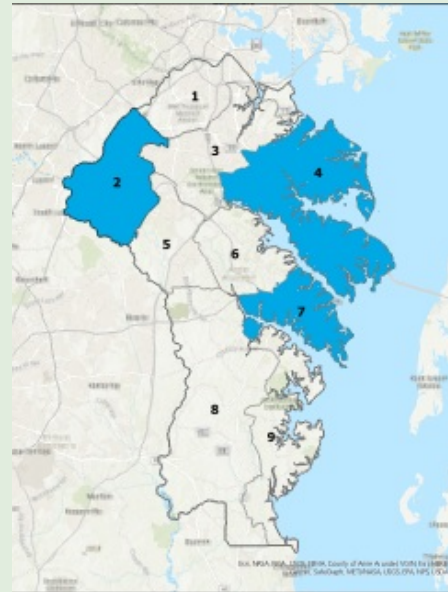




## Region 2 and 7 Plans go to Council



### Two Region Plan drafts are introduced to the County Council.

Every 10 years, the County makes long range plans for where housing, commercial development, and open space will be located for the coming decade. After two years of preparation, plans for the first third of the county are now before the County Council, or will be soon. Citizens need to plug in to what is being planned for their communities and speak up before irreversible actions are taken to change the nature of neighborhoods and commercial areas. These next few weeks will determine the future of land use and the quality of life in Regions 2, 4, and 7.

The final recommended drafts of the Regional Plans and Comprehensive Zoning Maps for Regions 2 and 7 have been introduced to the County Council this month. There will be opportunities for public testimony at coming Council meetings. More detail about the Plans and Maps is available at the [Region Plan Hub](#), and the schedule for coming Council meetings can be found at the [County Council website](#).

**GAN members in Regions 2 and 7 are encouraged to review the plan and map drafts for their Region and provide their comments to their Council Representatives.**

The Region 4 Plan and Comprehensive Zoning Map drafts are expected to go to the Council in the next several weeks.

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### Surveys on Housing and Economic Development for Regions 1, 3, and 9.

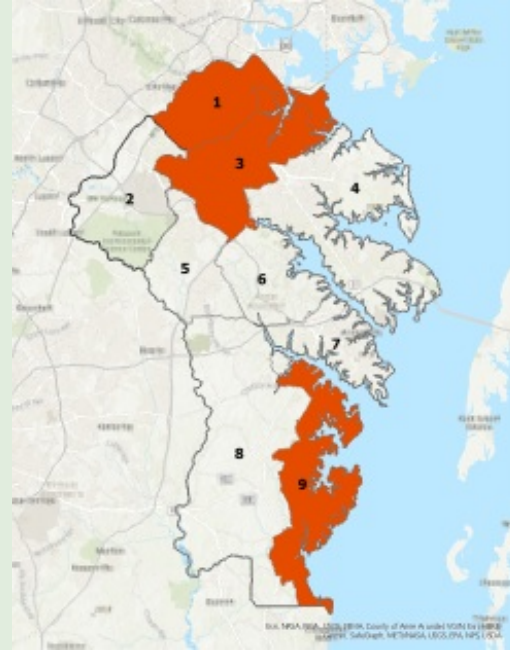
Online surveys have been made available for citizens of Regions 1, 3, and 9 to explore the

perspectives of residents of those regions on local Housing and Economic issues. The surveys can be accessed through the [Region Plan Hub](#) by going to the Region of interest.

GAN members in these regions should act soon to complete the appropriate survey and contribute to Regional Planning in their region. The closing dates for the surveys are:

- Region 1 – March 5
- Region 3 – February 27
- Region 9 – February 20

Sign up at [this link](#) to receive email updates on OPZ planning activities for regions of interest.



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## GAN planning meeting

On February 16 the GAN Board met for an all-day long range planning meeting to review progress over the past year, identify areas of emphasis for 2024, discuss relevant issues and select subgroups for pursuing the identified topics.

Topics selected for emphasis in 2024 include;

- Develop Affordable Housing position statement
- Advocate for a Planning Committee with broad responsibility for review of changes in land use
- Transportation
- Expanding member outreach and public engagement
- Comprehensive Rezoning

Planned activities in these areas will be described in more detail in a coming newsletter.

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## County releases draft Transit Development Plan

The Office of Transportation has developed a draft Transit Development Plan (TDP). This will serve as the transit master plan for new bus routes, upgraded facilities, micro-transit zones, and other transit issues over the next 5 years. There is a link to the draft plan on the [Office of Transportation webpage](#).

The Office is soliciting feedback to allow optimization of transit services to Anne Arundel residents. There is a link to provide comments via email on the website. A public meeting will also be held on February 27th at 6 pm at the Library at the Annapolis Mall for those who are able to participate in person.

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