

Plan Highlights

The recommendations contained in this Plan consist of policies, strategies and actions that are proposed in order to address issues related to land use and zoning, economic development, natural and historic resources, transportation, community facilities and services and public utilities in the Odenton Small Area. While all are important, some specific goals and recommendations have been highlighted as being of the highest priority for the communities in Odenton. These are summarized below by topic and are not listed in order of priority.

West County Regional Library

Construct the West County Regional Library.

Commercial Revitalization

Improve the commercial district along the MD 3 transportation corridor from MD 175 to Waugh Chapel Road.

- Coordinate with the State Highway Administration regarding the study and redesign of the MD 3 corridor from MD 175 to Waugh Chapel Road, particularly as changes relate to land uses along the southbound lane, as well as in the median.

Provide sidewalks and streetscape improvements for public roads in revitalization areas, and particularly along Odenton Road, the MD 175 Roadway Improvement Area and the Town Center Core.

Preservation of Streams and Rivers

Preserve and protect the streams, rivers, watersheds, and their biological communities in the Odenton Small Planning Area as part of the broader effort to restore and protect the Chesapeake Bay.

- Develop integrated environmental management structures in the County legal and planning process to promote, protect and defend environmental quality of the Odenton Small Planning Area.

Environmental Overlay Zone

Establish through legislative action an environmental overlay zone for the Jabez Branch sub-basin with recommendation for research regarding the specific requirements of such a zone and the implications of implementing this zone.

Education/Business Training

Provide a superior educational and business training system for students of all ages, interests and education levels.

Hiker/Biker Trail Connections

Promote the improvement, expansion, and connection of the hiker/biker trails in Odenton and West County, including South Shore Trail, West County Trail with spurs to the Odenton Nature Area, Piney Orchard and BWI.

Public Transit

Establish a commuter bus system that links major employment centers with stops at the MARC rail station and major activity centers.

- Encourage the implementation of a mass transit bus system, which provides affordable, efficient and comfortable service to supplement the private automobile, conserves energy, and improves air quality. Regular bus/van service should be established to provide access to employment and services for West County residents.
- Expand access to the Odenton MARC Station by building a garage on the west-side parking lot. The garage should be designed and built to support the library, an adult learning facility, and other uses on the neighboring property.

Parks and Recreation

Plan and develop areas suitable for passive and active recreation areas.

- Identify and evaluate possible sites for a West County Regional Park.