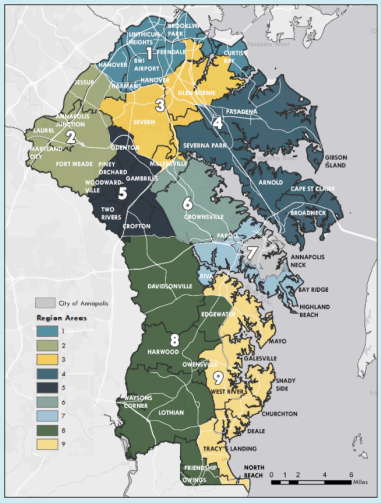
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Land Wise - Future Strong

Review progress on Plan 2040



Implementation of Plan2040.

By any measure Plan2040, the Anne Arundel County General Development Plan, was a massive undertaking. The initial meetings of the Citizen Advisory Committee were held in 2018 and the Plan was approved by the County Council in 2021. Then began the Region Planning process for nine regions, three at a time. The Region Plan for Region 8, the final region was approved by the Council in June of this year.

After so much time and effort spent in planning, it behooves all GAN members to review progress on implementation of the Plan and learn from its impact and the inevitable successes and failures that may be encountered along the way. To simplify review, the County has constructed an **on-line dashboard** that summarizes each of the 400+ strategies in the plan and provides an update of progress. A **story map** that briefly overviews Plan2040 is also available.

The progress review will be updated every year. Since this is a 20-year plan progress on some topics will be faster than on others.

Let your Councilmember know your opinion on progress on implementation of Plan2040 is going.



Rec and Parks Department requesting input on water access

Public water access

Anne Arundel County has 530 miles of shoreline but few places for the public to access the water. For example, only about 1 mile of the shoreline is open for swimming. The problem is particularly acute in South County, where only a single public boat ramp at Discovery Village is available for public use. When the ramp owners changed the terms of the lease unfavorably in 2025, the County scrambled, found a temporary alternative, and has now renegotiated better terms for use of the ramp. Local citizens report about 600 uses per month and are campaigning for the County to acquire the property as a community gathering place and arts center,

Recognizing the strong demand for public water access in South County, the Department of Recreation and Parks has begun planning and budget estimation for a program to increase water access. As a first step it has opened a survey to explore citizen experiences and priorities related to public water access. Emphasis is on South County, but all County residents are encouraged to participate. **Click the button below to go to the survey.** The survey will close on September 30.

Our streams, rivers, and the Bay make Anne Arundel County special. Let's work with the Parks and Recreation Department to increase our access to this special gift and make our home even more outstanding.

Click to go to the survey

Next GAN Board meeting is September 23, All members are welcome to observe and comment. See calendar for link.

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