



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING
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VIA: Mary Beth Cook, Deputy Director, Zoning Officer *MBC*
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FROM: Jenny Plummer-Welker, AICP, Long Range Planner *JPW*

DATE: November 3, 2017

SUBJECT: Request for Comments: *Calvert County Comprehensive Plan (October 2017 Draft)*

The *Calvert County Comprehensive Plan, October 2017 Draft* (attached) is provided for your review and comment. The draft is available online at <http://www.co.cal.md.us/FutureCalvertFirstDraft>.

The *Calvert County Comprehensive Plan* is the official policy document for Calvert County. The plan is used by the Board of County Commissioners, Planning Commission and county departments use the plan when evaluating proposed projects or changes +to zoning regulations; by the State of Maryland to determine whether to provide state funding for a local project; by prospective business owners to help them make investment decisions; and by residents to evaluate how well county government is responding to the plan's goals and objectives. The *Calvert County Comprehensive Plan, October 2017 Draft* was developed with

extensive public input in 2016 and 2017. The draft plan builds upon the 2004 Comprehensive Plan, which was amended in 2010. The first draft was prepared by the Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning and consultants from WSP.

The draft plan consists of ten chapters with an overview provided in Chapter 1, the Executive Summary. Chapter 2 declares the county's continuing commitment to preserving rural character and directing future growth to the incorporated towns, the Town Centers and the Villages designated in the plan. Chapter 3 highlights the key issues considered during the early phases of public involvement.

Chapters 4 through 10 cover the elements required under state law, and each includes goals and objectives related to the specific topic and intended to advance the overall visions. Each chapter begins with a statement of the county and state visions related to the chapter and a list of other county small area and functional master plans related to that chapter. After summarizing existing programs and conditions, each chapter recommends specific actions....These goals and objectives are the substance of the Comprehensive Plan.

Chapter 11, the Implementation chapter, will be compiled for the second draft of the plan, the one expected to go to public hearing. The chapter will consist primarily of a chart listing each chapter's goals, objectives, and actions that the Planning Commission recommends for inclusion in the plan, with the actions being assigned a number for ease of reference.¹

We are requesting agency comments be submitted to the Calvert County Planning Commission, in care of this department, no later than *Friday, December 8, 2017*. Please address comments to Carolyn McHugh, Chair, Calvert County Planning Commission. Written comments can be submitted via mail, 150 Main St., Suite 300, Prince Frederick, MD 20678, or via email at pz@calvertcountymd.gov. Public open houses on the draft plan are scheduled for Nov. 13, 14, and 16. See details online at www.co.cal.md.us/FutureCalvert.

If you have any questions concerning the draft plan, please contact me at Jenny.Plummer-Welker@calvertcountymd.gov or 410-535-1600, ext. 2333.

cc: Department of Planning & Zoning Staff

¹ Memorandum to the Calvert County Planning Commission from Jacquelyn Seneschal, AICP, dated October 18, 2017