

Resolution
City of Annapolis Planning Commission
Approving the Comprehensive Plan

WHEREAS: it is the duty of the Planning Commission, pursuant to the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to make and approve a plan to guide the physical development of the City; and

WHEREAS: the Planning Commission has delegated to the City Department of Planning and Zoning Staff the development a new comprehensive plan to update the current plan, which was adopted by the Annapolis City Council on October 5, 2009; and

WHEREAS: the work of the Planning and Zoning Staff in preparing the new plan has included:

1. An assessment of the 2009 Comprehensive Plan including its level implementation; changes to the city since the plans's adoption; and new opportunities and challenges facing Annapolis today;
2. The collection and analyses of current information on demographic and market trends; municipal growth and economic development; land use; housing; transportation; community facilities; arts, culture, and historic preservation; environmental sustainability; water resources, and other aspects of the City and its surroundings;
3. A fiscal impact analysis;
4. A forecast for household growth and future development;
5. The formulation of a plan vision and planning priorities,;
6. Desired characteristics for future development reflective of the Plan's goals;
7. The design of goals, performance measures, and recommended actions for each of the Plan's elements to guide development, conservation, and the provision of public facilities; A detailed implementation approach including targeted strategies and regulatory policies; and
8. Various small area or special topic plans which informed the development of the Comprehensive Plan including the West Annapolis Master Plan; the Military Installation Resilience Review; the Maritime Task Force Strategy; the Forest Drive Eastport Sector Study Task Force Report; the Housing Affordability Task Force Report; the Outdoor Dining Pilot Study; the Blue Technology Business Study and Strategy; and the 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in the Baltimore Region;

WHEREAS: the Planning Commission was intimately involved in the development of the plan and provided feedback to Planning and Zoning Staff at multiple stages in the plan development; and

WHEREAS: the draft Comprehensive Plan was released for public review and comment on June 15, 2023 with print copies of the draft Plan available at the Michael E. Busch Library, the Eastport Annapolis Neck Library, City Hall, and the Department of Planning and Zoning, and digital copies available through a dedicated website at www.annapolisahead2040.com; and

WHEREAS: the Planning Commission conducted a series of public hearings on the draft Plan between June 15, 2023 and September 21, 2023, and over the course of those hearings considered the comments received including from members of the public, civic associations, the City's other Boards and

Commissions, and written comments from the Maryland Department of Planning, and deliberated on revisions to the draft Plan in response to those comments; and

WHEREAS: Planning and Zoning Staff made numerous changes to the draft Plan to address the revisions approved by the Planning Commission;

WHEREAS: the Plan and its supporting findings and recommendations are set forth in text, maps, charts, and figures in a document entitled Annapolis Ahead Comprehensive Plan 2040; and

WHEREAS: the Planning Commission considers the plan to be a necessary guide to the future development of the City of Annapolis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission on this day, January 4, 2024, hereby adopts the Annapolis Ahead Comprehensive Plan 2040 and recommends the Plan to the Annapolis City Council for adoption; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Commission Chair hereby transmits a signed copy of this resolution to the Annapolis City Council.

Alex Pline
Chair, City of Annapolis Planning Commission