Plan ?



Comprehensive Plan History

1967 Master Plan: **Lay the Groundwork. Retain the Rural Character.**

1974 Pleasant Peninsula Plan: **Promote Planned Slow Growth.**

1983 Comprehensive Plan: **“Maintain the Rural Character” and “Promote a Strong Economy.”**

1997 Comprehensive Plan: **Establish 10 Visions.**

2004 Comprehensive Plan: **Stay the Course.**

2010 Plan Amendments: **Address State Laws.**

Comprehensive Plan Schedule

Identify Issues

Fall 2015 – Fall 2016

- Initial meetings, analysis of existing conditions
- 1st round of public meetings
- Concurrence on Issues - PC and BOCC

Develop Plan and Ordinance

Fall 2016 – Fall 2017

- Issue development with stakeholders and interested persons
- Draft plan and 2nd round of public meetings
- Review by Planning Commission and joint PC and BOCC work session

We are here

Adoption

Winter 2018 – Spring 2018

- Revised draft plan
- Joint public hearing and adoption



Public Workshops Fall 2016

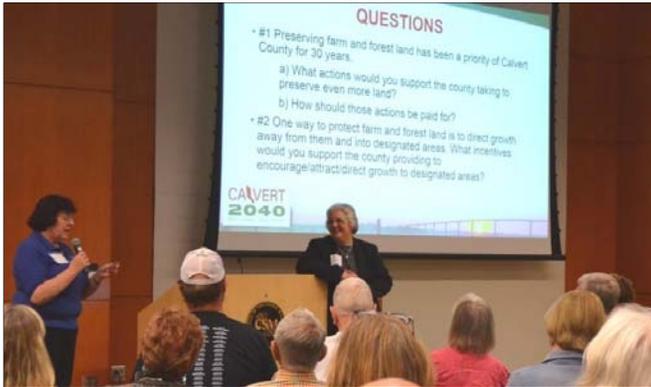


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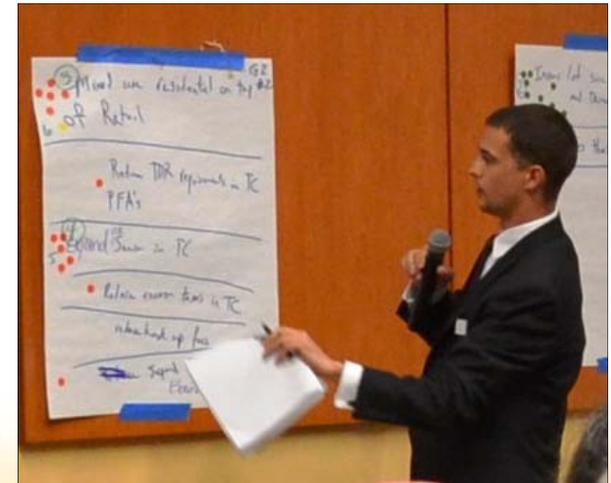
Key Issues for Update

- Providing an Efficient and Multi-modal Transportation System
- Supporting Options in Community Character
- Fostering Vibrant, Walkable Communities with Multi-Generational Opportunities
- Preserving Rural Character and Directing Growth to Existing Population Centers
- Strengthening Economic Vitality





Winter & Spring 2017 Workshops



Key Goals

Overall Goal: Maintain and/or improve the overall quality of life for all citizens of Calvert County by:

- Promoting Sustainable Development
- Encouraging a Stable and Enduring Economic Base
- Providing for Safety, Health and Education
- Preserving Natural, Cultural and Historic Assets

Visions

1. Our landscape is dominated by forests and fields.
2. Our Town Centers are attractive, convenient, and interesting places to live, work and shop.
3. Our wetlands, streams, and forests and **the Chesapeake Bay and Patuxent River** support thriving plant and animal communities.
4. Our highways are safe with only moderate congestion and transit is readily available. Walking and bicycling are practical alternatives **within and in close proximity of Town Centers**.
5. We waste less, consume fewer natural resources, and properly dispose of waste.
6. Our communities are safe. We care for the well-being of each other.
7. Our children are well prepared for the future. **We offer robust and diverse educational opportunities.**
8. We are stewards of our cultural heritage.
9. We are building a strong local economy based on renewable resources, **agriculture, seafood**, high technology, retirement, recreation, and tourism.
10. Our government is efficient, open, and responsive to citizen needs and concerns.

10 Visions established in the 1997 Plan, reaffirmed in the 2004 and 2010 Plans,
refined in 2017 draft update

Key Policy Actions

Key Policy Refinement : Direct development to Town Centers and Villages

- Define boundaries for Town Centers and Villages
- Define growth areas adjacent to Town Centers
- Use sewer service to attract growth to Town Centers; public infrastructure to support limited growth in Villages
- Increase the by-right density in Town Centers

The Draft Plan

Overview and Direction

(3 chapters)

- Executive Summary
- Goals and Visions
- Key Issues

Element Chapters

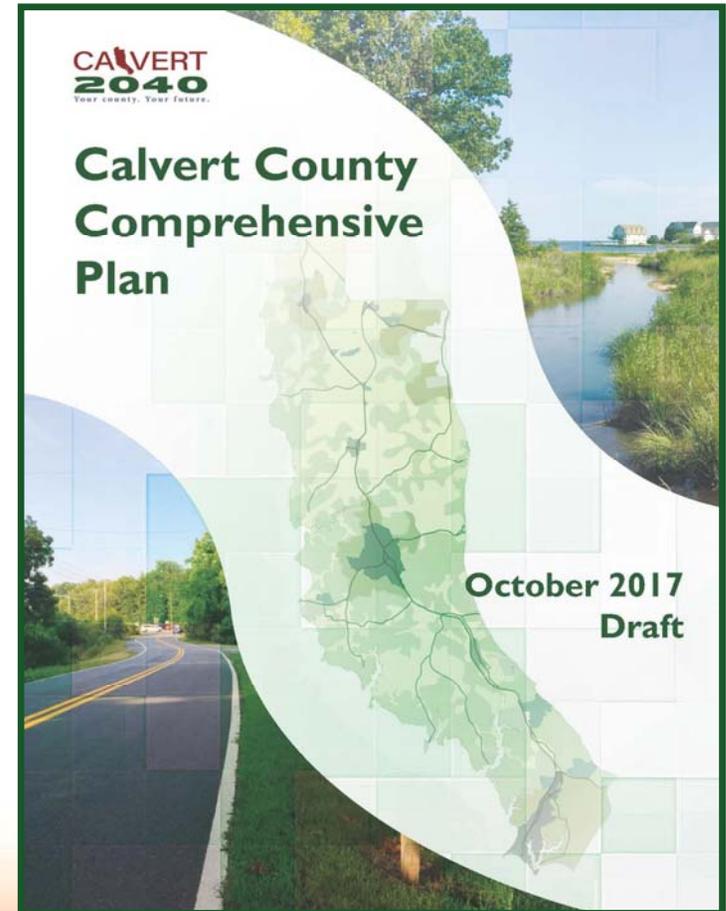
(7 chapters)

- Land Use
- Environment and Natural Resources
- Housing
- Transportation
- Economic Vitality
- Water Resources

Policy Summary

(1 chapter)

- Implementation

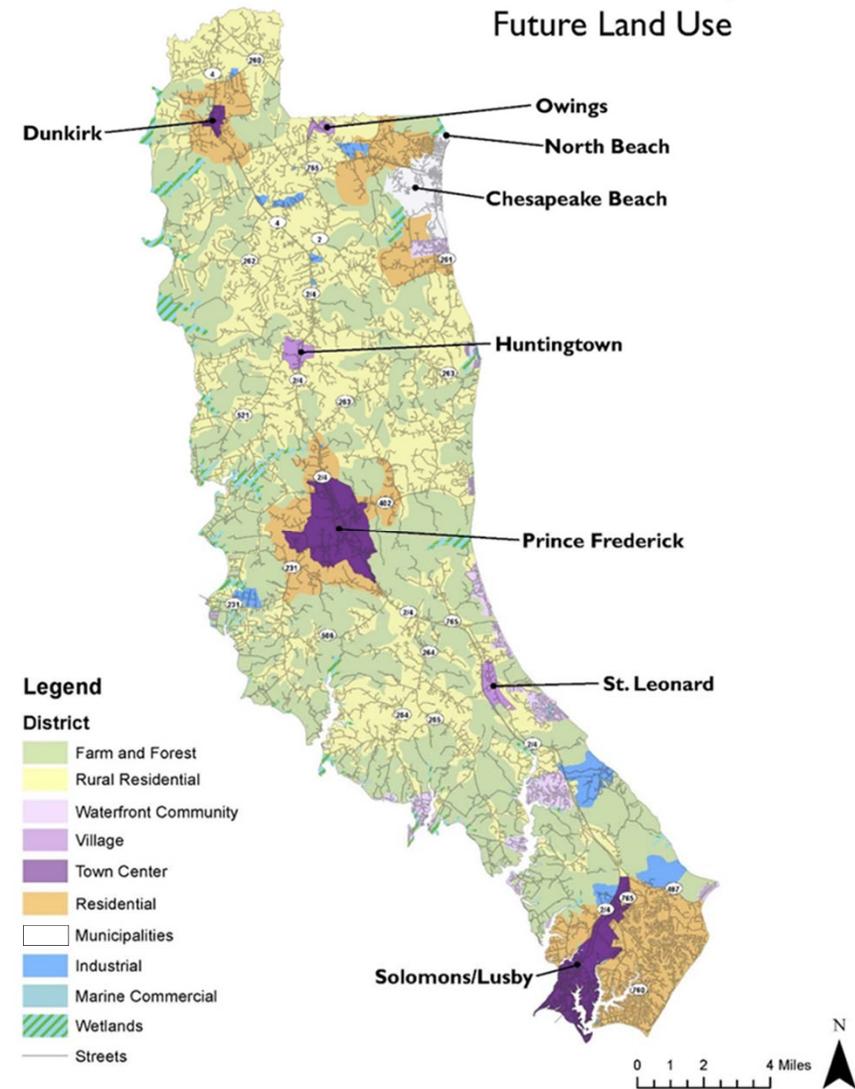


Chapter 1 - Land Use

- Preserve rural character
- Use water and sewer policy to direct growth
- Develop attractive, convenient and interesting Town Centers and Villages
- Direct industrial and commercial uses to the right locations

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CALVERT COUNTY, MD Future Land Use

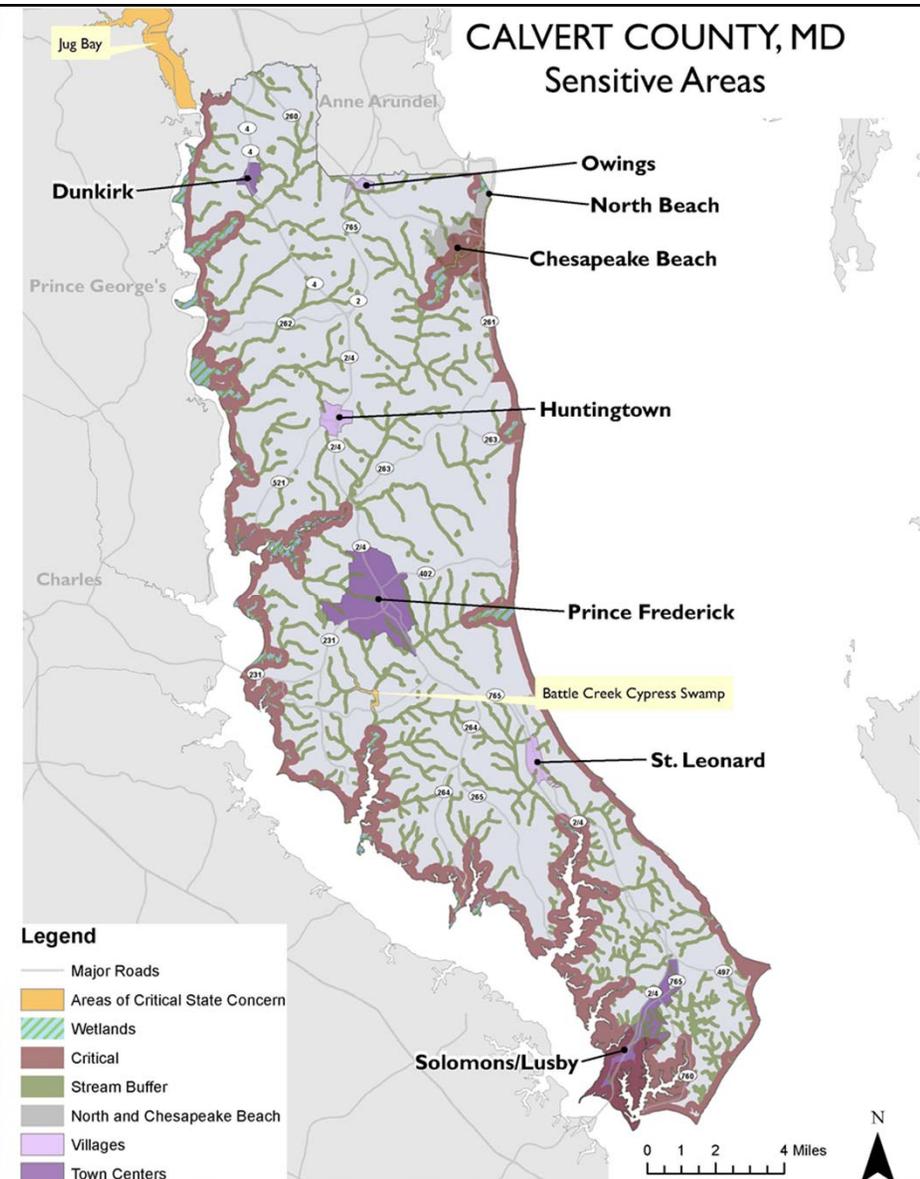


Chapter 2 – Environment and Natural Resources

- Preserve natural resources & sensitive areas
- Continue comprehensive approaches using watersheds
- Preserve & conserve land-based resources
- Mitigate natural and man-made hazards

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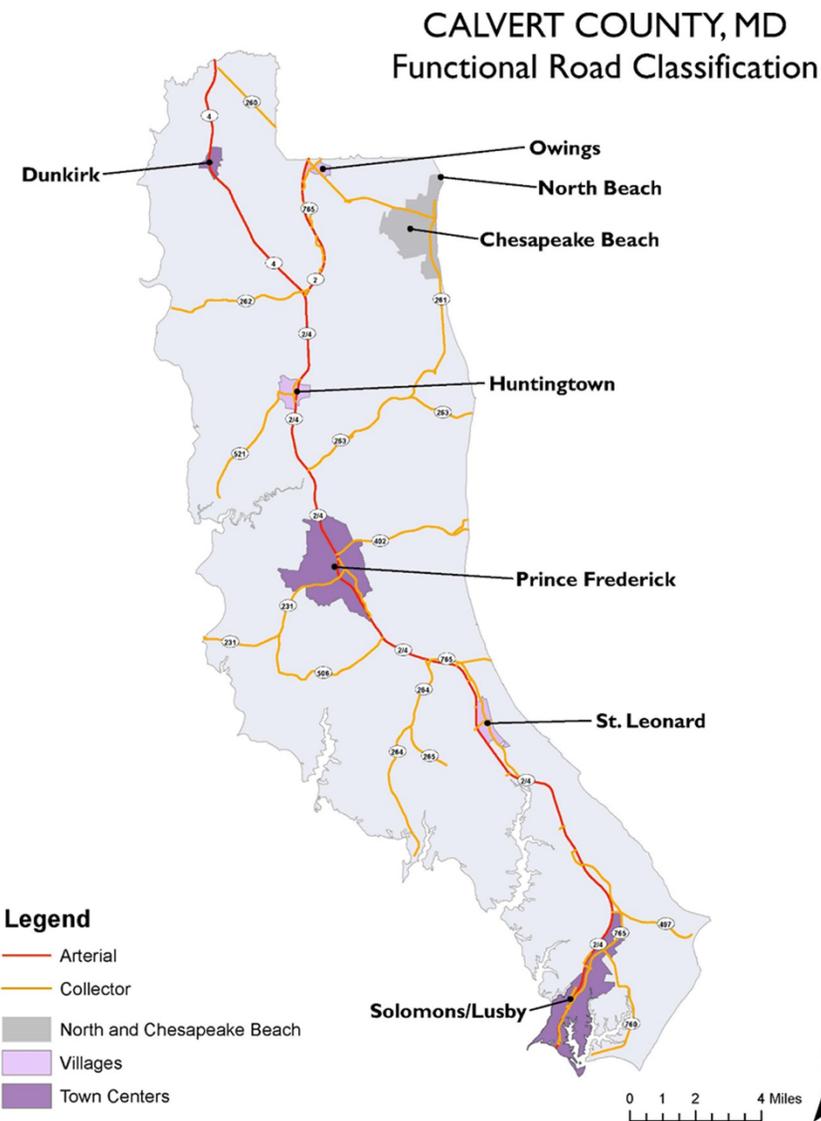
Chapter 3 - Housing

- Provide full range of housing types in Town Centers
- Encourage walkable, mixed-use Town Centers
- Provide programs to increase affordability
- Support aging in place



Chapter 4 - Transportation

- Provide safe, reliable, multi-modal system
- Maintain MD 4 and MD 2/4 as main corridor
- Maintain and improve arterial and non-arterial road systems
- Improve public transit service
- Promote transportation alternatives
- Continue integrated planning



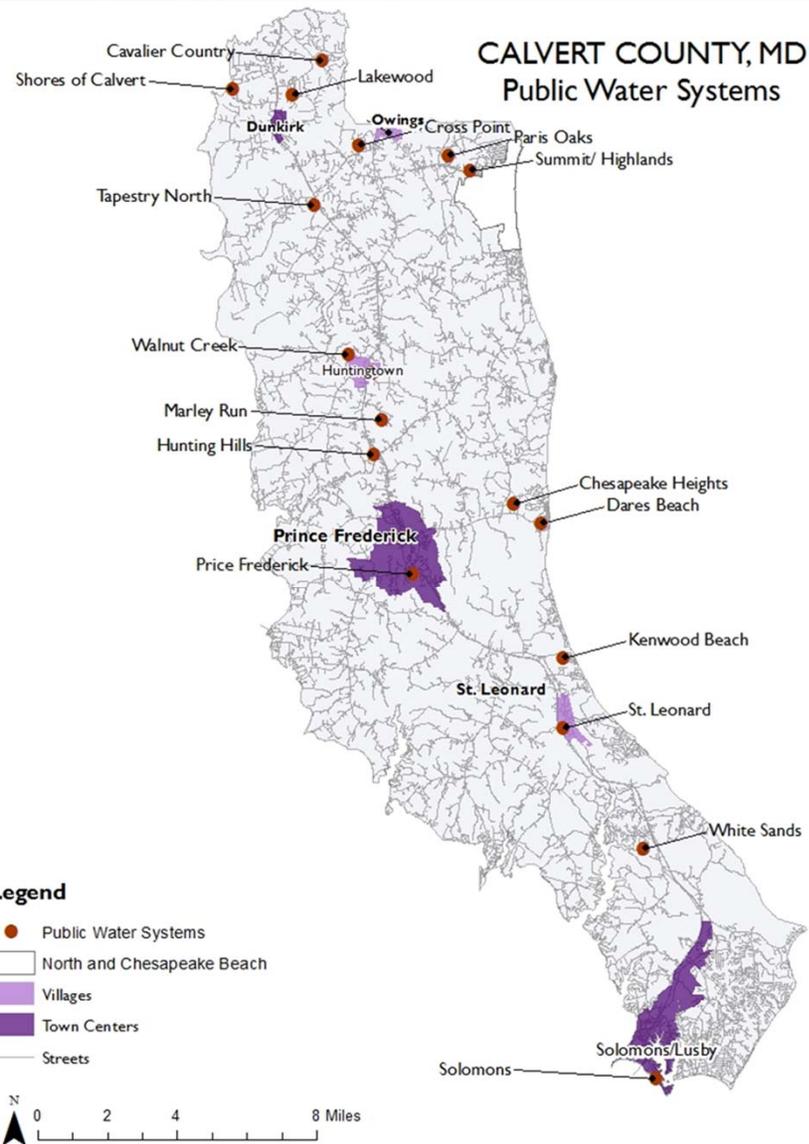
Chapter 5 - Economic Vitality

- Strengthen economic opportunity
- Direct business growth to Town Centers and Villages
- Expand tourism
- Strengthen educational opportunities



Chapter 6 – Water Resources

- Ensure sufficient drinking water
- Ensure sewer capacity to support Town Centers served by public sewer
- Protect public health and water quality outside Town Centers
- Install or enhance stormwater management to reduce pollution



Chapter 7 - Community Facilities

- Maintain high quality schools, college and libraries
- Provide access to a variety of recreation
- Ensure adequate health care
- Support public safety
- Maintain solid waste and recyclable materials management systems



Guide to Comments

- Provide direction on Land Use Plan
 - Are the land use type descriptions clear and appropriate?
 - Are the locations acceptable?
 - Are there other land use types that the map should show?
- Provide direction on future actions by the County
 - Are proposed visions, goals, objectives, and policies clear?
 - Are they appropriate?
 - Is there anything not addressed that should be?
- Please type or write legibly
- Include chapter and page number, when relevant

Stay Involved and Connected!

- Sign up for Newsflash updates
- Draft Plan Review – November – December 2017
 - Provide feedback by December 8
 - Comments provided to Planning Commission at December meeting
- Planning Commission Work Session – January 2018
- 2nd Draft Comprehensive Plan available – Spring 2018
- Public Hearing on Draft Plan – Spring 2018
(Joint Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners)