



Growth Action Network

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Your input is needed on the FY23 budget and Regional Area Plans

Regional Area Planning Begins

The County has been divided into nine regions for Regional Planning purposes. Click the link below to access a region map. A recording of the Stakeholder Advisory Committees (SAC) Kickoff meeting on December 11 is available [here](#). Planning for Regions 2, 4, and 7 has begun.

[View Planning Region Map](#)

The Office of Planning and Zoning has published online a Regional Plan Hub with information about each of Regions 2, 4, and 7 and a survey which allows residents of the regions to express their perspectives of issues in their region. The link below accesses the Region Hub.

Input from citizens of the Regions will have a strong impact on land use and the overall content of the Regional Plans. All residents of Regions 2, 4, and 7 are encouraged to complete the Region Plan survey.

[Go To Region Plan Hub](#)

Upcoming Region Planning dates

Region 2

Jan 20, 6 pm SAC virtual meeting. Open to public. Logon information forthcoming.

Feb 22, SAC driving tours

Region 4

Jan 24, SAC virtual meeting. Open to public. Logon information is [here](#)

Region 7

Jan 31, 5:30 pm, SAC virtual meeting. Open to public. Logon information is available [here](#)

The Anne Arundel County FY 23 Budget process is underway

Budget preparation has been ongoing since the beginning of FY22 but has recently been opened to public input. A budget overview is provided at [this webpage](#), and virtual town hall meetings will be held in each District between January 5 and February 1. Check the Town Hall schedule at that webpage for the meeting in your district and view copies of the County budget presentations made at past meetings, video recordings of the meetings and all oral presentations. Written input on the budget can be provided at any time to the following email address: fy23-budget-comments@aacounty.org.

The draft budget will undergo administrative review and review by the Planning Advisory Board in February and March, and the County Executive will review it and deliver a final proposal to the County Council by the end of April. The County Council will then have until June 15 to review and approve the FY23 budget.

In FY22 \$897 million, or nearly half of the \$1.873 billion County budget was spent on education. This corresponds to about \$10,500 for each of the 85,000 students in the County school system. The County school system also receives about \$500 million or \$5,900 per student in federal and state funding. Estimated annual educational cost is therefore about \$16,400 per student. For comparison, this somewhat exceeds the [State average](#) educational cost of \$14,762 per student. The next largest budget expense category in FY22 was Public Safety at \$370 million or \$630 per County resident.

The budget is an important driver of local government activity in the County. All County citizens are encouraged to review and comment on the FY23 budget

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