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Draft Region Plans and Zoning Maps for Regions 2, 4, and 7 are available for comment

Public review and comment is requested for Draft Region Plans and Draft Zoning Maps

The Office of Planning and Zoning (OPZ) has released draft Region Plans and Zoning Maps for Regions 2, 4, and 7. These will be available for public review and comment at this <u>dedicated website</u> through August 28.

The draft plans and maps localize the more general recommendations of Plan 2040 and were constructed with community input and collaborative work with the Stakeholder Advisory Committees augmented by suggestions from OPZ staff. After the current round of public review, the draft plans will go to the Planning Advisory Board and finally to the County Council. The Council has full authority to amend the draft plans before final approval.

The website provides opportunities for detailed comments on the draft plans and any proposed zoning changes. However, for those who would prefer in person discussions with OPZ staff, drop in sessions have been or were scheduled at the following locations.

Region 2:

Russet Library at Maryland City, August 10, 11 am to 6 pm

Region 4:

Broadneck Library, August 23, 11 am to 7 pm

Region 7

Independence Room, 2664 Riva Road, August 15, 11 am to 6 pm

GAN members are strongly encouraged to review the draft Region Plans and Zoning

Maps and provide comments and suggestions for improvement. These documents will be the basis for any changes in local land use in the next decade, and is important that they accurately reflect the perspective of their communities.

Members are also encouraged to send their comments to their County Council representatives, since they will provide the final level of approval. The development community should be expected to speak out forcefully to the **County Council**, and has been known to overwhelm the desires of communities that do not make the effort to firmly represent themselves.

North County school redistricting proposal is open for public comment

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Bedell has presented a recommendation for the first phase of the school system's comprehensive redistricting process that would redraw school boundaries at 48 schools, establish boundaries at two new schools, and move all schools in the county's six northernmost clusters under 100 percent capacity.

A portal to provide public comment on the recommendation can be accessed here. The portal will be open through August 16, 2023.

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