



**Citizen comment opportunities on the first draft of Plan2040 will end September 10**

**September 4, 2020**

**The Plan2040 comment deadline is approaching!**

There are very few days left to comment on the preliminary draft Goals and Planned Land Use Map for Plan2040, Anne Arundel County's General Development Plan that will guide land use in our County for the next 20 years.

**Please visit the [Plan2040 Community Engagement](#) website to review the materials and submit your comments by September 10th.** Video tutorials [here](#) and [here](#) are available to assist with site navigation are available here and here, if needed.

**Don't forget to share this email with organizations and groups you are involved with, neighbors, family, and friends.** The more people participate, the more this Plan can reflect the perspectives of all of Anne Arundel County.

A full draft of Plan2040 is expected to be available for a 30-day public review and comment opportunity beginning at the end of September. Comment now to influence the content of that coming draft.

Do not wait until the Final Draft or the Hearing on the GDP before the County Council (months off). Let's get the best possible plan we can. Your review of it and comments and continued involvement will make that possible.

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## Three important bills are coming before the County Council in September

### **Bill 57-20 “Manufactured Mobile Homes Located Outside a Mobile Home Park”.** Introduced by Councilman Pruski, to be heard on Sept 8.

Mobile home parks are a special exception use in all residential zoning districts except for R22 and must be licensed. Manufactured mobile homes are currently not permitted to be located outside of a mobile home park unless they have been so located since on or before April 13, 1966.

The purpose of the bill is to allow manufactured mobile homes to be located outside of a mobile home park in the RA zoning district. The bill also expands the license required to include all spaces outside of a mobile home park on which manufactured mobile homes are located.

GAN opposes this bill on the grounds that it will encourage subdivision and fragmentation of rural properties as well as change the characteristics of any adjacent neighborhoods.

### **Bill 64-20 “Glen Burnie Sustainable Community Overlay Area”** will be heard Sept 8. The Bill is the result of extensive work by Councilwoman Allison Picard on redevelopment in the Glen Burnie area.

Bill 64-20 facilitates redevelopment of underutilized or deteriorated properties by allowing flexibility of design, building types, and densities; a wide range of redevelopment alternatives; creative uses or mixes of uses; and the assemblage of lots. It encourages pedestrian connections, community enhancements (as defined below), and high-quality design. Click [here](#) for a full legislative summary.

**This bill could serve as a template for future redevelopment efforts and deserves the attention and consideration of GAN members.**

### **Bill 65-20 “Mixed Use Districts – Workforce Housing”** will be heard on Sept 21. This Bill was introduced by Councilwoman Sarah Lacey.

The Bill allows a developer to construct workforce housing, instead of an office use, in mixed use districts by filing a new development plan or amending an existing plan at any time during or after approvals by the OPZ. The Bill also reduces the amount of office space required in Mixed Use Development Residential districts from 10 to 25% to 0 to 25%. Finally, the Bill clarifies that the maximum residential densities, maximum floor area ratios, and maximum building heights do not apply to workforce housing. Workforce housing is instead governed by the requirements of Section 18-10-158 of the Code.

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## New GAN tutorial on Advocacy Before the County Council

[Click here](#) to view a new tutorial on advocacy to the County Council on the GAN website. Testimony under new Council rules associated with the Covid-19 pandemic is included. Even the most experienced advocates may find some useful suggestions.

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## Coming meetings and events

- Sept 8, 6 pm – County Council meeting (virtual)
- Sept 10 - Final day for submission of Plan2040 comments to the Office of Planning and Zoning or on the Community Engagement web portal.

- Sept 16 , 10 am – GAN Board meeting (virtual)
- Sept 28, 6 pm – County Council meeting (virtual)

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